

HOUSE No. 842.

Bill accompanying the petition of Edward Sweetser for legislation to make void contracts for sale of stocks unless the seller owns the stock. Joint Judiciary. January 22.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight.

AN ACT

To make Contracts for Sale of Stocks void unless the Seller owns the Stock.

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

1 All contracts, written or verbal, for the sale or transfer
2 of any certificate or other evidence of debt due by or
3 from the United States or any separate state, or of any
4 share or interest in the stock of any bank, or of any
5 corporation incorporated under any law of the United
6 States or of any individual state, shall be absolutely
7 void, unless the party contracting to sell or transfer the
8 same shall, at the time of making said contract, be in
9 the actual possession by ownership of the certificates or
10 other evidence of such debt, share or interest, or be
11 otherwise entitled in his own right, or be duly authorized
12 by some person so entitled, to sell or transfer the said
13 certificate or other evidence of debt, share or interest so
14 contracted for.

