

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 272.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 23, 1896.

[Mr. TUTTLE of Boston asks leave to introduce this bill. Referred to  
Committee on State House.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-six.

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## AN ACT

To provide for the Reconstruction of the State House.

*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 state house construction commission-  
2 ers are hereby authorized and directed, in addition to the  
3 state house construction authorized by chapter three hun-  
4 dred and ninety-four of the acts of eighteen hundred and  
5 eighty-nine, to take down and remove also that part of  
6 said state house not covered by said statute, being the  
7 front part, and to erect in its place and in continuation  
8 of the construction already provided for, a new fire-proof  
9 front part, restoring, as far as practicable, the exterior  
10 architectual contour, outline and appearance of the pres-  
11 ent building and dome with the proper increase of width

12 and height. The detailed drawings and specifications of  
13 construction when made shall be submitted to and ap-  
14 proved by the governor and council, but no work shall  
15 be commenced until plans and specifications shall have  
16 been prepared and approved.

1     SECT. 2. Said commissioners are hereby authorized  
2 to make, on behalf of the Commonwealth, all contracts  
3 for the construction of said building, and to employ com-  
4 petent architects and a superintendent therefor.

1     SECT. 3. No commissioner appointed under this act  
2 shall be directly or indirectly in any way interested in  
3 any contract made under this act, under penalty of re-  
4 moval from office by the governor and council and pun-  
5 ishment as provided in chapter two hundred and five,  
6 section eleven, of the Public Statutes.

1     SECT. 4. To meet the expenses incurred under this  
2 act, the treasurer and receiver general shall as required,  
3 with the approval of the governor and council, issue  
4 scrip or certificates of debt in the name and behalf of  
5 the Commonwealth, and under its seal and countersigned  
6 by the governor, to an amount not exceeding one million  
7 five hundred thousand dollars, to be designated, addi-  
8 tional state house construction loan; said scrip shall be  
9 issued as registered bonds or with interest coupons  
10 attached, shall mature not more than twenty years from  
11 the date of its issue, shall bear interest at a rate not ex-  
12 ceeding three per centum per annum, payable in gold  
13 coin semi-annually on the first days of April and  
14 October in each year; shall be redeemable at maturity  
15 in gold coin of the United States, and shall be sold in  
16 such instalments as the governor and council may deter-

17 mine, by public advertisement, to the highest bidder, at  
18 not less than the par value thereof, or in such other man-  
19 ner as the governor and council may determine to be for  
20 the best interests of the Commonwealth.

1   SECT. 5. The treasurer and receiver-general shall, on  
2 issuing any of said scrip, establish a sinking fund, and  
3 apportion thereto from year to year an amount sufficient,  
4 with its accumulations, to extinguish the debt at its ma-  
5 turity. The amount necessary each year to pay the in-  
6 terest and sinking fund requirements of said scrip shall  
7 be included in and be made a part of the annual state tax  
8 levy, and any premium over the par value of said scrip  
9 received on the sale thereof shall form part of the sink-  
10 ing fund for its redemption.

1   SECT. 6. Said commissioners shall annually, in the  
2 month of December, report to the governor the progress  
3 of the work, the contracts outstanding, the sums ex-  
4 pended to the date of such report, and the governor shall  
5 transmit such report in print to the legislature with his  
6 annual message.

1   SECT. 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

