

(Archives Division)



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

Frederic W. Cook,
Secretary

Boston, January 9, 1936.

Mr. F. E. Winslow,
c/o The Royal Trust Company,
1202 Government Street,
Victoria, British Columbia.

Dear Sir:

The Secretary of the Commonwealth desires me to extend to you his sincere thanks (on behalf of the Commonwealth) for your very kind donation of a photostatic copy of the Massachusetts memorial to Queen Anne in 1704. It will be endorsed with a statement of its gift by you and filed in the place in the Archives in which the original should appear.

The records of the Council and of the House of Deputies have reference to its passing back and forth between the two bodies for amendment, and to its final passage. In the copy of the Province Laws, printed 1895, it is stated that no copy of the address is found in the Archives. Doubtless the original copy drafted for transmission to Her Majesty may be found in the Colonial Archives at London, and perhaps historians have consulted it in their work.

For what reason or in what way the paper in your possession was discarded or otherwise disappeared from our Archives can be only a matter of conjecture. The changes in the text, as shown in the photostat, may some day have interest to some historian as indicating what was in the minds of the drafters and was not approved for inclusion in the final draft.

At any rate, we are glad to have the copy, to make our state's archives more complete.

Please permit me to add my thanks to those of the Secretary for your kindness in making the gift.

Very truly yours,

Albert H. Hall.

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Albert H. Hall,
Chief of Archives Division.