

SENATE No. 388.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN SENATE, June 9, 1869.

The Joint Special Committee on the Hours of Labor, to whom was committed the petition of Wendell Phillips and others, asking for the appointment of a commission to investigate the relation which the reduction of the hours of labor bears to the industrial, commercial and social interests of the State, having considered the same, unanimously report the accompanying Resolve.

Per order of the Committee,

N. J. HOLDEN, *Chairman.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Nine.

R E S O L V E

Providing for the Establishment of a Bureau of Statistics on the Subject of Labor.

Resolved, That the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, is hereby authorized to appoint, as soon after the passage of this resolve as may be, and thereafter biennially in the month of May, some suitable person to act as chief, who shall have power to appoint a deputy, and said chief, with his deputy, shall constitute a bureau of statistics, with headquarters in the state house.

The duties of such bureau shall be to collect, assort, systematize and present in annual reports to the legislature on or before the first day of March in each year, statistical details relating to all departments of labor in the Commonwealth, especially in its relations to the commercial, industrial, social, educational and sanitary condition of the laboring classes, and to the permanent prosperity of the productive industry of the Commonwealth.

The said bureau shall have power to send for persons and papers, to examine witnesses under oath, and such witnesses shall be summoned in the same manner, paid the same fees and in the same manner, and be subject to the same penalties for default, as witnesses before the legislature.

The compensation of said bureau shall be twenty-five hundred dollars annual salary for the chief, and two thousand dollars annual salary for the deputy. And the governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant for the payment of said sums, together with such office and travelling expenses of said bureau as he with the council shall approve.

