

An Act authorizing the Granite Railway Company to extend their Rail-road, *Chap 232.*
and for other purposes.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

SECTION 1. The Granite Railway Company are hereby authorized, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities, set forth in the laws of the Commonwealth now in force, or which may be set forth in any laws hereafter enacted, relating to rail-road companies, to extend their rail-road from its present termination near Neponset River, in the direction following, viz : crossing the Granite Bridge road at a convenient angle, and continuing thence to a convenient point on the southerly bank of said river, below or easterly of the creek, owned by the heirs of John Rowe and others, and not more than five hundred feet below the Granite Bridge ; thence straight across said river to the northerly bank thereof, by a bridge in which there shall be a draw of the same width, and in all respects as convenient as that of said Granite Bridge ; and thence in such convenient direction, as to form a junction with a branch rail-road, now authorized to be constructed, from Milton Village to the Old Colony Rail-road, to be called the Dorchester and Milton Branch Rail-road ; and if said branch rail-road shall not be built within three years from the passing of this act, then said Granite Railway Company are hereby authorized to continue their said road, in the most convenient direction, to said Old Colony Rail-road, and to enter the same and form a junction therewith. And with respect to said draw, said railway company shall be subject to the same duties and liabilities, as are contained in the fourth section of the act to establish the Old Colony Rail-road Corporation.

Road to be extended in certain directions and distances.

Draw in bridge across the Neponset.

SECTION 2. Said Granite Railway Company are hereby authorized to construct branches, not exceeding one mile and a quarter each, in length from any part of their rail-road within half a mile of their own granite quarry, to any of the other neighboring quarries ; and for the convenient shipping of stone, to construct a wharf and depot on said river, below said Old Colony Rail-road, and a branch from the said rail-road to said wharf and depot ; and said Granite Railway Company are authorized to take such land as may be necessary for such wharf and depot, not exceeding three acres in extent, and such strips of land, not exceeding five rods in width, as may be needful for the extensions and branches authorized hereby, making payment for all land so taken, in the same manner as is provided by law, concerning land taken for the construction of rail-roads.

May construct branches, wharf and depot, &c.

SECTION 3. Said Granite Railway Company are hereby authorized to transport passengers and merchandise, as well

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Capital stock to be increased by an amount not exceeding \$50,000.

Rights, &c., may be sold to the Old Colony Rail-road Corporation.

as stone, over their said rail-road and the several branches thereof, and to own and use locomotive engines and cars, suitable therefor; and, for the purposes mentioned in this act, may increase their capital stock by an amount, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars.

SECTION 4. Said Granite Railway Company are further authorized to sell their said road as it now is, with the rights and privileges created by this act, or as it may be when extended as aforesaid, in whole or in part, and with the several branches aforesaid, or any of them, to the Old Colony Rail-road Corporation. And said corporation is hereby authorized to purchase the same. [*Approved by the Governor, April 16, 1846.*]

Chap 233.

An Act to authorize the Western Rail-road Corporation to extend a Branch Rail-road from West Brookfield to Barre.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

Location of branch rail-road.

SECTION 1. When the Western Rail-road Corporation shall construct a branch rail-road, leading from their main road at or near the village of West Brookfield, to any part of the town of New Braintree, as authorized by the sixth section of their act of incorporation, they are hereby empowered to extend and to construct and maintain the same, in and across the valley of Ware River, either through the easterly part of the town of Hardwick and a part of the town of Barre, or from said New Braintree, through a part of said Barre, to a point at or near the village in the centre of said Barre, and for the purpose of constructing said branch rail road, the said corporation shall have all the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties, liabilities and restrictions, contained in their act of incorporation, and in the several acts in addition thereto, and to such as are set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes, and in that part of the thirty-ninth chapter of said statutes relating to rail-road corporations, and the public statutes which have been or may be, subsequently passed, relating to such corporations.

May take, purchase, and hold real estate.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may take, purchase, and hold such real estate on the line of said branch rail-road, as may be necessary and convenient therefor, and for depots at the use of said branch road.

Time for location and completion of branch road.

SECTION 3. If the location of said branch road shall not be filed in the manner required by law, within one year, or if the said branch shall not be completed within two years, from the passage of this act, then this act shall be void. [*Approved by the Governor, April 16, 1846.*]