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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**

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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF STATE AID AND PENSIONS,  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, Dec. 6, 1921.

*To the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

In compliance with the provisions of section 33 of chapter 30, General Laws, I have the honor to transmit herewith such part of the annual report of the Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions for the year ending Dec. 31, 1921, as contains recommendation for legislative action, accompanied by draft of bill embodying the legislation recommended.

Respectfully,

RICHARD R. FLYNN,  
*Commissioner.*

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF STATE AID AND PENSIONS.

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When war was declared against the German Empire and laws were enacted by the Legislature to care for soldiers and their dependents, the Commissioner was obliged to appoint an extra force of temporary clerks and stenographers to care for the many applications for aid from the dependents of soldiers. Since the close of the war, the volume of work incident thereto instead of decreasing to normalcy as was expected has increased tremendously because of the many applications for aid owing to the prevailing business depression with the consequent lack of employment, and in order to give prompt and efficient service it was found necessary to retain the services of the temporary stenographers. As I see no prospect of a decrease in the volume of work, I would recommend that the three stenographers now temporarily employed in this Department be made permanent.



