

HOUSE.....No. 7.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Boston, Jan. 18, 1832.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Order of January 16, 1832, to inquire if any and what measures should be adopted in relation to the people of color called Indians within this Commonwealth, have attended to that duty, and beg leave to report the following

RESOLVE

respecting the People of color called Indians within this Commonwealth.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice of the Council, be, and he hereby is authorized to appoint Commissioners, whose duty it shall be to ascertain the number of the Coloured

People called Indians within this Commonwealth; of what description they are; the state of their morals; their habits; the number of their settlements; the quantity, quality, and state of cultivation of the land in their settlements; their means of subsistence, and such other facts, as may be deemed expedient; and report the same to the next Legislature.

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