

HOUSE No. 2323

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, May 21, 1912.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:—

Herewith I return without my approval a Resolve to Provide for Certain Additions and Improvements at the Worcester State Hospital, and calling for \$111,700.

This institution already exceeds what competent authorities consider the normal limit of such an institution. It contains some thirteen hundred inmates; and instead of spending large sums for its extension, I think a new institution should be provided.

I have previously called the attention of the Legislature to the fact that the enlargement of these institutions outside of Boston is due to the failure of the State to make adequate provision within the metropolitan area for the insane who are properly chargeable to that area. The State by making proper provision for the insane of the Metropolitan District will enable the existing State institutions outside of this area to take care of their proper quota.

Moreover some \$13,000 is requested in this pending appropriation for the additional purchase of land adjoining the present ample hospital grounds. This request has been repeatedly rejected by previous legislatures, and I am unwilling to become a party to the transaction.

EUGENE N. FOSS.

