

HOUSE....No. 55.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 17, 1852.

The Committee on Printing to whom was referred the petition of White & Potter to be appointed State Printers, and the petition of Little & Brown, B. B. Mussey and others, and of Lyman Rhodes and 61 others, practical printers, in aid of the petition of White & Potter, have considered the same and

R E P O R T :

That the State Printing has been for rather more than twenty years performed by one firm, Dutton & Wentworth; that their contracts have not only been a source of direct pecuniary benefit to them, to a large extent, but indirectly, by way of increasing their reputation and business as Printers; that they have become wealthy, in a great degree by their contracts with the State,—not wealthy, perhaps, in a mercantile sense, but wealthy as compared with most men in the same business; that after this long period of successful business, it is no more than justice that they should give way, in favor of other, and younger, and less wealthy, and equally capable men, if any such can be found.

That White & Potter have exhibited satisfactory evidence of their ability and willingness to do the State Printing in a prompt, faithful and workmanlike manner; that their facilities are ample and their responsibility unquestioned, and that the State would be equally well served as at present, by giving them the contract.

The Committee therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying resolves.

In behalf of the Committee,

WM. S. ROBINSON, *Chairman.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Two.

RESOLVES

Concerning the Printing for the Commonwealth.

Resolved, That the secretary of the Commonwealth, and the clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives, be directed to contract with White & Potter, to execute the printing for the various departments of the Commonwealth, at the rate of thirty-five cents for the composition of each thousand ems, for plain work, and seventy cents for rule and figure work, and sixty-five cents for printing and dry pressing each token of two hundred and fifty sheets of medium paper; *provided*, that satisfactory bonds, to the amount of five thousand dollars be given by said printers, for the faithful fulfilment of the terms of the said contract.

Resolved, That the said contract shall be dated on the first day of March, in the current year, and shall be substantially the same as the form of contract at present existing with Dutton & Wentworth.

Resolved, That all laws and resolves inconsistent with the foregoing, are hereby repealed.

