

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN.

**RESOLVED**, That the Selectmen of the several Towns, and the Assessors of Plantations in this Commonwealth, be required to ascertain the number of DEAF and DUMB persons within their respective Towns and Plantations, and report the same to the Secretary of this Commonwealth, on or before the first Wednesday of the next session of this General Court; specifying the age and sex of such persons, and their situation, and that of their near relatives, in point of property.

And the Secretary of this Commonwealth is hereby ordered to cause to be printed, a sufficient number of this Resolve, and to transmit the same, as soon as may be, to the Selectmen of the several Towns, and to the Assessors of Plantations in this Commonwealth; and to make report to this Legislature, of all returns which he may receive, in pursuance of this Resolve, on or before the second Wednesday of the next session of the present General Court.

*And be it further resolved*, That the Secretary of this Commonwealth cause to be published, this Resolve, in all the newspapers in which the Laws of this Commonwealth are printed, six weeks successively, prior to the first Wednesday of the next session of the General Court.

Approved, June 12, 1817.

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A. BRADFORD, *Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE, JUNE 25, 1817.

THE foregoing Resolve is transmitted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in compliance with a direction therein contained; with a request, that the Selectmen would make a seasonable return to the Office of the Secretary of the State, in Boston, of the number of DEAF and DUMB persons within your town, specifying their age and sex, and their situation, and that of their near relatives, in point of property.

*The Selectmen of Deerfield* }