

HOUSE No. 1209.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 13, 1896.

The committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 688) of Elihu B. Hayes and others for legislation for improving the highways of the Commonwealth, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

EDWARD O. NORTHWAY.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 14, 1896.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill to improve the highways of the Commonwealth and to aid towns in the construction and maintenance of better roads, report that it ought to pass in a new draft herewith submitted.

For the Committee,

ALBERT L. HARWOOD.

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 SECTION 1. Upon the application of the county com-
2 missioners of any county, made at the request of any
3 town, within said county, of not more than eight thou-
4 sand inhabitants, to the Massachusetts highway commis-
5 sion, there shall be furnished to said county, at the ex-
6 pense of the Commonwealth, one or more steam rollers,
7 portable stone crushers and such other road machines as
8 the said highway commission may deem necessary. Such
9 machines shall remain the property of the Commonwealth
10 and be managed and maintained under the direction of
11 the county commissioners. The county commissioners
12 shall engage competent engineers and skilled mechanics
13 to operate said machines, who shall be paid from the
14 county treasury such sums for each day's actual services
15 as the county commissioners may determine. The ex-

16 penses so incurred shall be repaid to the county by the
17 towns, as apportioned by the county commissioners, in
18 proportion to the time in which such machines were used
19 by them.

1 SECT. 2. Chapter four hundred and eighty-six of the
2 Acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five is
3 hereby repealed.

1 SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

