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OF THE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

PASSED AT THE SEVERAL

SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL COURT,

HOLDEN IN BOSTON,

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L A W S
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT AT THE SESSION,
COMMENCING ON THE
FOURTEENTH, AND ENDING ON THE 24th DAY OF OCTOBER,
ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND TWELVE.

CHAP. LX.

An Act to incorporate Stephen Newell and others, by the
name of The Sturbridge Manufacturing Company.

SEC. 1. **B**E it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That Stephen Newell, John Plimpton, Eleazer Rider, Zenas L. Leonard, Moses Fisk, Jeptha Plimpton, Comfort Freeman, Nathaniel Rider, Ziba Plimpton, Franklin Rider, and Moses Newell, together with such others as may hereafter associate with them, and their successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby made a Corporation, by the name of The Sturbridge Manufacturing Company, for the purpose of manufacturing Wool and Cotton in the town of Sturbridge, in the county of Worcester; and for this purpose shall have all the powers and privileges, and shall also be subject to all the duties and requirements prescribed and contained in an act passed the third day of March, eighteen hundred and nine, entitled, "An Act defining the general powers and duties of Manufacturing Corporations."

Persons in-
corporated.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Corporation, in their corporate capacity, may lawfully hold and possess such real estate, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, and personal estate, not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, as may be necessary and convenient for carrying on the manufactory of Wool and Cotton, in their various branches, in said town of Sturbridge.

Value of es-
tate.

[Approved by the Governor, Oct. 20, 1812.]

CHAP. LXI.

An Act to incorporate Joseph Holmes, Jun. and others, by the name of The Jones' River Manufacturing Company.

SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That Joseph Holmes, Jun. Isaac Bartlett, George Russell, Melzar Adams, Judah Washburn, Jesse Reed, Richard F. Johnson, Robert M'Lauthlin, Jun. Pelham Holmes, Lemuel Bryant, Ezra Weston and Son, Abishai Stetson, Joseph White, and Charles Holmes, together with such other persons as have, or may hereafter associate with them, their successors and assigns, be, and they hereby are made a Corporation, by the name of The Jones' River Manufacturing Company, for the purpose of manufacturing Cotton and Wool at Kingston, in the county of Plymouth, and for this purpose shall have all the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties and requirements contained in an act passed the third day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine, entitled "An Act, defining the general powers and duties of Manufacturing Corporations."

Persons in-
corporated.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said Corporation may be lawfully seized of such real estate, not exceeding the value of fifty thousand dollars, and such personal estate, not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, as may be necessary and convenient for establishing and carrying on the manufacture of Cotton and Wool at Kingston aforesaid.

Value of es-
tate.

[Approved by the Governor, Oct. 20, 1812.]

CHAP. LXII.

An Act incorporating certain persons by the name of The
Hingham Woollen Manufactory.

SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That Martin Lincoln, Samuel Norton, both of Hingham, in the county of Plymouth, Thomas Thaxter of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, Joshua Thaxter, Benjamin Jones, David Andrews, Jun. Samuel Norton, Jun. Jerome Cushing, and Caleb Andrews, all of Hingham aforesaid, with such as have already associated, or may hereafter associate with them, their successors and assigns, be, and they hereby are made a Corporation, by the name of The Hingham Woollen Manufactory, for the purpose of manufacturing Woollen Cloths; and for that purpose shall have all the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties and requirements contained in an act made and passed on the third day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine, entitled "An Act, defining the general powers and duties of Manufacturing Corporations."

Persons in-
corporated.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the said Corporation may be lawfully seized and possessed of such real estate as may be necessary and convenient for establishing and carrying on the said manufactory, and also of as large a personal estate as shall be actually employed therein: *provided* such real estate shall not exceed the value of twenty thousand dollars, and the personal estate one hundred thousand dollars.

Value of es-
tate.

[Approved by the Governor, Oct. 23, 1812.]

CHAP. LXIII.

An Act to establish The Magnesia Company.

SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That David Thacher, William Dunn,

Persons in-
corporated.

Lothrop R. Thacher, and Benjamin Gorham, together with such other persons as may hereafter associate with them, their successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby made and constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name of The Magnesia Company, for the purpose of manufacturing Magnesia in this Commonwealth; and for that purpose shall have all the powers and privileges, and shall also be subject to all the duties and requirements prescribed and contained in an act, entitled "An Act, defining the general powers and duties of Manufacturing Corporations," passed the third day of March, eighteen hundred and nine.

