

HOUSE.....No. 313.

[EXTRA SESSION.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 6, 1859.

The Committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred Chapter 175 of the Bill for Revising and Consolidating the Statutes, "Of Inquests on Dead Bodies," with amendments, have considered the same, and Report: That the following amendments ought to be adopted, and that the amendment adopted in section 2, be struck out.

For the Committee,

JOHN A. WALKER.

CHAPTER 175.

(No. 1.) Section 2, line 3. *Insert*, after “accident,” in line 3—he shall repair to the place where the dead body is, and take charge of the same; and if, on view of such body, and personal inquiry into the cause and manner of the death, he deems it necessary that an inquest should be taken.

(No. 2.) Section 13, lines 3, 4. *Strike out*, in lines 3, 4, the words, “and an inquest is holden thereon.”

(No. 3.) Section 14, line 9. *Insert*, after “taken,” in line 9—and other necessary expenses.

(No. 4.) Section 14, line 11. *Strike out* all the section after the word “expenses,” in the 11th line. *Insert*—of the burial shall be paid by the town or city where the body is found, and all other expenses by the county.

(No. 5.) Section 15, lines 2 and 4. *Insert*, after “inquest,” in line 2, and in line 4, the words, “or view.”

(No. 6.) *Add* a new section after section 16 :—

SECT. 17. In all cases under this chapter, the coroner shall take charge of any money or other personal property of the deceased, found upon or near the body, and deliver the same forthwith to those entitled to its care or possession; but if not claimed within sixty days, then to the public administrator, to be administered upon according to law.