To accompany the petition of Francis Prescott for amendment of the Constitution further exempting acts and resolves from referendum provisions, and for perfecting and elucidating the provisions relating to the Initiative and Referendum. Constitutional Amendments.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

RESOLVE

Providing for an Amendment to the Constitution to exempt Resolves of a Non-Law-Making Character from the Operation of the Referendum.

1 Resolved, That it is expedient to alter the constitution by the adoption of the subjoined article of amendment, and that the said article, receiving the affirmative votes, upon call of the yeas and nays, of a majority of all the members of both houses of the general court, assembled in joint session, be entered on the journals of both houses, and be referred to the next general court, to the end that if agreed to therein after the manner provided in the constitution, it may be submitted to the people for their approval, in order that it may become a part of the constitution of the commonwealth.
ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

12 Section two, entitled *Excluded Matters* of Article III, 13 headed "Referendum Petition" of that portion of the 14 forty-eighth amendment to the constitution of the com- 15 monwealth under the caption of "The Referendum," is 16 hereby amended by inserting after the word "institu- 17 tions", in the eighth line, the words: — and no resolve 18 that is not of a law making character, — so that said section 19 will read as follows: — *Section 2. Excluded Matters.* — 20 No law that relates to religion, religious practices or 21 religious institutions; or to the appointment, qualifica- 22 tion, tenure, removal or compensation of judges; or to 23 the powers, creation or abolition of courts, or the opera- 24 tion of which is restricted to a particular town, city or 25 other political division or to particular districts or lo- 26 calities of the commonwealth, or that appropriates 27 money for the current or ordinary expenses of the com- 28 monwealth or for any of its departments, boards, com- 29 missions or institutions; and no resolve that is not of a 30 law making character, shall be the subject of a referen- 31 dum petition.