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By Mr. Keenan of Boston, petition of William Francis Keenan and others for the distribution to cities and towns of proceeds of the tax on business corporations. Taxation.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Six.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE TAX ON BUSINESS CORPORATIONS TO CITIES AND TOWNS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Section 20 of chapter 58 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out said section and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following: —

4 *Section 20.* From the total taxes, with any interest  
5 thereon, paid in any period of twelve months beginning  
6 December first of any year and ending November  
7 thirtieth of the next succeeding year by domestic busi-  
8 ness and domestic manufacturing corporations and for-  
9 eign manufacturing and other foreign corporations under  
10 sections thirty to fifty-one, inclusive, of chapter sixty-  
11 three, there shall be deducted such taxes paid under said  
12 sections as have been refunded under said chapter or  
13 section twenty-seven of this chapter during said period,  
14 together with any interest or cost paid such corporations  
15 on account of refunds. Five sixths of the balance then  
16 remaining shall be distributed to the several cities and  
17 towns in proportion to the amounts of the last preceding  
18 state tax imposed upon them, and one sixth shall be re-  
19 tained by the commonwealth.

20 City and town assessors shall make such returns and  
21 supply such information as the commission shall reason-  
22 ably require to make the determinations provided by  
23 this section.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

IN ANSWER TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON THE 12TH MARCH 1870

The following is a list of the contents of the Report of the Commissioners of the General Land Office, in answer to a resolution passed by the House of Commons on the 12th March 1870. The Report is divided into three parts, the first of which contains a general account of the land in the Kingdom, the second a detailed account of the land in the County of London, and the third a detailed account of the land in the County of Middlesex. The Report is printed by order of the House of Commons, and is sold by the Stationery Office, at the price of 10s. 6d. per copy.