Value of estate.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Corporation shall and may lawfully hold and possess such real estate, not exceeding thirty thousand dollars, and personal estate not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars, as may be necessary and convenient for carrying on the aforesaid manufactory.

[Approved by the Governor, Oct. 23, 1812.]

CHAP. LXIV.

An Act to change the names of certain persons therein mentioned.

Names changed.

BE *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That Ebenezer Stoddard of Salem, in the county of Essex, trader, shall be allowed to take the name of William Couillard Stoddard; and that Moses Smith Fox of Williamsburg, in the county of Hampshire, yeoman, shall be allowed to take the name of Augustine Washington Fox; and the said persons, from the time of the passing this act, shall be called and known by the names which by this act they are severally allowed to take as aforesaid, and the same shall be considered as their only proper and legal names.

[Approved by the Governor, Oct. 24, 1812.]

CHAP. LXV.

An Act to incorporate The Maine Cotton and Woollen Factory Company.

SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That Jonathan Page, Robert Eastman, Samuel Page, James Jones, Daniel Stone, Nahum Houghton, David C. Magoon, and John B. Swanton, together with such others as have, or may hereafter associate with them, their successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby made a Corporation, by the name of The Maine Cotton and Woollen Factory Company, for the purpose of manufacturing Cotton and Wool in the town of Brunswick, county of Cumberland, and for the purpose aforesaid shall have all the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties and requirements contained in an act passed the third day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine, entitled "An Act, defining the general powers and duties of Manufacturing Corporations."

Persons incorporated.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That said Corporation may be lawfully seized and possessed of such real estate, not exceeding the value of fifty thousand dollars, and such personal estate not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, as may be necessary and convenient for carrying on the manufactory of Cotton and Wool in said town of Brunswick.

Value of estate.

[Approved by the Governor, Oct. 24, 1812.]

CHAP. LXVI.

An Act to incorporate The Chapel Congregational Society in Portland.

SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That James Jewett, Samuel Emery, Joseph D. Learned, William M'Lellan, Jun. their associates and successors, be, and they are hereby incorporated

Persons incorporated.

and made a body politic and religious society, by the name of The Chapel Congregational Society in Portland; and by that name may sue and be sued, and shall have and be invested with all the powers, privileges, and immunities to which other religious Corporations in this Commonwealth are entitled by law, and shall be capable of purchasing and holding estate, real or personal, to any amount; the annual income of which shall not exceed five thousand dollars, exclusive of their Meeting-house and the land whereon the same may stand.

Society, how
authorized
to raise money.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Society be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to raise, from time to time, by a tax upon the pews in their said Meeting-house, or upon the polls of the male members thereof, being twenty-one years of age, or both, as said Society may think proper, such sum or sums of money, for the building or repairing their Meeting-house, settling and maintaining a minister, and defraying all other expenses of public worship, with incidental charges as they may agree upon. And when any tax as aforesaid shall be assessed upon the pews, the Society shall cause a valuation thereof to be made by the assessors of the Society, so often as the Society may think proper. And the said Assessors shall number and appraise the pews respectively, according to their situation and rank; and shall make a list of such valuation, and shall assess and apportion the sums voted to be raised by said Society upon said pews, according to the last valuation thereof as aforesaid, and shall deliver an attested copy of the same to the clerk of the society, who shall make and keep a record thereof, for the use and inspection of said society. And the said assessors shall also assess and apportion all other taxes voted to be raised by said Society, and deliver a copy thereof to the said clerk, to be recorded as aforesaid.

Penalty for
neglecting to
pay taxes.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That whenever any owner or occupier of any pew in said meeting house shall neglect, or refuse to pay the tax or taxes assessed upon their pew or pews, the Collector of any such tax, to whom the same is committed, shall have power, and he is hereby fully authorised to demand and receive the same of any such owner or occupant thereof; and if payment of such tax is neglected to be made for thirty days after notice given, and demand made by any such Collector as

aforesaid, of the owners or occupants when known, and living in said town, or by an advertisement printed in one of the public Newspapers published in said town, or posted upon the door of said meeting-house, when the owners or occupants are unknown, or not living in said town, (of all which the Collector's oath shall be sufficient evidence;) such Collector shall have power to sell such pew or pews at public vendue to the highest bidder—notice being given of the time and place of sale in manner as aforesaid, and of the pew or pews to be sold, and the number of the same, four days at least before the time of such sale, and after the expiration of said thirty days. And such Collector shall have power, if he see fit, to adjourn such sale from time to time, not exceeding three times, nor beyond thirty days from the first day of sale: and shall also make and execute a deed of every such pew thus sold, which deed shall be recorded in the town Clerk's office, and also by the clerk of said society. And such deeds shall completely vest all such owners interested in such pew or pews in the purchaser, together with the lands thereunto attached in said society; and the overplus, if any, when the tax or taxes are deducted, and all the legal costs of sale, shall be immediately paid over to the owner.

