

HOUSE No. 688.

[Bill accompanying the petition of Elihu B. Hayes and others. Roads
and Bridges.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-six.

AN ACT

To Improve the Highways of the Commonwealth and to aid
Towns in the Construction and Maintenance of Better
Roads.

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

1 Upon the application of the county commissioners of
2 any county to the governor and council, there shall be fur-
3 nished, at the expense of the Commonwealth, one or more
4 steam rollers, portable stone crushers, and such other
5 road machines as the governor and council may deem
6 necessary and best adapted to the making of good roads
7 in the respective localities.

8 Such machines shall remain the property of the Com-
9 monwealth and be managed and maintained under the
10 direction of the county commissioners.

11 The county commissioners shall engage competent
12 engineers and skilled mechanics to operate said machines,
13 who shall be paid from the county treasury such sums for
14 each day's actual service as the county commissioner may
15 determine. One half the expense so incurred shall be re-
16 paid to the county by the Commonwealth.

17 The treasurer shall pay from the treasury of the Com-
18 monwealth such sums as may be necessary to carry out
19 the provisions of this act.

