

SENATE.....

.....No. 74.

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**AN ACT**

TO ESTABLISH THE

**GRANITE BRIDGE CORPORATION.**

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**

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SENATE, March 14, 1837.

The Joint Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred the Petition of Edward Glover and others, for liberty to construct a toll over Neponset River, and sundry other petitions in aid of said Petition—and the Remonstrances of Walter Baker and others—Samuel K. Glover and others—and the Quincy Granite Company against said petition, have had the same under consideration, and report the accompanying bill.

Per Order of the Committee,

L. CHILD, *Chairman.*

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-  
Seven.

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### AN ACT

To establish the Granite Bridge Corporation.

**BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

1 SEC. 1. That Edward Glover, Thomas Taylor  
2 and Lewis Pierce, and their associates, successors  
3 and assigns, be and they hereby are constituted a cor-  
4 poration, by the name of "The Proprietors of the  
5 Granite Bridge;" with all the powers and privileges,  
6 and subject to the liabilities, contained in the forty-  
7 fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

1 SEC. 2. That said corporation be and they are  
2 hereby authorized to locate, build and construct, or to  
3 cause to be built and constructed, a road, beginning  
4 at a point on the old county road at or near the store

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5 of I. Babcock, Jr. in the town of Milton, in the coun-  
6 ty of Norfolk; thence running north ten and three  
7 quarters degrees west, about two hundred and seven-  
8 ty-two rods; thence turning and running north nine-  
9 teen degrees west, about fifty-six rods; thence turn-  
10 ing and running north twenty-five and a half degrees  
11 west, about one hundred and twenty-eight rods, to  
12 the Neponset river; and to locate, build and construct  
13 a bridge across said river, in continuation of said last  
14 mentioned line of said road to Dorchester, in said  
15 county of Norfolk; and thence to continue said road  
16 running north eight and three quarters degrees west,  
17 about one hundred and eight rods to the lower road  
18 in Dorchester, so called, on or near the land of Rev.  
19 Ephraim Randall; said bridge to be built and con-  
20 structed with a good and sufficient draw, as wide as  
21 the draw of the present Neponset bridge; said draw  
22 to be located by Commissioners, to be appointed by  
23 the Governor, with advice of Council, at the expense  
24 of said corporation; and shall erect a wharf or pier  
25 near said draw, on each side of said bridge, for the  
26 accommodation of vessels passing through the same;  
27 said draw and said wharves to be planked upon the  
28 inside, from the top of low water to the top of said  
29 draw and wharves; said wharves to be at the south-  
30 erly end of said bridge, and to extend seventy-five  
31 feet in length on each side of said draw in a straight  
32 line with the southerly side of said draw; and said  
33 bridge, together with the wharves and piers, shall be  
34 built of good and sufficient materials; the bridge not  
35 to be less than thirty feet in width.

1 SEC. 3. That said corporation shall be held liable  
2 to keep said bridge and draw in good repair, and to

3 raise the draw, and afford all necessary and proper  
4 accommodation to vessels having occasion to pass the  
5 same, by day or by night; and shall keep a sufficient  
6 light for vessels at said draw; and if any vessel shall  
7 be unreasonably delayed or hindered in passing said  
8 draw, by the negligence of said corporation or their  
9 agents in discharging the duties enjoined by this act,  
10 the owners or commanders of such vessels may receive  
11 reasonable damages therefor, of said corporation, in  
12 an action on the case, before any court proper to try  
13 the same; and on one side of said bridge there shall  
14 be an inside railing, five feet distant from the outside  
15 railing, for the safety of passengers.

1 SEC. 4. The said corporation may lay out their  
2 road on the upland not less than three and not more  
3 than four rods wide, and on the marsh not less than  
4 five and not more than six rods wide, and may pur-  
5 chase or take land and gravel for the construction  
6 thereof, in the same way and manner as rail-road  
7 corporations are allowed to do, by the thirty-ninth  
8 chapter of the Revised Statutes; and said corpora-  
9 tion shall be holden to pay for all damages to any  
10 and all real estate which shall be taken for the use of  
11 said road or bridge, which damages shall be estimated  
12 and assessed as is provided in the twenty-fourth chap-  
13 ter of the Revised Statutes, on Highways.

1 SEC. 5. That for the purpose of reimbursing the  
2 said proprietors for the money expended and to be  
3 expended in building and supporting said road and  
4 bridge, a toll be and hereby is granted for the sole  
5 benefit of said proprietors, according to the rates fol-  
6 lowing:—For each person and horse, three cents;  
7 for each horse and cart, four cents; for each team

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8 drawn by more than one beast, five cents; for each  
9 horse and chaise, or sulkey, six cents; for each horse  
10 and sleigh, four cents; for each coach, chariot, phaeton  
11 or curricule, ten cents; for each man and wheelbarrow,  
12 one cent; for each horse and neat cattle, exclusive of those  
13 in teams, or rode on, one cent: the said toll to commence  
14 from the time when said road and bridge shall be open for  
15 travel, and to be demanded only for passing over said bridge;  
16 and when said proprietors shall be reimbursed, the money by  
17 them expended in and about the building said road and bridge,  
18 and other necessary expenses, with six per cent. annual  
19 interest thereon, which expenses shall not include the  
20 compensation of any officer of the corporation, except the  
21 treasurer, then the said bridge shall revert to and become  
22 the property of the Commonwealth, and shall be surrendered  
23 by said proprietors, in good repair, and the obligations herein  
24 imposed on said corporation shall then cease.

1 SEC. 6. The stock of said corporation, shall be divided  
2 into three hundred shares; and no assessments shall be laid  
3 on said shares over and above the sum of fifty dollars on each  
4 share.

1 SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of said proprietors as soon  
2 as said road and bridge are completed, to make to the Governor  
3 and Council an exhibit of the cost of the same, which shall not  
4 exceed the sum of fifteen thousand dollars; and on the second  
5 Monday of January, annually, to exhibit as aforesaid, a statement  
6 of the profits accruing from the toll, stating particularly the  
7 amount of money received, and the amount expended; the  
8 expenses in no case to exceed fifteen hundred dollars annually;  
9 all said statements to be

11 sworn to by the treasurer; and if said corporation  
12 shall not, within three years from the passing of this  
13 act, locate, construct, build and complete said bridge,  
14 agreeably to the provisions of this act, then this act  
15 shall be null and void.

