

HOUSE....No. 37.

[Reported by the Committee on the Judiciary.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Nine.

RESOLVE

Concerning a Tax on Alien Passengers.

WHEREAS, by a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, the legislation of Massachusetts, on the subject of taxing Alien Passengers, has been declared unconstitutional and void; and whereas, the State, being obliged to render great aid and assistance to the poor and helpless portion of the emigrants arriving here, ought to have power to obtain some indemnity for the expense thereof, therefore,

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to endeavor to procure the passage of a law authorizing the Legislature of this State to pass a law imposing a tax not exceeding three dollars on each alien arriving within the borders of the State.

