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HOUSE No. 347.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 30, 1867.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was recommitted the Bill to aid the construction of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad, and several Petitions in aid thereof, have considered the same, and

R E P O R T :

That it ought to pass with the following amendments, viz. :—

At the end of section one, insert the following words: “The interest on such portion of the scrip authorized by this act as shall be expressed in the currency of Great Britain, and the cost of exchange, shall be paid by the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company in coin or its equivalent, at the option of the treasurer of the Commonwealth.”

In section second, in the second line, after the word “council,” insert the words, “and attorney-general;” and in the thirty-second line, after the word “council,” insert the words, “and commissioners provided for in the sixth section of this act.”

In section third, in the second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth lines, strike out the words, “a bond executed by said company to the Commonwealth and delivered to the treasurer of the

Commonwealth in a form approved by the attorney-general of the Commonwealth," and insert the words, "an agreement shall have been executed by said company to the Commonwealth in a form approved by the attorney-general of the Commonwealth, and delivered to the treasurer of the Commonwealth." In the ninth line, after the words, "from all," insert the words, "expenses incurred, or." In the seventeenth line, strike out the word "bond," and insert the word "agreement." In the same line, strike out the words, "twenty-five thousand dollars," and insert the words, "thirty-three thousand three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three and one-third cents."

In section fourth, in the fifth line, after the word "named," insert the words, "in the fifth section of this act."

At the end of section fifth, add the following: "Said commissioners shall keep a true record of all their proceedings; they shall annually, in the month of January, make a report to the legislature, setting forth their proceedings for the year preceding, the amount and condition of said funds, and the income of the several parts thereof for the year; which records and securities, and the books of account belonging thereto, shall, at all times, be open to the inspection of the governor and council, or of any committee of the legislature; and the said commissioners shall receive for their services, from the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company, the sum of one hundred dollars each, annually."

In section sixth, in the second and third lines, strike out the words, "may appoint a competent civil engineer," and insert the words, "may appoint three commissioners, one of whom shall be a competent civil engineer." In the twelfth line, strike out the word "engineer," and insert the word "commissioners."

In section seventh, in the third line, after the word "council," insert the words "and commissioners," and in the ninth line, after the word "council," insert the words "and commissioners."

In section eighth, strike out the word "agent," and insert the words "the commissioners."

MOSES KIMBALL, *Chairman.*