

Towns to defray  
expense.

*Resolved*, That the said towns of Northampton and Easthampton shall be required to defray the expense of said commission, each of said towns paying one-half of said expenses. [*Approved by the Governor, March 26, 1855.*]

*Chap. 23.*

Resolve on the Petition of the Town of Barnstable.

Town authorized  
to appropriate  
money for erection  
of a monument, etc.

*Resolved*, For the reasons set forth in said petition, that the inhabitants of the town of Barnstable are hereby authorized, at any legal meeting, duly notified, and held for that purpose, to appropriate such sum of money as may be voted, by three-fourths of the voters present and voting thereon, for the purpose of aiding in the erection of a monument to the memory of James Otis, the revolutionary patriot. [*Approved by the Governor, March 26, 1855.*]

*Chap. 24.*

Resolve in favor of Lyman Webster.

\$40 a year for injuries, etc., while performing military duty.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth, to Lyman Webster, of Tyringham, the sum of forty dollars a year during the remainder of his life, for injuries sustained by him while in the performance of military duty; the same to be paid semi-annually, from and after the first day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four; and that warrants be drawn accordingly. [*Approved by the Governor, March 31, 1855.*]

*Chap. 25.*

Resolve concerning the Attorney-General's Office.

\$200 a year for clerical assistance.

*Resolved*, That the attorney-general be authorized to employ such clerical assistance as may be necessary in preparing for the use of the legislature, the abstracts of the annual reports of the district-attorneys, and for the despatch of the public business in said office, the expense thereof not to exceed two hundred dollars per year. [*Approved by the Governor, April 6, 1855.*]

*Chap. 26.*

Resolves concerning the Fugitive Slave Act of eighteen hundred and fifty.

Fugitive slave act a violation of the constitution.

*Resolved*, Inasmuch as there is neither any power granted to the general government in the constitution of the United States, for the enactment of any law by congress for the return of alleged fugitive slaves, nor any prohibition therein to the States against the passage of laws upon that subject, that the fugitive slave act is a direct violation of the tenth article of amendments to the constitution of the United States, which declares that the powers not delegated to the