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tional copies of the “thirty-first annual report of the secretary of the Massachusetts board of agriculture” for the use of members, to be distributed as follows:—ten copies to each member of the legislature, and the residue under the direction of the clerks of the two branches.

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*Chap. 63* RESOLVE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSION TO CONSIDER A GENERAL SYSTEM OF DRAINAGE FOR THE VALLEYS OF THE MYSTIC, BLACKSTONE AND CHARLES RIVERS, AND CERTAIN OTHER PORTIONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Commission to report a system of drainage for valleys of Mystic and other rivers, etc.

*Resolved*, That the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, be authorized to appoint a commission of five persons, no two of whom shall be residents of one municipality, for the purpose of considering and reporting a general system of drainage for the relief of the valleys of the Mystic, Blackstone and Charles rivers, and for the protection of the public water supplies of the cities and towns situated within the basins of said rivers. Said commission shall have power to employ such engineering and other assistance as may be necessary for carrying out the objects of this resolve. The commission shall consider the various methods of disposal of sewage and the application of such methods to any portion of the territory herein mentioned, and shall report its conclusions in print to the legislature of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six, or to that of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five, if practicable, for a portion or the whole of said territory; and may consider and report upon the needs of any other portion of the Commonwealth as to the disposal of sewage and the protection of the public water supplies therein. Said commission shall include in its report suitable maps and plans of the territory to be drained, an estimate of the cost of the work and a recommendation as to the methods of apportioning said cost. The commissioners shall receive such compensation for their services as the governor and council may determine, provided that the whole amount expended under the provisions of this resolve shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars; and the term of office of said commissioners shall not extend beyond the thirty-first day of January in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six.

Expenses of commission.

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