

HOUSE No. 355.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 15, 1889.

The Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Resolves declaring the Records of Massachusetts Volunteers, 1861 to 1865, unofficial, on the petition of James Holehouse, who has been erroneously represented as a deserter (House, No. 299), report the accompanying Resolves as a substitute.

For the Committee,

E. B. GLASGOW.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-nine.

RESOLVES

Declaring unofficial the Records of Massachusetts Volunteers, eighteen hundred sixty-one to eighteen hundred sixty-five, and in favor of James Holehouse.

1 *Whereas*, It appears by the report of the joint special
2 committee of the General Court of the year eighteen
3 hundred and eighty-eight, on the subject of perfecting
4 the records of officers and enlisted men who served in the
5 army and navy during the war of the rebellion, that the
6 two volumes entitled "The Record of Massachusetts
7 Volunteers, 1861 to 1865," published by the adjutant-
8 general under authority of chapter ninety-eight of the
9 Resolves of the year eighteen hundred and six-six, "are
10 not sufficiently correct to be regarded as authority;" and

11 *Whereas*, Said volumes are, and have been, subject
12 to frequent changes, by the action of the war department
13 and the adjutant-general's office, in order that errors,
14 clerical and typographical, may be corrected; therefore

15 *Resolved*, That the two volumes known as the Record
16 of Massachusetts Volunteers, 1861 to 1865, and pub-
17 lished by the adjutant-general, are hereby declared un-
18 official.

19 *Resolved*, That the secretary of the Commonwealth be
20 directed to send a copy of this resolve to James Hole-
21 house, formerly of company D, seventh regiment, Mas-

22 sachusetts volunteers, who is erroneously represented in
23 one of said volumes as a deserter, and also to send a
24 copy of this resolve to the commander of the department
25 of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, that the
26 information may be officially transmitted to the several
27 Grand Army Posts.

28 *Resolved*, That the adjutant-general be directed to
29 notify the commander of the department of Massachusetts,
30 Grand Army of the Republic, of any correction that may
31 hereafter be made in said records, wherein any soldier or
32 sailor has been, prior to such correction, erroneously
33 reported as a deserter, and also to send a notice of such
34 correction to the last known address of such soldier or
35 sailor.

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Passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

. EDWARD A. McLAUGHLIN,
Clerk.

