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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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MEMORANDUM OF COMMISSIONER OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION PURSUANT TO GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 7, WITH RESPECT TO PETITION OF RALPH LOWELL AND OTHERS FOR LEGISLATION TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES OF THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS.

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DECEMBER 1, 1952.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.*

The above-named petition was transmitted to me by the Clerk of the House on November 19, 1952.

Museum of Fine Arts was organized on February 4, 1870, under the then title of The Trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts. The present title was assumed in 1894 under chapter 192 of the General Laws. For other acts affecting the corporation reference may be had to Acts of 1898, chapter 113; Acts of 1904, chapter 290; Acts of 1905, chapter 89; Acts of 1912, chapter 541; Acts of 1919, chapter 107, Sp. Acts; Acts of 1925, chapter 61; Acts of 1931, chapter 52 and Acts of 1947, chapter 159.

Section 3 of the act of incorporation contains the following provision: — “Whenever any vacancy shall occur among the twelve trustees first named in this act, or their successors, such vacancy shall be filled by the whole board of trustees at an annual meeting, or at a meeting specially called for that purpose, and additional trustees may be elected at any such meeting; provided, that the whole number of trustees shall not exceed thirty.”

The present proposal seeks to increase the number of trustees from thirty to thirty-five. In my opinion the object sought by the petition can be accomplished under the General Laws, but if legislation is desired, no injury is done.

No fee is required by General Laws, chapter 3, section 7, in the case of a corporation of this kind.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. LONG,  
*Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation.*

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By Mr. Boynton of Boston, petition of Ralph Lowell and others for legislation to increase the number of trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts. Mercantile Affairs.

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## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

### AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TRUSTEES OF THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS.

*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 1. Section 3 of chapter 4 of the Acts of  
2 1870 is hereby amended by striking out the word  
3 "thirty" at the end thereof and by inserting, in lieu  
4 of said word, the word "thirty-five".

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.

