

By Mr. Gillette of Pembroke, petition of Robert W. Gillette that certain licenses for building and maintaining sea walls and wharves and for placing fill over certain areas of the natural shoreline in Plymouth Harbor be irrevocable. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

AN ACT PROVIDING CERTAIN LICENSES FOR BUILDING AND MAINTAINING SEA WALLS AND WHARVES AND FOR PLACING FILL OVER CERTAIN AREAS OF THE NATURAL SHORELINE IN PLYMOUTH HARBOR BE IRREVOCABLE.

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. Licenses numbered 2231, 2280, 2874, 3115,
2 3530, 3738, 3842 and 3843 granted by the harbor and land commis-
3 sioners to the Plymouth Cordage Company dated April 11, 1899,
4 September 14, 1899, July 28, 1904, October 9, 1906, November 30,
5 1910, May 21, 1913 and May 5, 1914, respectively, to build a
6 seawall to construct wooden box sewers, to erect a pile wharf, to
7 dredge certain areas, and to fill solid certain areas of the natural
8 shoreline in Plymouth County, shall upon compliance with the
9 applicable provisions of chapter ninety-one of the General Laws,
10 notwithstanding any provision of general or special law to the
11 contrary, be irrevocable.

1 SECTION 2. License numbered 3563 granted by the depart-
2 ment of public works to the Plymouth Cordage Company dated
3 July 20, 1953, to repair a seawall in Plymouth Harbor in the town
4 of Plymouth, Plymouth County, shall upon compliance with the
5 applicable provisions of chapter ninety-one of the General Laws,
6 notwithstanding any provision of general or special law to the
7 contrary, be irrevocable.

In the House of Representatives, February 1, 1906.

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, FEBRUARY 1, 1906.

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CHAPTER I. THE LAND OFFICE AND ITS HISTORY. The Land Office was established in 1849, and has since that time been engaged in the management of the public lands of the United States. It has been the duty of the office to receive applications for land, to issue patents thereon, and to collect the fees therefor. It has also been the duty of the office to survey the lands, to make maps, and to keep the records of the same. The office has also been engaged in the sale of the lands, and in the management of the same.

CHAPTER II. THE PUBLIC LANDS. The public lands of the United States are those lands which are owned by the United States, and which have not been disposed of by the Government. They are found in all parts of the country, and are of various kinds and uses. They are of great value to the Nation, and it is the duty of the Government to manage them wisely and for the benefit of the people.