

HOUSE....No. 34.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 15, 1854.

The Committee on Railways and Canals, to whom was referred the Petition of Oliver Ames and others, for an Act of incorporation as a Railroad Company, have considered the same, and Report the accompanying Bill.

WALDO COLBURN, *Chairman.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-
Four.

AN ACT

To Incorporate the Easton Branch Railroad Company.

*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. Oliver Ames, Oakes Ames, Howard Lo-
2 throp, Alson A. Gilmore, and Martin Wales, their as-
3 sociates and successors, are hereby made a corporation,
4 by the name of the Easton Branch Railroad Company,
5 with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all
6 the duties, liabilities, and restrictions, set forth in the
7 forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes, and in
8 that part of the thirty-ninth chapter of said statutes
9 relating to railroad corporations, and in all statutes
10 which shall have been, or shall be hereafter passed,
11 relating to railroad corporations.

1 SECT. 2. Said company may construct a railroad,
2 from some convenient point on or near the Stoughton
3 Branch Railroad, at or near its terminus in Stoughton,
4 thence in a southerly direction on the westerly side of
5 the Branch Turnpike, so called, to some convenient
6 point in Easton, at or near the village of North
7 Easton.

1 SECT. 3. Said company is hereby authorized to
2 enter upon and unite their railroad, by proper means,
3 with the Stoughton Branch Railroad, at or near the
4 terminus thereof in Stoughton, and also to make use
5 of said Stoughton Branch Railroad, and the Boston
6 and Providence Railroad, according to the provisions
7 of law.

1 SECT. 4. The capital stock of this corporation
2 shall consist of not more than one thousand shares,
3 the number of which shall be determined from time
4 to time, by the directors thereof; and no assessment
5 shall be laid thereon, of a greater amount, in the
6 whole, than one hundred dollars on each share; and
7 said corporation may take, purchase, and hold such
8 real estate, and may purchase and hold such engines,
9 cars, and other things, as may be necessary for the
10 use of said railroad, and for the transportation of
11 passengers, goods, and merchandise.

1 SECT. 5. If the location of the road, as provided
2 for in the second section, be not filed, according to
3 law, within one year, and if said railroad be not com-
4 pleted within three years from the passage of this
5 act, then this act shall be void.

1 SECT. 6. The legislature may, from time to time,
2 regulate the rate of tolls, or other receipts on said
3 road, whenever the net income thereof shall exceed ten
4 per cent. per annum ; but the tolls or other receipts
5 shall not, without the consent of the company, be so
6 reduced as to produce less than ten per cent. per annum
7 on the investment in said company.