

## HOUSE....No. 58.

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### Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 2, 1854.

The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the several petitions of the Treasurer, the Secretary of State, and the Auditor, for an increase of salary, and the Order instructing the committee to consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the Sergeant-at-Arms, have considered the same and

#### REPORT:

The committee find, that the salaries of the Secretary of State and the Treasurer of the Commonwealth having been established at \$2,000 a year for about twenty-five years, were reduced to \$1,600 each in the year 1843, at which sum they have remained to the present time. Although the salaries have been reduced, the duties and responsibilities of both offices have increased four-fold.

The salary of the Auditor was fixed at \$1,500 in the year 1849, when the office was first established—the establishment of this office being then considered, by many, of doubtful expediency. It is believed that the experience of the last five years, has removed these doubts from the minds of all, and, while the importance of the office has been established beyond

a question, its duties have been constantly becoming more laborious and responsible as the business connected with the department has increased.

The office of the Sergeant-at-Arms, including, as it does, not only his official duties during the session of the legislature, but the whole charge of the State House, and the supervision of repairs throughout the year, requires the constant, watchful care of an officer in whom the Commonwealth can place the utmost confidence.

The two chief clerks in the office of the Secretary of State are now paid \$1,200 and \$1,300 a year. It is proposed to establish the salaries of the clerks of the Treasurer and Auditor, at the same rate.

The committee having conferred with the respective officers, in regard to their official duties and responsibilities, and given the subject referred to them a careful consideration, unanimously recommend the passage of the accompanying Act.

For the Committee,

SAMPSON REED, *Chairman.*

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

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### AN ACT

Establishing the Salaries of Certain Public Officers.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :*

1    SECT. 1. The several public officers herein named,  
2 shall receive for their services an annual salary, as  
3 specified, that is to say: The Secretary of State, the  
4 sum of two thousand dollars; the Treasurer and Re-  
5 ceiver-General of the Commonwealth, the sum of two  
6 thousand dollars; the Auditor, the sum of two  
7 thousand dollars; the First Clerk in the treasurer's  
8 office, the sum of thirteen hundred dollars; the  
9 Second Clerk in the treasurer's office, the sum of  
10 twelve hundred dollars; the Clerk in the auditor's  
11 office, the sum of twelve hundred dollars; the Ser-  
12 geant-at-Arms, the sum of thirteen hundred dollars,  
13 and the rent of the house occupied by him.

1 SECT. 2. The said salaries shall be paid in quarterly  
2 payments, out of the treasury of the Commonwealth,  
3 on the first days of January, April, July, and October,  
4 in every year, and in the same proportion for any part  
5 of a quarter.

1 SECT. 3. All laws inconsistent with the provisions  
2 of this act, are hereby repealed.

1 SECT. 4. This act shall take effect from and after  
2 the first day of January last.