

surveys and estimates as they may deem necessary as to the advisability and cost of cutting a channel from East bay, in the town of Barnstable, to Vineyard Sound, for the purpose of providing a harbor of refuge; and they shall report thereon to the next general court not later than the first day of February.

Approved June 11, 1901.

RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF SANFORD WESTON.

Chap.103

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars to Sanford Weston, a veteran who served in the United States army in the war of the rebellion and who never received a town bounty for such service. The said Weston was a member of company L, third Massachusetts cavalry.

Sanford
Weston.

Approved June 11, 1901.

RESOLVE TO PROVIDE FOR SURVEYS AND ESTIMATES BY THE BOARD OF HARBOR AND LAND COMMISSIONERS AS TO THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING A SHIP CANAL FROM TAUNTON RIVER TO BOSTON HARBOR.

Chap.104

Resolved, That the board of harbor and land commissioners is hereby directed to make or cause to be made surveys and estimates as to the probable cost of constructing a ship canal beginning at some convenient point on Narragansett bay and Taunton river, harbor or estuary thereof, and extending across the state of Massachusetts through the cities of Taunton and Brockton and the town of Weymouth to Boston harbor by way of Weymouth Fore river. For this purpose the board may employ an engineer or engineers and other assistants, and may expend a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars. The board shall report to the general court not later than the fifteenth day of January in the year nineteen hundred and two. Whatever amount is expended by the board for the purpose authorized by this resolve shall, in the event of the granting of any charter or franchise for the construction of a canal between the points above specified, be repaid to the Commonwealth by the grantee or grantees of such charter or franchise.

Estimate of
cost, etc., of
constructing a
ship canal from
Taunton river
to Boston
harbor.

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