Manner of
selling pews.

Collector to
make and
execute a
deed.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the Collectors of said society shall receive suitable warrants for the collection of any such tax from the Assessors, and shall have the same powers to collect the taxes of said society, as Collectors of town taxes have by law; and shall observe the same directions in collecting and paying over the money as town Collectors are bound to observe.

Collector to
receive war-
rants.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That all persons belonging to said society, who usually attend public worship in the same, and who have been taxed therein, shall, for all religious purposes, be considered as members of said Society, and entitled to vote at any meeting of the same, except when the property of the Society is involved. And in every other question which involves the property of said Society, no person shall be considered a legal voter, but actual proprietors, or their agents, legally authorized. And the proprietor or proprietors of each pew in said house shall be entitled to one vote for each pew upon all such questions.

Membership

Manner of
leaving the
Society.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That when any member of said Society shall wish to withdraw from the same, he shall leave a written notification of such intention with the clerk of said Society, which shall exempt such member from paying any poll tax in said Society which may be assessed after the leaving such notification; but shall not exempt such member from paying any such tax previously assessed. And the Society may sue for and recover the same, in like manner as other taxes are recoverable by law.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That all the acts and doings of said society, previous to the passing of this act, be, and the same are hereby rendered valid and binding in law upon the members thereof in their corporate capacity.

[Approved by the Governor, Oct. 24, 1812.]

CHAP. LXVII.

An Act to incorporate The First Universal Christian Society in Brunswick.

Persons in-
corporated.

SEC. 1. **B**E it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That Lemuel Swift, James Jones, Jonathan Eastman, John Lee, James R. Hammon, Charles Stetson, James Cary, Joseph Combs, Samuel Page, Roger Merrill, Robert Eastman, Harvey Stetson, Burt Townsend, James Merrill, John Marston, Samuel S. Cummins, Abner Pratt, Stephen Lee, John Dearing, Jabez Perkins, Joseph Kimball, Elijah Hall, Edmund Pray, John Field, Edward Raymond, Edmund Mountfort, Samuel S. Cummins, Nathaniel Badger, Benjamin Wells, Joseph Dunlap, Johnson Hall, Samuel Anderson, Joseph Lee, E. H. Goss, with their families and estates, together with such others as may hereafter associate with them or their successors, be, and they hereby are incorporated into a religious Society, by the name of The First Universal Christian Society in Brunswick, with all the powers, privileges, and immunities, and subject to all the duties to which other parishes or religious Societies are entitled or subjected, by the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That any Justice of the Peace in the county of Cumberland, be, and hereby is authorized to issue his warrant, directed to some suitable person who is a member of said Universalist Society, requiring him to warn and notify the members thereof to meet at such time and place in said town of Brunswick as shall be directed in said warrant, to choose such officers as parishes and other religious Societies in this Commonwealth are by law authorized to choose in the month of March or April annually. Justice to issue warrant.

[Approved by the Governor, Oct. 24, 1812.]

CHAP. LXVIII.

An Act amendatory of an act, entitled, "An act to incorporate The Christian Monitor Society."

WHEREAS the name given to the Corporation created by the act entitled, "An act to incorporate The Christian Monitor Society," is not the name intended by the persons thereby incorporated, and they having in their corporate capacity, petitioned that the said name be altered: therefore, Preamble;

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That so much of the said act as gives the corporation, thereby created, The name of the Christian Monitor Society be, and the same is hereby repealed; and that the said corporation be henceforth known by the name of The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, Piety and Charity. Name altered.

[Approved by the Governor, Oct, 24, 1812.]

CHAP. LXIX.

An Act to incorporate The American Antiquarian Society.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the collection and preservation of the antiquities of our country, and of curious and valuable productions in art and nature, have a tendency to enlarge the sphere of human knowledge, aid the progress of science, perpetuate the history of moral and political events, and to improve and interest posterity : therefore,

Persons in-
corporated.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That Isaiah Thomas, Levi Lincoln, Harrison G. Otis, Timothy Bigelow, Nathaniel Paine, and Edward Bangs, Esqrs. John T. Kirkland, D. D. Aaron Bancroft, D. D. Jonathan H. Lyman, Elijah H. Mills, Elisha Hammond, Timothy Williams, William D. Peck, John Lowell, Edmund Dwight, Eleazer James, Josiah Quincy, William S. Shaw, Francis Blake, Levi Lincoln, Jun. Samuel M. Burnside, and Benjamin Russell, Esqrs. Rev. Thaddeus M. Harris, Redford Webster, Thomas Walcutt, Ebenezer T. Andrews, Isaiah Thomas, jun. William Wells, and such others as may associate with them for the purposes aforesaid, be, and hereby are formed into, and constituted a society and body politic and corporate, by the name of The American Antiquarian Society, and that they and their successors, and such other persons as shall be legally elected by them, shall be, and continue a body politic and corporate, by that name forever.

