hereby requested to forward a copy of these resolves to the governor of the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, with the request that concurrent action be taken by said state.  

Approved June 8, 1897.

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Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars, to be expended under the direction of the trustees of the Massachusetts hospital for dipsomaniacs and inebriates for the construction of a fence around a portion of the grounds of said hospital.

Approved June 8, 1897.

Resolved to confirm the acts of James W. Pickering as a justice of the peace.

Resolved, That all acts done by James W. Pickering of Somerville as a justice of the peace, between the fourteenth day of January and the eighteenth day of May in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, are hereby confirmed and made valid to the same extent as though he had been during that time qualified to discharge the duties of said office.  

Approved June 10, 1897.

Resolved relative to the publication of Bradford's manuscript History of the Plymouth Plantation and of the report of the proceedings of the joint convention of the Senate and House of Representatives on the occasion of the presentation of said manuscript to the governor of the Commonwealth.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, to meet the expense of printing in suitable form Bradford's History of the Plymouth Plantation from the original manuscript presented on the twenty-sixth day of May in the present year to the governor of the Commonwealth, said publication to be accompanied by a report of the proceedings of the joint convention of the Senate and House of Representatives held on the occasion of the presentation of said manuscript to the governor. Said history and the accompanying report of the proceedings of the joint convention shall be printed under...
the direction of the secretary of the Commonwealth. Said report shall be prepared by a committee to consist of one member of the senate and two members of the house of representatives, and shall include, so far as practicable, portraits of His Excellency Governor Roger Wolcott, William Bradford, the author of said history, the Honorable George F. Hoar, the Honorable Thomas F. Bayard, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Lord Bishop of London; facsimiles of pages from said manuscript history, and a picture of the book itself; copies of the decree of the Consistorial and Episcopal Court of London, the receipt of the Honorable Thomas F. Bayard for said manuscript history, and the receipt sent by his excellency the governor to said Consistorial and Episcopal Court; an account of the legislative action taken with reference to the presentation and reception of said manuscript history; the addresses of the Honorable George F. Hoar, the Honorable Thomas F. Bayard, and His Excellency Governor Roger Wolcott; and such other papers and illustrations as the committee may deem advisable. The secretary of the Commonwealth shall cause such number of copies of said publication to be printed as will be required for distributing the same as hereinafter provided; and he shall cause the same to be suitably bound. Said copies shall be distributed as follows: — To the governor, fifty copies; to the lieutenant governor, the members of the executive council, the secretary, treasurer, auditor, and attorney-general of the Commonwealth, five copies each; to the secretaries and messengers of the executive department, each one copy; to each member and officer of the general court for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, twelve copies; to each doorkeeper, messenger and page of the general court, one copy; to each reporter regularly assigned a seat, one copy; to the members of the committee which prepare the report, twenty-five copies each; to the Honorable George F. Hoar and the Honorable Thomas F. Bayard, twenty-five copies each; to the state library, twenty copies; to each free public library in the Commonwealth, one copy; to each city and town of the Commonwealth in which there is no free public library, one copy; to each historical society in the Commonwealth, one copy; to the secretary of the Commonwealth for distribution at his discretion, five hundred copies.

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