

HOUSE....No. 148.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 27, 1867.

The Committee on Railways and Canals, to whom was recommitted the Bill to incorporate the Bridgewater and Taunton Railroad Company, report the same in a new draft.

Per order of the Committee,

AVERY PLUMER.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

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### AN ACT

To incorporate the Bridgewater and Taunton Railroad  
Company.

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

1   SECT. 1. Nahum Stetson, Isaac Pratt, junior,  
2 Joseph A. Hyde, Caleb Hobart, George W. Bassett,  
3 Joshua E. Crane, their associates and successors, are  
4 hereby made a corporation by the name of the Bridge-  
5 water and Taunton Railroad Company, with all the  
6 powers, rights and privileges, and subject to all the  
7 restrictions, duties and liabilities set forth in the gen-  
8 eral laws which now are or hereafter may be in force  
9 relating to railroad corporations.

1   SECT. 2. Said corporation may locate, construct,  
2 maintain and operate a railroad, commencing at such  
3 convenient point as it may select in the town of

4 Bridgewater; thence, to the town of Raynham, and  
5 through said last named town, passing north of Titi-  
6 cut Pond to the Taunton River, and across the said  
7 river by a bridge; thence, to such convenient point  
8 as it may select on the New Bedford and Taunton  
9 Railroad, on the north or south side of said river,  
10 crossing the same again by a bridge, if and as said  
11 corporation shall deem expedient, or passing south  
12 of Titicut Pond aforesaid to the Taunton River, at or  
13 near Squawbetty, so-called; thence, across said river  
14 by a bridge to such convenient point as it shall select  
15 on the Middleborough and Taunton Railroad.

1     SECT. 3. Said corporation may enter with its road  
2 upon, unite the same with, and use the road of the  
3 Old Colony and Newport Railway Company, of the  
4 New Bedford and Taunton Railroad Corporation, and  
5 of the Middleborough and Taunton Railroad Corpo-  
6 ration; and either of the said three last named corpo-  
7 rations respectively, may enter with its road upon,  
8 unite the same with, and use the road of the Bridge-  
9 water and Taunton Railroad Company, subject to the  
10 general laws relating to railroad corporations: *provided,*  
11 *however,* that said Bridgewater and Taunton Railroad  
12 shall not cross the Old Colony and Newport Railroad  
13 at a level therewith, nor enter with its road upon and  
14 unite the same with or use the road, nor take any of  
15 the depot lands of the Old Colony and Newport Rail-  
16 way Company, without the consent of said last named  
17 corporation; nor shall said last named corporation  
18 enter with its road upon, and unite the same with, or  
19 use the road of the Bridgewater and Taunton Railroad

20 Company, without the consent of said Bridgewater  
21 and Taunton Railroad Company.

1 SECT. 4. The capital stock of said corporation  
2 shall be fixed by the directors thereof, at an amount  
3 not less than two hundred thousand dollars, nor more  
4 than three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and  
5 said stock shall be divided into shares of one hundred  
6 dollars each. Said corporation may hold such real  
7 estate and personal property as may be necessary or  
8 convenient for the purposes for which it is incorpo-  
9 rated.

1 SECT. 5. The Bridgewater Iron Manufacturing  
2 Company is hereby authorized, with the consent of a  
3 majority in interest of the stockholders thereof,  
4 expressed by vote at a legal meeting of said company,  
5 called for that purpose, to subscribe for, take and  
6 purchase, and hold or dispose of, as it may see fit,  
7 such amount of the stock of said Bridgewater and  
8 Taunton Railroad Company, not exceeding one thou-  
9 sand shares, as said manufacturing company shall  
10 deem expedient.

1 SECT. 6. This act shall be void unless the railroad  
2 hereby authorized is located within two years, and  
3 constructed within four years from the passage hereof.

1 SECT. 7. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.