

the State
House.

the sum of six hundred dollars appropriated by a "Resolve for sundry Repairs upon the State House," passed April seventh, eighteen hundred and forty-six. Also the sum of forty-four dollars and fifty-five cents, the same being in addition to the sum of six hundred dollars appropriated by "Resolves relating to Repairs around the State House," passed April seventh, eighteen hundred and forty-six. Also the sum of thirteen hundred and fifty-five dollars, and fifteen cents, the same being in addition to the sum of twelve hundred dollars, appropriated by "Resolves for the more ample and suitable accomodation of the Library," passed March twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and forty-six. Also the sum of three hundred and seventy-one dollars, and twenty-five cents, to be appropriated to the payment of expense incurred by placing the "Massachusetts Coat of Arms" over the speaker's chair in the House of Representatives, agreeably to an order of the House of Representatives, passed March twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and forty-six. In all, the sum of twenty-one hundred and thirty-eight dollars and twenty-four cents; and that the governor be requested to draw his warrant accordingly. [*Approved by the Governor, Feb. 24, 1847.*]

Chap. 9.

RESOLVE for the Recovery of a Volume of the Journals of the House of Representatives.

Reward of
\$100 to be of-
fered for the re-
covery of the
27th volume of
the journal
of the House.

Resolved, That the clerk of the house of representatives is empowered and directed to offer a reward of one hundred dollars for the recovery of the twenty-seventh volume of the journal of that House, which volume has been taken from the clerk's lobby; and that the governor is authorized to draw his warrant on the treasurer of the Commonwealth therefor, if the volume shall be recovered. [*Approved by the Governor, Feb. 24, 1847.*]

Chap. 10.

RESOLVES concerning the Existence and Extension of Slavery within the Jurisdiction of the United States.

Slavery in the
United States a
moral and po-
litical evil,
which ought to
be speedily
abolished by
constitutional
means, and not
to be further
extended.

Resolved, unanimously, That the Legislature of Massachusetts views the existence of human slavery within the limits of the United States as a great calamity, an immense moral and political evil, which ought to be abolished, as soon as that end can be properly and constitutionally attained, and that its extension should be uniformly and earnestly opposed by all good and patriotic men throughout the Union.

Massachusetts
will resist the
annexation of
more slave ter-
ritory;
and the Legis-
lature, &c. pro-
tests against

Resolved, unanimously, That the people of Massachusetts will strenuously resist the annexation of any new territory to this Union, in which the institution of slavery is to be tolerated or established; and the Legislature, in behalf of the people of this Commonwealth, do hereby solemnly protest against the acquisition of any additional territory, without an express provision by Congress that there shall

be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in such territory, otherwise than for the punishment of crime.

Resolved, unanimously, That his excellency the governor be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolves to each of the senators, and members of the house of representatives, of this Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United States. [*Approved by the Governor, Feb. 27, 1847.*]

such annexation.

Resolves to be transmitted, &c.

RESOLVE on the Petition of David A. Dunbar and Others.

Resolved, for the reasons set forth in said petition, that Laura Ann Dunbar, wife of David A. Dunbar, and Elmira L. Burnside, wife of said Clem A. Burnside, minors, under the age of twenty-one years, are hereby respectively empowered to join with their said respective husbands in executing any deed or deeds of their respective undivided interests and shares in certain real estate in Boston, which descended to said Laura and Elmira, respectively, from their father, Leonard Spaulding, late of said Boston, deceased intestate, or in any parts or parcels thereof, to wit: a parcel of land, with a dwelling-house thereon, at the corner of Leverett and Spring streets, measuring about forty-six feet on Leverett, and about sixty feet on Spring street, and a parcel of land, wharf and flats at the foot of Poplar street, bounding easterly on land now or late of Whitney in part, and in part on land now or late of Ramsdell, about one hundred and nineteen feet, and extending westerly out to the channel, or low-water mark, of the same, or about the same, breadth. And any deed or deeds duly executed by said Laura Ann, jointly with her said husband, shall be good and sufficient in law, and as effectual to convey her interest and estate, in the premises therein described, as if she were of full age. And any deed or deeds duly executed by said Elmira L., jointly with her said husband, shall be good and sufficient in law, and as effectual to convey her interest and estate, in the premises therein described, as if she were of full age. [*Approved by the Governor, March 3, 1847.*]

Chap. 11.

Minors to join with their husbands in executing deeds of real estate, in Boston.

RESOLVE on the Petition of the School Committee of the Town of Oakham.

Resolved, for reasons set forth in the said petition, that there be reserved, out of the income of the school fund of the present year, for the benefit of the town of Oakham, a sum equal to what that town would have received from the income of the same, for the last year, if the said town had been returned to the treasurer as entitled to a share in the income of said fund; and that the sum so reserved be added to the share, if any, to which said town may be entitled from the income of the said fund, for the present year. [*Approved by the Governor, March 3, 1847.*]

Chap. 12.

A sum, &c. to be reserved from this year's income of the school fund, and paid to Oakham.