

HOUSE....No. 78.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 4, 1867.

The Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was recommended the Bill authorizing the United States to purchase a certain tract of land in Charlestown, as an addition to the Navy Yard, report the same in a new draft.

Per order,

GEO. B. LORING.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relating to the cession of the jurisdiction of the Com-
monwealth over certain lands in Charlestown.

*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. Jurisdiction is hereby granted and ceded
2 to the United States over all that certain lot or tract
3 of land, with the buildings thereon, situate in the city
4 of Charlestown, purchased by the United States as
5 an addition to the navy yard, and described as follows:
6 Commencing at the south-west corner of the present
7 guard-house, thence running north-westerly along the
8 boundary line of the navy yard twenty-four and
9 twenty one-hundredths feet to the intersection of the
10 continuation of the western line of the avenue,
11 thence south-westerly along said western line and
12 making an angle of eighty-three degrees and nineteen
13 minutes with the boundary line of the navy yard,

14 forty-four and fifty one-hundredths feet, to the north
15 side of Wapping street, thence along Wapping street,
16 at an angle of forty degrees fifty-seven minutes with
17 the last line, twenty and forty-two one-hundredths
18 feet, thence along Water street at an angle with the
19 last line of one hundred and sixty-one degrees and
20 eight minutes, twenty-eight and thirty-three one-hun-
21 dredths feet to the beginning—this last line making
22 an angle of seventy-four degrees and thirty-six min-
23 utes with the first or boundary wall of the yard.

1 SECT. 2. This act shall be void, unless a suitable
2 plan of the premises, or such portion or portions
3 thereof as may be purchased by the United States, [is
4 deposited] in the office of the secretary of this Common-
5 wealth, within one year from the passage of this act:
6 *provided, always,* that this Commonwealth shall retain
7 and does retain concurrent jurisdiction with the
8 United States in and over the tract of land aforesaid,
9 so far as that all civil and all criminal processes issu-
10 ing under the authority of this Commonwealth, may
11 be executed on said land, and in any buildings there-
12 on, or to be erected thereon, in the same way or
13 manner as if jurisdiction had not been granted as
14 aforesaid; and *provided, also,* that the exclusive
15 jurisdiction shall revert to and revest in the Common-
16 wealth of Massachusetts, whenever the said land
17 shall cease to be used for the sole purpose herein
18 before declared.

