

HOUSE No. 512.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 6, 1895.

[Introduced on leave by Mr. COOK of Provincetown. Read and referred to committee on State House.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-five.

AN ACT

To provide for the Reconstruction of the State House.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The state house construction commis-
2 sioners are hereby authorized and directed, in addition
3 to the state house construction authorized by chapter
4 three hundred and ninety-four of the acts of eighteen
5 hundred and eighty-nine, to take down and remove also
6 that part of said state house not covered by said statute,
7 being the front part, and to erect in its place and in con-
8 tinuation of the construction already provided for a new
9 fire-proof front part, restoring, as far as practicable,
10 the exterior architectural contour, outline and appear-
11 ance of the present building and dome with the proper

12 increase of width and height. The detailed drawings
13 and specifications of construction when made shall be
14 submitted to and approved by the governor and council,
15 but no work shall be commenced until plans and speci-
16 cations shall have been prepared and approved.

1 SECT. 2. Said commissioners are hereby authorized
2 to make, on behalf of the Commonwealth, all contracts
3 for the construction of said building, and to employ com-
4 petent architects and a superintendent therefor.

1 SECT. 3. No commissioner appointed under this act
2 shall be directly or indirectly in any way interested in
3 any contract made under this act, under penalty of re-
4 moval from office by the governor and council and pun-
5 ishment as provided in chapter two hundred and five,
6 section eleven, of the Public Statutes.

1 SECT. 4. To meet the expenses incurred under this
2 act, the treasurer and receiver general shall as required,
3 with the approval of the governor and council, issue
4 scrip or certificates of debt in the name and behalf of
5 the Commonwealth, and under its seal and countersigned
6 by the governor, to an amount not exceeding one million
7 five hundred thousand dollars, to be designated, addi-
8 tional state house construction loan; said scrip shall be
9 issued as registered bonds or with interest coupons
10 attached, shall mature not more than twenty years from
11 the date of its issue, shall bear interest at a rate not ex-
12 ceeding three per centum per annum, payable in gold
13 coin semi-annually on the the first days of April and
14 October in each year; shall be redeemable at maturity
15 in gold coin of the United States, and shall be sold in
16 such instalments as the governor and council may deter-
17 mine, by public advertisement to the highest bidder, at

18 not less than the par value thereof, or in such other man-
19 ner as the governor and council may determine to be for
20 the best interests of the Commonwealth.

1 SECT. 5. The treasurer and receiver-general shall,
2 on issuing any of said scrip, establish a sinking fund,
3 and apportion thereto from year to year an amount
4 sufficient, with its accumulations, to extinguish the debt
5 at its maturity. The amount necessary each year to pay
6 the interest and sinking fund requirements of said scrip
7 shall be included in and be made a part of the annual
8 state tax levy, and any premium over the par value of
9 said scrip received on the sale thereof shall form part of
10 the sinking fund for its redemption.

1 SECT. 6. Said commissioners shall annually, in the
2 month of December, report to the governor the progress
3 of the work, the contracts outstanding, the sums ex-
4 pended to the date of such report, and the governor shall
5 transmit such report in print to the legislature with his
6 annual message.

1 SECT. 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

