

HOUSE No. 409

By Mr. Brownell of Quincy, petition of Thomas F. Brownell and another for the assumption by the Commonwealth of the entire costs of county government. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL ASSUME THE COSTS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 35 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out sections 30 and 31 and inserting in place thereof the following
3 section:—

4 *Section 30.* The commonwealth shall assume the entire cost of
5 the operation of the several counties, including the payment of
6 county debt and interest charges, and no county taxes shall be
7 levied on the cities and towns of the commonwealth.

Resolved, That the sum of \$100,000 be and is hereby appropriated for the purchase of land for the establishment of a national observatory at the site of the old Fort Mifflin, in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and for the construction of a building thereon, and for the purchase of the necessary instruments and apparatus, and for the salaries of the astronomers and assistants, and for the other expenses incident to the establishment of such observatory, and for the purchase of the necessary land and buildings for the establishment of a national observatory at the site of the old Fort Mifflin, in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and for the construction of a building thereon, and for the purchase of the necessary instruments and apparatus, and for the salaries of the astronomers and assistants, and for the other expenses incident to the establishment of such observatory.

Approved: _____

Witness my hand and the seal of the Senate at Washington, this _____ day of _____, 1870.
