

HOUSE....No. 124.

[Reported by the Committee on the Judiciary.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To extend the Jurisdiction of the Police Court of the City
of Boston, in certain cases.

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of
the same, as follows :*

1 SECT. 1. The police court of the city of Boston
2 shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the municipal
3 court, of all cases of assault and battery committed
4 upon any constable, police officer, or watchman of
5 said city, while in the discharge of his duty as such,

6 except in cases where such assault and battery shall
7 be committed with a dangerous or deadly weapon,
8 or other thing, or with intent to kill, or where life
9 is endangered. And, for such assault and battery,
10 said police court may punish by fine, not exceeding
11 thirty dollars, or by commitment to the house of cor-
12 rection, not exceeding six months.

1 SECT. 2. The said police court shall have concur-
2 rent jurisdiction with said municipal court, of all
3 larcenies, mentioned in the seventeenth section of
4 the one hundred and twenty-sixth chapter of the Re-
5 vised Statutes, when the money, or other property
6 stolen, shall not exceed the value of twenty-five
7 dollars; in all which cases, the punishment shall be
8 by a fine not exceeding thirty dollars, or by con-
9 finement in the house of correction, not exceeding
10 six months.

1 SECT. 3. The said police court shall have con-
2 current jurisdiction with said municipal court, of all
3 cases arising under the fifth section of the one hun-
4 dred and thirtieth chapter of the Revised Statutes, in
5 which cases the punishment shall be by imprisonment
6 in the county jail, not more than three months, or by
7 fine not exceeding thirty dollars.

1 SECT. 4. Any person, convicted under the pro-
2 visions of this act, may appeal to the municipal court.
3 And the appellant shall not be required to advance
4 any fees, upon claiming his appeal, nor in prose-
5 cuting the same; but, if convicted in the municipal
6 court, or if sentenced for failing to prosecute his

7 appeal, he may be required, as part of his sentence,
8 to pay the whole, or any part, of the costs of prose-
9 cution.

1 SECT. 5. All provisions of law, inconsistent here-
2 with, are hereby repealed.

