

SENATE No. 79.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN SENATE, March 19, 1877.

The Committee on Prisons, to whom was referred so much of the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Board of State Charities, and its various officers, as relates to prisons, report in part the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

BYRON TRUELL.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

AN ACT

Relating to the Returns from County and City Prisons.

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 laws and parts of laws requiring
2 the sheriffs of the several counties of the Com-
3 monwealth, the masters or keepers of the jails and
4 houses of correction within the Commonwealth,
5 and the directors of public institutions of the city
6 of Boston, to make periodical returns to the board
7 of state charities or its secretary, relative to pris-
8 oners in their charge or under their control, are
9 hereby repealed; and reports from the several
10 county and city prisons shall hereafter be made to
11 the commissioners of prisons in accordance with the
12 provisions of chapter two hundred and sixty-four
13 of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred
14 and seventy-four. That the reports and returns
15 made in pursuance of said chapter may be prop-
16 erly compiled for presentation to the legislature,
17 the commissioners of prisons are hereby author-

18 ized to expend not exceeding one hundred and
19 fifty dollars for blanks, and not exceeding seven
20 hundred dollars annually for clerical assistance.

1 SECT. 2. All laws and parts of laws requiring
2 the secretary of the board of state charities to fur-
3 nish blanks for periodical returns from the jails,
4 houses of correction and the house of industry are
5 here repealed; but the warden of the state prison
6 and the master of the state workhouse shall con-
7 tinue to make such returns and reports as may be
8 required by the board of state charities. And
9 said board and its secretary shall have free access
10 to the returns made to the commissioners of
11 prisons from the county and city prisons.

1 SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

