

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
BOSTON, June 11, 1883.

*To the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

SIR:—I send herewith the enrolled bill relating to the Plymouth House of Correction, which was not in my office at the time I sent in the message.

I have placed in the hands of the Secretary of State the bill making appropriation for the support of the Tewksbury Almshouse. Both of these bills came to me from outside of the State House, being found in the city.

I do not, at the present time, feel at liberty to give any further information as to when, how, and where found, because I am causing an inquiry to be made, in an endeavor to trace the loss, or taking, as any disclosures might interfere with the progress of that inquiry.

I feel certain, so far as I have gone, that they were in some way taken from the Executive office, but by whom, how, and when, I cannot possibly tell. The latter bill I find upon reliable evidence was outside of the State House on June first. How much earlier than that, I do not know.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

BENJ. F. BUTLER.





