

HOUSE No. 219.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 23, 1899.

[Introduced on leave by Mr. PATON of Leominster Joint Judiciary]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relative to Search Warrants authorizing search in
night time.

*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. Section four of chapter two hun-
2 dred and twelve of the Public Statutes is hereby
3 amended by striking out in the fifth line the
4 words "two trial justices," and inserting in place
5 thereof the words: "one trial justice," so as to
6 read as follows:—

7 *Section 4.* If there is satisfactory evidence
8 that any property stolen, embezzled, or obtained
9 by false tokens or pretences, or that any of the

10 other things for which a search warrant may be
11 issued by the provisions of this chapter, are con-
12 cealed, kept, prepared, or used in a particular
13 house or place, a warrant may be issued by one
14 trial justice, or by a police, district, or municipal
15 court, to authorize a public officer to search such
16 house or place in the night time, and to bring the
17 property or things described in the warrant, if
18 found, and the persons in whose possession they
19 are found, before some trial justice or court having
20 cognizance of the examination of the case.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

