

HOUSE....No. 104.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 19, 1859.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Petition of the City of Boston for a revision of the laws relating to Coroners' Inquests, and for a repeal of the laws authorizing Fire Inquests, report the accompanying Bill.

Per Order,

DAN'L U. JOHNSON.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relative to Coroners' and Fire Inquests.

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

1 No coroners' or fire inquests shall be held unless
2 the coroner or justice shall be first authorized in
3 writing to hold the same, either by the attorney-
4 general of the Commonwealth, by the attorney of the
5 district, the mayor or chief of police of the city, or the
6 selectmen of the town in which a fire shall occur or a
7 dead body be found; and such written authority shall
8 be annexed to the return in the case.