

HOUSE No. 61.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 4, 1881.

The Committee on Constitutional Amendments, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending art. 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, so that the payment of a tax shall not be required as a qualification to vote, report that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

For the Committee,

B. MARVIN FERNALD.

VIEWS OF THE MINORITY.

The undersigned dissent from the report, and recommend the passage of the accompanying Resolve.

JAMES L. QUIGLEY,
Of the Senate.

OWEN A. GALVIN,
WM. T. FORBES,
Of the House.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-one.

RESOLVE

Providing for an Amendment to the Constitution relative to the Qualification of Voters for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Senators, and Representatives.

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 journal 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 this Commonwealth.

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

Article III. of the Amendments to the Constitution of this Commonwealth is hereby amended by striking out the following words: "And who shall have paid by himself, or his parent, master, or guardian, any State or county tax, which shall, within two years next preceding such election, have been assessed upon him in any town or district of this Commonwealth; and, also, every citizen who shall be by law exempted from taxation, and who shall be in all other respects qualified as above mentioned."

