

HOUSE....No. 28.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, BOSTON,
January 26, 1855.

HON. DANIEL C. EDDY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives:

By an Order of the House of the 25th inst., the Auditor is "directed to communicate, for the information of the House, a statement of the receipts and expenditures of Malden Bridge from January 1, 1850, to January 1, 1855, specifying the amount expended for repairs, improvements, care of draws, and collection of tolls." "Also, the amount paid to Commissioners, and to whom and for what services, together with a statement of the fund in accumulation for the purchase of said bridge, as provided in the law extending its charter."

In reply to this Order, I have the honor to state, that the accounts for repairs, improvements, &c., of Malden Bridge, have not been sent to this office, but, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 1837, chap. 218, these accounts have been audited and settled by the Commissioners and Superintendent.

Under the Act of 1853, chap. 121, the sum of \$9,000 was paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth to the Commis-

sioners in September last, to enable them to defray the expense of reconstructing the draw, as required by the said Act, which sum is to be reimbursed out of the tolls after the bridge shall have become the property of the Commonwealth.

Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH MITCHELL, *Auditor.*