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OF THE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT,
AT THEIR SESSION, WHICH COMMENCED ON WEDNESDAY, THE 31st
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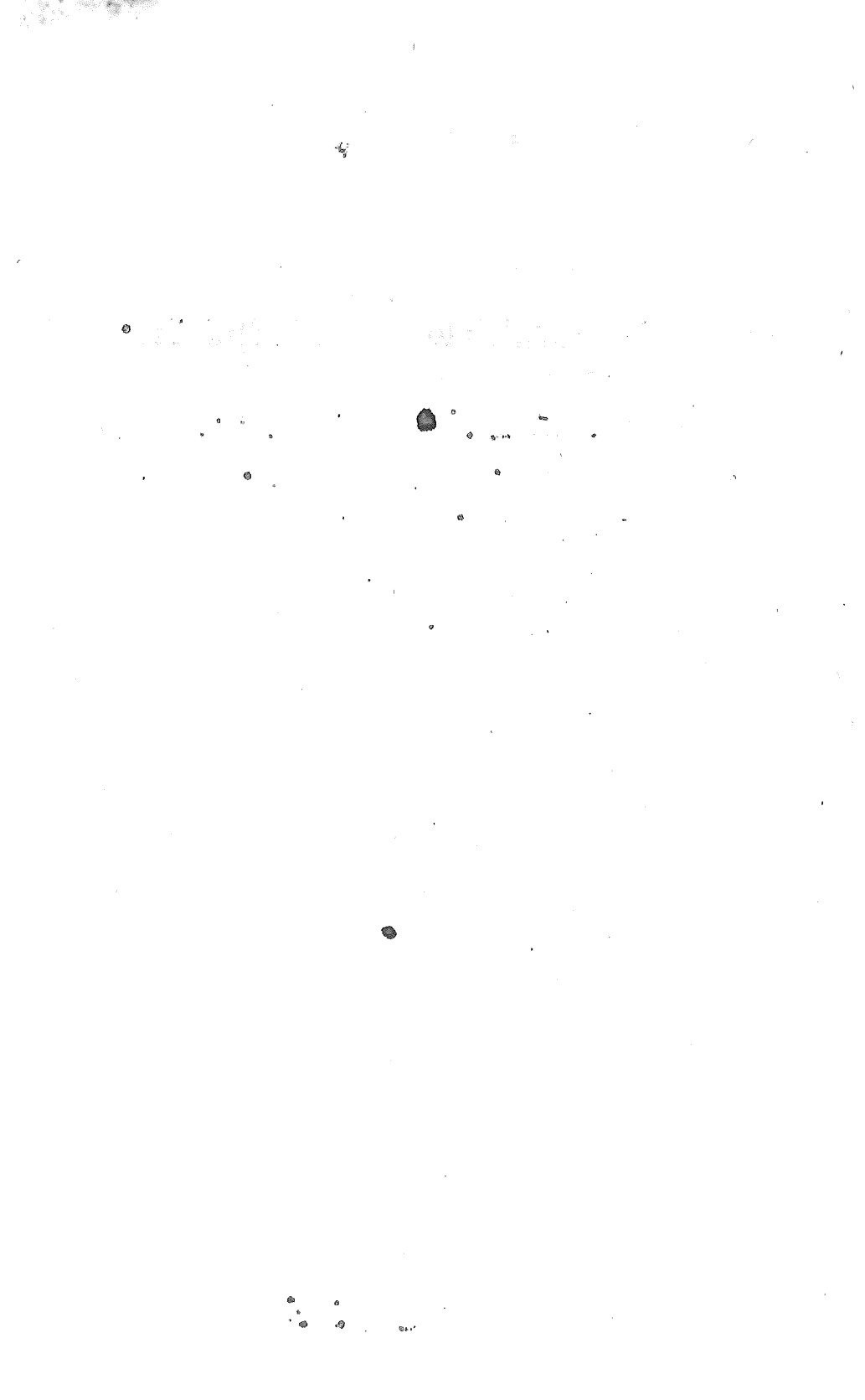
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT,

AT THE SESSION COMMENCING ON THE 31st DAY OF MAY, AND

ENDING ON THE 15th DAY OF JUNE, 1815.

