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.....No. 21.

STATEMENT

OF THE

BOOKS, MANUSCRIPTS AND DOCUMENTS,

BELONGING TO THE

PUBLIC ARCHIVES.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Feb. 18, 1839.

To the Honorable ROBERT C. WINTHROP,

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR,—

In compliance with a Resolve of the 19th of April last, I herewith submit to the Legislature a Statement of the Books, Manuscripts and Documents belonging to the public archives, specifying the different parts of the State House in which they are at present located. In the list I have not included the printed books and maps in the Library, or those in ordinary or daily use in the different offices of the building. The list contains only a very general reference to the nature of the different documents and files; as a particular description of each would require a much more voluminous report than was probably contemplated in the Resolve.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN P. BIGELOW,

Sec'ry of the Commonwealth.

Returns of Members to Congress,	-	2 vols.	1794 to 1827.
Treaties and Contracts,	- -	1 vol.	1778 to 1838.
Turnpike Returns,	- - -	2 vols.	

In the Secretary's Office.

PRINTED.

Journals of General Court,	- -	23 vols.	1730 to 1772.
“ “ “	- -	2 “	1775 to 1777.
“ “ “	- -	2 “	1778.
“ “ “	- -	1 vol.	1784.
Laws, etc.	- - -	11 vols.	1671 to 1789.

MANUSCRIPT.

Absentees' Estates—sales of them,	-	1 package.	
Accounts,	- - -	4 packages,	1796 to 1833.
Acts and Laws,	- - -	3 vols.	
Agricultural Society's Returns,	- -	1 package.	
Bank Abstracts,	- - -	1 “	
Banks, their specie,	- - -	2 “	1822 to 1837.
Bank Returns,	- - -	15 “	1808 to 1838.
Banks, Savings,	- - -	2 files,	1834 to 1838.
Bill of Rights, petitions on 3d article,	-	1 package,	1833.
Blind, returns of them,	- - -	1 file,	1829.
Books, receipts and orders for,	- -	6 packages,	1801 to 1831.
Civil Officers, qualifications,	- -	19 “	1819 to 1834.
Convention, returns of members,	-	1 file,	1788.
Deaf and Dumb, returns and letters,	-	5 packages,	1819 to 1832.
Essex County, votes as to its division,	-	1 file,	1826.
Fasts, proclamations for,	- -	4 files,	1805 to 1838.
Fees paid Judges of Sup. Jud. Court,	-	2 packages,	1817 to 1832.
Fines and forfeitures,	- - -	1 file,	1830.
Fortifications,	- - -	2 files,	1807 to 1824.
Fugitives from justice, requisitions for,	-	2 packages,	1834 to 1838.
Governor, returns of votes for,	- -	5 “	1833 to 1837.
Gov. Lieut. “ “	- -	7 “	“ “
House of Representatives, pay rolls,	-	6 “	1775 to 1817.
Industry, branches of, returns,	- -	1 “	
Insurgents sentenced to death, petitions and reprieves,	- - -	1 file,	1787.

Judge of Probate in Barnstable County, recommendations for, - - -	1 file,	1825.
Lunatics, returns of, - - -	1 package,	1829.
Maine, separation, votes for, - - -	1 “	1819.
Members of Congress, votes for, - - -	14 “	1826 to 1836.
Military Stores, returns of, - - -	2 “	1803 to 1838.
Miscellaneous papers, - - -	16 files.	
Monument on Bunker Hill, petitions to have a lottery for it, - - -	1 file.	
Oaths administered to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Senators and Rep's. - - -	13 packages,	1795 to 1836.
Passports, certificates for, - - -	6 “	1807 to 1837.
Poor, returns of, - - -	2 “	1836 to 1837.
President and V. Pres. of U. S., votes for, Prisons, County, returns of, - - -	5 “	1820 to 1836.
Prison, State, papers, - - -	1 “	
Prison, State, papers, - - -	3 “	1797 to 1806.
Quarter Master General's accounts, - - -	11 “	1789 to 1814.
Rail-road to Providence, plans, - - -	1 “	1828.
Schools, returns of, - - -	12 “	1826 to 1836.
Senate, pay-rolls, - - -	1 “	
Thanksgiving proclamations, - - -	5 files,	1805 to 1834.
Treasurers, County, accounts, - - -	17 packages,	1803 to 1838.
Treasurer's receipts, - - -	1 “	1770 to 1786.

