

SENATE....No. 15.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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IN SENATE, January 22, 1867.

The Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was committed the Petition of the Managers of the Port Society of the city of Boston and the Seamen's Aid Society, for a union of the two corporation under one charter, report the accompanying Bill.

Per order,

GEO. S. BALL.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-  
Seven.

### AN ACT

To incorporate the Managers of the Boston Port and Seamen's Aid Society, and to unite the Corporations called the Managers of the Port Society of the City of Boston and its vicinity, and the Seamen's Aid Society.

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

1. SECT. 1. Albert Fearing, John A. Andrew,
- 2 Charles Henry Parker, Benjamin Thaxter, Nathaniel
- 3 A. Barrett, William Perkins, James M. Barnard,
- 4 William G. Weld, Henry Pigeon, William Rogers,
- 5 Edward T. Taylor, Catherine C. Fearing, Deborah
- 6 Taylor, Abby Rhoades, Ann E. Coffin, Nancy Fair-
- 7 banks, Helen E. Tracy, Deborah Brigham, Margaret
- 8 Fiske, their associate and successors, are hereby made
- 9 a corporation, by the name of the Managers of the
- 10 Boston Port and Seamen's Aid Society, with power to

11 hold real and personal estate to the amount of two  
12 hundred thousand dollars, for the purposes of improv-  
13 ing the moral, religious and general condition of sea-  
14 men and their families in Boston and its vicinity ; of  
15 relieving sick and disabled seamen and their families ;  
16 of affording aid and encouragement to poor and indus-  
17 trious seamen, and promoting the education of sea-  
18 men's children ; and the said corporation may  
19 appoint all such officers as may be convenient for the  
20 management of their affairs, and may fix their com-  
21 pensation and define their duties and obligations, and  
22 may make and adopt such by-laws and regulations as  
23 may be necessary for the government of the said cor-  
24 poration, not repugnant to the laws and constitution  
25 of this Commonwealth.

1 SECT. 2. The number of managers shall never be  
2 more than twenty-five, of whom at least seven shall  
3 be women, and of whom nine shall constitute a  
4 quorum for the transaction of business ; and all  
5 vacancies in the said board shall be filled by election  
6 by the remaining members of the said board. And  
7 the supreme judicial court, on petition of a majority  
8 of the board, shall have jurisdiction in equity to  
9 remove from office any manager, when, from any  
10 cause, he shall have become unable or unfit, in their  
11 judgment, to discharge the duties of his office.

1 SECT. 3. The said managers shall keep a fair  
2 record of all their proceedings, and a correct state-  
3 ment of funds in their possession, and of their income,  
4 receipts and expenditures. They shall receive no  
5 compensation for their services as such managers ;

6 but the corporation may make reasonable compensa-  
7 tion for services rendered by the secretary and treas-  
8 urer in the performance of the duties of their offices.

1     SECT. 4. The two corporations now known by  
2 the names of "The Managers of the Port Society of  
3 the City of Boston and its vicinity," and "The Sea-  
4 men's Aid Society," are hereby united and merged in  
5 the corporation established by this act.

1     SECT. 5. The corporation established by this act  
2 shall have, hold, possess and enjoy all the franchises,  
3 property and estates which now are or may be held  
4 and enjoyed by either or both of the said former cor-  
5 porations, and all gifts, legacies and devises which  
6 have been made or shall be hereafter made to either  
7 or both of the said former corporations; and it shall  
8 be subject to all the duties, restrictions, obligations  
9 and liabilities to which the said corporations severally  
10 are subject, so far as the same may be consistent with  
11 this act; and all suits at law or in equity, and all pro-  
12 ceedings before any tribunal, which may be pending,  
13 to which either of said former corporations is a party,  
14 may be prosecuted and defended by the corporation  
15 established by this act, in like manner, and with the  
16 same effect, as might have been done by the said  
17 former corporations, or either of them, if this act had  
18 not been passed.

1     SECT. 6. The corporation established by this act  
2 shall never be perverted to sectarian purposes; and,  
3 in case of such abuse of the corporate property of  
4 the said society, the supreme judicial court, upon

5 information filed by the attorney-general, may inquire  
6 into such abuse, and may make all proper decrees  
7 needful to correct the same.

1   SECT. 7. The said John A. Andrew is hereby  
2 authorized to call the first meeting of the said man-  
3 agers, by giving notice of the time, place and purpose  
4 of such meeting at least seven days before the time  
5 of holding the same, by publication thereof in the  
6 "Boston Daily Advertiser," and by a copy thereof in  
7 hand, or through the mail, to each manager.

