

HOUSE....No. 103.

[Reported by the Special Committee on the subject.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-
Nine.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Town of Melrose.

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. All that part of the town of Malden, in
2 the county of Middlesex, which lies north of the
3 following line, to wit: beginning at the monument
4 set up at the junction of the towns of Saugus, Mal-
5 den, and Chelsea, thence, running westerly, so as to

6 intersect a point on Main Street, so called, in said
7 Malden, at the northerly base of Island Hill, and one
8 hundred and fourteen rods south of the dwelling-
9 house of Joseph Lynde, 2d, and thence, in the same
10 direction, to the easterly line of the town of Medford,
11 is hereby incorporated into a town, by the name of
12 Melrose. And the said town of Melrose is hereby
13 vested with all the powers, privileges, rights, and im-
14 munities, and shall be subject to all the duties, and
15 requisitions, to which other towns are entitled, and
16 subjected, by the constitution and laws of this Com-
17 monwealth.

1 SECT. 2. The inhabitants of said town of Mel-
2 rose shall be holden to pay all arrears of taxes which
3 have been assessed upon them by the town of Mal-
4 den, and also their proportion of all county and state
5 taxes that may be assessed upon them previously to
6 the taking of the next state valuation, said propor-
7 tion to be ascertained and determined by the last town
8 valuation of said Malden; and the said town of Mel-
9 rose shall be holden to pay its just proportion of the
10 debts due and owing at the time of the passage of
11 this act, from the town of Malden, and be entitled to
12 receive its proportion of all the corporate property
13 now owned by said Malden, such proportion to be
14 determined by the last town valuation of said Malden.

1 SECT. 3. The said towns of Malden and Melrose
2 shall be respectively liable for the support of all per-
3 sons who now do, or hereafter shall, stand in need of
4 relief, as paupers, whose settlement was gained by,
5 or derived from, a settlement gained, or derived, with-
6 in their respective limits.

1 SECT. 4. Said town of Melrose shall continue to
2 be a part of the town of Malden, for the purpose of
3 electing a representative to the General Court, state
4 officers, senators, and a representative to Congress,
5 until the next decennial census shall be taken, in
6 pursuance of the thirteenth article of amendment of
7 the constitution, and until an apportionment of repre-
8 sentatives to the General Court shall have been made.
9 And all meetings for the choice of any of said offi-
10 cers shall be called by the selectmen of Malden, and
11 be held in the town of Malden; and the selectmen of
12 the town of Melrose shall make a true list of per-
13 sons qualified to vote at every such election, and de-
14 liver the same to the selectmen of Malden, at least
15 seven days before any such election, to be used by
16 the selectmen of said Malden, in the same manner as
17 if prepared by themselves.

1 SECT. 5. In case said towns shall disagree in re-
2 spect to a division of paupers, town property, town
3 debts, or state and county taxes, the court of com-
4 mon pleas, for the county of Middlesex, are hereby
5 authorized to, and shall, on application of either town,
6 appoint three disinterested persons to hear the par-
7 ties, and award thereon; and the award of said per-
8 sons, or of any two of them, in writing, and accepted
9 by said court, shall be final.

1 SECT. 6. Any justice of the peace, within and for
2 the county of Middlesex, is hereby authorized to is-
3 sue his warrant, directed to any principal inhabitant
4 of said town of Melrose, requiring him to notify and
5 warn the inhabitants thereof, qualified to vote in

6 town affairs, to meet at the time and place there-
 7 in appointed, for the purpose of choosing all such
 8 town officers, as towns are by law authorized and
 9 required to choose, at their annual meetings.

1 SECT. 7. This act shall take effect from and after
 2 its passage.