

SENATE....No. 56.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN SENATE, March 17th, 1847.

The Joint Standing Committee on Railways and Canals, to which was committed the Petition of Charles R. Atwood and others, praying for authority to construct a Branch Rail-road in the town of Taunton, report the accompanying Bill.

C. B. RISING, *Chairman.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To establish the Weir Branch Rail-road Corporation.

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. Charles R. Atwood, Hezekiah W. Church,
2 Jona. W. Ingell, William H. Ingell, their associates and
3 successors, are hereby made a corporation, by the
4 name of the Weir Branch Rail-road Corporation, with
5 all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the
6 duties, liabilities and restrictions, contained in the
7 forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes, and in
8 that part of the thirty-ninth chapter of said Statutes,
9 which relates to rail-road corporations, and in the
10 public statutes subsequently passed, relating to such
11 corporations.

1 SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to
2 locate, construct and maintain, a rail-road, with one
3 or more tracks, from the New Bedford and Taunton
4 Rail-road, commencing at a point on said road, in
5 Taunton, near the Stone Ware Manufactory, thence
6 diverging from said road towards the Weir Village,
7 by a curve of 230 feet radius, a distance of 400 feet,
8 when it enters the public highway leading from the
9 Neck of Land Bridge (so called), thence along the
10 southern edge of the road 650 feet, thence 200 feet
11 on the margin of a bend in Taunton River at the foot
12 of Weir Street ; thence 90 feet, passing near the mar-
13 gin of said river, and near the engine-house, to the
14 centre of the street leading through that portion of
15 the Weir Village which is situate on the north side
16 of the river ; thence along the centre of said street
17 738 feet, until it reaches the south side of said street,
18 along the wharves occupied by A. J. Bosworth, Ma-
19 comber and others ; thence along said wharves 1062
20 feet, to a point near the store occupied by Crocker,
21 Brothers & Co. ; thence near the river 550 feet, to
22 the Old Brewery Wharf, (so called), with the privilege
23 of deviating from a point on the said New Bedford
24 and Taunton Rail-road, 330 feet north of the point
25 above mentioned, near the Stone Ware Manufactory,
26 and diverging thence, by a curve of 620 feet radius,
27 700 feet, until it enters the south side of the high-
28 way above stated, and thence along the road as be-
29 fore mentioned.

1 SECT. 3. The capital stock of said corporation
2 shall consist of not more than one hundred and
3 twenty shares, and no assessment shall be laid there-

4 on of a greater amount, in the whole, than one hun-
5 dred dollars on each share : and the said corporation
6 may take, purchase and hold such real estate, within
7 this Commonwealth, as may be necessary or conve-
8 nient for the purposes of their incorporation.

1 SECT. 4. If the location of said rail-road be not
2 filed, according to law, within one year from the pas-
3 sage of this act, or, if the said rail-road shall not be
4 completed in two years from the passage of this act,
5 the same shall be void.

1 SECT. 5. The said corporation may transfer their
2 rights, privileges, franchises and property, under this
3 charter, to the said New Bedford and Taunton Rail-
4 road Corporation, or to the Taunton Branch Rail-
5 road Corporation, which corporations are authorized
6 to receive and hold the same, whenever the stock-
7 holders in said corporations shall so determine, at a
8 legal meeting called by them, respectively, for such
9 purpose.