

HOUSE....No. 14.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 19, 1853.

ORDERED, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider and report what legislation may be expedient for further enabling the Supreme Judicial Court to make decrees respecting alimony.

WILLIAM SCHOULER, *Clerk.*

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 24th, 1853.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order to consider and report what legislation may be expedient for further enabling the Supreme Judicial Court to make decrees of alimony, have considered the same, and report the accompanying bill.

For the Committee,

S. F. PLIMPTON.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-  
Three.

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### AN ACT

Concerning decrees of Alimony.

*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 Supreme Judicial Court shall have  
2 power, after any decree of divorce shall have been  
3 granted by the said court, upon the libel or suit of any  
4 married woman, to make at any time upon petition or  
5 proper process therefor, any such decree of or respect-  
6 ing alimony, or other provision for her maintenance,  
7 and for the benefit of the children of the parties, as  
8 the said court might have made in the original suit ;  
9 notwithstanding no such decree of alimony or other  
10 provision were made in the original decree of divorce,  
11 or prayed for in such libel or suit ; and the court,  
12 from time to time, may revise and alter any such de-  
13 cree, as the circumstances of the parties, and the ben-  
14 efit of their children, shall require.

1    SECT. 2. Upon every such petition for a decree, or  
 2 for the revision or alteration of a decree, the court  
 3 may award costs to either party, as justice and equity  
 4 shall require.

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