CHAP. I.

An Act in addition to an act, entitled “An act respecting lost Goods and stray Beasts.”

SEC. 1. **BE** 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, any person who shall find and take up any horse or horse kind, as a stray, and shall have procured the same to be appraised, agreeably to the provisions of the act, entitled an act respecting lost goods and stray beasts, in case the same shall be appraised at a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, shall, at the expiration of two months after such appraisal, proceed to sell the same at public vendue, having given four days previous notice of the time and place of sale, and shall pay over the money for which such horse may be sold, to the Treasurer of the town in which he lives, after deducting therefrom the expenses of taking up, posting and appraising such horse as provided for in the act, to which this is in addition, with one dollar for his fee in selling such horse.

May sell at
public vendue.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the owner of

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such horse, so taken up and sold, shall be entitled to receive the money so deposited with the town Treasurer ; *Provided* he shall apply for the same within the space of one year after the same shall have been paid to the Treasurer aforesaid ; and in case the owner of such horse, shall neglect to apply for such money for the term of one year, the same shall be appropriated as is provided by the act to which this is in addition.

[Approved by the Governor June 13, 1815.]

CHAP. II.

An Act to amend an act, entitled “ An act for regulating the collection of Taxes in the town of Newburyport, and providing for the appointment of Constables in the said town.”

SEC. 1. **BE** *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, no person shall be eligible to the office of Treasurer and Collector in the town of Newburyport, who, at the time of such election, shall have more than two years tax lists in his hands unsettled.*

Duty of Col-
lector.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of any Treasurer and Collector of said town, who may not be re-elected to said office, and he is hereby authorised and empowered to complete the collection of all taxes which may have been committed to him, and which may remain uncollected at the expiration of his term of office, unless the said town, by their vote, shall transfer such tax lists and duty to his successor in said office, as is provided in an act for regulating the collection of taxes in the town of Newburyport, and providing for the appointment of Constables in the said town.*

[Approved by the Governor, June 13, 1815.]

CHAP. III.

An Act to establish the Oxford Cotton 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 Charles Cleveland, Jacob Rich, Joseph Stone, William P. Rider, Sylvanus Cobscook, Jonathan Rice, Benjamin Eddy, Samuel Waters, 2d, Israel Stone, Jr Thaddens Hall, Sylvester McIntyre, Elijah Waters, Jerah Stone, William Hall, and Elijah Rich, together with such others as may hereafter join and associate with them, their successors and assigns, be, and they hereby are made a Corporation, by the name of The Oxford Cotton Manufacturing Company, for the purpose of manufacturing cotton yarn and cloth, in the town of Oxford, in the county of Worcester ; and, for that purpose, shall have all the powers and privileges and be subject to all the duties and requirements contained in an act defining the general powers and duties of Manufacturing Corporations, passed the third day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine.

Persons incorporated.

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

May hold real and personal estate.

[Approved by the Governor June 13, 1815.]

CHAP. IV.

An Act to empower Eliphalet Perkins, and his associates, to build a Bridge over Kennebunk River.

SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That Eliphalet Perkins, and

Persons incorporated.

such others as have or may hereafter associate with him and them, be, and they are hereby permitted to build a Bridge over Kennebunk River, between the towns of Wells and Arundel, in the county of York, at or near a place called the narrows, a little below the lower falls on said River : *Provided*, That said Bridge shall be free, and no toll be demanded of any passenger for passing the same.

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Shall be kept
in good repair.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Bridge shall be kept in good, safe and passable repair, and be provided with sufficient railing, on each side, for the safety of passengers ; and there shall always be a draw thirty-four feet wide, for vessels to pass through.

