

HOUSE No. 239.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 6, 1874.

The Committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition of the city of Somerville for amendment of its charter, after hearing thereon, report the accompanying Bill.

Per order,

B. F. HAYES.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Four.

AN ACT

In addition to an Act to establish the City of Somerville.

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. The city council of the city of Somer-
2 ville may establish a fire department for said city,
3 to consist of a chief engineer and of as many as-
4 sistant engineers, enginemen, hosemen, hook-and-
5 ladder men and assistants as the city council, by
6 ordinance, shall from time to time prescribe; and
7 said council shall have authority to fix the time of
8 their appointment and the term of their service;
9 to define their office and duties, and in general to
10 make such regulations concerning the pay, con-
11 duct and government of such department, the
12 management of fires, and the conduct of persons
13 attending fires, as they may deem expedient, and
14 may affix such penalties for any violation of such
15 regulations, or any of them, as are provided for

16 the breach of the ordinances of the said city. The
17 appointment of all officers and members of such
18 department shall be vested in the mayor and alder-
19 men of said city exclusively, who shall also have
20 authority to remove from office any officer or mem-
21 ber for cause, in their discretion.

22 The engineers so appointed shall be fire-wards
23 of the city, but the mayor and aldermen may ap-
24 point additional fire-wards. The compensation of
25 the department shall be fixed by concurrent vote
26 of the city council.

1 SECT. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent
2 herewith are hereby repealed.

1 SECT. 3. This act shall take effect on the ac-
2 ceptance thereof by the concurrent vote of the city
3 council of said city.

