

## HOUSE....No. 15.

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### Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 21, 1863.

The Committee on the Judiciary, who were ordered by the House, January 14, 1863, to consider the expediency of providing by law for taking depositions and affidavits of persons in the naval service of the United States, have considered the same, and report the accompanying Bill.

Per order,

SIMEON BORDEN.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-  
Three.

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### AN ACT

To provide for taking the Depositions of Persons in the  
Military and Naval Service of the United States.

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

1    SECT. 1.   Commissions to take the deposition of any  
2 person without this state, engaged in the naval service  
3 of the United States, may be executed by the purser,  
4 surgeon, or officer in command of the vessel in which  
5 such person shall at the time serve or with which he  
6 may be connected: and for the purpose of taking the  
7 deposition of such person the purser, surgeon, or  
8 officer in command of the vessel as aforesaid shall  
9 have power and authority to administer oaths to said  
10 persons; and the deposition of such person so taken,  
11 if otherwise taken in accordance with law, shall be  
12 received and may be used in evidence in the same  
13 manner as if taken before a commissioner of this

14 Commonwealth appointed to take depositions in other  
15 states.

1    SECT. 2. The provisions of this act, and also the  
2 provisions of section first, chapter two hundred and  
3 nineteen of the acts of the year one thousand eight  
4 hundred and sixty-two, entitled "An Act to provide  
5 for taking the depositions of persons in the military  
6 service of the United States," shall continue and be  
7 in force until the first day of May, in the year one  
8 thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

1    SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.

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