

Hampshire to abate by treatment or otherwise any existing nuisances.

Examination of all sewers discharging into Merrimack river, etc.

Said department may examine in connection with this investigation all sewers discharging into said river or its tributaries within any of the cities or towns herein named, and may enter the premises of any manufacturing establishment for the purpose of making an examination of the amount and character of any sewage or waste discharged therefrom into the river or into any tributary thereof within said cities and towns.

Surveys, employment of engineers, etc.

Said department shall make such surveys as may be necessary to determine upon locations for sewers, drains, sewer outlets or disposal works, and may employ such engineers or other assistants as may be necessary for the proper carrying out of the investigation and the preparation of plans, and may expend therefor such sum as may hereafter be appropriated, not exceeding twenty thousand dollars.

Expenses, payment, apportionment upon cities and towns, etc.

The expenses incurred under this resolve shall be reported by the said department to the governor and council, and shall, when approved by them, be paid out of the state treasury. Said department shall apportion the amount of the expenses so paid upon the cities and towns herein mentioned, in proportion to the benefits derived by each city or town from the work done under authority of this resolve, and the amount so apportioned on each city and town shall be assessed, collected and paid over to the state treasurer in the same manner and at the same time as state taxes.

Reports.

All reports under this resolve shall be made by said department to the general court on or before the second Wednesday in January, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

Approved May 11, 1923.

Chap. 50 RESOLVE CONFIRMING THE ACTS OF ROBERT WINSOR, JR., AS A NOTARY PUBLIC.

Acts of Robert Winsor, Jr., as a notary public confirmed.

Resolved, That the acts of Robert Winsor, Jr., of Weston, as notary public, between December twenty-eight, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, and April twenty-five, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, both dates inclusive, are hereby confirmed and made valid to the same extent as if during that time he had been duly qualified to discharge the duties of said office.

Approved May 11, 1923.

Chap. 51 RESOLVE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS IN THE STATE HOUSE AND ELSEWHERE.

Certain improvements in state house, etc., authorized.

Resolved, That, after an appropriation has been made, there may be expended from the treasury of the commonwealth, under the direction of the superintendent of buildings, a sum not exceeding twelve thousand four hundred dollars, for the following purposes: — (1) the construction of a corridor in the first floor of the state house in front of the elevators and nearly in line with the east and west wing corridors in the floors above at a cost not to exceed ten thousand dollars, provided, that no payment shall be made or obligation incurred under authority

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of this item if the bid for contracts, proposed for acceptance, exceeds the sum hereby allotted for the work; (2) the installation of an adequate ventilating system for the state house restaurant at a cost not to exceed five hundred dollars; (3) the installation of certain partition construction in the Worcester branch offices of the department of public safety at a cost not to exceed one thousand dollars; and (4) the suitable mounting and placing on the state house grounds, on a site to be approved by the governor and council, of a Spanish cannon, loaned to the commonwealth by the federal government and now stored in the state house, at a cost not to exceed nine hundred dollars.

Approved May 12, 1923.

RESOLVE REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO HEAR THE CLAIMS OF PERSONS WHO ALLEGE PROPERTY DAMAGE BY REASON OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ARMORY IN THE CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Chap. 52

Resolved, That the attorney general is hereby requested to hear the claims of persons who allege damage to their property by reason of the occupation and use thereof by the commonwealth in connection with the construction and maintenance of the Charlestown armory on Bunker Hill street in the Charlestown district of the city of Boston, and to report the names of persons whose property has been so damaged, and the amounts of damages sustained by such persons, and whether or not there is any legal or other obligation on the part of the commonwealth in relation thereto. The attorney general is hereby further requested to file his report with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before the fifteenth day of October of the current year, and at the same time file a copy of the same with the budget commissioner as a part of the budget estimates required to be submitted under section four of chapter twenty-nine of the General Laws.

Attorney general to hear claims of certain persons alleging property damage by reason of construction, etc., of armory in Charlestown district of Boston.

Approved May 14, 1923.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AS TO JURY SERVICE IN THE COURTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND AS TO MAKING WOMEN ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH SERVICE.

Chap. 53

Resolved, That a special unpaid commission, to consist of one senator to be designated by the president of the senate, two representatives to be designated by the speaker of the house, and four other persons to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council, shall investigate the subject of jury service in the courts of the commonwealth, with special reference to the changes in the jury system recommended by the attorney general in his report for the year ending January seventeenth, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, and to the service of women on juries, and to what extent existing court house and other facilities may require enlargement or alteration if women are to be made eligible for such service. The commission shall be provided with quarters in the state house, may require the attendance and testimony under oath of witnesses

Investigation as to jury service in courts of commonwealth and as to making women eligible for such service.