

gas or electric light, heat or power company, pending this investigation, nor until final action shall have been taken upon the report of this commission by the next general court. The provisions of section twenty-one of chapter three of the Revised Laws shall not apply to appointments made hereunder.

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Chap. 114 RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR A FURTHER INVESTIGATION BY THE DIRECTORS OF THE PORT OF BOSTON RELATIVE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAID PORT.

Development
of the port of
Boston.

Resolved, That the public supervision and development of the port of Boston is essential; that the economical and efficient operation of the port makes it necessary that the port be managed and operated as a union terminal, to the end that the water terminals, docks and piers, and the connecting tracks thereto, should be administered so that they may be used in common by all railroads entering Boston and steamships and vessels using the said port; that if this arrangement cannot be brought about by a voluntary agreement between the directors of the port of Boston and the several railroads, such terminal facilities should be taken and operated by the public. The directors of the port of Boston are therefore instructed to confer with the railroad and steamship companies entering the port, to arrange, if possible, for the mutual use of all water terminals and track connections, under public control, and in the event of failing to make such arrangement, they, the said port directors, are instructed to determine which water terminals and facilities and railroad connections thereto should be acquired, and the probable cost thereof, by purchase or taking by the right of eminent domain. The directors of the port of Boston are further instructed to investigate and determine the railroad connections, if any, which should be constructed within or without the limits of the city of Boston, to enable all railroads entering Boston to have access to all water terminals of the port. The directors of the port are also instructed to report in print to the next general court, on or before February first, nineteen hundred and thirteen, the results of their investigations on the foregoing subjects, with plans and estimates in detail. But this resolve shall in no way be deemed to abridge the authority of the directors of the port or to restrict them in the use of the nine million dollars or any other appropriation already made.

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