

HOUSE No. 708

By Mr. Cahill of Braintree (by request), petition of Josephine S. Romano that the General Court appoint a special committee to investigate the conduct of certain persons in connection with the equity case of Romano *vs.* Sharpira. Judiciary (Joint).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Six.

An Act relative to the Case of Romano *vs.* Sharpira.

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

1 The general court is hereby authorized to direct an
2 investigation into the conduct of Eugene P. Carver
3 and Van Cortlandt Lawrence, whether or not they
4 did with malice intent cause Josephine S. Romano
5 suffering and losses in connection with equity case
6 twenty-two thousand four hundred and eighty-eight,
7 Romano versus Sharpira et al., one of the parties of
8 said case.

9 The general court is authorized to investigate as to
10 whether or not the Union Co-operative Bank did
11 benefit by the conduct of Eugene P. Carver, Jr., and
12 Van Cortlandt Lawrence in the equity case Romano
13 versus Sharpira et al., and to further determine
14 whether or not the benefit derived was through deceit,
15 fraud, conspiracy, illegal practice or action to defeat

16 and obstruct justice to the detriment of one Josephine
17 S. Romano, one of the parties in said case.

18 The general court so authorized and empowered
19 shall especially inquire into the handling of papers
20 which were reported to be lost and subsequently
21 found after certain proceedings had been instituted
22 by the honorable Francis A. Campbell as clerk of the
23 superior court, against Josephine S. Romano, before
24 the honorable justice Marcus Morton as court.

25 The general court shall especially inquire whether
26 or not at the proceedings instituted by the honorable
27 Francis A. Campbell and members of his office force,
28 did take Josephine S. Romano before the court pre-
29 sided by the honorable Marcus Morton, and did
30 charge Josephine S. Romano with (1) taking papers
31 and not returning them; (2) taking papers out of the
32 jurisdiction of the court and not returning them;
33 (3) taking papers out of the jurisdiction of the court
34 and destroying them. And whether or not the honor-
35 able clerk insisted that the honorable court should
36 severely punish Josephine S. Romano as an example
37 to others who might do likewise; and whether or not
38 the honorable court ordered Josephine S. Romano
39 detained and locked up in solitary for the day; ordered
40 a finding favorable to the Union Co-operative Bank,
41 without any papers as reference, and sentenced
42 Josephine S. Romano to probation, to report at stated
43 times, to return the papers, or plead guilty and submit
44 to punishment; whether or not, during the time
45 Josephine S. Romano was ordered detained and locked
46 in solitary, she was forced to suffer indignities as a
47 common criminal, and whether or not, after the papers
48 were reported found, did Josephine S. Romano submit
49 evidence in writing to clerk Campbell and the honor-

50 able justice Morton that showed facts that she had
51 been framed by Eugene P. Carver and Van Cortlandt
52 Lawrence, so that justice would miscarry, to benefit
53 the Union Co-operative Bank.

54 That whether or not justice Morton and clerk
55 Campbell did or did not refuse any redress for the
56 suffering and loss sustained by Josephine S. Romano,
57 or report to the proper departments to investigate the
58 conduct of those two lawyers that caused her to suffer
59 the loss of fifty thousand dollars.

