

SENATE . . . No. 242.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN SENATE, May 18, 1867.

The Committee on Fisheries, to whom was committed the Report of the Fish Commissioners, have duly considered said Report, and report the accompanying Bill.

Per order of the Committee,

F. W. CHOATE, *Chairman.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To regulate Fishing in Merrimack and other Rivers.

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. No person shall fish with a seine in
2 Merrimack River, nor in any manner take or catch
3 shad or salmon in said river until April fifteen,
4 eighteen hundred and seventy-one, under penalty of
5 the forfeiture of the seine and of five dollars for each
6 shad and fifty dollars for every salmon taken: *pro-*
7 *vided*, that the fish commissioners shall be allowed,
8 from time to time, to take such fish as may be required
9 to re-stock the Merrimack or any other rivers.

1 SECT. 2. No person shall fish within four hundred
2 yards of any fish-way, nor trespass within the limits
3 of the same, under a penalty of fifty dollars.

1 SECT. 3. The fish commissioners are hereby
2 empowered to cause any tributaries of the Merrimack
3 to be opened to the passage of shad and salmon, by
4 directing the proprietors of dams in such tributaries
5 to build suitable fish-ways over their dams.

1 SECT. 4. The mayor and aldermen of any city, and
2 the selectmen of any town bordering on the Merri-
3 mack River, shall appoint one or more suitable fish-
4 wardens, and fix their compensation, to see to the
5 execution of this act.

