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### Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 30, 1872.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate Bill entitled "An Act for the preservation of books and other property belonging to public libraries," report that the same ought to pass in a new draft.

Per order,

S. M. QUINCY.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Two.

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### AN ACT

For the Preservation of Books and other Property belonging to Public Libraries.

*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. Whoever wilfully and maliciously, or  
2 wantonly and without cause, writes upon, injures,  
3 defaces, tears or destroys any book, plate or picture,  
4 engraving or statue, belonging to any law, town, city  
5 or other public library, shall be punished by a fine  
6 of not less than five dollars nor more than fifty dol-  
7 lars, or by imprisonment in the jail not exceeding  
8 six months for every such offence.

1   SECT. 2. Chapter sixty-nine of the acts of the  
2 year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven is  
3 hereby repealed.