SENATE.....No. 58.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In Senate, March 8, 1834.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to report a Bill providing for a more effectual check by Jury upon the acts of the County Commissioners, and providing for the appointment of some suitable persons as Auditors of their Accounts, and also allowing the Selectmen of the town of Nantucket to exercise the duties of County Commissioners.

Attest.

CHAS. CALHOUN, *Clerk.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In Senate, March 13, 1834.

The Committee on the Judiciary, in pursuance of the instructions of the Senate, report a Bill "limiting the powers of County Commissioners, and providing for a settlement of their accounts."

Per order.

IRA BARTON.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Four.

AN ACT

Limiting the Powers of County Commissioners, and Providing for a Settlement of their Accounts.

SEC. 1. BE *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That whenever the County Commissioners shall hereafter adjudge any new highway and county road to be of common convenience or necessity, any person or persons, town, or other corporation interested therein, may, at the regular meeting of such Commissioners next after that at which such adjudication was made, petition for a jury to revise the same; and upon such petition, the same proceedings shall be had, and under the same provisions and limitations as in cases of petitions for juries to alter the location of highways. And in case such jury, or a committee, if the same shall be agreed upon, shall find that such highway and county road

is not of common convenience or necessity, and the verdict of such jury, or the report of such committee, shall be duly returned and accepted agreeably to the provisions of law in that behalf, such adjudication shall thereupon be considered as reversed and void.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the accounts for the official services of County Commissioners, previous to the allowance and payment of the same, shall be carefully examined, and certified to be correct, by the respective County Treasurers, and shall by them be retained and filed in their respective offices.