

HOUSE.....No. 47.

Reported by the Committee on Agriculture.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year of our Lord *One Thousand Eight Hundred*
and *Thirty-Three.*

AN ACT

To Encourage the Culture of Silk.

1 SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House*
2 *of Representatives in General Court assembled, and*
3 *by the authority of the same, That any person who*
4 *shall transplant one hundred of the White Mulberry,*
5 *the Morus Multicaulis or the Dandolo Mulberry trees,*

6 of two or more years growth, upon his land within
 7 this Commonwealth, adapted to the growth and culti-
 8 vation of the same, at such distances from each other
 9 as will best favor them full growth and the collection
 10 of their leaves, not exceeding six hundred to the acre,
 11 shall receive, at the end of one year next after said
 12 trees shall have been transplanted as aforesaid, one
 13 dollar and fifty cents, and in the same proportion for
 14 a greater or less number so transplanted, in the man-
 15 ner herein after prescribed: *Provided*, that such
 16 trees shall, at the end of said year after being so
 17 transplanted, continue in a healthful and growing
 18 condition.

1 SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That any person
 2 who shall reel, or cause to be reeled, in this Common-
 3 wealth, from cocoons produced from Silk Worms
 4 raised in this Commonwealth, in any improved
 5 method of reeling silk from the cocoons, merchanta-
 6 ble silk, capable of being manufactured into the vari-
 7 ous silk fabrics, shall receive, in the manner herein
 8 after provided, one dollar for every pound of silk
 9 reeled as aforesaid.

1 SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be
 2 the duty of the Selectmen of any town or district in
 3 this Commonwealth in which any trees shall have
 4 been transplanted, agreeably to the provisions of the
 5 first section of this Act, or any silk shall have been
 6 reeled in manner prescribed by the second section of
 7 this Act, upon application of any person or persons
 8 claiming any bounty for the same, carefully to exam-
 9 ine such claim or claims, and upon proof that they
 10 are well founded under the provisions of this Act, to
 11 give a certificate thereof under their hands, directed

12 to the Treasurer of this Commonwealth, to such per-
13 son or persons so claiming as aforesaid, specifying on
14 what account such bounty becomes due, and the
15 amount thereof, and the Treasurer is hereby author-
16 ized and directed to pay the same.

REPORT

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13 to the Director of the Commission to which
14 you are referred for the purpose of obtaining the
15 information and the Commission is hereby authorized
16 to send out this information to you.

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