

HOUSE No. 1158.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 8, 1897.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 432) of Edward F. Johnson for legislation to authorize trial justices and police, district and municipal courts to pay reasonable compensation to experts, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

HUGO A. DUBUQUE.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-seven.

AN ACT

To authorize Police, District and Municipal Courts and Trial Justices to pay Reasonable Compensation to Experts.

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

1 Chapter three hundred and eighty-five of the acts of
2 the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three is hereby
3 amended by inserting the word "experts" after the
4 word "interpreters" in the third line thereof, so that as
5 amended it shall read:

6 Trial justices, and police, district and municipal courts
7 are authorized to allow reasonable compensation to inter-
8 preters, experts and to witnesses from without the Com-
9 monwealth, in criminal proceedings before such courts or
10 trial justices. The compensation so allowed shall be
11 paid by the county in which such proceedings are had,
12 in the same manner as is now provided by law for the
13 payment of witness fees.