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Bill accompanying the petition of Walter Gilman Page for the erection on the State House grounds of a reproduction of the John Hancock house for use as an historical museum and memorial building. State House and Libraries. January 2.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

### AN ACT

To provide for the Erection on the State House Grounds of a Reproduction of the John Hancock House to be used as an Historical Museum and Memorial Building.

*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. The state house commission is hereby  
2 authorized to expend a sum not exceeding one hundred  
3 thousand dollars, for the purpose of erecting on the state  
4 house grounds a reproduction of the John Hancock house.  
5 They shall carry out every detail to make the house as  
6 near an exact reproduction of the original as is possible.  
7 The said commission shall employ an architect to prepare  
8 the drawings and specifications necessary for carrying  
9 the purposes of this act into effect.

1 SECTION 2. The plans shall be submitted to the gov-  
2 ernor and council, and after they have been approved, the  
3 state house commission is hereby authorized to make, on  
4 behalf of the commonwealth, all contracts for the com-  
5 pletion of the work.

1 SECTION 3. The John Hancock house shall be used in  
2 its entirety as a museum of historical relics pertaining to  
3 the history of the commonwealth, especially such relics  
4 of the European conflict as may come into the possession  
5 of the commonwealth, and also as a memorial to her  
6 soldiers and sailors who took part in the great war.

1 SECTION 4. In order to defray the expenses which  
2 may be incurred in carrying out the provisions of this act,  
3 the treasurer and receiver general is hereby authorized to  
4 issue, in the name of the commonwealth, bonds to an  
5 amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.  
6 The said bonds shall be issued upon the serial payment  
7 plan from time to time as may be necessary, in such  
8 amounts and upon such terms, and shall be payable  
9 serially in such amounts and at such times, within a  
10 period not exceeding thirty years, as shall be determined  
11 by the treasurer and receiver general, with the approval  
12 of the governor and council, to be for the best interests  
13 of the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.