

HOUSE....No. 56.

[Reported by the Committee on the Judiciary.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty.

AN ACT

Concerning Streets and Private Ways in the City of Charlestown.

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. When any street or way shall hereafter
2 be opened in the city of Charlestown, over any pri-
3 vate land by the owners thereof, and dedicated to, or
4 permitted to be used by the public, before such street
5 or way shall have been accepted and laid out accord-
6 ing to law, it shall be the duty of the owners of the
7 lots abutting thereon, to grade such street or way, at
8 their own expense, in such manner as the safety and
9 convenience of the public shall, in the opinion of the
10 city council of said city, require. And if the owners

11 of such abutting lots, shall, after reasonable notice by
12 the city council, neglect or refuse to grade such street
13 or way in manner aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the
14 city council to cause the same to be graded as afore-
15 said, and the expense thereof, shall, after due notice
16 to the parties interested, be equitably assessed upon
17 the owners of such abutting lots, by the city council,
18 in such proportions as they shall judge reasonable,
19 and all assessments so made, shall be a lien upon such
20 abutting lands, in like manner as taxes are now a
21 lien upon real estate.

1 SECT. 2. No street or way, shall hereafter be open-
2 ed, as aforesaid, in said city, of a less width than
3 thirty feet, except with the consent of the mayor and
4 aldermen of said city, in writing, first had and ob-
5 tained for that purpose.

1 SECT. 3. Whenever any person shall intend to
2 build upon any private street or way, in said city, he
3 shall, before commencing building, give to the mayor
4 and aldermen of said city, due notice, in writing, of
5 such intention.