RESOLUTIONS
In favor of Irish Independence.

1 Whereas, The general court of Massachusetts re-
2 affirms as the fundamental doctrine of our institutions
3 that all governments “derive their just powers from
4 the consent of the governed,” a great truth which,
5 expressed under the designation of the “self determina-
6 tion of peoples,” the president of the United States and
7 the other great leaders of progressive ideas among the
8 allied nations are proposing to put into practical execution
9 in the interest of oppressed nationalities, like Belgium,
10 Servia, Montenegro, and other states whose interests
11 and aspirations have been set at naught because of the
12 dominance of the opposing principle that might makes
13 right, and
14 Whereas, No people are better deserving of the bless-
15 ings of the right of self determination than the people
16 of Ireland, the service of whose sons in the colonization
17 of America, in the winning of its independence, in the
18 founding of its institutions and the creation of its health
19 and prosperity, has placed America and democratic
20 government everywhere in its everlasting debt, therefore
21 be it

22 Resolved, That the general court of Massachusetts
23 urge upon the president of the United States and his
24 associates in framing the final terms of peace, as a
25 matter of simple justice and as one of the guaranties of
26 the continuance of peace and contentment in Ireland
27 the granting of complete independence to the Irish
28 people.

29 Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent by
30 the secretary of the commonwealth to the president of
31 the United States, to the representatives of the United
32 States at the peace conference, to the presiding officer
33 of the United States senate, and to the senators in
34 congress from this commonwealth.