

HOUSE . . . . No. 2623

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 4, 1953.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill relative to the purchase by the Commonwealth of certain copies of the House Journals from 1715 to 1780 (Senate, No. 53), report that the same ought to pass in the form of a new draft herewith submitted (House, No. 2623).

For the committee,

ARTHUR W. MILNE.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PURCHASE BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF CERTAIN COPIES OF THE HOUSE JOURNALS FROM SEVENTEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN TO SEVENTEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY.

*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 of chapter 413 of the acts of 1920, as  
2 amended by chapter 187 of the acts of 1931, is hereby  
3 further amended by striking out section 1 and insert-  
4 ing in place thereof the following:—

5 *Section 1.* Whenever the Journals of the House of  
6 Representatives of Massachusetts Bay, from seven-  
7 teen hundred and fifteen to seventeen hundred and  
8 eighty, inclusive, in volumes each covering one year  
9 or more, shall be reprinted accured by the Massa-  
10 chusetts Historical Society, in the manner and form  
11 of volume one, seventeen hundred and fifteen to seven-  
12 teen hundred and seventeen, inclusive, now in the  
13 press, and approved by the secretary of the common-  
14 wealth, the secretary shall purchase from the society  
15 three hundred copies of the said journals at a price  
16 not exceeding seven dollars and fifty cents a volume,  
17 but in no year shall there be expended more than  
18 twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars; provided, that  
19 if the copies are plated, the plates shall be subject to  
20 the use of the commonwealth.