

SENATE....No. 15.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

*To the Honorable the Legislature of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts :—*

The Agent of the Charles River and Warren Bridges, hereby makes the Annual Report, as Agent, to which is added an account of receipts and expenditures for the year ending the 31st December, 1853 :—

On the 18th of May last, the sum of eight hundred and seventy-four dollars and fourteen cents, was received, as the final dividend of the deposit in the Phœnix Bank, and the same was paid to the State Treasurer.

The Warren Bridge was closed to carriage travel from the 11th to 23d of July, for the purpose of repairing the draw.

The state and condition of the bridges, will be seen by the Report of the Commissioners appointed under the Resolve of 25th May, 1853. By direction of said Commissioners, an account of travel between Boston and Charlestown, was taken on Thursday, the 14th July last, and result as follows :—

Persons on foot,	12,326
Single Horses,	164
Hand-carts and wheelbarrows,	38
Wagons and carts, with one horse,	2,864

Chaises and buggies, with one horse, . . .	1,076
Coaches, with two or more horses, . . .	* 902
All other carriages, with two or more beasts, . . .	929

Computing the above travel at the rates of toll as established by the Act of 9th March, 1785, for the Charles River Bridge, will amount to the sum of six hundred and twenty-five dollars and eighty-nine cents, or for one year, to the sum of two hundred twenty-eight thousand four hundred forty-nine dollars and eighty-five cents.

Thirty-two hundred and eighteen vessels have passed the draw of the Charles River Bridge, upwards, and of the foregoing number, twenty-four hundred and fifteen have passed the draw of the Warren Bridge.

The Receipts and Expenditures for both bridges for the year ending 31st December, 1853, as follows:—

RECEIPTS.

From State Treasurer,	\$6,000 00	
“ Rents and sale of old material,	280 62	
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EXPENDITURES.

For hoisting draws and lighting lamps, \$1,050 00		
“ materials and labor for repairs,	4,564 73	
“ Fluid, &c., for lamps,	323 21	
“ Agent’s salary from 15th Feb.,		
1853,	262 50	
Balance in Agent’s hands,	80 18	
	<u> </u>	\$6,280 62

In addition to the above there was expended by the former Agent, from Jan. 1 to February, 1853, the sum of \$186 27.

All which is respectfully submitted,

EBEN. BARKER, *Agent.*

CHARLESTOWN, January 26, 1854.