In the Adjutant General's Department.

Adjutant General's returns, - - -	12 files,	1813 to 1824.
Affidavits of Bunker Hill Soldiers, - - -	1 file,	1835.
Annual Returns of Militia, - - -	1 vol.	1779 to 1789.
“ “ “ - - -	50 files,	1787 to 1838.
Applications for discharge, - - -	114 “	1784 to 1838.
Arms, Powder, delivery of, - - -	1 vol.	1795 to 1818.
Commissions returned, - - -	4 files,	1809 to 1838.
Complaints, etc. - - -	1 file.	
Contested Elections, - - -	3 files.	
Contracts and Proposals, - - -	1 file,	1794 to 1822.
Courts Martial, - - -	20 vols.	1787 to 1832.
“ “ - - -	1 vol.	1833 to 1838.
“ “ vouchers, - - -	3 files,	1814 to 1838.
Detachment returns, - - -	14 “	1807 to 1814.
Disbursement vouchers, - - -	30 “	1781 to 1838.

Garrison orders and returns, - -	1 file,	1814.
General orders, inspection returns, etc. -	69 files,	1781 to 1820.
General returns of the Militia, - -	24 "	1813 to 1838.
Gun-House returns, - - -	1 file,	1803, 1811, 1814.
Inspection returns, - - -	16 files,	1789 to 1838.
Laboratory and Arsenal returns, -	3 "	1798 to 1838.
Letter Books, from A to G, - -	7 vols.	1813 to 1830.
Letters to the Adjutant General, -	30 files,	1814 to 1838.
" to the Quarter Master General, -	12 "	1779 to 1838.
Letters and papers relative to the war with England, - - -	1 file,	1813 to 1814.
Magazine returns, - - -	1 vol.	1813.
" " - - -	1 file,	1794 to 1823.
Military complaints, - - -	1 "	1818 to 1831.
" election returns, - - -	90 files,	1780 to 1838.
Miscellaneous papers, - - -	7 "	1781 to 1838.
Orders and advice of Council, - -	5 "	1786 to 1838.
Orderly Books, - - -	7 vols.	
Pay-rolls of Courts Martial, etc. - -	1 vol.	
Pay-rolls and Muster-rolls, - -	1 "	1812 to 1814.
Plans of Pine Island Magazine and of the Fort at Dorchester Point, - -		
Receipts for Military Stores, etc. - -	5 vols.	
" " Militia Laws and Blanks, -	1 vol.	1813, 1815, 1817.
" " Musical Instruments, -	2 vols.	1811 to 1820.
" " Standards, - - -	1 vol.	1813 to 1820.
" " Tents loaned, etc. - -	1 "	1814 to 1815.
Receiving and delivery Book, - -	1 "	1776 to 1781.
Registers of Militia Officers, - -	3 vols.	1812 to 1816.
Remonstrances against elections, -	7 files,	1813 to 1838.
Reports on re-organizing several divisions,	4 "	1831 to 1838.
" to the Governor, etc. - -	1 file,	1788 to 1830.
" as to Powder Magazine, - -	1 "	1802 to 1838.
Requisitions for Supplies, - -	7 files,	1787 to 1838.
" " Standards, etc. - -	3 "	1795 to 1838.
Resolves of General Court as to the Quar- ter Master's Department, - -	2 "	1779 to 1821.
Returns of Ordnance Stores, - -	3 "	1786 to 1832.
Roster of detail, - - -	1 vol.	1786 to 1812.
" of General Officers, - -	1 "	
" of Officers, - - -	5 vols.	
Ward, General's, Orderly Book, - -	1 vol.	1775.

