

HOUSE.....No. 97.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To incorporate the Boston and Woonsocket Rail-road
Company.

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of
the same, as follows :*

1 SECT. 1. Otis Pettee, Edgar K. Whitaker, Elijah
2 Perry, Loring Wheeler, Joseph L. Richardson, Mar-
3 shal S. Rice, Nathaniel Miller, Noah J. Arnold, Lu-
4 ther Metcalf, Julius C. Hurd, Warren Lovering and
5 Joseph Miller, their associates and successors, are
6 hereby made a corporation, by the name of the Bos-
7 ton and Woonsocket Rail-road Company, with all the

8 powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties,
9 restrictions and liabilities, contained in the forty-
10 fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes, and in that
11 part of the thirty-ninth chapter of said statutes, which
12 relates to rail-road corporations, and in the public
13 statutes which have been, or may be hereafter pas-
14 sed, relating to such corporations.

1 SECT. 2. Said company may locate, construct, and
2 maintain a rail-road, with one or more tracks, from
3 the line of the State of Rhode Island to Boston, com-
4 mencing at a point in said line at or near to the
5 village of Woonsocket, in Rhode Island, or in the
6 southerly line of the towns of Blackstone or Belling-
7 ham, or upon the line of the Providence and Wor-
8 cester Rail-road in the town of Blackstone; and
9 thence through the towns of Blackstone, Bellingham,
10 Franklin, Medway Village, along the valley of the
11 Charles River, East Medway, Medfield, Dover,
12 Needham and near Newton Corner, to some con-
13 venient point upon the Boston and Worcester Rail-
14 road, with liberty to enter upon and use said Boston
15 and Worcester Rail-road, in the manner that is or
16 may be prescribed by the laws of this Common-
17 wealth; or to construct independent tracks along the
18 road of the said Boston and Worcester Rail-road Cor-
19 poration, to independent depots upon or near to the
20 lands and depots of the said last named corporation,
21 if by votes of the stockholders of both the said cor-
22 porations they shall, at any time hereafter, agree up-
23 on the terms and conditions of so using the road and
24 lands of the said Boston and Worcester Rail-road
25 Corporation.

1 SECT. 3. The capital stock of said corporation
2 shall consist of not more than fifteen 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 the said corporation may take, purchase, and hold
8 such real estate within this Commonwealth, and may
9 purchase and hold such real and personal estate,
10 within or without this Commonwealth, as may be
11 necessary or convenient for the purposes of their in-
12 corporation.

1 SECT. 4. If the location of said rail-road be not
2 filed according to law within two years from the pas-
3 sage of this act, or if the said rail-road shall not be
4 completed, with at least one track, from said termi-
5 nus in Blackstone or Bellingham, to said Boston and
6 Worcester Rail-road, within four years from the pas-
7 sage of this act, the same shall be void.

1 SECT. 5. The Legislature may authorize any
2 company to enter with another rail-road upon, and
3 use the rail-road hereby established, or any part
4 thereof, by complying with such reasonable rules
5 and regulations as the said Boston and Woonsocket
6 Rail-road Company may prescribe, or as may be de-
7 termined according to the provisions of law.

1 SECT. 6. The Legislature may, after the expira-
2 tion of five years, from the time when said rail-road
3 shall be opened for use, from time to time, reduce
4 the rates of toll or other profits upon said rail-road ;

5 but the same shall not, without the consent of said
6 corporation, be so reduced as to produce less than
7 ten per cent. per annum, upon the investment of said
8 company.

SENATE, April 11, 1846.

Passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

CHARLES CALHOUN, *Clerk.*