

HOUSE....No. 162.

[Reported by the Committee on the Judiciary.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-
Two.

AN ACT

In addition to the Act to Punish Abduction.

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 fraudulently and deceitfully
2 entice or take away any unmarried female, under the
3 age of sixteen years, from her father's house or wher-
4 ever else she may be found, without the consent of the
5 parent, guardian, or master, if she have any, under
6 whose care and custody she is living, for the purpose
7 of effecting a clandestine marriage of such female
8 without such consent, shall be punished by confine-

9 ment to hard labor in the State prison for a term not
10 exceeding one year, or by fine not exceeding one
11 thousand dollars, or by both fine and imprisonment
12 in the common jail, in the discretion of the court.

IN SENATE, March 29, 1852.

Passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

F. H. UNDERWOOD, *Clerk.*