

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN CONVENTION, Dec. 23, 1820,

1 *Resolved*, That every religious society,
2 incorporated, or not incorporated, shall
3 have power to raise monies for the support
4 of their respective teachers and incidental
5 expences, in such manner as they shall de-
6 termine by the vote of a majority of the
7 legal voters assembled at any meeting,
8 warned and held according to law.

9 And every person shall have and enjoy
10 the full liberty of uniting with, and paying
11 to the support of, whatever religious soci-
12 ety he may choose, within the limits of this
13 Commonwealth, whether incorporated or
14 not. And every person neglecting to unite
15 himself with some religious society for the
16 purposes aforesaid, shall be classed with
17 the Parish or Precinct in which he may
18 reside, and shall be liable to be taxed by
19 the same.

20 And every denomination of christians,
21 demeaning themselves peaceably, and as
22 good subjects of the Commonwealth, shall
23 be equally under the protection of the law;
24 and no subordination of any sect or denom-
25 ination to another, shall ever be establish-
26 ed by law.