

HOUSE No. 166.

[Bill accompanying the petition of the Museum of Fine Arts. Mercantile Affairs.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight.

AN ACT

Authorizing the Museum of Fine Arts to hold Additional
Real and Personal Estate.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the
same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. The Museum of Fine Arts may accept,
2 take and hold and sell at its discretion, unless expressly
3 forbidden by the terms of the gift, any real and personal
4 estate which has been or may hereafter be given or de-
5 vised to it for the purposes of said museum, and it may
6 from time to time, invest any portion of the property
7 held by it, as it may think judicious, in productive real
8 estate within the Commonwealth, and may sell any such
9 estate at its discretion: *providing*, that nothing herein
10 contained shall be construed to give the said corporation

11 any claim to greater exemption from taxation than it now
12 has under the laws of the Commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. Section two of chapter one hundred and
2 ninety-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred
3 and ninety-four is hereby repealed, so far as the same
4 limits the amount of real and personal estate which may
5 be held by said corporation.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

