

HOUSE....No. 224.

A M E N D M E N T .

MR. GOOCH, of Melrose, moves to amend the bill for widening the Draws in certain Bridges over Mystic River (House Doc. No. 199), by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting as follows :

1 SECT. 1. The corporations owning bridges across
2 the Mystic River, between Medford and the mouth of
3 said river, whose draws are not already of the width
4 of forty-six feet, are each required within twelve
5 months from the time that application shall be made
6 and security given as is hereafter provided, by any
7 one or more of the owners of ship yards in said Med-
8 ford, to widen said draws so as to give a clear passage
9 of at least forty-six feet in width through the same,
10 and to construct the same with such piers and abut-
11 ments, and in such place and manner, as the commis-
12 sioners hereinafter named shall direct. And said
13 corporations shall perform in respect to the draws
14 thus constructed all the duties they are now liable to
15 perform in respect to their present draws. *Provided,*
16 that this act shall not apply to any but the easterly
17 draw in the bridge between Chelsea and Charlestown.

1 SECT. 2. Neither of said corporations shall be re-
2 quired to widen the draw in its bridge as above, unless
3 one or more of the said owners of ship yards shall,
4 within one year, apply in writing to said commission-
5 ers to have its draw widened, and shall give security
6 in such manner and to such amount as said commis-
7 sioners shall determine, to such corporation, to reim-
8 burse to such corporation, on demand, the necessary
9 expenses incurred by such corporation in performing
10 the requirements of the first section of this act.

1 SECT. 3. The governor, with the consent of the
2 council, shall, on application by any one or more of
3 said owners of ship yards, appoint three suitable com-
4 missioners, whose compensation shall be paid by the
5 respective corporations whose draws are required to
6 be widened as above, as the same shall be apportioned
7 among them by said commissioners, and the amount
8 thus paid shall be held to be a part of the necessary
9 expense of widening said draws.

1 SECT. 4. If any of said corporations shall elect to
2 widen its draw in a more expensive manner than said
3 commissioner shall think necessary, it may do so with
4 their approval, but the additional expense incurred
5 thereby shall be defrayed by such corporation.