

HOUSE . . . . . No. 4891

By Mr. Holgate of Boston, petition of Jama A. White that the Commonwealth be required to return certain land to Indian tribes. State Administration.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

**AN ACT REQUIRING THE COMMONWEALTH TO RETURN CERTAIN  
LAND TO CERTAIN INDIAN TRIBES.**

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

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law  
2 to the contrary, the title to any real property which was  
3 formerly held by an Indian tribe of the commonwealth and  
4 which was divested by exercise of the power of eminent  
5 domain so as to be held by the commonwealth or any political  
6 subdivision thereof shall, if such real property has not been  
7 used for the purpose for which it was taken, for any other  
8 public purpose, or is not otherwise being used, be transferred  
9 and returned to the Indian tribe from which it was taken.

The Mr. Speaker of the House of Representatives, please be advised that the Commission on the Administration of the Government is pleased to submit to you the following report.

### The Administration of the Government

Submitted to the House of Representatives

AND BY ORDER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
JAMES H. CLARK, CLERK

Washington, D. C., January 1, 1953

The Commission on the Administration of the Government was organized by the House of Representatives on July 1, 1947, to study and report on the efficiency of the Government's operations. The Commission has since that time held numerous public hearings and has received many suggestions from the public. It has also conducted extensive research into the various agencies and departments of the Government. The Commission believes that the Government can be made more efficient and economical by the adoption of certain reforms. These reforms are set forth in the following report.