

HOUSE.....No. 34.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 3, 1837.

The Committee of the House, to whom was referred sundry Petitions for the repeal of the 7th and eighth sections of Chapter 35 of the Revised Statutes, have duly considered the subject thereof, and report thereon the accompanying Bill.

By order of the Committee,

JOHN GOULD.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Concerning Hawkers, Pedlars and Petty Chapmen.

BE *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :*

1 SEC. 1. From and after the fourth day of July next,
2 no person shall go from town to town, or from place to
3 place in the same town, carrying and exposing to sale
4 any goods, wares or merchandize, not the produce or
5 manufacture of the United States, without first having
6 obtained a license therefor, in the manner hereinafter
7 prescribed. And no person shall go from town to
8 town, or from place to place in the same town, car-
9 rying and offering for sale any goods, wares or mer-
10 chandize whatsoever, without having his name and
11 place of residence plainly written on his trunk, box
12 cart or other vehicle in which his goods are carried.

1 SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the mayor and

2 aldermen of the city of Boston, the selectmen of the
3 town of Nantucket, and of the county commissioners
4 of the several counties within this Commonwealth, at
5 any of their regular meetings, to grant licenses to
6 such persons as shall duly apply for the same, and the
7 licenses so granted, shall authorize the persons so
8 licensed to go from town to town and from place to
9 place throughout the Commonwealth, and offer for
10 sale any goods, wares and merchandize whatsoever,
11 the sale of which is not prohibited by law; and the
12 licenses so granted shall be for the term of one year
13 from the date thereof.

1 SEC. 3. The excise on the licenses provided for in
2 the second section of this act shall be as follows: on
3 a license to carry goods, wares and merchandize in a
4 waggon or other carriage drawn by one or more
5 horses, the excise shall be twenty dollars, and, on a
6 license to carry goods in trunks and on foot ten dollars
7 to be disposed of in the same manner as the excise or
8 licensed houses.

1 SEC. 4. Any hawker, pedlar, or petty chapman,
2 going from house to house, or from town to town,
3 carrying and exposing to sale, any goods, wares or
4 merchandize whatsoever, contrary to the provisions
5 of this act, shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than
6 one dollar, and not more than one hundred dollars, to
7 the use of the county where the offence is committed,
8 to be recovered before any court of competent juris-
9 diction to try the same.

1 SEC. 5. Any person applying for a license under
2 the provisions of this act, shall produce a certificate
3 of his moral character, from the selectmen of the town
4 of which he is a resident.

1 Sec. 6. The seventh and eighth sections of chap-
2 ter thirty-five of the Revised Statutes, so far as they
3 are inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be and
4 are hereby repealed.