

HOUSE....No. 46.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 2, 1855.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the communication to His Excellency the Governor from the Secretary of the United States, respecting ceding jurisdiction of the site for a Custom-House in Gloucester to the United States, have considered the same, and report that, it appears by a proviso attached to the appropriation by Congress for a Custom-House in Gloucester, that no money can be expended for that purpose until the State of Massachusetts has ceded jurisdiction over the site, and relinquished the right to tax or assess the same. They, therefore, to secure said appropriations, report the accompanying Bill.

C. P. HUNTINGTON, *Chairman.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Ceding to the United States of America, jurisdiction over certain lands and their appurtenances, situate in the Town of Gloucester, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

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 jurisdiction of the lands and their
2 appurtenances, that have been, or may be purchased
3 in said town of Gloucester, for the erection of a cus-
4 tom-house and appurtenances, be and is hereby ceded
5 to the United States of America. *Provided, however,*
6 that all civil and criminal processes issued under the
7 authority of this State, or any officer thereof, may be

8 executed on said lands, and in the buildings that may
9 be erected thereon, in the same manner as if jurisdic-
10 tion had not been ceded as aforesaid.

1 SECT. 2. The lands above described, with their
2 appurtenances, and all buildings and other property
3 that may be therein, shall forever hereafter be ex-
4 empted from all State, county, and municipal taxation
5 and assessment, so long as the same shall remain the
6 property of the United States of America.

