HOUSE.....No. 116.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 27, 1857.

The Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, to whom was referred the Petition of Chester Adams and others, in behalf of the town of Natick, in relation to the removal of the remains of the dead, from a burial ground in Natick, have considered the same, and report the accompanying Resolve.

SAMUEL L. ROCKWOOD,

Chairman on part of the House.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

RESOLVE

Authorizing the Removal of the Remains of the Dead from a Burial Ground in Natick.

Resolved, That the inhabitants of the town of Natick are hereby authorized, at the expense of the town, to remove the remains of the dead from the burial ground near the station of the Boston and Worcester Railroad in said Natick, to Dell Park Cemetery in said Natick, or to such other burial ground or grounds within said town, as the relatives and friends of those whose remains shall be removed, may designate : *provided*, that there shall be chosen, at a legal meeting of the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs, within two years from and after the passage of this Resolve, a committee of three, under whose supervision the said removal shall be effected : *provided, further*, that the remains of the dead shall be reinterred in a suitable and proper manner, due regard being paid to the relationship and families of the deceased ; and the relatives of those whose remains shall be removed, shall have the right to assist in the removal : *provided, also*, that the committee appointed as aforesaid, make a removal of all the known

remains of the dead, and remove all the tombs and monuments therein, and rebuild or replace the same in a suitable manner, at the expense of the town. And the relatives and friends of those whose remains shall be removed, shall have the right to be heard before said committee, as to the selection of places and lots for reinterments.