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## SPECIAL SESSION.

Pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency Frank G. Allen, Governor of the Commonwealth, given on the third day of October, the members of the House of Representatives assembled in the Representatives' Chamber, in the State House at Boston, on Monday, the twentieth day of October, 1930; and were called to order at half after ten o'clock in the forenoon by Speaker Leverett Saltonstall of Newton. House convened.

The Proclamation of His Excellency then was read by the Clerk. It was as follows:

### THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

By His Excellency FRANK G. ALLEN, Governor.

#### A PROCLAMATION.

*Whereas*, The Constitution of the Commonwealth provides that "the Governor, with the advice of Council, shall have full power and authority", during the recess of the General Court, "to call it together sooner than the time to which it may be adjourned or prorogued, if the welfare of the Commonwealth shall require the same"; and Proclamation of the Governor, — special tercentenary session of the General Court.

*Whereas*, By joint order of the two branches of the General Court adopted May 28, 1930, His Excellency the Governor "is requested to call together the General Court in special session on the twentieth day of October next, for the sole purpose of appropriately observing the three hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the General Court and for no other purpose"; and

*Whereas*, Under charter of Charles I, the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England was organized and held meetings in England to transact the business of the company — such meetings being designated as a "Great and General Court", and

*Whereas*, Upon bringing the charter across the sea in 1630 the first General Court was held in Boston on October 19, 1630 — the aforesaid charter becoming the framework of government for the Massachusetts Bay Colony, thus constituting the beginning of the development of civil rule in America and contributing more to the establishment of the government of free people than any other episode in history; and

*Whereas*, In the state constitution of 1780 the name of the General Court was designated as "The General Court of Massa-

chusetts", which remains today as the official title of the law-making body of the Commonwealth;

*Now, therefore,* Believing that the welfare of the Commonwealth requires that the three hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the General Court be appropriately observed, that no citizen may ever forget the significance of the beginning of civil rule in America and the establishment of the government of free people thus epitomized, to the end that orderly government and the priceless principle of liberty may never perish in our Nation, I hereby make proclamation to the members of the General Court of Massachusetts, calling them to assemble in the State House at Boston on the twentieth day of October, 1930, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the aforesaid purpose and no other.

Given at the Executive Chamber, in Boston, this third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fifty-fifth.

FRANK G. ALLEN.

By His Excellency the Governor, with advice of Council,

PETER F. J. CARNEY,

*Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

At the request of the Speaker, prayer was offered by Reverend Abbot Peterson of Brookline, Chaplain of the House of 1929-30.

Prayer.

"God of our fathers and our God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come, as we gather on the tercentenary of the founding of the General Court, we would gratefully recognize the far reaching significance of that historic event which marked the beginning here in Massachusetts of government of the people, by the people and for the people. We thank thee, O God, for the wisdom and courage of that little group of pioneers who, three centuries ago, made their bold experiment in government, and our prayer is that we, their successors, may worthily carry on the traditions of the founders. Let thy blessing rest upon His Excellency the Governor of this Commonwealth, the President of the Honorable Senate, the Speaker of this House, and all legislators and magistrates in whose charge rest the welfare of the people. Bless, preserve and keep them and give them strength to be equal to their high responsibilities. So shall the day be hastened when thy kingdom shall come and thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

On motion of Mr. Jewett of Lowell, —

*Ordered,* That a special committee be appointed to inform the Honorable Senate that the House of Representatives is now assembled, pursuant to the proclamation of His Excellency.

Representatives Bullock of Waltham, Shaylor of Lee, Holden of Attleboro, Akeroyd of Lanesborough, Teele of Somerville,

Senate notified  
of assembling  
of House.

Caldwell of Walpole, Brookings of Gloucester, Marcella of Boston, O'Connor of Palmer, Mahoney of Boston and McMorrow of Boston were appointed the committee.

Mr. Bullock, for the committee, afterward reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them.

A message then was received from the Senate, by a special committee thereof, announcing that that branch had assembled and was ready to proceed to business. Notice of assembling of Senate.

On motion of Mr. Ames of Lynn, —

*Ordered*, That the Clerk make up the pay roll for the traveling expenses of the members of the House in connection with the present special session, at the rate of twenty-five cents per mile, as established by an order adopted on May 28 last. Pay roll, — mileage.