[Approved by the Governor, June 13, 1815.]

CHAP. V.

An Act to set off Simon Walkley and John Moore from the second Parish, and annex them to the first Parish in West Springfield.

BE *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That Simon Walkley and John Moore, with their families, polls and estates, be, and they are hereby set off from the second parish and annexed to the first parish in West Springfield : *Provided nevertheless*, That the said Walkley and Moore shall be holden to pay their proportionable parts of all taxes which are already assessed upon the polls or estates of the inhabitants of the said second parish, in like manner as though this act had not been made.

Persons set off.

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[Approved by the Governor, June 13, 1815.]

CHAP. VI.

An Act to authorize the Gloucester Marine Insurance Company to reduce its capital stock.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the Gloucester Marine Insurance Company be, and they hereby are authorized to reduce the capital stock of the said Corporation to fifty thousand dollars, and that the division which has been made among the Stockholders therein of the capital stock, exceeding said sum, be, and hereby is authorized and confirmed : *Provided however*, That no con- May reduce capital stock. Proviso. tracts whatever, heretofore made by said Corporation, shall be in any manner affected or impaired by said reduction and division ; *And provided also*, That said Corporation shall never take any sum upon any one risk, exceeding ten per centum on the amount of the capital so reduced.

[Approved by the Governor, June 13, 1815.]

CHAP. VII.

An Act authorizing a Lottery for the purpose of rebuilding Springfield Bridge.

SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the sum of twenty Sum to be raised. thousand dollars be raised by Lottery, for the purpose of rebuilding the Bridge over Connecticut River, between Springfield, and West Springfield, and that the President, Directors and Company of said Bridge, be, and they hereby are authorized and empowered to appoint Managers of said Lottery, whose business it shall be, from time to time, to make and publish such scheme May publish scheme. or schemes as shall, in their opinion, best promote the

purposes of said Lottery, and to draw said Lottery, and to transact all other business pertaining thereto.

Managers shall give separate bonds to Proprietors.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the Managers appointed as aforesaid, before they enter on the duties of their said office, shall give separate bonds, with sufficient sureties, to the Proprietors of said Bridge, each one in his proportionable sum of twenty thousand dollars, and each one to be answerable for his own default, and be sworn for the faithful performance of said trust.

Prizes shall be paid in thirty days.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the prizes which may be drawn in said Lottery shall be paid by the Managers in thirty days next after the drawing of each class of said Lottery shall be completed; those prizes not demanded within one year after the publication of the drawing said Lottery, shall not be recoverable; and the Managers shall, from time to time, as the classes shall be drawn, pay to the Treasurer for the time being of said Proprietors, the net proceeds thereof, after deducting the compensation that the said Proprietors shall allow them for their services, which net proceeds shall be faithfully applied for the purpose of rebuilding said Bridge; and the Proprietors of said Bridge shall give bond with sufficient sureties, in such sum as his Excellency the Governor, with advice of Council, shall direct to this Commonwealth; conditioned, that the net proceeds of said Lottery shall be faithfully applied for the purpose of rebuilding said Bridge; and also that the said Bridge shall be erected and completed within the term of three years, from and after the passing of this act.

Proprietors shall give bond to the Commonwealth.

Shall publish scheme.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That said Managers shall publish the scheme or schemes of said Lottery in one or more of the public newspapers printed in this Commonwealth, the time and place of drawing the same, and also lists of all prizes which may be drawn therein. They shall also, after the business of said Lottery is completed, lay an account of their doings therein, with the amount of tickets sold in each class, the expense and net proceeds thereof before the Governor and Council, for their examination and approbation; and they shall be severally holden by their said bonds until their said accounts shall be so examined and approved.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That said Managers shall refund all monies by them severally received for tickets, provided any class in said Lottery shall not be drawn within six months next after the time appointed and advertised for that purpose. Shall refund monies.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That this act shall continue in force for the term of four years, from and after the passing of the same, and no longer. How long to continue in force.

