

more suitable persons, as commissioners, to consider, and report to the next legislature, what are the rights and the duties of the Commonwealth in relation to the flats in the harbor of Boston. Also, to consider whether the public good requires that any portion of said flats should be filled, and to what extent, and whether the maritime interests do now, or probably may hereafter, require the excavation of any part of them, to enlarge the harbor accommodations; and, if it shall be deemed expedient to fill any of said flats, then to report the outlines of a plan for that purpose, and the terms upon which such filling up should be authorized. [Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1848.]

Commissioners, to report to the next legislature, as to the rights of the Commonwealth in the flats in Boston Harbor.

RESOLVE for furnishing certain Towns with Copies of the Revised Statutes and the State Map.

Chap. 80.

*Resolved*, That the secretary of the Commonwealth is hereby authorized to purchase such number of copies of the Revised Statutes, and of the State Map, as may be necessary to comply with the resolve passed on the fifth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, in relation to the same, and his excellency the governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant accordingly. [Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1848.]

Secretary of the Commonwealth authorized to purchase Revised Statutes and State Map, for new towns.

RESOLVES on Reduction in the Rates of Postage.

Chap. 81.

*Resolved*, That the result of the partial reduction made by the general government in the rates of postage, together with the success of the postage reform in England, warrant the belief that a still further reduction, and a uniform rate of postage, would greatly conduce to the general diffusion of knowledge, and may be made, without endangering the revenue of the post-office department.

Further reduction of postage desirable.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing report, together with the accompanying resolves, be forwarded to our senators and representatives in congress, and that they be requested to use their influence to secure the passage of such a law as is contemplated in said report, or such modification of the existing laws relating to postage, as, in their judgment, will promote the best interests of the whole community. [Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1848.]

Senators and representatives of Massachusetts in Congress requested to promote it.

RESOLVE relating to Indians within the Commonwealth.

Chap. 82.

*Resolved*, That his excellency the governor, with the advice and consent of the executive council, is hereby authorized to appoint three suitable persons to be commissioners, whose duty it shall be to visit the several tribes and parts of tribes of Indians remaining within this Commonwealth, to examine into their condition and circumstances, and report to the next legislature what legislation, in their opinion, is necessary, in order best to promote the improvement and

Governor to appoint commissioners, to report to next legislature, on the condition, &c., of the Indian tribes, &c.