

HOUSE...No. 69.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 23, 1850.

ORDERED, That a Special Committee be appointed, to consider the expediency of requesting the Secretary of the Commonwealth to procure copies of the rolls of the last three years' services of Massachusetts line, in the War of the Revolution, which are in Washington, for the purpose of giving evidence of service to claimants for pensions, and to supply a deficiency which now exists in the military and historical records of the Commonwealth. And MESSRS. FELTON, of Brookfield,
WOOD, of Boxford, and
HOOPER, of Tyngsborough,
are appointed such committee.

CHAS. W. STOREY, *Clerk.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred an order to inquire whether the Secretary of this Commonwealth should be instructed to procure from Washington, the rolls of the last three years' services of the Massachusetts line, in the War of the Revolution, have attended to that duty, and ask leave to submit the following

REPORT:

The committee have ascertained, that applications are constantly being made, at the office of the Secretary of this Commonwealth, for evidence of services during the last three years of the War of the Revolution, viz. : from 1781 to 1783, inclusive; that these applications often fail, for want of evidence contained in the rolls of the Massachusetts line; that there are no rolls containing that evidence, among the military records of this Commonwealth, except a few partial returns, which have been loaned by societies and individuals, and which are of little practical utility in furnishing evidence of service; that a complete set of these rolls exist at Washington, but that access to them has hitherto been attended with great expense and long delay; and that the original rolls cannot, probably, be obtained.

The committee, therefore, deem it highly important, that attested copies of the said rolls be obtained from Washington, with as little delay as practicable; not only as an act of justice to the surviving officers and soldiers of the revolution, but as a valuable accession to the military and historical collections of the Commonwealth. The committee, therefore, offer for the consideration of the House, the following resolution.

For the Committee,

O. C. FELTON, *Chairman.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty.

R E S O L V E

Relating to Revolutionary Rolls.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Commonwealth is hereby instructed, to take immediate measures to procure from Washington, attested copies of the rolls of the Massachusetts line in the War of the Revolution, which relate to the last three years' service in that war, and to draw on the treasury of the Commonwealth for a sum sufficient to defray the expenses thereof.

