

HOUSE...No. 34.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 1, 1859.

The Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Address as relates to persons of foreign birth, and also an Order of January 26, relative to the Resolve providing for an Amendment to the Constitution relative to the Qualification of Voters, have considered the subject, and report that said Article of Amendment ought to be agreed to.

Per Order,

H. C. RICE.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Nine.

RESOLVE

Providing for an Amendment to the Constitution relative to the Qualification of Voters.

Resolved, By both houses, (the same being agreed to by a majority of the senators and two-thirds of the members of the house of representatives, present and voting thereon :—)

That it is expedient to alter the Constitution of this Commonwealth, by adopting the subjoined Article of Amendment, and that the same, as thus agreed to, be entered on the journals of the two houses, with the yeas and nays taken thereon, and referred to the general court next to be chosen, and that the same be published, to the end that, if agreed to by the general court next to be chosen, in the manner provided by the Constitution, it may be submitted to the people for their ratification in order that it may become a part of the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

1 No person of foreign birth shall be entitled to
2 vote, or shall be eligible to office, unless he shall have
3 resided within the jurisdiction of the United States
4 for two years subsequent to his naturalization, and
5 shall be otherwise qualified, according to the consti-
6 tution and laws of this Commonwealth: *provided*,
7 that this amendment shall not affect the rights which
8 any person of foreign birth possessed at the time of
9 the adoption thereof: and, *provided, further*, that it
10 shall not affect the rights of any child of an American
11 citizen born during the temporary absence of the
12 parents abroad.

