

HOUSE No. 345.

[Bill accompanying petition of Wesley A. Gove and others. Metropolitan Affairs.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-five.

AN ACT

For the purpose of restoring to the Commonwealth the Ownership and Control of the Unimproved Water Front of the Northerly Side of Boston Harbor, not already owned by the City of Boston, and of developing and improving the same.

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. For the purpose of restoring to the Com-
2 monwealth the ownership and control of the unimproved
3 water front of the northerly side of Boston harbor, not
4 already owned by the city of Boston, and of developing
5 and improving the same, the board of harbor and land
6 commissioners are authorized and directed to take, by
7 purchase or otherwise, within six months after the pas-
8 sage of this act, for and in the name of the Common-

9 wealth, the unimproved flats on the easterly shore of that
10 part of the city of Boston called East Boston, lying
11 northerly of the line of Sumner street, extended, not
12 already owned by the city of Boston, and extinguish by
13 purchase or otherwise any claims to title in such flats ;
14 and they shall have full power to determine and settle by
15 agreement, arbitration or process of law, the rights and
16 interests which the Commonwealth has or shall acquire in
17 any of said flats and any parts thereof. Said commission-
18 ers shall have like power and authority in regard to the
19 occupation and improvement of said flats, as they now
20 have in regard to the occupation and improvement of the
21 South Boston flats of the Commonwealth, subject to like
22 provisions, limitations and restrictions.

1 SECT. 2. Said commissioners shall investigate the
2 commercial needs of the port of Boston in regard to
3 docks and wharves, and the maintenance and manage-
4 ment and control thereof, and in regard to railroad con-
5 nection therewith and other terminal facilities. They
6 shall give public hearings to all parties interested in said
7 matters, and shall give at least ten days' notice of the
8 time and place of such hearings by publication in three
9 or more newspapers printed in the city of Boston. They
10 shall report their conclusions, and shall prepare and sub-
11 mit a plan for the development of said flats to the next
12 general court.

1 SECT. 3. All purchases and contracts made under the
2 provisions of this act shall be subject to the approval of
3 the governor and council.

1 SECT. 4. There shall be allowed and paid out of the
2 treasury of the Commonwealth such sum as the governor
3 and council may deem sufficient to carry out the pro-

4 vision of this act, to be expended in making the pur-
5 chases herein authorized, and the same is hereby
6 appropriated.

1 SECT. 5. For the purpose of this act, the treasurer
2 and receiver-general, under the direction of the governor
3 and council, is hereby authorized to issue scrip or certifi-
4 cates of debt, in the name and on behalf of the Common-
5 wealth, and under his signature and the seal of the
6 Commonwealth, to an amount sufficient to carry out the
7 provisions of this act, and for a term not exceeding
8 years, the principal and interest payable in the
9 city of Boston. Said scrip shall be issued in the form of
10 registered bonds, or in the form of certificates of debts,
11 with interest coupons attached, as the governor and
12 council shall decide, and shall bear an annual interest
13 of per cent., payable semi-annually on the first
14 days of and in each year, and shall be
15 countersigned by the governor, and shall be deemed a
16 pledge of the faith and credit of the Commonwealth re-
17 deemable at maturity; and shall be sold and disposed of
18 in such manner and at such times and in such pieces and
19 amounts as the governor and council shall deem for the
20 best interests of the Commonwealth.

1 SECT. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

