

HOUSE...No. 151.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 5, 1859.

The Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance to whom was re-committed the Bill to authorize the filling up flats and building a sea-wall near the Massachusetts General Hospital, with instructions to hear the parties, and report the facts, have attended to that duty, and

R E P O R T :

Your Committee caused public notice of the hearing to be published in two daily newspapers of Boston. At the time and place appointed, the petitioners were present, and no one opposed the granting of their petition. The Committee proceeded to hear evidence in relation to the subject matter of the petition. It appeared that the flats proposed to be filled up are now not only useless, but to a certain extent, a nuisance, by reason of the construction of a street, authorized in 1855 and built upon piles, running across the entire breadth of these flats near the commissioners' line; that the action of the tides and eddies of the ocean cause a collection of filth and offensive decayed animal matter to accumulate on their premises, much to the annoyance of the neighborhood. The whole width of these flats is near nine hundred feet. The wharves on both

sides are now extended to the commissioners' line; and the occupant of one of them testified that it would much improve the navigation to and from his wharf to have the sea-wall extended as proposed, because it would prevent the eddy which is now a serious hindrance to navigation in certain states of the wind or tide.

It was also proved by eminent engineers, and among them one who was on the original commission that established the commissioners' line in this place, that the proposed filling will not injure, but benefit the interests of navigation and of the

Also that the proposed filling up, though near to, in n place goes beyond the commissioners' line.

Near four-sevenths of these premises are appurtenant to the Massachusetts General Hospital; two-sevenths belong to heirs of Dr. Parkman and one-seventh to assignees of West Boston Iron Company.

Your Committee are unanimously of the opinion that their petition should be granted, and recommend that the Bill be enacted.

For the Committee,

JNO. H. WILKINS.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To authorize the filling up Flats, and Building a Sea-wall near the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 The Massachusetts General Hospital, and Eliza A.
2 Parkman, Harriette E. Parkman, and George F. Park-
3 man, executors of, and devisees under the will of the
4 late George Parkman, deceased, and Joseph Noble and
5 John B. Kettell, trustees, are hereby severally author-
6 ized to build and maintain a sea-wall upon their flats
7 lying west of North Charles Street in the city of
8 Boston, not to extend said wall beyond the “commis-
9 sioners’ line,” so called, as now established by law,
10 and to fill up and make solid their several parcels of
11 flats lying between their several parcels of upland and
12 the said “commissioners’ line,” and to lay vessels
13 along said wall so authorized to be built as aforesaid,
14 and to take dockage and wharfage therefor.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Our Thirtieth, Fifth Month and Fifth

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AN ACT

To enlarge the Billings of John and William's ...

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- 1 The Massachussetts General Hospital, and John A.
- 2 Perkins, Trustees of Perkins and George K. Esch-
- 3 and to enlarge the Billings of John and William's ...
- 4 into George Perkins Hospital, and George K. Esch-
- 5 and to enlarge the Billings of John and William's ...
- 6 John H. Esch and William A. Esch and their heirs
- 7 and to enlarge the Billings of John and William's ...
- 8 Esch, and to enlarge the Billings of John and William's ...
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