

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 868.

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Bill accompanying the petition of John T. Coughlin, mayor, for legislation relative to the Indian reservation in the city of Fall River and to the protection of its water supply. Water Supply. January 23.

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seven.

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### AN ACT

Relating to the Indian Reservation and Water Supply of  
Fall River.

*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. Whereas certain lands situate in Fall  
2 River, on the east side of the North Watuppa pond, were  
3 conveyed to the province of the Massachusetts bay to be  
4 held as an Indian reservation to the use and occupancy  
5 of Indians; and whereas the Commonwealth of Massa-  
6 chusetts has succeeded to the rights and title of the prov-  
7 ince of the Massachusetts bay in said lands; and whereas  
8 there are no Indians left on the same except one family,  
9 that of Fanny L. Perry, occupying a small portion of the

10 land of said reservation; and whereas it is necessary that  
11 a part of said Indian reservation be owned and con-  
12 trolled by the city of Fall River for the protection of its  
13 water supply, now taken from said North Watuppa pond;  
14 it is hereby enacted that the parcel of said Indian reser-  
15 vation near said pond and hereafter described be, and  
16 the same is, hereby conveyed in fee to the said city of  
17 Fall River for the protection of the purity of its water  
18 supply; namely a certain tract of land situate in Fall  
19 River, in the county of Bristol, bounded and described  
20 as follows, viz.: beginning at a drill hole in a stone bound  
21 set into the ground in the southerly line of Indian Town  
22 road, about eighteen hundred and forty-three feet east-  
23 erly from the intersection of said southerly line of Indian  
24 Town road with the easterly line of Blossom road; thence  
25 running in a southerly direction to a drill hole in a stone  
26 bound set in the ground at the northeasterly corner of  
27 land of the city of Fall River, recently purchased from  
28 Alfred Bridge; thence westerly in line of land of the city  
29 of Fall River to land of the city of Fall River and the  
30 North Watuppa pond; thence northerly by land of the  
31 city of Fall River and said pond to the northerly line of  
32 the land of said Indian reservation; thence easterly in  
33 said northerly line to the Indian Town road; thence to  
34 the point of beginning; containing one hundred and one  
35 and seven tenths square acres of land, more or less.

1 SECTION 2. The city of Fall River, its successors or  
2 assigns, shall maintain and discharge towards the present  
3 rightful occupants of the land conveyed all duties that  
4 the Commonwealth is lawfully required to perform as  
5 the successor of the province of the Massachusetts bay.  
6 But said city, if it decide hereafter that the houses or  
7 other buildings on the parts herein conveyed should be

8 removed to a place beyond the area deemed necessary for  
9 the protection of the purity of its water supply, shall  
10 remove such buildings and all persons and their chattels,  
11 at its expense, to such other part of said Indian reserva-  
12 tion, as may be without such area, and shall make suit-  
13 able provision in the same buildings or in similar ones  
14 to be used by said occupants.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

