

## HOUSE.....No. 13.

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### Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, *Jan. 29, 1842.*

The Committee on Education, to whom was referred so much of the Address of his Excellency the Governor as relates to the Map of the State, ask leave to

### REPORT:

That they have great satisfaction in being able to congratulate the House on the prospect of a speedy termination of this costly and important work. In pursuance of a resolve of the last General Court, authorizing the governor and council to contract for the engraving of the copper-plates at an expense not exceeding four thousand five hundred dollars, a contract was made with an engraver in the city of Boston, to finish the work to the satisfaction of the executive department, for the sum of three thousand eight hundred dollars, and in the month of November last the map was placed in his hands. He expects to deliver the plates in the course of next September, when the map will be ready for printing and publishing.

As a work both of science and of art, the execution of the map has, in its successive stages hitherto, been such as, in the opinion of the committee, cannot fail to reflect great honor upon the Commonwealth; and after the labor of thirteen years,

attended with so liberal an outlay, the committee conceive it to be their duty to recommend such measures,—as to what little remains to be done for the completion of the enterprize,—as may tend to the fulfilment of the high expectations which have been entertained concerning it. With a view to the security of the plates, as well as for the purpose of providing that the printing, mounting, coloring and varnishing, shall be executed in a manner corresponding to the beauty of the previous parts of the work, they propose to have it pass through these processes under the care of a responsible public officer, and to charge him with the duty of distributing certain copies at the expense of the Commonwealth, and then of making such sales to private publishers or others, as will partially reimburse to the treasury the sums expended in past years for the great object now so successfully consummated.

Agreeably to these views, the committee respectfully submit the following resolves.

By order of the committee,

JOHN G. PALFREY, *Chairman.*

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Two.

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### RESOLVES

Concerning the Printing and Publication of the Map of  
the Commonwealth.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth be charged with the delivery of finished copies of the map, as follows; viz. one copy to his excellency the governor, one to the executive department of the Commonwealth, one each for the use of the secretary, treasurer, adjutant general, and land agent of the Commonwealth for the time being, one to the president of the United States, one to the executive department of each State and territory of the Union, one to the library of Congress, one to each town and city, and to each of the incorporated literary institutions, of this Commonwealth, and fifty copies to his excellency the governor, for distribution by him, at his discretion, in the United States or abroad.

*Resolved*, That the aforesaid copies of said map be prepared for distribution, as above provided, under the direc-

tion of the secretary of the Commonwealth, and that he be authorized to make contracts in behalf of the Commonwealth for printing, mounting, coloring, and varnishing the same,—*provided*, that the cost of each map for printing, mounting, coloring and varnishing, shall not exceed the sum of four dollars.

*Resolved*, That the secretary of the Commonwealth cause to be printed, and to be delivered in sheets, one copy of said map to each member of the executive council, Senate, and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-two.

*Resolved*, That his excellency the governor be authorized to draw his warrant upon the treasury for such sums of money as may be required for the execution of the above provisions,—*provided*, that the whole amount do not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars.

*Resolved*, That the secretary be authorized, from time to time, in behalf of the Commonwealth, to procure finished copies of said map, and sell the same to booksellers or others;—*provided*, that he shall, at no one time, make such sale of a less number than one hundred copies; *provided, also*, that every contract for such sale shall be so made as not to extend beyond the then current year.