

HOUSE.....No. 38.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred
and Thirty-Two.

AN ACT

To establish a Police Court for the towns of Newbury
and Newburyport.

1 SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted, by the Senate and House
2 of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and
3 by the authority of the same, That the towns of New-
4 bury and Newburyport shall hereafter form a dis-
5 trict for the administration of justice therein, con-
6 formably to the provisions of this act.

1 SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That there shall be,
2 and hereby is established, within and for said dis-
3 trict, a Police Court to consist of one able, learned,
4 and discreet person, to be appointed and commis-
5 sioned pursuant to the provisions of the Constitu-
6 tion, to take cognizance of all crimes, offences and
7 misdemeanors, whereof justices of the peace may
8 take cognizance by law; the said justice to hold his
9 office for the same time, and by like tenure as other
10 justices of the peace. The Court, hereby establish-
11 ed, shall hear and determine all suits, complaints,
12 and prosecutions, cognizable by it, in like manner as
13 is provided by law for the exercise of the powers
14 and authority, which now are, or may hereafter be
15 vested in Justices of the Peace; and do all acts, ne-
16 cessary to, or consistent with such powers and au-
17 thority. And said Court shall also have original,
18 exclusive jurisdiction and cognizance of all civil
19 suits and actions, hereafter to be tried and determin-
20 ed within said district, and which, before the pass-
21 ing of this act, might by law be tried and determin-
22 ed before any justice of the peace within either of
23 said towns; and no writ in any such suit or action
24 shall be made returnable before any other justice of
25 the peace, within said district, but to said court on-
26 ly; and an appeal shall be allowed from all orders,
27 decrees and judgments in said court, in like manner,
28 and to the same extent, that appeals are now allow-
29 ed by law from orders, decrees and judgments of
30 justices of the peace. And the justice of said
31 court shall not be of counsel or attorney to any
32 party in any matter or thing whatsoever, which
33 may be pending in said court.

1 SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That all warrants
2 issued by said court, or by any justice of the peace,
3 within said district, shall be made returnable, and
4 be returned, before said court; and, if any warrant
5 shall be issued by any justice of the peace, returna-
6 ble before said court, the lawful fees, payable there-
7 for, shall not be paid or allowed, on the examination
8 or hearing before said court, unless it shall appear
9 to said court, that there was reasonable cause for
10 issuing said warrant, in which case such fees, costs
11 and charges shall be allowed and taxed, in like man-
12 ner, as though said warrant had been issued by a
13 justice of the peace, according to the laws now in
14 force.

1 SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That all costs, in
2 criminal prosecutions, before said court, which shall
3 be received by, or paid into the hands of, said jus-
4 tice, shall, on demand, be paid over to the persons,
5 to whom such costs are due; and all costs in such
6 prosecutions, not thus received, shall be made up,
7 taxed, certified and allowed, and shall be paid and
8 satisfied, in like manner as is now or may hereafter
9 be provided by law in the case of Justices of the
10 Peace; and all fines and forfeitures, received by
11 said court, shall be paid over in the same manner,
12 and under the same penalties for neglect as are pre-
13 scribed in the case of Justices of the Peace.

1 SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That, a court shall
2 be held, by said justice, on one day of each week,
3 at nine of the clock in the forenoon, and as much
4 oftener as may be necessary, to take cognizance of
5 crimes, offences and misdemeanors, and on one day
6 in each week at ten of the clock in the forenoon,

7 and at such other times as may be necessary for the
8 trial of civil suits and actions. And the Justice of
9 said Court shall from time to time establish all ne-
10 cessary rules for the orderly and uniform conduct-
11 ing of the business of said Court.

1 SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That all suits, ac-
2 tions, and prosecutions, which shall be instituted
3 and pending before any justice of the peace, within
4 the district aforesaid, when this act shall take effect,
5 shall be heard, and determined as though said act
6 had not been passed.

1 Sec. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That there shall be
2 appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice
3 and consent of council, two special justices of said
4 court; and, whenever it shall happen, that the jus-
5 tice of said court shall be a party or interested in
6 any suit or prosecution, cognizable in said court;
7 or be akin to either party therein; or shall, from
8 any cause, be unable to attend said court, or hear
9 and determine any matter or thing pending therein,
10 the cause shall be assigned on the record, and the
11 court may and shall be held, and its jurisdiction ex-
12 ercised by one or both of said special justices; and
13 the said special justices shall be paid for the servi-
14 ces herein required of them, out of the moneys re-
15 ceived in said court, such sum as the justice of said
16 court would be entitled to receive for the same ser-
17 vices.

1 SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That the Justice
2 of said Court shall keep a full and fair record of all
3 proceedings in said Court, and shall make return,
4 to the several Courts, of all legal processes, and of

5 his doings therein, in the same manner as Justices
6 of the Peace are now by law required to do.

1 SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall
2 go into operation from and after the first day of May
3 next, unless the towns of Newbury and Newbury-
4 port, or either one of them, shall, at a legal town
5 meeting called for that purpose, refuse to accept
6 the same, and shall signify said refusal to the Gov-
7 ernor, on or before the first day of April next. And
8 the Governor shall have power, by and with the ad-
9 vice and consent of Council, to appoint said Justice
10 and special Justices, at any time after the said first
11 day of April.

1 SEC. 10. *Be it further enacted*, That all acts and
2 parts of acts, so far as they are inconsistent with
3 the provisions of this act be, and the same are
4 hereby repealed.

The following is a list of the names of the
 persons who were present at the meeting
 held at the residence of Mr. J. H. [Name]
 on the 15th day of [Month] 18[Year].
 The names of the persons present are
 as follows: [List of names]
 The meeting was held at the residence
 of Mr. J. H. [Name] at [Address]
 on the 15th day of [Month] 18[Year].
 The following is a list of the names
 of the persons who were present at
 the meeting: [List of names]
 The meeting was held at the residence
 of Mr. J. H. [Name] at [Address]
 on the 15th day of [Month] 18[Year].

The following is a list of the names of the
 members of the Society of Friends
 who have been admitted to membership
 since the last meeting of the Yearly Meeting
 in 1887.

The names of the members are as follows:

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