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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 22, 1874.

The Committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed by an order of the House to consider whether any legislation is necessary or expedient to make the decisions of the supreme judicial court accessible to the public before their official publication, and for the more speedy publication of such decisions, have considered the same and report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

ALBERT MASON.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 26, 1874.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Bill "to provide for the custody and examination of the opinions of the supreme judicial court before their publication in the reports," report that the same ought to pass.

Per order of the Committee,

LEVI L. CUSHING, JR.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

### AN ACT

To provide for the Custody and Examination of the Opinions of the Supreme Judicial Court before their Publication in the Reports.

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

1 The reporter of the decisions of the supreme  
2 judicial court shall keep, in some safe and con-  
3 venient place, to be provided by the county of  
4 Suffolk in the city of Boston, the written opinions  
5 of the court in all law cases argued in the several  
6 counties, until their publication in the reports, and  
7 also his dockets and copies of papers in such cases,  
8 and shall afford due facilities for their examina-  
9 tion, for which purpose he shall be allowed a sum  
10 not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars per year, to  
11 be expended in clerk-hire and for incidental ex-  
12 penses.