

HOUSE....No. 203

[Proposed by Mr. CARRUTHERS, of Roxbury, as a substitute for the Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, (leave to withdraw) on the petition of George Pratt and others.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To define and protect the rights of Tenants at Will.

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. The sale or lease of any tenement shall
2 not be held to convey any right, as regards the tenant
3 at will, not possessed by the vendor or lessor.

1 SECT. 2. The tenant at will in actual possession,
2 or occupancy, shall be entitled to receive from the

3 purchaser or lessee, the same notice to quit that he
4 would have been entitled to receive from the vendor
5 or lessor, had no such sale or lease been executed.

1 SECT. 3. The purchaser or lessee having given the
2 tenant in actual possession or occupancy, or having
3 left at the house a written notice of such purchase or
4 lease, shall be entitled to receive from the tenant at
5 will, the same notice to terminate the tenancy, as
6 might have been required by the vendor or lessor, if
7 no such sale or lease had been executed.

1 SECT. 4. This act shall take effect on its
2 passage.

