

HOUSE....No. 165.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty.

RESOLVES

In Aid of the several School Districts of the Commonwealth.

1. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Board of Education be, and hereby is, authorized to furnish each district and other public school, in the Commonwealth, except primary schools, a copy of Noah Webster's Unabridged Quarto Dictionary, or Joseph E. Worcester's Octavo Dictionary, at the option of the school committee of each town, and that the expense thereof be paid out of the school fund : *provided*, that the said Webster's Dictionary may be obtained at a cost not exceeding four dollars, and said Worcester's Dictionary, at a cost of not more than two dollars.

2. *Resolved*, That the school committee of each town in the Commonwealth be, and hereby is, authorized to obtain from the Secretary of the Board of Education, one copy of either of the above named dictionaries, at the option of said committee, and cause the same to be placed in each of the schools aforesaid, in their respective towns : *provided, however*, that no school shall be entitled to either of said dictionaries which shall not have furnished itself with a suitable book-case, or desk, for the safe-keeping of the dictionary ; and the school commit-

tee, in making application therefor to the Board of Education, shall certify that each district, for which a dictionary is requested, has complied with this requisition.

3. *Resolved*, So much of the Resolve of the third of March, eighteen hundred and forty-two, as appropriated to every school district in the Commonwealth fifteen dollars, "to be expended for books, for a school district library," is hereby repealed.

4. *Resolved*, These resolves shall not take effect until the first day of August next.

SENATE, March 28, 1850.

Passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

CHAS. CALHOUN, *Clerk*.

Mr. Smith, of Enfield, proposes, at a proper time, to move to amend the foregoing by adding the following, viz :

Resolved, So much of the Resolve of the third of March, eighteen hundred and forty-two, as required the school districts to raise and appropriate fifteen dollars each, to entitle them to the same amount, is hereby repealed.