

HOUSE.... No. 382.

[Mr. ALLEN, of Boston, moves to substitute for the Bill relating to the right to serve on juries in criminal causes, &c., the following:]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relating to the Right to Serve on Juries in Cases arising under the eighty-sixth and eighty-seventh Chapters of the General Statutes in the County of Suffolk, and to the Right of Challenging Jurors in such Causes.

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. No person whose opinions are such as
2 to preclude him from finding a defendant guilty of a
3 criminal offence with which he stands charged, in
4 indictments in the county of Suffolk, under the eighty-

5 sixth and eighty-seventh chapters of the General Stat-
6 utes and of the several acts in addition thereto, shall
7 be compelled or allowed to serve as a juror on the
8 trial of an indictment or complaint for such offence.

1 SECT. 2. In all cases of trial by jury in the county,
2 and causes mentioned in the preceding section, in
3 addition to the challenges now provided for, the Com-
4 monwealth in a criminal cause, shall, before the trial
5 commences, be entitled to challenge peremptorily two
6 of the jurors from the panel called to try the cause.