In accordance with the provisions of the foregoing order, the Clerk reported the pay roll; whereupon, on motion of Mr. Chase of New Bedford, it was

*Ordered*, That the accompanying schedule, showing that the sum of \$2,125 is due to the members of the House of Representatives for traveling expenses in connection with the present special session, is approved, that the same be sent to the Governor and Council. Id.

The schedule was signed by the Speaker and sent to the Governor and Council.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The following order was adopted, in concurrence:

*Ordered*, That a committee, to consist of three members of the Senate and such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Council and inform them that the two branches of the General Court have assembled, pursuant to His Excellency's proclamation of the 3rd instant, for the purpose of observing the three hundredth anniversary of the establishment of said General Court. Governor and Council notified.

Messrs. Moran, Hollis and James E. Warren having been appointed on the part of the Senate, Representatives Burgess of Dedham, Sauter of Greenfield, Clemons of Wakefield, Gilman of Boston, Brigham of Springfield, Swanson of Worcester, Staves of Southbridge, Birmingham of Boston, Lamoureux of Southbridge, Reardon of Boston and Logan of Boston were joined on the part of the House.

Subsequently Mr. Burgess, for the committee, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them.

The following order then was adopted, in concurrence:

*Ordered*, That a Convention of the two branches be held forthwith for the purpose of observing the three hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the General Court.

*Convention.*

Convention  
of the two  
branches.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock the Senate came in, its President, Honorable Gaspar G. Bacon, took the chair; and, the two branches being in convention, a committee, consisting of Senators Wragg, Keith and John P. Buckley, and Representatives Anderson of Boston, Luitwieler of Newton, Standish of Stoneham, Damon of Williamsburg, Day of Salem, William P. Hickey of Boston, Healy of Natick and Roach of North Adams, was appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor and inform him that the two branches of the General Court are now in convention for the purpose of observing the three hundredth anniversary of the establishment thereof, and would be pleased to receive him and other distinguished guests.

Mr. Wragg, for the committee, soon after reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that His Excellency had stated that he would wait upon the convention immediately, with the other guests.

Id. At twenty-six minutes after eleven o'clock His Excellency Governor Frank G. Allen, and His Honor Lieutenant-Governor William S. Youngman, the Honorable Councillors and the Honorable Chief Justice Arthur Prentice Rugg of the Supreme Judicial Court and other distinguished guests, entered the chamber.

President Bacon then addressed the Convention briefly, and introduced Speaker Saltonstall and Governor Allen, each of whom spoke briefly.

President Bacon then presented Chief Justice Arthur Prentice Rugg, who delivered the tercentenary oration.

His Excellency the Governor, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and the Honorable the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court and the other distinguished guests then withdrew; and, at one minute before one o'clock, the convention was dissolved.

*Prorogation.*

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Subsequently the following order was adopted, in concurrence: *Ordered*, That a committee, to consist of three on the part of the Senate, and such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor and inform him that the two branches have concluded their observance of the three hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the General Court, and to request him, by and with the advice of the Council, to prorogue them to the Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday in January next.

Messrs. Tarbell, Elder and John F. Buckley having been appointed the committee on the part of the Senate, Representatives Chase of New Bedford, Ames of Lynn, Estabrook of Fitchburg, Duffie of Boston, Petersen of Springfield, Hamilton of Cambridge, Reed of Weymouth, Cavanagh of Cambridge, Menzie of Lawrence, Bazinet of Webster and Clark of Holyoke were joined on the part of the House.

Subsequently Mr. Chase, for the committee, reported that they had waited upon His Excellency the Governor and informed him of the action of the two branches; and that His Excellency had stated that he would confer with the Council, and communicate further with the two houses through the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Soon afterward the Secretary of the Commonwealth came in, and stated that he had been instructed by His Excellency the Governor to say that, in compliance with the request of the two branches, and with the advice of the Council, he was pleased to prorogue the General Court to the day next preceding the first Wednesday of January next.

And, accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes after one o'clock P.M., the General Court was prorogued.

Attest:

FRANK E. BRIDGMAN, *Clerk.*

