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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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CHELSEA HOSPITAL.

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MAY 30, 1848.

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Mr. GRINNELL, from the Committee on Commerce, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the memorial of the town of Chelsea, in the State of Massachusetts, asking that the marine hospital of the United States, situate in the village of Chelsea, may be removed, and the land connected therewith sold, report:*

That they have given the subject all the attention in their power, (without viewing the premises,) and have come to the conclusion that the time has arrived when arrangements should be made for the removal of the marine hospital from the village of Chelsea, for the reason that the buildings of the village are closing in the lot on which the hospital stands on all sides, except the water, preventing that free circulation of air, so important to invalids; the land has become very valuable and will sell for \$100,000 or \$120,000, a much larger sum than the cost of a new site and hospital; therefore the committee have directed a bill to be reported, authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase a new site near the city of Boston, accessible by water, and to erect thereon a new hospital, and for these purposes they recommend an appropriation of \$50,000; the bill also authorizes the sale of the present hospital buildings, at such time as the Secretary of the Treasury may deem expedient; also that the land be laid out in building lots and sold at public auction.