

SENATE....No. 17.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN SENATE, February 5, 1862.

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was committed the Petition of William Ropes and others, praying for an Act of incorporation as the Massachusetts Colonization Society, report the accompanying Bill.

Per order,

J. H. MITCHELL, *Chairman.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To incorporate the Massachusetts Colonization Society.

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. William Ropes, B. C. Clark, Albert
2 Fearing, Abraham R. Thompson, G. W. Blagden,
3 James C. Dunn and Ezra S. Gannett, their associates
4 and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the
5 name of the Massachusetts Colonization Society, the
6 object of which shall be to colonize on the coast of
7 Africa, free people of color with their own consent;
8 with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all
9 the duties, liabilities and restrictions, set forth in the
10 sixty-eighth chapter of the General Statutes.

1 SECT. 2. The said corporation may hold real and

2 personal estate to an amount not exceeding three
3 hundred thousand dollars.

1 SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

