

SENATE No. 187.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, Mar. 22, 1881.

The Committee on Education, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Deputy Tax Commissioner as relates to the power of corporations formed under the general laws to confer degrees, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

CHAS. B. RICE.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-one.

AN ACT

Relative to the Power of Conferring Degrees.

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. No association or body of men, incor-
2 porated or organized under the general provisions of
3 the statutes of the Commonwealth having respect to
4 corporations, shall have power to confer degrees or
5 titles indicative of professional standing, unless
6 authorized so to do by special act of the legislature ;
7 and any officer of such a corporation who shall sign
8 or issue any paper or instrument purporting to con-
9 fer such degree or title in violation of the provisions
10 of this act, or who shall personally participate in
11 signing or issuing such paper or instrument, shall be
12 punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dol-
13 lars, or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding
14 two years.

1 SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its pas-
2 sage.

