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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, June 6, 1922.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:*

In a recent message a special appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars was recommended for the purpose of preserving one of the fire places and a small section of the chimney in the Old Province House which is being demolished.

The Chairman of the Art Commission advises that the proprietors of the new theatre which is to be erected on the site of the Old Province House have offered to preserve two and if possible three of the fire places, together with a portion of the old chimney, within the new theatre building, where they will be cherished as historic memorials.

It is evident that the object of the proposed legislation now pending may be accomplished in larger degree than contemplated, without any cost to the Commonwealth. Therefore, further action by the General Court to insure the preservation of these memorials seems unnecessary.

CHANNING H. COX.

