

HOUSE . . . No. 1229

By Mr. Partridge of Watertown, petition of Lockwood Myrick and Eric A. Nelson for the appointment of a special commission for the purpose of investigating state hospitals for the insane and the Department of Mental Health. Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Seven.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION OF STATE HOSPITALS FOR THE INSANE AND OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

1 *Resolved*, That his excellency the governor is hereby
2 authorized and directed to appoint, with the advice
3 and consent of the council, a special commission of
4 persons unconnected with the department of mental
5 health, to investigate conditions in state hospitals for
6 the insane, including the financial management of such
7 hospitals, the food, care, treatment and improper
8 detention of patients, deaths during nineteen hundred
9 and forty-six in state hospitals due to neglect or abuse,
10 and including the action taken by the department of
11 mental health relative to such matters; that in con-
12 ducting their investigation the said commission shall
13 interview patients, former patients, employees and
14 former employees; that for the purposes of this
15 resolve the said commission may expend such sums as
16 may be appropriated therefor by the general court;
17 and that the said commission shall report to his ex-
18 cellency the governor the results of its investigation
19 and its recommendations.

IN SENATE, February 1, 1917.
REPORT
OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE
IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SENATE
MAY 11, 1916.

THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND OFFICES

THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND OFFICES
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
HAS THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF
A COPY OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE
LAND OFFICE IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY
THE SENATE MAY 11, 1916, AND TO STATE THAT THE
SAME HAS BEEN FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE AND IS
HEREBY MADE A PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND OFFICES.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and the seal of the Department of Land Offices
at the City of Sacramento, California, this 1st day
of February, 1917.

COMMISSIONER OF THE LAND OFFICES