Members
may elect
officers.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the members of said Society shall have power to elect a President, Vice Presidents, and such other officers as they may determine to be necessary, and that the said Society shall have one common seal, and the same may break, change and renew, at pleasure, and that the same Society, by the name aforesaid, as a body politic and corporate, may sue and be sued, prosecute and defend suits to final judgment and execution.

May make
by-laws.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the said Society shall have power to make orders and by-laws for governing its members and property, not repugnant to the laws

of this Commonwealth, and may expel, disfranchise or suspend any member, who by misconduct shall be rendered unworthy.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Society may, from time to time, establish rules for electing officers and members, and also times and places for holding meetings, and shall be capable to take and hold real or personal estate, by gift, grant, devise or otherwise, and the same or any part thereof, to alien and convey, provided that the annual income of any real estate, by said Society holden, shall never exceed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, and that the personal estate thereof, exclusive of books, papers and articles in the museum of said Society, shall never exceed the value of seven thousand dollars. May hold estate.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That said Society may elect honorary members, residing in and without the limits of this Commonwealth, and that Isaiah Thomas, Esq. be, and hereby is authorised and empowered to notify and warn the first meeting of said Society, and that the said Society, when met, shall agree upon a method for calling future meetings, and have power to adjourn from time to time, as may be found necessary. May call meeting.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the library and museum of said Society shall be kept in the town of Worcester, in the county of Worcester. Museum, where kept.

[Approved by the Governor, Oct. 24, 1812.]

CHAP. LXX.

An Act in addition to an act, entitled, "An act for dividing the county of Hampshire, and erecting and forming the Southerly part thereof into a separate county, by the name of Hampden."

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the respective Justices of the Peace for the county of Hampshire, who, upon the division of said county, resided in the county of Hampden, be, and they hereby are authorised to issue execution on all judgments and recognizances recovered or taken before Justices authorised to issue execution.

them respectively, and to do and finish all matters and things commenced by them respectively, in their official capacity, before the act to which this is in addition took effect, in the same manner as they might have done, if the said county of Hampden had not been erected.

[Approved by the Governor, Oct. 24, 1812.]

CHAP. LXXI.

An Act to incorporate Silas Gould and others, by the name of The Trustees of the School Fund in Wilton, in the county of Kennebeck.

SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That Silas Gould, Samuel Butterfield, Micajah Covell, Isaac Butterfield, Jun. Gideon Powers, Isaac Hathaway, and Nathan Wing, all of said Wilton, be, and they are hereby appointed Trustees to sell the School lands in said town of Wilton, and to put at interest the monies arising from such sale, in manner hereinafter mentioned.

Persons in-
corporated.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the said Trustees be, and they hereby are incorporated, by the name of The Trustees of the School Fund in Wilton, and they and their successors shall be, and continue a body corporate and politic, by that name forever; and they shall have a common seal, subject to alteration, at their pleasure, and they may sue and be sued, in all actions whatsoever, and prosecute and defend the same to final judgment and execution, by their corporate name aforesaid.

Trustees in-
corporated.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the said Trustees and their successors shall annually elect by written ballot, a President and a Clerk, to record the doings of said Trustees, at their meetings, which Clerk shall be sworn by the President, to the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, also a Treasurer, to receive and apply the monies hereinafter mentioned, as hereinafter directed; and the said Trustees may also elect in any other manner, at any legal meeting, any other officers needful for the better managing their business.

May elect
officers.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the number of Trustees shall not, at any one time, be less than five, nor more than seven, any five of their number to constitute a quorum for transacting business; and they shall and may, from time to time, fill up from the inhabitants of said town, such vacancies in their number as may happen by death, resignation or otherwise; and they shall have power to remove any of their number, who may become unfit, from age, infirmity or misconduct, to discharge their duties, and to supply the vacancies so made, by a new choice as aforesaid. And the said Trustees shall annually hold a meeting in March or April, and as much oftener as may be necessary to transact their business; which meetings, after the first, shall be called in such way and manner, as the Trustees may hereafter direct.

