

HOUSE.....No. 49.

[Offered by Mr. PIERCE, of Dorchester, as a substitute for House Doc., No. 38. Whole subject recommitted.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Six.

AN ACT

Relating to Contagious Diseases among Cattle.

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 governor, with the advice and con-
2 sent of the council, is hereby authorized, whenever in
3 his judgment any extraordinary malignant and con-
4 tagious disease exists among cattle in this state, or,
5 whenever there shall be danger of the introduction of

6 such disease into the state, to appoint three commis-
7 sioners, who shall visit without delay the several
8 places in this Commonwealth where such disease may
9 be known to exist, or to be threatened ; and shall
10 have full power to cause all cattle affected with such
11 disease, or which have been exposed to infection, to
12 be removed to some suitable place or places so isolated
13 as to prevent the spread of the contagion.

1 SECT. 2.- It shall be the duty of said commission-
2 ers to subject the cattle so isolated to experiments by
3 the exposure of healthy cattle, and by such other
4 methods as may be deemed expedient in order to
5 test the contagiousness and curability of the disease,
6 and to what extent it affects the value of the cattle
7 which recover : *provided*, that no cattle shall be
8 slaughtered without the consent of the governor and
9 council.

1 SECT. 3. There shall be allowed and paid out of
2 the treasury of the Commonwealth the sum of ten
3 thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be neces-
4 sary to defray any expenses that may be incurred
5 under this act; and the governor is authorized to
6 draw his warrant therefor.

1 SECT. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent
2 with this act, are hereby repealed.

1 SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

