

HOUSE...No. 13.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 19, 1856.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an Order relative to the concurrent jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace and Police Courts, have considered the same, and report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

JOHN CODMAN.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relating to the Unlawful Use of Private Property.

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

1 SECT. 1. Every person who shall wilfully and with-
2 out right, take, drive, ride or use any horse, ass, mule,
3 ox, or any draught animal, the property of another,
4 without the consent of the owner or other person hav-
5 ing the legal custody, care or control of the same, shall
6 be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall
7 be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred
8 dollars, or by imprisonment in the house of correction
9 for a term not exceeding six months: *provided*, that
10 nothing in this act shall be so construed as to apply

11 to any case where the taking of the property of an-
12 other is with the intent to steal the same.

1 SECT. 2. Justices of the peace and police courts
2 shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the court of
3 common pleas and the municipal court of the city of
4 Boston of offences under this act : *provided*, that such
5 justices and police courts shall not have power to in-
6 flict a fine exceeding ten dollars on any conviction
7 under this act.

1 SECT. 3. The two hundred and ninety-fifth chapter
2 of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred
3 and fifty-four is repealed.

1 SECT. 4. This act shall take effect from and after
2 its passage.

