

HOUSE....No. 131.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 8, 1861.

The Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the Order of the Senate to inquire into "the expediency of so amending chapter 71, section 43 of the General Statutes, as to make further provisions for the support of State Paupers, where the operation of any provisions of law may cause a separation of husband wife," have considered the subject, and report the accompanying Bill.

Per order of the Committee,

COLUMBUS TYLER.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relative to State Paupers.

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. When the operation of any provisions of
2 law in relation to poor and indigent persons might
3 cause a separation of husband and wife, by reason of
4 her having a legal settlement in some place in the
5 Commonwealth, he being a state pauper, both parties
6 may be supported at the place where she has a legal
7 settlement.

1 SECT. 2. The expense of thus supporting the per-
2 son who is such state pauper, shall be paid by the
3 Commonwealth, and the accounts therefor shall be
4 audited and allowed by the inspectors of the state
5 almshouse to which such pauper would otherwise

6 belong, reference being had to the expense of support-
7 ing such person at the state almshouse, if there com-
8 mitted.

1 SECT. 3. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with
2 this act, are hereby repealed.

1 SECT. 4. This act shall take effect from and after
2 its passage.

