To accompany the petition of George B. Churchill for the improvement of the highway between the towns of Belchertown and Amherst. Roads and Bridges.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

AN ACT

To provide for the Improvement of the Highway between the Towns of Belchertown and Amherst.

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

1 Section 1. The Massachusetts highway commission is hereby directed to expend the sum of forty thousand dollars, during the present year, in the construction and improvement of the highway leading from Belchertown to Amherst, in order that the way may be made safe and convenient for public travel. Neither said way nor any part thereof shall thereby become a state highway, but the way shall be maintained and kept in good repair by the town or towns in which it is situated until such time as it shall become a
12 state highway. This act shall not be construed as prohibiting the laying out and construction of said way or any part thereof as a state highway under the laws applicable thereto whenever said commission shall deem it expedient so to do. Any unexpended balance of the sum hereby authorized to be expended may be used in the succeeding year for the same purpose.

1 Section 2. For the purpose of meeting the expenditures hereby authorized, the treasurer and receiver general is hereby empowered, with the approval of the governor and council, to issue bonds or certificates of indebtedness to an amount not exceeding forty thousand dollars for a term of not exceeding fifteen years. Such bonds or certificates of indebtedness shall be issued as registered bonds or with interest coupons attached and shall bear interest at such rate as the treasurer and receiver general, with the approval of the governor and council, may determine, payable semi-annually. They shall be designated on their face, State Highway Loan, shall be countersigned by the governor, and shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the commonwealth; and the principal and interest thereof shall be paid at the time specified therein, in gold coin of the United States or its equivalent. They shall be sold at public auction, or disposed of in such other manner, at such times and prices, in such amounts and at such rates of interest, not exceeding the rate above specified, as shall be deemed best.