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H. R.—No. 55.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**

*House of Representatives, Feb. 20, 1827.*

**Ordered,** That the Act in addition to an Act entitled An Act to incorporate the Hampshire and Hampden Canal Company, passed June 18, 1825, be printed for the use of the members of this House.

Attest—

**P. W. WARREN, Clerk.**

# AN ACT

*In addition to an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Hampshire and Hampden Canal Company."*

1 SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House  
2 of Representatives in General Court assembled,  
3 and by the authority of the same, That the  
4 Hampshire and Hampden Canal Company, be,  
5 and they hereby are authorized and empower-  
6 ed, at any future meeting of the said Company,  
7 legally called and assembled for that purpose,  
8 to adopt regulations reducing their toll to  
9 any sum they may judge expedient, to make a  
10 difference in their toll between empty and full  
11 boats, and to vary their tolls according to the  
12 articles transported: *Provided*, that in no case  
13 shall a higher toll be demanded, or received,  
14 than is authorized by the act to which this is in  
15 addition.

1 SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the mem-  
2 bers of the said Company, in their individual  
3 capacity, shall not be liable to respond such  
4 judgments and executions as may be awarded  
5 against the said Corporation, but all such exe-

6 cutions shall be levied only on the goods, es-  
7 tate, lands, rights, credits, and franchise of the  
8 said Corporation, any thing in the act to which  
9 this is in addition, to the contrary notwith-  
10 standing.

1 SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That instead  
2 of the ratio of votes fixed in and by the elev-  
3 enth section of the act to which this is in addi-  
4 tion, there shall be allowed one vote for each  
5 and every share in the common stock of the  
6 Company.

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 8 said corporations, any thing in the act to which  
 9 this is in addition, to the contrary notwith-  
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 12 of the ratio of four paid in each of the elev-  
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 14 tion, there shall be allowed one vote for each  
 15 and every share in the common stock of the  
 16 Corporation.

*A Bill of Amendments*

The Committee to whom was referred the Bill en-  
 titled "An Act providing for the use of bonded  
 stores," have according to order had  
 the same under consideration and after mature  
 deliberation on the subject, report as follows:

**REPORT:**

That the preservation of public highways and  
 bridges, from the injuries they are continually  
 suffering from wheels with soft iron tires, is a  
 subject of great interest to the State, and is  
 attached to it.  
 The Commonwealth has since the year 1800  
 incorporated more than one hundred Companies  
 for the making of Turnpike roads, which Compa-  
 nies have made more than eight hundred miles of  
 road, that may fairly be estimated at more than five  
 hundred dollars a mile, amounting to the sum of  
 four hundred thousand dollars, and the invest-  
 ment has afforded, but a very small profit to those  
 who have engaged in these enterprises.