

burse to the said municipal authorities the amount so paid by them.

Governor to issue warrant.

And his excellency the governor is hereby authorized and requested to issue to the adjutant-general a warrant upon the State treasury for the said amount: *provided, however*, that the said sum of nine dollars shall be claimed by the parties entitled thereto, in person or by lawful attorney, within sixty days from the issuing of notice by the municipal authorities aforesaid. [*Approved by the Governor, May 17, 1855.*]

Chap. 66. Resolve providing for Improvements at the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton.

\$15,000 appropriated.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth, for the erection of additional buildings and for other improvements at the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, the same to be expended by the trustees of the hospital; and that the governor be authorized to draw his warrant accordingly. [*Approved by the Governor, May 17, 1855.*]

Chap. 67. Resolve for paying the Expenses of the State Reform School.

\$10,328 appropriated.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth to the trustees of the State Reform School, to enable them to satisfy existing claims against the institution and to meet its current expenses, the sum of ten thousand three hundred and twenty dollars forthwith; and the further sum of thirty-nine thousand three hundred and eighty dollars, in payments of three thousand five hundred and eighty dollars, on the first day of each month, commencing with the month of May; and that the governor draw his warrants accordingly. [*Approved by the Governor, May 17, 1855.*]

\$39,380 additional

Chap. 68. Resolves in relation to the Preservation of Cape Cod Harbor.

Senators and representatives to use endeavors to procure appropriation.

Resolved, That the senators of this Commonwealth in the congress of the United States be instructed, and the representatives be requested, to use their earnest endeavors to procure the appropriation of twenty-five thousand dollars for the protection and preservation of Cape Cod Harbor.

Transmission of copies.

Resolved, That his excellency the governor be, and is hereby requested to transmit to each of the senators and representatives of this Commonwealth a copy of the fore-

going resolve, together with the report of the committee appointed to investigate said subject. [*Approved by the Governor, May 17, 1855.*]

Resolve on the Petition of Jemima Easton, an Indian at "Deep Bottom." *Chap. 69.*

Resolved, That his excellency the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the council, be, and he is hereby authorized to appoint three persons to be commissioners, whose duty it shall be to examine and fully and finally determine, all titles and claims to a tract of land known as "Deep Bottom," and located in the town of Tisbury, on the Island of Martha's Vineyard, and claimed by the petitioner. And the said commissioners shall be, and hereby are, authorized and empowered to compromise, adjust, and fully and finally to settle, justly and equitably, and as the interests of the Commonwealth, the petitioner, and all other parties may require, all the matters, claims, and controversies now existing, growing out of, or in connection with, the possession of the aforesaid lands known as Deep Bottom; and they may use such means as may be necessary to collect all desired information in relation to the subject. And the commissioners shall cause this resolve to be published in the "Vineyard Gazette" newspaper, on two different days, and at least fourteen days prior to a day duly specified and appointed, upon which all parties interested may have a fair and impartial hearing. And with this resolve they shall publish a notice of such hearing, designating the time and place appointed. The commissioners shall make a report of their doings to the governor and council, and receive such compensation for their services as the governor and council shall deem reasonable, and a warrant may be drawn accordingly. [*Approved by the Governor, May 17, 1855.*]

Governor to appoint commissioners to determine all claims to "Deep Bottom" land.

Resolves relative to the Meetings to which are to be submitted the proposed Articles of Amendment of the Constitution. *Chap. 70.*

Resolved, That the meetings of the people in the various cities and towns of the Commonwealth, to which are to be submitted the proposed articles of amendment of the constitution for their ratification, shall be legal and valid, if held on the twenty-third day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five, any thing in the resolves for submitting said amendments to the people, approved by the governor May first, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, or the date of said approval, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Meetings legal and valid.