In Fire Proof Room No. 1.

The following volumes contain the ancient papers belonging to the Secretary's department, which have been recently arranged and bound by order of General Court:—

Agriculture, - - - -	1 vol.	1644 to 1774.
Colonial, - - - -	5 vols.	1629 to 1774.
Commercial, - - - -	1 vol.	1686 to 1714.
Depositions, - - - -	1 "	1662 to 1766.
Domestic Relations, - - - -	1 "	1643 to 1774.
Ecclesiastical, - - - -	5 vols.	1637 to 1774.
Emigrants, - - - -	1 vol.	1651 to 1774.
Estates, - - - -	5 vols.	1636 to 1774.
Foreign Relations, - - - -	3 "	1658 to 1775.
French Neutrals, - - - -	2 "	1755 to 1769.
Hutchinson's Letters, - - - -	3 "	1741 to 1774.
" 2d vol. of MS. History, - - - -	1 vol.	1691 to 1750.
Indian Conferences, - - - -	1 "	1713 to 1776.
" Papers, - - - -	4 vols.	1639 to 1775.
" Treaties, - - - -	1 vol.	1645 to 1776.
Inter-Charter, - - - -	3 vols.	1689 to 1692.
Journals, - - - -	1 vol.	1695 to 1767.
Judicial, - - - -	7 vols.	1640 to 1774.
Lands granted to individuals, - - - -	2 "	1622 to 1771.
Laws, - - - -	1 vol.	1645 to 1774.
Legislature, - - - -	3 vols.	1643 to 1775.
Letters, - - - -	7 "	1692 to 1774.
Letter Books, - - - -	1 vol.	1658 to 1779.
Manufactures, - - - -	1 "	1639 to 1773.
Maritime, - - - -	7 vols.	1641 to 1775.
Military, - - - -	14 "	1643 to 1774.
Minutes of Council, - - - -	6 "	1689 to 1775.
Miscellaneous, - - - -	2 "	1648 to 1776.
Muster-rolls, - - - -	11 "	1710 to 1775.
Pecuniary, - - - -	5 "	1629 to 1775.
Petitions, - - - -	1 vol.	1643 to 1775.
Political, - - - -	1 "	1638 to 1700.
Revolution, - - - -	1 "	1689.
Speeches and Messages, - - - -	3 vols.	1702 to 1774.
Taverns, - - - -	1 vol.	1643 to 1774.
Towns, - - - -	7 vols.	1629 to 1774.
Trade, - - - -	2 "	1645 to 1774.

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Travelling,	-	-	-	-	1 vol.	1644 to 1774.
Treasury,	-	-	-	-	4 vols.	1692 to 1770.
Usurpation,	-	-	-	-	4 "	1686 to 1689.
Valuation of Towns,	-	-	-	-	5 "	1760 to 1771.
Witchcraft,	-	-	-	-	1 vol.	1656 to 1750.

In the Treasurer's Fire Proof Room.

