

By Mr. Putnam of Marblehead (by request) petition of John Beresford Hatch that provision be made for the preservation as an historical site of the location on Cornhill in Boston where William Lloyd Garrison's newspaper, the *Liberator*, was published. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE SITE OF THE
"LIBERATOR" ON CORNHILL IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

1 *Whereas*, Since the historic site of Lloyd Garrison's *Liberator*
2 is in imminent danger of demolition in the name of Progress, and
3 *Whereas*, Since it is the assumption of those favoring demoli-
4 tion of Cornhill and the Garrison site . . . "That Cornhill
5 belongs to Boston and may do with its own as it wishes,"; and
6 *Whereas*, Since the city of Boston is more the guardian of the
7 site rather than owner free to let loose the bulldozers any time
8 in the name of progress; and
9 *Whereas*, Since Cornhill was the stamping ground of distin-
10 guished exponents of the American revolutionary ideal, of such
11 men as Adams, Jefferson, Revere . . . Hawthorne, Emerson,
12 Thoreau and many others, all of whom contributed much indeed
13 to the intellectual, religious and moral growth of America; and
14 *Whereas*, Since it was on Cornhill where articulators of the
15 American ideal first saw some of their mighty literary contribu-
16 tions in print, in books, pamphlets — and in Garrison's *Liberator*.
17 At the risk of being hanged in Boston, Editor Garrison's news-
18 paper was largely responsible for causing Negro slavery to be
19 made illegal in this country. On this historic hill the gallant
20 leaders in the western world had planned and fashioned a whole
21 new way of life, which earned for the city of Boston the honorable
22 title of being the Athens of America; the Hub of Culture for the
23 New World; and

24 *Whereas*, Since demolition of the site of Garrison's *Liberator*
25 would constitute a grim and sinister affront against the Fourth
26 Estate in this country . . . and might very well incite the wrath
27 of every newspaper editor in this country, and, bestir every his-
28 torian, college and university professor in North America to
29 point indignant but academic fingers of scorn at the city of
30 Boston, crying; . . . "for shame, for shame upon the city that
31 let the bulldozers destroy another great American historic site."

32 *Therefore be it Resolved*, That the great and honorable general
33 court of Massachusetts take extraordinary steps and act with
34 haste to prevent demolition of the site of William Lloyd Garri-
35 son's *Liberator* on Cornhill in Boston, and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the site of the *Liberator* on Cornhill in Boston
37 shall be preserved as an historical site in respect to the proud
38 heritage belonging to us all in the United States of America and
39 shall not be demolished.