

HOUSE No. 146.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 25, 1889.

The Committee on Probate and Insolvency, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 147, section 1, of the Public Statutes, so as to give further protection to the estate of the husband in lands of the wife, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

WILLIAM R. ROWELL.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-nine.

AN ACT

To amend Chapter One Hundred and Forty-seven of the Public Statutes, relating to Certain Rights and Liabilities of Husband and Wife.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section one of chapter one hun-
2 dred and forty-seven of the Public Statutes is
3 hereby amended by adding thereto the words,
4 "or his tenancy for life in one-half her real estate,
5 in case the husband and wife have had no issue
6 born alive which might have inherited such
7 estate," so that the same as amended shall read
8 as follows: *Section 1.* The real and personal
9 property of a woman shall upon her marriage
10 remain her separate property, and a married

11 woman may receive, receipt for, hold, manage
12 and dispose of property, real and personal, in
13 the same manner as if she were sole, except that
14 she shall not, without the written consent of her
15 husband, destroy or impair his tenancy by the
16 curtesy in her real estate or his tenancy for life
17 in one-half her real estate, in case the husband
18 and wife have had no issue born alive which
19 might have inherited such estate.

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