Accounts, various,	-	-	-	-	109 files,	1782 to 1837.
Account Books, miscellaneous,	-	-	-	-	1 package,	from 1787.
Auctioneers' papers,	-	-	-	-	33 files,	1823 to 1832.
Bonds, certificates, etc.	-	-	-	-	48 "	1781 to 1822.
Bounties on hemp,	-	-	-	-	3 "	
Cash and execution papers,	-	-	-	-	27 vols.	
Certificates of loans on funded debt,	-	-	-	-	38 files.	
Collectors' returns,	-	-	-	-	44 "	1782 to 1831.
Commissioners of public debt,	-	-	-	-	17 "	1793 to 1803.
Committee on accounts,	-	-	-	-	1 package.	
Convicts and House of Correction returns,	-	-	-	-	1 file,	1820 to 1832.
County Treasurers' accounts,	-	-	-	-	21 files,	1818 to 1832.
Excise, collectors of, papers,	-	-	-	-	5 "	
Interest and note books, etc.	-	-	-	-	68 vols.	
Letters,	-	-	-	-	17 files,	1781 to 1822.
"	-	-	-	-	5 vols.	
Minute Books,	-	-	-	-	8 packages.	
Miscellaneous papers,	-	-	-	-	7 files.	
"	"	-	-	-	9 packages,	from 1776.
"	"	-	-	-	71 vols.	" "
Pauper certificates,	-	-	-	-	11 files.	
Paupers of Boston,	-	-	-	-	7 packages.	
Pay-rolls of the Legislature,	-	-	-	-	145 "	from 1782.
Prison, State, accounts,	-	-	-	-	21 files,	1813 to 1834.
Rolls and orders relative to the General Court, etc.	-	-	-	-	11 "	1775 to 1818.
Rolls, Military, etc.	-	-	-	-	48 "	1782 to 1816.
Sheriffs' accounts,	-	-	-	-	1 package,	from 1786.
Soldiers' orders,	-	-	-	-	48 files.	
Tax Books,	-	-	-	-	44 vols.	1780 to 1833.
Treasury Books,	-	-	-	-	80 "	1753 to 1833.
Warrants,	-	-	-	-	54 files,	before 1782 to 1837.
" for various payments,	-	-	-	-	45 "	1776 to 1797.

In the Library Apartments.

MANUSCRIPT.

Indexes to the Journals of the Senate and House, - - - -	5 vols.	1780 to 1838.
Journals of the House, - - - -	14 "	1826 to 1838.
" of the Senate, - - - -	13 "	1827 to 1838.
General Court Records, - - - -	16 "	1629 to 1737.
" " " - - - -	17 "	1746 to 1777.

In the Senate Chamber.

Journals of the Senate, MS. - - - -	59 vols.	1780 to 1838.
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In the Senate Fire Proof Room.

Papers, miscellaneous, - - - -	270 files,	1782 to 1836.
Senators, votes for, - - - -	33 packages,	1780 to 1837.

In the Room of the Clerk of the House.

Journals of the House, MS. - - - -	58 vols.	1780 to 1836.
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In Lobby No. 11.

Absentees' Estates, returns of, - - - -	1 file,	1775.
Bank Abstracts, - - - -	1 "	1817.
Bills and Resolves, - - - -	52 files,	1775 to 1830.
College, Harvard, papers, - - - -	1 file,	1791.
Congress, acts of, - - - -	1 "	1790.
County estimates, etc. - - - -	1 "	1832.
Court Martial papers, etc. - - - -	1 "	1812.

Elections, contested, - - -	9 files,	1806 to 1823.
Instructions from Towns, as to form of government, with votes for Independence, - - - -	1 file,	1776.
Journals of the House, - - -	1 package,	1775 to 1780.
Judiciary papers, - - -	1 file,	1806.
Justices of Hancock County, papers, -	1 "	1801.
Keeler & Bassett, Justices', papers, -	1 "	1809.
License Laws, petitions, - - -	1 "	1834.
Maine separation, papers, - - -	2 files,	1787 to 1797.
Masonry memorials, - - -	2 "	1833 to 1834.
Messages, - - -	2 "	1832 to 1833.
Miscellaneous papers, - - -	62 "	1775 to 1833.
Prescott's, Judge, " - - -	1 file,	1820.
Prison, State, " - - -	1 "	1832.
Reports, etc. - - -	57 files,	1775 to 1833.
Representatives, returns of, - - -	64 "	1778 to 1834.
Returns of the Attorney General, etc. -	1 file,	1831.
Seamen, impressment of, - - -	1 "	1812.
Sheriffs' accounts, salaries, etc. - - -	1 "	1786.
Speeches and Messages of the Governor,	2 files,	1785 to 1786.
Treasury papers, - - -	1 file,	1783.
Worcester County Treasurer's accounts,	1 "	1796 to 1797.

In the Third Story, West End.