[Approved by the Governor, June 13, 1815.]

CHAP. VIII.

An Act in addition to an act, entitled “ An act to fix the times and places for holding the Circuit Courts of Common Pleas within and for the several counties in this Commonwealth, and for repealing all laws heretofore passed for that purpose.

SEC. 1 **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That the Circuit Courts of Common Pleas to be holden within and for the several counties in the Western Circuit, in this Commonwealth, shall be holden at the several times hereafter mentioned: That is to say, within and for the county of Worcester, on the second Monday of March, on the third Monday of June, on the Monday next after the fourth Monday of August, and on the second Monday next after the fourth Monday of November; within and for the county of Hampshire, on the fourth Monday of March, on the third Monday of August, and on the third Monday of November; within and for the county of Berkshire, on the first Monday of January, on the third Monday next after the fourth Monday in March, and on the third Monday of September; within and for the county of Franklin, on the Tuesday of the week next after the fourth Monday of March, on the second Monday of August, and on the second Monday of November; within and for the county of Hampden, on the third Monday of March, on the fourth Monday of Au-

Place and times holden.

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gust, and on the fourth Monday of November : *Provided nevertheless*, That the day of the week on which any of the said Courts are respectively to be holden as aforesaid, may, in all judicial proceedings, from time to time, be designated and expressed by such day of the week in the month, as will be the day of the month on which any Court is to be holden, pursuant to the foregoing arrangement.

How long to
continue in
force.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall be in force from and after the first day of October next ; and all actions pending at, and all writs, recognizances and processe^s now made, or which may be made returnable to any of the aforesaid Courts, which, before the operation of this act, should have been holden at any other time or place, than those in this act affixed for holding said Courts, shall be returnable to, entered, made, proceeded on, tried and determined at the Courts next to be holden in each county, after said first day of October next, agreeable to the true intent of such writ, process, recognizance, or appeal.

Acts repealed.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That all acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, shall be, and the same are hereby repealed, from and after the said first day of October next.

[Approved by the Governor, June 14, 1815.]

CHAP. IX.

An Act in addition to the several acts now in force to regulate the Inspection of Beef and Pork, to be exported.

Shall be branded
with the
month and
year.

SEC. 1. **BE** *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, every barrel or half barrel of Beef or Pork inspected and branded by the Inspector General, or his Deputy, or either of them, shall, on so being inspected, be further branded with the month and year in which the same has been, or may hereafter be so inspected, in legible letters and figures.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the Inspector General, or his Deputy or either of them, may, when the month, in which any Beef or Pork shall be inspected, shall consist of more than one syllable, so abbreviate the name of the month, as conveniently to brand the same on the head of each barrel or half barrel, by him or them inspected. Shall abbreviate name of month.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That one cent for each barrel or half barrel of Beef or Pork so branded, by virtue of this act, shall be further paid to the Inspector, or Deputy Inspector, who shall so brand the same, in addition to the fees already by law established. Fee of Inspector.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That if any Inspector, or Deputy Inspector shall neglect or refuse to brand any Beef or Pork, to be exported agreeably to this act, the person or persons so offending, shall be subject and liable to the same penalties and forfeitures, as are recoverable in the acts to which this act is an addition; Fine and forfeiture. *Provided*, That nothing in this act contained shall be holden to extend to any Beef or Pork, which before the passing of this act, may have been duly inspected and branded. Proviso.

[Approved by the Governor, June 14, 1815.]

CHAP. X.

An Act in addition to an act entitled "An act to transfer the powers and duties of the Courts of Sessions to the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, and for other purposes."

