

HOUSE No. 1193

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 14, 1921.

The committee on Cities, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 288) of John Thomas that the city of Gloucester be required to maintain quarters for the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, report the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

JOHN THOMAS.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Authorizing Cities to appropriate Money to defray the Expenses of Suitable Quarters for Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic.

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 nine of chapter forty of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by inserting in the twenty-first line, after
3 the word "Republic", the following:—including the
4 heating and lighting of such quarters, — so as to read
5 as follows:— *Section 9.* A city or town may for the
6 purpose of providing a suitable headquarters for a post
7 of the American legion, lease for a period not exceeding
8 five years a building or part of a building which shall
9 be under the direction and control of such post, subject
10 to regulations made in cities by the mayor, with the ap-
11 proval of the council, and in towns by vote of the town,
12 and for this purpose a town with a valuation of less than
13 five million dollars may annually appropriate not more
14 than one thousand dollars; a town with a valuation of
15 five million dollars but not more than twenty million
16 dollars may annually appropriate not more than fifteen
17 hundred dollars; a town with a valuation of twenty
18 million dollars but not more than seventy-five million

19 dollars may annually appropriate not more than two
20 thousand dollars; a town with a valuation of seventy-five
21 million dollars but not more than one hundred and fifty
22 million dollars may annually appropriate not more than
23 twenty-five hundred dollars; and a town with a valu-
24 ation of one hundred and fifty million dollars or more
25 may annually appropriate twenty-five hundred dollars
26 for each one hundred and fifty million dollars of valu-
27 ation, or fraction thereof. The city council of a city
28 may, by a two thirds vote, appropriate money for ar-
29 mories for the use of the state militia, for the celebration
30 of holidays, for the purpose of providing or defraying the
31 expenses of suitable quarters for posts of the Grand Army
32 of the Republic, including the heating and lighting of
33 such quarters, and for other like public purposes to an
34 amount not exceeding in any one year one fiftieth of one
35 per cent of its valuation for such year.

