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BUILDING FOR SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, January 8, 1917.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—In response to a communication from the United Spanish War Veterans I have received the appended decision and report of the Corporation Counsel relative to the building on Eustis street, Roxbury, formerly occupied as a chemical fire station by the Fire Department. The Fire Department having recently reconstructed Ladder House 4, on Dudley street, and installed there the apparatus formerly located at Eustis street, the building is no longer of service to the Fire Department. I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Law Department, December 29, 1916.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—Upon examination of the title of the City of Boston to the property on Eustis street, formerly used by the Fire Department for an engine house, and now vacant, I find no restrictions which would prohibit the city from leasing it to a camp of the Legion of Spanish War Veterans.

The statute, Revised Laws, chapter 25, section 13, authorizes cities and towns to lease public buildings or parts thereof to a post of the Grand Army of the Republic or a camp of the Legion of Spanish War Veterans, for a period of not more than five years, upon such terms as the city or town may think fit and proper. The city has authority under this statute to lease the Eustis Street Engine House property to a camp of the Legion of Spanish War Veterans for a term not exceeding five years.

It is customary in leases of this sort to insert a provision that the city may terminate the lease upon ninety days' notice in writing.

Yours respectfully,

GEORGE A. FLYNN,

Assistant Corporation Counsel.

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Ordered, That the custody of the building formerly occupied as a chemical fire station at Eustis street, Roxbury, be transferred from the Fire Department to the Public Buildings Department; and be it further

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to lease to the United Spanish War Veterans the said premises for a period not exceeding five years, the lease to be subject to termination on ninety days' notice, at a nominal rental and subject to such conditions as may be satisfactory to the Law Department.

Referred to the Executive Committee.