

HOUSE....No. 161.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 19, 1858.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Order of the House of the 18th inst., proposing inquiry as to amendment of the Act establishing the City of Newburyport, and also the Petition of the Councils of said City, report the accompanying Bill.

Per Order,

C. CUSHING.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Amending "An Act to establish the City of Newburyport."

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. The act approved May twenty-fourth,
2 eighteen hundred and fifty-one, entitled "An Act to
3 establish the City of Newburyport," is hereby amended
4 and altered as follows, to wit: one overseer of the
5 poor, being selected from each ward, shall, at the
6 next municipal election, after the acceptance of this
7 act, as hereinafter provided, be elected by the quali-
8 fied voters of the city at large voting in their respec-
9 tive wards, who, together with the mayor *ex officio*,
10 as chairman of the board, shall constitute the board
11 of overseers of the poor. At the first meeting of the
12 board thus elected, they shall divide themselves, by

13 lot, into two classes of three each ; those of the first
14 class to serve for one year, and those of the second
15 class to serve for two years, and thereafter annually,
16 at the municipal election of said city, there shall be
17 elected, in the manner above provided, three overseers
18 of the poor to serve for two years ; but no two of the
19 members of said board shall be residents, at the time
20 of their election, of the same ward. Vacancies in
21 the board to be filled by the city council in con-
22 vention.

1 SECT. 2. The school committee to be elected at
2 the municipal election next after the acceptance of
3 this act, as hereinafter provided, shall, at the meeting
4 for the organization of said school committee, be
5 divided by lot into two classes of six each, one from
6 each ward ; those of the first class to serve for one
7 year, and those of the second class to serve for two
8 years ; and thereafter annually, at the municipal elec-
9 tion of said city, there shall be elected in each ward
10 one resident of said ward, who shall be a member of
11 the school committee of said city for the term of
12 two years.

1 SECT. 3. This act shall be submitted to the inhabi-
2 tants of Newburyport for their acceptance or rejection,
3 at legal meetings to be called in the several wards
4 of said city, within ninety days from the passage of
5 this act, and shall take effect from and after its
6 acceptance, by a majority of the votes cast at such
7 meetings.

