

HOUSE. . . . No. 1203.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 17, 1899.

The committee on Harbors and Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 312) of Benjamin F. Gibby for legislation to authorize the construction of a channel from East Bay in the town of Barnstable to Vineyard Sound; the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 392) of A. P. Eagleston and others for legislation to provide for the improvement of the channel in Lewis Bay in the town of Barnstable; and the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 400) of the selectmen and others of the town of Harwich for legislation to authorize the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners to improve the channel forming the entrance to Witchmere harbor in said town, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

FRANK W. FRANCIS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 19, 1899.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the bill to provide for certain surveys and estimates by the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners, report that the same ought to pass in the form of a resolve herewith submitted.

For the Committee,

CHAS. H. ADAMS.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

RESOLVE

To provide for certain Surveys by the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners.

1 *Resolved*, That the board of harbor and land commis-
2 sioners be and are hereby directed to make, or cause to
3 be made, surveys and estimates as to the advisability and
4 cost of making the following improvements: First, im-
5 proving the channel which forms the entrance to Witch-
6 mere harbor in the town of Harwich by excavating the
7 same and by building jetties to protect the entrance from
8 Nantucket sound; second, by cutting a channel from East
9 bay, in the town of Barnstable, to Vineyard sound
10 through the intervening strip of land at a point near the
11 outer inlet of said bay, the said channel to be sufficient
12 for the passage of vessels; third, by dredging and other-
13 wise improving the main channel from Nantucket sound
14 to Lewis bay in the town of Barnstable, and through said
15 bay to the inner bay or harbor of Hyannis, where the
16 wharves are situated, in order to provide a harbor of
17 refuge for sailing vessels and a navigable channel. The
18 said board shall make a report thereon to the next general
19 court, and may expend for the purposes of this resolve a
20 sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars.

