To accompany the petition of Joseph W. Hannan and others that military organizations of children in the public schools be permitted to use armories for drilling purposes. Military Affairs.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Use of Armories provided for the Militia.

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

1 Subsection (a) of section forty-eight of chapter three hundred and twenty-seven of the General Acts of the year nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: — Meetings of such military organizations of children in the public schools of a city or town as may be approved by the school committee thereof: provided, that no compensation shall be charged for the use of an armory for such purpose, — so as to read: —

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12 militia shall be used only by the volunteer militia
13 for such military purposes or purposes incidental
14 thereto as may be designated by the commander-
15 in-chief: provided, however, that the commander-
16 in-chief, upon terms and conditions to be pre-
17 scribed by him and upon an application approved
18 by the military custodian of an armory, may
19 allow the temporary use of such armory for public
20 purposes at such times and in such manner as
21 not to interfere with the military use thereof.
22 The compensation for every such temporary use
23 shall be fixed by the armory commissioners sub-
24 ject to the approval of the commander-in-chief,
25 and shall, except as is otherwise provided herein,
26 be at least sufficient to cover all expenses of light-
27 ing, heating, guarding and cleaning the armory,
28 and similar expenses, and shall be paid to the
29 military custodian of the armory before the occu-
30 pation of the armory for such temporary use.
31 The compensation as fixed shall be collected by
32 the military custodian and forwarded to the adju-
33 tant general, who shall pay the same into the
34 treasury of the commonwealth at least once in
35 every thirty days.
36 As used in this section the words "public pur-
37 poses" shall include:—
38 A public meeting or hearing held by a state
39 department or commission.
40 An examination conducted by the state civil
41 service commission.
42 A meeting of an organization composed of vet-
43 erans of the civil or Spanish wars, a board of