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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 24, 1900.

[Introduced on leave by Mr. Manning of Worcester. Judiciary.]

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred.

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AN ACT

To define the Power of Courts and Magistrates to  
punish for Contempt.

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

1 SECTION 1. The power of courts and magis-  
2 trates in this Commonwealth to punish contempts  
3 shall not be construed to extend to any cases  
4 except the misbehavior of any person in their  
5 presence or so near thereto as to obstruct the ad-  
6 ministration of justice, the misbehavior of any of  
7 the officers of said courts in their official transac-  
8 tions, and the disobedience or resistance by any  
9 such officer or by any party, juror, witness or  
10 other person to any lawful writ, process, order,  
11 rule, decree or command of the said courts or  
12 magistrates.

1 SECTION 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsist-  
2 ent herewith are hereby repealed.

