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Accompanying the petition of the county commissioners and treasurer of the county of Bristol relative to the issuance by counties of notes in connection with the construction or maintenance of hospitals for tuberculous patients. Counties. January 11.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-One.

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### AN ACT

Relative to the Issuance by Counties of Notes in Connection with the Construction or Maintenance of Hospitals for Tuberculous Patients.

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

1 Chapter eighty of the General Acts of nineteen hun-  
2 dred and eighteen is hereby amended by striking out,  
3 beginning in the ninth line, the words "with interest at  
4 a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum, payable  
5 semi-annually, except that during the continuance of the  
6 present war and for one year thereafter the rate of inter-  
7 est may exceed five per cent per annum when necessary.",  
8 — so that it will read as follows:— *Section 6.* County  
9 commissioners are authorized and directed in carrying  
10 out the provisions of this act, to raise and expend such

11 sums of money for acquiring land and constructing and  
12 equipping hospitals, and for the purchase, alteration and  
13 enlargement of existing buildings, and for all other pur-  
14 poses which may be necessary to carry out the provisions  
15 of this act. They are authorized to borrow on the credit  
16 of the county the said sums of money and to issue the  
17 notes of the county therefor. The notes shall be signed  
18 by the county treasurer and countersigned by a majority  
19 of the county commissioners. The county may sell the  
20 said securities at public or private sale on such terms  
21 or conditions as may be deemed proper, but the proceeds  
22 shall be used only for the purposes specified by this act:  
23 *provided, however,* that such securities as are issued at  
24 an interest rate exceeding five per cent per annum shall  
25 be sold at public sale. Said notes may be renewed from  
26 time to time until such time as all the cities and towns  
27 liable have paid to the county treasurer the amounts  
28 assessed. All reimbursements from cities and towns shall  
29 be applied to the payment of temporary debt incurred  
30 under the provisions of this act by said counties.



