

HOUSE No. 1156

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, Jan. 22, 1918.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

I am advised that the work for which the Commonwealth's steamer "Lexington" was first constructed has practically disappeared, and that its maintenance involves an expense that is largely useless. The steamer, with slight changes, may be used for the towing of coal, and in order that it may be put to that or some similar use, and that we may save twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) a year, I recommend that the Chief of the District Police be authorized, with the approval of the Governor and Council, to sell the steamer.

The enclosed bill has been drawn by the Attorney General, and I recommend its careful consideration by the Legislature.

SAMUEL W. McCALL.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen.

AN ACT

To authorize the Sale of the Steamer "Lexington," now owned by the Commonwealth.

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

1 SECTION 1. The chief of the district police, with the
2 approval of the governor and council, is hereby au-
3 thorized to sell the steamer now owned by the common-
4 wealth, known as the "Lexington", and he is directed to
5 pay the proceeds of such sale into the treasury of the
6 commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. The captain of the district police force,
2 now commanding the said steamer, shall be assigned to
3 permanent duty as captain of the detective department
4 of the district police, with the salary provided for the
5 captain of the district police by chapter eight hundred
6 and thirty-four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred
7 and thirteen.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.