

HOUSE No. 1314.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 11, 1896.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill to authorize and direct the County Commissioners of the county of Essex to rebuild and reconstruct the bridge over the Merrimac River between the city of Newburyport and the town of Salisbury, report recommending that the same be amended by substituting therefor the accompanying Bill, and that when so amended the same will be correctly drawn.

For the Committee,

JOHN L. BATES.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relative to the Bridge over the Merrimac River between
Newburyport and Salisbury.

*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 county commissioners of the county
2 of Essex shall, subject to the provisions of chapter twenty-
3 nine of the Public Statutes, rebuild the bridge over the
4 Merrimac river between Newburyport and Salisbury, or
5 such portions thereof as they judge to be unsafe for pub-
6 lic travel, and shall replace such portions of the bridge as
7 are removed with an iron or steel structure, with stone
8 piers and abutments. Said bridge shall have a pivot-
9 draw with an opening in the clear not less than that of
10 the present draw, with suitable draw fender piers.

1 SECT. 2. The expense incurred under this act shall
2 be paid in the first instance from the treasury of the
3 county of Essex; but at least forty per cent. of said
4 expense shall, after due notice and hearing, be assessed
5 by said commissioners upon the city of Newburyport and

6 upon such towns as in their judgment derive a special
7 benefit from said repairs, and in such proportion as said
8 commissioners deem proper. And the amounts so
9 assessed shall be paid by said city and towns into the
10 treasury of the county.

1 SECT. 3. Said commissioners may reimburse the city
2 of Newburyport and the town of Salisbury from the
3 treasury of the county of Essex for not exceeding sixty
4 per cent. of the amount already expended by said city and
5 town in making repairs on said bridge, for which in the
6 judgment of said commissioners said city and town ought
7 to be reimbursed.

1 SECT. 4. Said commissioners may borrow on the
2 credit of the county such sum of money as may be re-
3 quired to carry out the provisions of this act, and shall
4 apply said money to the purpose for which it is borrowed.

1 SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

