

HOUSE No. 12.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 16, 1873.

The Committee on Railways, to whom was referred the petition of the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company of this State, for leave to unite with the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company of New Hampshire, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

C. R. CODMAN.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To unite the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company of this State with the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company of New Hampshire.

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 stockholders of the West Ames-
2 bury Branch Railroad Company, incorporated
3 under the provisions of chapter one hundred and
4 eighty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hun-
5 dred sixty-eight, are hereby constituted stock-
6 holders of the West Amesbury Branch Railroad
7 Company, a corporation created by the laws of the
8 state of New Hampshire; and the stockholders of
9 said West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company
10 of the state of New Hampshire, are hereby con-
11 stituted stockholders of the West Amesbury
12 Branch Railroad Company of this state; and the
13 said two corporations are hereby made one corpo-
14 ration by the name of the West Amesbury Branch

15 Railroad Company; and all the franchises, pro-
16 perty, powers and privileges, granted or acquired
17 under the authority of the said states respectively,
18 shall be held and enjoyed by all the said stock-
19 holders in proportion to the number of shares or
20 amount of property held by them respectively in
21 either or both of said corporations.

1 SECT. 2. One or more of the directors or other
2 officers of said West Amesbury Branch Railroad
3 Company hereby created, shall be an inhabitant of
4 this Commonwealth, on whom processes against
5 said company may be legally served, and said
6 company shall be held to answer in the jurisdic-
7 tion where the service is made and the process
8 is returnable.

1 SECT. 3. The said company shall keep a sepa-
2 rate account of its expenditures in Massachusetts
3 and New Hampshire, and two commissioners shall
4 be appointed, one by the governor of each state,
5 to hold office for the term of three years, and to
6 be paid by said company, who shall decide what
7 portion of the expenditures of said company, and
8 of its receipts and profits shall pertain to the parts
9 of the road in Massachusetts and New Hampshire
10 respectively; and the annual reports required to be
11 made by the directors to the legislature of this
12 Commonwealth shall be approved by said commis-
13 sioners.

1 SECT. 4. The said company and the stockhold-
2 ers therein, so far as they are situate in Massa-
3 chusetts, shall be subject to all the duties and

4 liabilities of the West Amesbury Branch Railroad
5 Company of this state as heretofore constituted,
6 and to the general laws of this Commonwealth to
7 the same extent as said last-named company and
8 the stockholders thereof would have been, if this
9 act had not been passed. And said company shall
10 have and enjoy the same power to lease and sell
11 its railroad and property as is granted said West
12 Amesbury Branch Railroad Company by chapter
13 two hundred and seventy-nine of the acts of the
14 year eighteen hundred and seventy.

1 SECT. 5. This act shall take effect when ac-
2 cepted at meetings of said corporations specially
3 called for the purpose.