

HOUSE No. 227

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

COMMISSION ON WATER SUPPLY FOR THE CITIES OF
SALEM, BEVERLY, WOBURN AND CERTAIN TOWNS,
6 BEACON STREET, ROOM 413, BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 4, 1913.

To the General Court of Massachusetts.

The Commission appointed under the provisions of chapter 85, Resolves of 1912, was duly organized July 1st, 1912, Mr. Thomas W. Proctor being elected chairman. At a later date the Commission appointed Mr. Guy C. Emerson as its engineer and Mr. J. Murray Cox as its secretary. Several meetings of the Commission have been held for the purpose of discussing the questions embodied in the Resolve, and investigations have been conducted by the engineer of the Commission assisted by expert advice. Eleven public hearings have been held by the Commission, and the various interested parties have submitted testimony and suggestions bearing on the subject.

Owing to the circumstances beyond the control of the Commission, it has proved to be impossible to fully complete the investigation and to prepare the report called for in time for presentation as provided in the Resolve; and in the opinion of the Commission, approximately two months' additional time will be required for the purpose.

The amount appropriated for the purposes of this investigation, namely \$5,000, has proved to be entirely inadequate for the expenses absolutely necessary for any comprehensive investigation, and in the opinion of the Commission an additional sum of not less than \$2,500 will be required to complete its work.

We recommend, therefore, that the time for making the final report under the terms of this Resolve be extended to March 1st, 1913, and that an additional sum of \$2,500 be authorized for the additional expenditures which will be necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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CHAS. R. GOW.