

SENATE....No. 48.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN SENATE, February 26, 1850.

The Joint Special Committee, to which was committed the petitions of Joseph Bird and others, Isaac Livermore and others, Mayor of the City of Cambridge, Mayor of the City of Roxbury, praying for additional regulations concerning burial grounds; Report the accompanying Bill.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty.

AN ACT

Concerning Burial Grounds.

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 municipal authorities of the several
2 towns and cities in this Commonwealth, are hereby
3 empowered to prohibit the enlargement or establish-
4 ment of any burial ground or cemetery within their
5 respective towns and cities, and also to prohibit the
6 interment of the dead body of any person in any place
7 within their respective towns and cities, other than
8 such as shall have been established or used as a bur-
9 ial ground or cemetery, unless permission shall have
10 been previously given by them for such burial; and
11 shall also have power to close any burial ground or

12 cemetery, and to prohibit interments therein, when-
13 ever such closing or prohibition shall be deemed
14 expedient.

1 SECT. 2. The municipal authorities of the several
2 towns and cities in this Commonwealth, shall have
3 the same power to regulate the manner of burials in
4 private burial grounds and cemeteries, as that with
5 which they are now invested in relation to public
6 burial grounds or cemeteries.

