

investigate traffic conditions at the Groveland bridge, including the advisability of repairing said bridge or replacing it with a new bridge.

Said commission shall, within thirty days of its appointment, transmit to the state department of public works a list of projects designed to relieve or eliminate traffic congestion in and in the vicinity of Boston and elsewhere in the commonwealth. Said department, for the purpose of determining the projects to be planned under this paragraph, may, with the approval of the commission, omit or modify any of said projects or add thereto other projects designed to relieve such traffic congestion; and said department shall, as promptly as possible, prepare plans, specifications, detail of location and amount of necessary land takings or acquisitions, detailed cost of estimates, and all other things necessary or proper as a prerequisite to the actual construction of the projects so determined. Said department shall report in detail to said commission, on or before October first, nineteen hundred and forty-two, the material so prepared and its recommendations in regard thereto.

For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this resolve, there may be expended such sums, not exceeding, in the aggregate, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, as may be appropriated therefor from the Highway Fund, of which sums not more than two hundred and forty thousand dollars may be expended by said department of public works for engineering services and not more than ten thousand dollars may be expended by said commission for expenses and clerical and other assistance.

In addition to the expenditures hereinbefore authorized, the commonwealth may accept and use in connection with any work authorized by this resolve any federal funds or assistance granted or made available under any federal law or otherwise. Authority to make application for such federal funds or federal assistance, whether in relation to urgent improvements of highways strategically important from the standpoint of national defence, or otherwise, is hereby granted to said department of public works or to such other agency of the commonwealth as the governor may designate.

Said commission shall report to the general court its findings and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before the first Wednesday of December in the year nineteen hundred and forty-two.

Approved October 10, 1941.

Chap. 76 RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN ANNUITY FOR WILLIAM H. PRATT OF MARSHFIELD, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE STATE POLICE.

Resolved, That, for the purpose of discharging a moral obligation of the commonwealth, there be allowed and paid

out of the state treasury to William H. Pratt of Marshfield, formerly a member of the state police, who was injured in the performance of his duties as a member of the state police on June twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, an annuity of seven hundred and fifty dollars, payable in equal monthly instalments, for a period of five years commencing June first, nineteen hundred and forty-two. Said annuity shall cease upon the death of said Pratt if it occurs prior to the expiration of said period of five years. No payment shall be made hereunder until there has been filed with the comptroller an agreement signed by said William H. Pratt that the amount, if any, paid or to be paid for legal services rendered in connection with the passage of this resolve shall not exceed ten per cent of the maximum amount payable hereunder. *Approved October 10, 1941.*

RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF ELIZABETH PARKER OF BOSTON, *Chap. 77*
MOTHER OF MARGARET PARKER.

Resolved, That for the purpose of discharging a moral obligation of the commonwealth and after an appropriation has been made therefor, there be allowed and paid out of the state treasury under the direction of the attorney general to Elizabeth Parker of Boston the sum of three thousand dollars, as full compensation for the death of her daughter, Margaret Parker, formerly employed by the commonwealth. Said sum shall be paid in weekly instalments, beginning October first, nineteen hundred and forty-one, not exceeding one thousand dollars for the first payment and not exceeding ten dollars for each succeeding payment. No payment shall be made hereunder until there shall have been filed with the comptroller an agreement signed by said Elizabeth Parker that the amount, if any, paid or to be paid for legal services rendered in connection with the passage of this resolve shall not exceed ten per cent of said sum. *Approved October 10, 1941.*

RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF THE WIDOW OF THE LATE WILLIAM A. *Chap. 78*
JONES.

Resolved, That, for the purpose of promoting the public good, there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth to the widow of the late William A. Jones, who died while a member of the present house of representatives, the balance of the compensation to which he would have been entitled for the current term for which he was elected had he lived and served until the end of said term. Said sum shall be paid from the amount appropriated by item 0101-03 of the general appropriation act of the current year. *Approved October 15, 1941.*