

HOUSE....No. 10.

[Introduced, on leave, by Mr. Warren, of Boston.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

For the more effectual Protection of the Property of
Married Women.

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of
the same, as follows :*

1 SECT. 1. The real and personal property of any
2 female who may hereafter marry, and which she
3 shall own at the time of marriage, and the rents,
4 issues, profits and proceeds thereof, shall not be sub-
5 ject to the disposal of her husband nor be liable for
6 his debts, and shall continue her sole and separate
7 property as if she were a single female.

2 PROPERTY OF MARRIED WOMEN. [Jan. 1852.]

1 SECT. 2. The real and personal property, and the
2 rents, issues, profits and proceeds thereof, of any
3 female now married, shall not be subject to the dis-
4 posal of her husband, but shall be her sole and sep-
5 arate property as if she were a single female, except
6 so far as the same may be liable for the debts of her
7 husband heretofore contracted.

1 SECT. 3. It shall be lawful for any married female
2 to receive, by gift, grant, devise, bequest, or in any
3 other way in which a single woman might, from any
4 person other than her husband, and to hold to her
5 sole and separate use, as if she were a single female,
6 real and personal property, and the rents, issues,
7 profits and proceeds thereof, and the same shall not
8 be subject to the disposal of her husband nor be
9 liable for his debts.

1 SECT. 4. All contracts made between persons in
2 contemplation of marriage, shall remain in full force
3 after such marriage takes place.

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