

HOUSE No. 718.

[Bill accompanying the petition of Marcus C. Pettengill. Probate and Insolvency.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To Define the Penalty for Larceny in Certain Cases.

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 twenty of chapter two hundred and three of
2 the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter four hundred
3 and fifty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred
4 and eighty-nine, is hereby further amended so as to read
5 as follows:—

6 *Section 20.* Whoever commits larceny by stealing,
7 of the property of another, money, goods or chattels,
8 or a bank note, bond, promissory note, bill of exchange,
9 or other bill, order or certificate, or a book of accounts
10 for or concerning money on goods due or to become
11 due or to be delivered, or a deed or writing containing

12 a conveyance of land, or any other valuable contract in
13 force, or a receipt, release, or defeasance, or a writ,
14 process, or public record, if the property stolen exceeds
15 the value of one hundred dollars, shall be punished by
16 imprisonment in the state prison not exceeding five
17 years, or by fine not exceeding six hundred dollars and
18 imprisonment in the jail not exceeding two years; or,
19 if the property stolen does not exceed the value of one
20 hundred dollars, shall be punished by imprisonment in
21 the state prison or jail not exceeding one year, or by
22 fine not exceeding three hundred dollars: *provided*,
23 *however*, that when the property is stolen or taken from
24 the conveyance of a common carrier or a person or cor-
25 poration carrying on the express business, the penalty
26 shall be imprisonment in the state prison or jail not less
27 than six months and not exceeding five years, or a fine
28 of not less than fifty dollars and not exceeding six hun-
29 dred dollars, or both.

