

HOUSE...No. 120.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 17, 1856.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate Bill in relation to the observance of certain days, have considered the same, and report the accompanying Bill, being a new draft.

GEO. H. DEVEREUX, *Chairman.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Concerning the Observance of Certain Days.

*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. There shall be no sessions of the general
2 court of Massachusetts, except by special appointment,
3 in case of emergency ; and no sessions of the courts
4 of this Commonwealth for the transaction of business,
5 upon the days herein specified, viz. :—The annual
6 Thanksgiving and Fast days, Christmas day, the
7 twenty-second day of February, and the twenty-third
8 day of February, when the twenty-second occurs on
9 Sunday ; the fourth day of July, and the fifth day of
10 July, when the fourth day occurs on Sunday ; and

11 all the public offices shall be closed upon the said
12 days.

1 SECT. 2. All bills of exchange, drafts, and promis-
2 sory notes or contracts whatsoever, that shall be due
3 and payable, or to be executed upon said days, or
4 upon Sundays, shall be payable or performable upon
5 the business day next preceding said days; and, in
6 case of non-payment, or non-fulfilment, may be noted
7 and protested upon such preceding day: *provided*,
8 that it shall not be necessary for the holder or holders
9 of such obligations aforesaid, to give notice of the
10 dishonor, non-payment or non-fulfilment thereof, un-
11 til the business day next following the days above
12 specified; and all notices so given shall be valid and
13 effectual to all intents and purposes.

1 SECT. 3. The one hundred and eighty-second chap-
2 ter of the statutes of one thousand eight hundred and
3 thirty-eight, and the ninety-first chapter of the statutes
4 of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, are hereby
5 repealed

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