

## HOUSE....No. 177.

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### Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives,  
assembled :*

The undersigned, merchants in the city of Boston, respectfully remonstrate against the State's granting the Act presented to the Senate in March last, and now under consideration of the honorable legislature, entitled "An Act for the improvement of South Boston Flats."

The remonstrance is made for a variety of important reasons, all of which have reference alone to the public good, and are referred to as follows: *First*—the filling up of these flats with either permanent earth or structure of any kind, including slips, wet docks, or basins, would be a great injury to the channel ways into and out of the harbor. *Second*—the parties applying for this large grant from the State, have no more right to such a gratuity than any other citizens of this State, or other parties or persons. *Third*—the fostering care of the State for the public good, does not warrant the legislature to give it away to any individuals or corporations, for a mere pretence, that it is for public convenience, whilst the parties mean to use it for their individual or corporate gain; for the foregoing

reasons, and for others which your remonstrants are ready to state in particular form, when notified so to do by your honorable body, guardians of this great and sacred public interest.

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WM. STURGIS.  
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SAMPSON & TAPPAN.  
PHILO S. SHELTON.  
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April, 1854.