

HOUSE No. 142.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 14, 1878.

The Committee on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel, to whom was referred the Resolve (introduced on leave Jan. 7) "providing for an amendment to the Constitution, forbidding the alienation of the title of the Commonwealth to the Hoosac Tunnel," have duly considered the same, and fully believe this valuable property, which has cost the people of this Commonwealth so much in time and money, ought to be forever held within their control and management and for their benefit, that it may achieve the beneficent results for which it was projected and has been prosecuted, and of which it already affords the amplest promise; and in this the Committee feel they do but voice the popular will, often iterated and emphasized in the solemn enactments of preceding legislatures.

But the Committee are of opinion that the Resolve referred to them is inadequate to accomplish the object intended; and they therefore report that it ought to pass in a new draft which is herewith submitted.

For the Committee,

CHARLES J. NOYES.

Senators BURRAGE and EWING dissent.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

RESOLVE

Providing for an Amendment to the Constitution, to prohibit the Alienation of the Title of the Commonwealth in the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel.

Resolved by both Houses, the same being agreed to by a majority of the senators and two-thirds of the members of the House of Representatives present and voting thereon, That it is expedient to alter the Constitution of this Commonwealth by adopting the subjoined Article of Amendment, and that the same, as thus agreed to, be entered on the journals of both Houses, with the yeas and nays taken thereon, and referred to the General Court next to be chosen; and that the same be published, to the end, that, if agreed to by the General Court next to be chosen in the manner provided by the Constitution, it may be submitted to the people for their approval and ratification, in order that it may become a part of the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

No sale, lease, or conveyance shall be made of the right, title, or interest of the Commonwealth in the Troy and Greenfield Railroad or Hoosac Tunnel, or any part thereof.