

## HOUSE . . . . No. 390.

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### Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 2, 1868.

The Committee on the State House, to whom was referred the Order to ascertain and report the expense already incurred in altering and repairing the State House, the estimated cost of finishing the same, and when the repairs and alterations will be completed, having duly considered the matter, beg leave to submit the following statement of facts.

The Committee, on the reception of this Order, at once consulted with Mr. Stone, the commissioner, and Mr. Washburn, the architect, who agreed at once to complete their estimates of cost and report immediately to the Committee. These promises have been repeated from day to day, and at last it was definitely decided that they should be completed on Friday last. The Committee adjourned to this, Tuesday morning, for the purpose of giving the fullest opportunity to the commissioner to make a final exhibit.

On the meeting of the Committee this morning, Mr. Stone, the commissioner, was sent for, and the Committee are informed by his family that he has left Boston for an indefinite time, and that his address has been left with the governor. This evasion and probable intention to ignore the authority of the Committee, show an undeniable disposition to override the Order of the legislature, and thus carry these expenses beyond the control of the present session.

The Committee, fully aware of the importance of this Order, at once sent for the architect, and are informed that he, too, has left Boston for New York, to be absent for several days.

In consequence of the singular absence of these gentlemen, the only persons on whom the Committee could depend for facts, the Committee are left entirely without means of information. They report the accompanying Resolve.

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TILLY HAYNES,

*For the Committee.*

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Eight.

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### R E S O L V E

Concerning the Improvements and Repairs of the State House.

*Resolved*, That a special committee of five members of the house, with such as the senate may join, be appointed, who shall sit during the recess of the legislature, and shall be authorized to investigate all the affairs connected with the repairs and alterations of the state house, with power to examine into all contracts and purchases made therefor, and to send for persons and papers.

Chapter eighty-four of the resolves of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven is hereby repealed; but this repeal shall not affect the power or duty of the surviving commissioner to make settlement for work done under said resolve, and it shall be his duty to make a report in writing of his proceedings, and of the expense of the alterations, improvements and repairs in the state house, and of all expenses and payments made under direction of the commissioners in said resolve mentioned, with all payments made to or by them, and of all outstanding, unsettled liabilities and claims on account thereof, on or before the first day of September next, to the committee appointed under authority of this resolve; and said committee shall make a report of their investigations and proceedings to the next general court.

Department of Agriculture

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Six

REVOLVING

Containing the Department and Papers of the State House

Resolved That a special committee of five members of the house be appointed to inquire into the conduct of the several departments of the State House and to report thereon at the next session of the house. The committee shall have the honor to call on the several departments and to examine their books and papers and to report thereon at the next session of the house.

Resolved That the committee of five members of the house appointed on the 12th day of January last to inquire into the conduct of the several departments of the State House and to report thereon at the next session of the house do hereby report that they have the honor to call on the several departments and to examine their books and papers and to report thereon at the next session of the house. The committee find that the several departments of the State House have conducted their business in a regular and orderly manner and that they have complied with the several resolutions of the house in relation to their respective departments. The committee also find that the several departments of the State House have been well supplied with the necessary funds and that they have been able to discharge their respective duties in a satisfactory manner. The committee therefore recommend that the several departments of the State House be continued in their present organization and that they be supplied with the necessary funds for the next session of the house.