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In response to a proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, under the date of October the third, convoking the General Court in the State House at Boston on the twentieth day of October, nineteen hundred and thirty, at half past ten o'clock in the forenoon, the Senate convened in the Senate Chamber at the time designated and was called to order by the President.

Senate
assembled.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The proclamation, which was then read, 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

Governor's
proclamation
convoking 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.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Haley, —

House notified.

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate is now assembled and ready to proceed to business.

Messrs. Haley, Osborne and Conroy were appointed the committee.

Notification from House.

Subsequently, notice was received from the House, by a committee thereof, that that branch had assembled and was ready to proceed to business.

Pay-Roll for Travel.

On motion of Mr. Moyse, —

Pay-roll for travel.

Ordered, That the Clerk be instructed to make up the pay-roll for compensation for travel of the members of the Senate, in accordance with the provisions of an order adopted on May 28 of the current year, — the travel to be computed at the rate of twenty-five cents per mile one way according to the table of distances established by an order of the Senate adopted June 14, 1892, except that the compensation for the Senator from Berkshire, Mr. Faulkner, shall be computed as for 155 miles instead of 150; and that the compensation for the Senator from Bristol, Mr. Sowle, shall be computed as for 60 miles instead of 55.

In accordance with the provisions of the foregoing order, the Clerk reported the pay-roll for compensation for travel; and it was thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Moyse, —

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid from the treasury of the Commonwealth to the several senators whose names are borne upon the accompanying roll, the sums set against their respective names, amounting in the aggregate to three hundred and forty (\$340) dollars for compensation for travel for the present special session of the General Court. Pay-roll for travel.

Orders Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Moran, —

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 notified.

Senators Moran, Hollis and James E. Warren were appointed to serve on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently, the order was returned with the endorsement that the House had concurred; and that 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 had been joined.

Mr. Moran, for the committee, afterwards reported that it had attended to the duty assigned it; and the committee was discharged.

On motion of Mr. Davis, —

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.

Sent down for concurrence, and subsequently returned, adopted, in concurrence.

Pursuant to assignment, for the purpose above specified, the two branches met in

CONVENTION.

On motion of Senator Wragg, —

Ordered, That a committee be appointed, to consist of three members of the Senate and eight members of the House, 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. Governor notified of convention.

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 were appointed the committee.

Mr. Wragg, for the committee, afterwards reported that His Excellency the Governor would be pleased to immediately attend upon the Convention, accompanied by other distinguished guests.

The Honorable the Associate Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Honorable the Chief Justice of the Superior Court and the Honorable the Associate Justices of the Superior Court were received.

His Excellency the Governor, the Honorable the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and the Honorable Council then entered the Chamber, accompanied by numerous civil and military officers.

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

The President then presented Chief Justice Rugg, who delivered the tercentenary oration.

His Excellency the Governor and the other distinguished guests then withdrew, the Convention was dissolved, and the Senate returned to its chamber.

Vote of Appreciation.

On motion of Mr. Moyses, —

Voted, That a rising vote of thanks be extended to Senator Wragg and the other members of the Tercentenary Legislative Committee in appreciation of their services in the arrangement and successful carrying out of the exercises in connection with the tercentenary celebration of the establishment of the General Court.

Vote of appreciation.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Torrey, —

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to print the Journal of the Senate for the special session of the General Court; that one thousand copies thereof be printed; that there be included therein such portions of the proceedings in the Joint Convention as the President and the committee on Rules shall approve; and that a certified copy thereof be deposited with the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the Journal of the Senate.

Senate Journal, — printing, etc.

Prorogation.

On motion of Mr. Tarbell, —

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.

Prorogation.

Senators Tarbell, Elder and John F. Buckley were appointed the said committee on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently, the order came up, adopted, in concurrence, and 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.

Subsequently, Mr. Tarbell, for the above-named committee, reported that they had attended to their duties and that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to say that he would confer with the Council and communicate with the General Court through the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

At twenty-five minutes past one o'clock P.M., the Secretary of the Commonwealth entered the Senate Chamber and announced that he was directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform the Senate that, in compliance with the request of the two branches, and with the advice of the Council, it was his pleasure to prorogue the General Court until the day next preceding the first Wednesday of January next; and the General Court was prorogued accordingly.

Attest:

WILLIAM H. SANGER,
Clerk of the Senate.

