

HOUSE...No. 271.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 25, 1855.

The Committee on so much of the Governor's Address as refers to Intemperance, to whom was referred an Order relative to the importation, manufacture, and sale of wines and spirits by the State, have considered the same, and report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

SAML. G. VINCENT.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To create an Agent for the Commonwealth to purchase Spirituous and Intoxicating Liquors.

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, by and with the consent
2 of the council, shall appoint an agent for the Com-
3 monwealth, whose duty it shall be to purchase
4 spirituous and intoxicating liquors of a pure quality
5 for town agents who may order the same. The said
6 agent shall keep an office in Boston with sufficient
7 clerks, and it shall be his duty to purchase all spirit-
8 uous and intoxicating liquors which may be ordered
9 by town agents, and he shall purchase only liquors
10 which are pure and unadulterated with any noxious

11 or poisonous substances, and he shall be paid by such
12 agents a commission of five per cent. on all purchases
13 which he makes for them, which shall be a compen-
14 sation in full for all his services in making such pur-
15 chases.

1 SECT. 2. In case the city of Boston shall neglect
2 to appoint any agent under the provisions of the fifth
3 section of "An Act concerning the Manufacture and
4 Sale of Spirituous and Intoxicating Liquors," passed
5 on the twentieth day of April, in the year eighteen
6 hundred and fifty-five, then the agent appointed by
7 the governor under this act shall have the same
8 power of purchasing and selling spirituous or intoxi-
9 cating liquors in said Boston which he would have
10 if appointed by the mayor and aldermen of the city
11 of Boston; and all such purchases and sales shall be
12 made for cash, and his sales shall be made at such
13 convenient place in said Boston as he may choose.
14 And in such case the said agent shall, in addition to
15 his commission for buying for town agents, receive for
16 his services in buying and selling intoxicating liquor
17 in the city of Boston the sum of six thousand dol-
18 lars per annum, in quarterly payments, from the treas-
19 ury of the Commonwealth; and all the profits of
20 buying and selling such liquor shall belong to the
21 Commonwealth; and he shall render a quarterly
22 account to the state auditor of all liquor purchased
23 and sold by him before receiving his salary.

1 SECT. 3. The said agent, unless he act as agent
2 for selling liquors in Boston as above provided, shall
3 purchase liquors for no other persons except said

4 town agents, and he shall not in any case purchase
5 spirituous or intoxicating liquors to be sold on his
6 own account, and shall purchase no liquors except
7 such as are pure and unadulterated with any noxious
8 or poisonous substances.

1 SECT. 4. The said agent shall keep a correct
2 account of all purchases made by him for town
3 agents, which shall be open at all times to the in-
4 spection of the selectmen of every town in the Com-
5 monwealth, and to the mayor and aldermen and police
6 officers of every city in the Commonwealth.

1 SECT. 5. The said agent, before entering on his
2 office, shall give a bond to the Commonwealth, with
3 two or more good and sufficient sureties, for the faith-
4 ful performance of the duties of his office, in the
5 penal sum of ten thousand dollars.

1 SECT. 6. All town agents appointed under the
2 fifth section of the said act concerning the manufac-
3 ture and sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquors
4 shall purchase all liquors to be sold by them either
5 of the manufacturers, or through the agency of the
6 said agent appointed under this act, and in no other
7 manner.