

HOUSE.... No. 228.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 16, 1868.

The Committee on Railways and Canals, to whom was referred the petition of Francis Sargent and others, for a railroad in West Amesbury, report the accompanying Bill.

Per order of the Committee,

WILLIAM MIXTER.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Eight.

AN ACT

To incorporate the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company.

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. Francis Sargent, William Gunnison,
2 John S. Poyen, Alfred E. Goodwin and Thomas C.
3 Sawyer, their associates and successors, are hereby
4 made a corporation by the name of the West Ames-
5 bury Branch Railroad Company; with all the
6 rights, powers and privileges, and subject to all the
7 duties, liabilities and restrictions contained in the
8 general laws which now are or hereafter may be in
9 force relating to railroad corporations.

1 SECT. 2. Said corporation may locate, construct,
2 maintain and operate a railroad, commencing at some

3 convenient point in that part of Amesbury called
4 West Amesbury, near the Four Corners, so called ;
5 thence running westerly near the house of Joseph R.
6 Thomas ; thence more northerly, to the state line of
7 New Hampshire, near the south corner of Newton,
8 there to connect with any railroad which may be
9 authorized by the laws of New Hampshire, from said
10 state line to a point on the Boston and Maine Rail-
11 road in New Hampshire, or from said state line to a
12 point on the state line separating the town of Haver-
13 hill, in Massachusetts, and the town of Plastow, in
14 New Hampshire, near the house of James Brickett ;
15 and from said last-named point may locate, construct,
16 maintain and operate a railroad in said town of
17 Haverhill, to a point on the Boston and Maine Rail-
18 road not less than one mile northerly from the depot
19 in Haverhill.

1 SECT. 3. The capital stock of said corporation
2 shall not exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dol-
3 lars, which shall be divided into shares of one hundred
4 dollars each. Said corporation may hold such real
5 and personal property as may be necessary or con-
6 venient for the purposes for which it is created.

1 SECT. 4. In case said corporation shall construct
2 its railroad in the town of Haverhill, as aforesaid, it
3 may enter with its road upon, unite the same with,
4 and use the railroad of said Boston and Maine Rail-
5 road in Haverhill ; and said Boston and Maine Rail-
6 road may enter with its road upon, unite the same
7 with and use the railroad of said corporation under
8 the provisions of law relating to connecting roads.

1 SECT. 5. Said corporation, when authorized by the
2 state of New Hampshire, may construct, maintain and
3 operate either of the lines of railroad in said state
4 mentioned in section two, which may be necessary or
5 convenient to form a connection with the Boston and
6 Maine Railroad.

1 SECT. 6. This act shall be void unless said corpo-
2 ration shall locate its railroad between a point in said
3 West Amesbury and the Boston and Maine Railroad,
4 by one of the said two routes mentioned in section
5 two, within two years, and construct the same within
6 three years from the passage hereof.