

HOUSE....No. 260.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 24, 1855.

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the Petition of the Selectmen of Tewksbury, praying for remuneration for expenses incurred in recording the births and deaths in the State almshouse and making return of the same, have considered the same, and

REPORT:

That as it is binding upon the town clerks in the towns where the State almshouses are located according to the provisions of existing laws to make such records and returns, and as there is no good reason why these towns should be subjected to such duty or expense, your Committee therefore recommend the passage of the following Bill and Resolve in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners.

In behalf of the Committee,

JOHN E. WOOD.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

In addition to An Act relating to the Registration of
Births, Marriages and Deaths.

*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. The superintendents of the State alms-
2 houses located at Monson, Tewksbury and Bridge-
3 water are hereby authorized and required to make
4 record of all the births and deaths which occur in the
5 institutions under their care, and make returns of the
6 same to the secretary of state annually, as all town
7 and city clerks are required to do by the act to which
8 this is an act in addition; and the town clerks of
9 Monson, Tewksbury and Bridgewater are hereby
10 exempted from all duties herein required of the su-
11 perintendents of the above-named institutions.