

HOUSE....No. 82.

[Reported by the Committee on Prisons.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-
Nine.

AN ACT

In addition to an Act concerning Jails, and Houses
of Correction.

*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. It shall be the duty of the secretary of
2 the Commonwealth to amend the blank form of re-
3 turn, required by the act of March third, in the year
4 one thousand eight hundred and forty, so that accu-
5 rate information shall be obtained in relation to such
6 insane and idiotic persons as are under the charge of

2 JAILS & HOUSES OF CORRECTION. [March, 1849.]

7 the keepers of jails, or houses of correction, or other
8 county receptacles for these purposes, in the follow-
9 ing particulars, viz:—The number, name, age, birth-
10 place, duration of insanity, duration of confinement,
11 means of support, place of confinement, (specifying
12 whether in jails, houses of correction, or in buildings
13 especially provided for the purpose,) *cause* of com-
14 mitment, by whom committed, whether previously
15 subjected to any curative treatment and at what
16 place, their present condition, whether they are fur-
17 nished with employment, under whose care they are
18 now placed, and if any of them are under the super-
19 intence of convicts.

1 SECT. 2. The secretary shall embody these returns
2 in such manner as he shall deem advisable.

