

HOUSE....No. 69.

[Reported by the Committee on Banks and Banking, in new draft, as an
Amendment to House No. 44.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty
Two.

AN ACT

To prevent the Wilful Injury of Bank Bills.

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

- 1 Any person who shall be convicted of wilfully and
- 2 maliciously tearing, cutting, or in any other manner
- 3 damaging and impairing the usefulness for circula-
- 4 tion of any bank bill, or note of any bank in this
- 5 Commonwealth, shall be punished by a fine not ex-

6 ceeding ten dollars for each offence, to be recovered
 7 by complaint before any justice of the peace or police
 8 court: *provided*, that the possession or uttering of
 9 any bill so injured, shall not be considered evidence
 10 of its having been so injured by the person in whose
 11 possession it is found.