Trustees,
number of
limited.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That any Justice of the Peace, in the county of Kennebeck, be, and he hereby is authorised to fix the time and place for holding the first meeting of said Trustees, and to notify each Trustee of the same, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Justice au-
thorised.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That said Trustees be, and they hereby are authorised to sell and convey, in fee simple, all the school lands belonging to said town, and to make and execute a good and sufficient deed or deeds thereof, which deed or deeds, being signed, acknowledged and delivered by the Treasurer, by direction of the Trustees, with their seal affixed thereto, shall be good and effectual in law, to pass and convey the fee simple from said town to the purchaser, to all intents whatever.

Trustees au-
thorised.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted,* That the monies arising from the sale of said lands, together with all donations or grants that may hereafter be made to said Corporation for the use of schools in said town, shall be put to use as soon as may be, and secured by mortgage of real estate to the full value of the estate sold, or money loaned, or by two or more sufficient sureties with the principal, or the said Trustees may invest the same, in some public securities, or in bank stock.

Monies, how
disposed.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted,* That the interest and profits arising from said funds shall be annually appropriated for the use of public schools in said towns, and it

Interest, how
appropri-
ated.

shall never be in the power of said town to alter, vary or alienate the appropriation of said fund.

Treasurer to
give bond.

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted*, That the Treasurer of the Trustees shall give bond, with two sufficient bondsmen, to the Trustees, faithfully to perform his duty, and shall at all times be responsible for the faithful application and appropriation of the monies which may come into his hands, conformably to the true intent and meaning of this act, and for all neglect or misconduct of any kind in his said office.

SEC. 10. *Be it further enacted*, That the Trustees and their officers, for the services they may perform, shall receive no compensation out of the funds, interest or profits aforesaid; but a reasonable compensation for their services shall be paid to them by said town.

SEC. 11. *Be it further enacted*, That at every annual meeting of said town, in March or April, the Trustees shall exhibit to the town a fair and true statement of their doings.

Trustees
responsible.

SEC. 12. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Trustees and each of them shall be responsible to the town, for their personal negligence or misconduct, whether they be officers or not; the damage or loss arising thereby, to be recovered by action, at the suit of the town, in any Court proper to try the same, and the sum so recovered, to enure and be for the use aforesaid.

[Approved by the Governor, Oct. 24, 1812.]

CHAP. LXXII.

An Act to incorporate The Waltham Cotton and Wool Factory Company

Persons in-
corporated.

SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That Samuel Coverly, John Holland, and Enoch Wiswall, together with such others as may hereafter associate with them, their successors or assigns, be, and are hereby made a Corporation, by the name of The Waltham Cotton and Wool Factory Compa-

ny, for the purpose of manufacturing cotton and woollen goods, in the town of Waltham, in the county of Middlesex ; and for that purpose shall have all the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties and requirements contained in an act passed the third day of March, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and nine, entitled, "An act defining the general powers and duties of manufacturing Corporations."

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said Corporation may be lawfully seized of such real estate not exceeding ^{May hold real estate} the value of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and possessed of such personal estate, not exceeding the value of three hundred thousand dollars, as may be necessary and convenient for the carrying on the manufacture of cotton and woollen goods in said town of Waltham.

[Approved by the Governor, Oct. 24, 1812.]

CHAP. LXXIII.

An Act to prevent damage being done by cattle, horses, and sheep, on the South beach and meadow, in the town of Edgarton, in the county of Duke's county.

SEC. 1. **B**E it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this act, if any person or persons, shall turn out, or suffer ^{Neat cattle and horses, penalty for going at large.} to go at large, any of his or their neat cattle or horses, on any part of the south beach or meadow, in the town of Edgarton, in the county of Duke's county, he or they shall forfeit and pay one dollar for each horse, and fifty cents for each neat beast, thus turned out or suffered to go at large on said beach, or meadow ; to be recovered, with costs of suits, by any one of the proprietors of said beach or meadow, who shall sue for the same, in any Court proper to try such cause, to the use of said proprietors.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That from and after the passing of this act, if any person or persons shall turn out ^{sheep, penalty for going at large.} or suffer to go at large, any of his or their sheep, on any

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part of said beach or meadow, between the first day of April and the first day of December, he or they shall forfeit and pay ten cents for each sheep, thus turned out or suffered to go at large, on said beach or meadow, to be recovered in manner, and to the use aforesaid.

[Approved by the Governor, Oct. 24, 1812.]

END OF OCTOBER SESSION, 1812.