

HOUSE No. 102.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 27, 1874.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth, report in part the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

J. Q. ADAMS.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To promote the prompt and faithful Administration of
Estates by Public Administrators.

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

1 In all suits and legal proceedings under the
2 seventeenth section of chapter ninety-five of the
3 General Statutes, if no heir has appeared and
4 made claim in the probate court for his interest in
5 any estate under administration by a public ad-
6 ministrator within two years after the granting
7 letters of administration, it shall be presumed that
8 there is no such heir, and the burden of proving
9 the existence of such heir shall be upon the public
10 administrator.