

# HOUSE....No. 458.

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## PERSONS CONFINED AS INSANE.

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### Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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#### PENDING AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL.

Mr. SWEETSER of Lowell, moves to amend the bill in line 8 and line 11 of section 4, by striking out " shall " and inserting " may ; " and in line 12 by striking out " or."

Mr. FRENCH of New Bedford, moves to amend by adding the following new sections:—

1   SECT. . No adult idiotic or insane person con-  
2 fined in any asylum in this Commonwealth shall be  
3 wholly under the guardianship of persons having an  
4 interest in his estate.

1   SECT. . Judges of probate in visiting the lunatic  
2 asylums, shall have a free access to any and every  
3 building, ward room, or dormitory, or inclosure con-  
4 nected with the same, in company with his friend or  
5 otherwise, and shall have authority to converse with,  
6 or examine any officer, attendant or inmate, either in  
7 private or public.

1     SECT. . Any superintendent or employé of any  
2 lunatic asylum in this Commonwealth, who shall  
3 delay, open, intercept or read any letter from a patient  
4 or his counsel, shall be punished by a fine of not  
5 less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dol-  
6 lars, and be expelled and rendered ineligible to a  
7 situation in any such institution in this Common-  
8 wealth.