Absentees' accounts, - - -	1 package.	
Army, applications and recommendations,	1 "	1814.
Board of War Papers and Books, as follows:—		
Accounts, - - -	8 packages,	1775 to 1792.
Minute books, - - -	6 vols.	1776 to 1787.
Bounties and supplies for soldiers,	2 "	1777 to 1779.
Cash books, - - -	2 "	1775 to 1792.
Commissary accounts, - - -	9 "	1776 to 1792.
" orders, - - -	4 "	1779 to 1791.
Disbursements, - - -	3 "	1776 to 1779.
Journals, - - -	10 "	1777 to 1785.
Ledgers, - - -	13 "	1776 to 1791.
Letters, - - -	2 packages,	1775 to 1783.
Minutes, - - -	4 vols.	1777 to 1780.

Miscellaneous, military, etc.	-	80 books,	1776 to 1783.
“ papers,	- -	60 files.	
Prizes, sales of,	- - -	9 vols.	1777.
Provisions issued,	- - -	4 “	1777 to 1791.
Receipts, - - -	- - -	25 “	1775 to 1781.
Records, - - -	- - -	4 “	1777 to 1780.
Sequestered goods, sales of,	- - -	4 “	1777 to 1778.
Waste books, - - -	- - -	5 “	1777 to 1781.
Bonds by persons leaving the State,	- - -	1 package,	1778 to 1781.
Canal of Hampshire and Hampden,	- - -	1 “	
Castle Rolls, - - -	- - -	1 “	1789 to 1796.
Congress, returns of members, - - -	- - -	24 “	1788 to 1825.
Consolidated Notes, discharges, - - -	- - -	1 “	1782 to 1786.
Currency, exchange of it, - - -	- - -	2 books,	1750 to 1751.
Governor, Lt. Gov. and Senators, votes for,	- - -	25 packages,	1784 to 1832.
Insurgents, letters and papers, - - -	- - -	1 book,	1787.
“ pay-roll for forces to quell them,	- - -	1 “	1786 to 1787.
“ various transactions, - - -	- - -	1 vol.	1787 to 1788.
Lotteries, papers, - - -	- - -	1 package,	1833.
Minute men, powder for them, - - -	- - -	1 “	1775 to 1776.
Minutes of Council, - - -	- - -		1776 to 1812.
Miscellaneous, - - -	- - -	3 “	1775 to 1790.
“ small books, - - -	- - -	9	
Monies advanced for tax, - - -	- - -	1 package,	1780.
Oaths administered to members of General Court, - - -	- - -	2 “	1795.
Orders, - - -	- - -	1 “	1783.
Paupers, returns of, - - -	- - -	4 “	1820, 1834, 1835.
Penobscot Expedition, thin books, - - -	- - -	8	1779 to 1781.
Precepts for election of Representatives, President and V. President of U. States, votes for electors of, - - -	- - -	1 “	1776.
Prisons and Houses of Correction returns,	- - -	2 “	1804 to 1812.
Regiments, description of them, - - -	- - -	7 “	1834 to 1836.
Resolves of General Court, - - -	- - -	16 vols.	1777 to 1780.
Saltpetre, etc., papers, - - -	- - -	1 package,	1777 to 1780.
Tax Collectors' oaths, - - -	- - -	1 “	1777.
Taxes, - - -	- - -	1 “	1788.
Treasurer's accounts, - - -	- - -	1 “	1777.
Truck-house accounts, - - -	- - -	1 “	1775 to 1796.
Valuation of Towns, - - -	- - -	2 vols.	1776 to 1781.
Warrants, executive, - - -	- - -	87 packages,	1780 to 1831.
	- - -	1 “	1776 to 1782.

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In the Attic, West End.

Accounts, military, etc. - - -	40 files,	1755, 1756, etc.
Billeting accounts, - - -	8 "	" " "
Invoices, - - -	2 "	
Judicial papers, a large chest full, -		before and after 1700
Revolutionary paper money, in several chests and on shelves.		