

HOUSE....No. 427.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 24, 1869.

The Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred the communication regarding the granting of jurisdiction to the United States over the sites of Fort Andrew and Fort Standish at the entrance to Plymouth Harbor, report the accompanying Bill.

Per order of the Committee,

ALFRED M. WILLIAMS.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To cede Jurisdiction to the United States over the Sites of Fort Andrew and Fort Standish, at the entrance of Plymouth Harbor.

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. Jurisdiction is hereby ceded to the United
2 States over the site of Fort Standish, on the “Saquish
3 Neck,” and over the site of Fort Andrew, on the
4 “Gurnet Point,” (both sites lying to the northward
5 and eastward, and near the entrance of the harbor of
6 Plymouth,) for the purpose of building and maintain-
7 ing thereon such forts, arsenals, wharves or other
8 structures, with their appendages, as may be neces-
9 sary for the public service, and as may be purchased
10 for such uses by the United States; and the jurisdic-
11 tion is also ceded over all the shores, flats and waters
12 contiguous to those sites, and within four hundred

13 yards from low-water mark, and all right, title and
14 claim which the Commonwealth may have to or in
15 the premises aforesaid, is hereby granted to the
16 United States: *provided*, that this Commonwealth
17 shall retain a concurrent jurisdiction with the United
18 States in and over all the premises aforesaid, as far
19 as that all civil and criminal processes issuing under
20 the authority of this Commonwealth, may be executed
21 on said premises, in the same way and manner as if
22 jurisdiction had not been ceded as aforesaid.

1 SECT. 2. The premises over which jurisdiction is
2 granted by this act, and all structures and other
3 property thereon, shall be exonerated from all taxes
4 and assessments which may be imposed under the
5 authority of this Commonwealth, while said premises
6 shall remain the property of the United States, and
7 shall be used for the purposes intended by this act.

1 SECT. 3. This act shall be void unless a suitable
2 plan of these premises, as acquired by the United
3 States by deed, be deposited in the office of the
4 secretary of the Commonwealth within one year from
5 the passage of this act.

1 SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