SEC. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That the Circuit Court of Common Pleas may, whenever the public good requires it, adjourn from either of the stated terms established by law, for doing session business, to a future day, or time, to do session business only; and one of the Justices of the said Circuit Court, with the two Session Justices of said county, or two Justices of the said Cir- May adjourn Court to a future day.

cuit Court, with one Session Justice, (when both cannot attend,) or the said Circuit Justices, or any two of them, when the Session Justices of any county are interested, or unable to attend, may, at any term of said Court, or at said adjourned day, hear, adjudge. and determine, on all session business that may come before them.

Compensation
for travel and
attendance.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the Justices of said Circuit Court, and the said Session Justices, shall receive out of the Treasury of the county, where any Court may be held, for the purpose of doing session business, ten cents for each mile's travel from their respective homes to the place where the said Court may be held, and three dollars for each day's necessary attendance upon the business of said Court, in full compensation for their services.

[Approved by the Governor, June 14, 1815.]

CHAP. XI.

An Act to incorporate certain persons by the name of the Western Cotton Manufactory.

Persons incor-
porated.

SEC. 1 **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That Jeduthan Fuller, Joseph Studly, George Hodges, John Clark, Rufus Fuller, Charles Keith, Elijah Copeland, and Luther Copeland, with such as already have or may hereafter associate with them, their successors and assigns, be, and they hereby are made a Corporation, by the name of The Western Cotton Manufactory, for the purpose of manufacturing cotton goods within the town of Western; 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 one thousand eight hundred and nine, entitled, "An act defining the general powers and duties of Manufacturing Corporations"

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Cor-

poration may be lawfully seized and possessed of such real estate, not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, and such personal estate, not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars in value, as may be necessary and convenient for the carrying on the manufacturing of cotton goods. May hold real and personal estate.

[Approved by the Governor, June 14, 1815.]

CHAP. XII.

An Act to incorporate Trinity Church, in the town of Bridgewater.

SEC. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That Zadock Packard, Libeus Edson, John Edson, Benjamin Clark, Henry Munroe, Francis Perkins, Eleazer Carver, Nathaniel Carver, Benjamin Edson, Allen Edson, Theodore Edson, Ephraim Sprague, Daniel Hartwell, Asa Perkins, John W. Keen, Benjamin Edson, jun. Simeon Taylor, Pardon Packard, Jireh Swift, Jonathan Ames, John Gardner, James Alger, 3d, John S. Littlefield, John Curtis, Samuel Littlefield, Charles Littlefield, Seth Keith, Timothy Hayward, Holder Packard, Luther Thomas, Ruel Swift, and Shepard Keith, of Bridgewater, in the county of Plymouth, with their families, polls, and estates, together with such others as have, or may hereafter associate with them, and their successors, be, and they hereby are, incorporated and established as a Religious Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, by the name of Trinity Church, in said town of Bridgewater, with all the powers, privileges, and immunities common to other parishes, or religious societies, and conformable to the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth.* Persons incorporated.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, That any person, who may desire to become a member of said Episcopal church or society, and shall enter his or her name with the Wardens and Vestry, or Clerk of said society,* Manner of becoming a member.

shall be deemed, taken, and entitled, and they, with their polls and estates, shall be liable in all lawful taxes and assessments, as members of said Episcopal society and parish; and the members of said Episcopal parish shall be, and they, with their polls and estates, hereby are exempted from all other taxes and assessments for the support of public worship, in the town or parish where they may respectively reside; *Provided*, That persons hereafter becoming members, shall give notice thereof in writing, to the Assessor or Clerk of the parish or town, where they reside; and until such notice, shall not be entitled to the exemption aforesaid; *And provided*, That persons withdrawing from the said Episcopal Society, who shall give notice thereof in writing to the Wardens and Vestry or Clerk for the time being, shall be no longer liable in any taxes or assessments afterwards granted and voted therein; and they with their estates, shall again become liable and holden in all other taxes and duties, for the support of public worship, in the parish or town where they may respectively reside, and as other inhabitants who are not entitled to any special exemption.

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Time of holding meeting.

Bye-laws.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the annual meeting of said Episcopal Society or Parish, shall be holden on Easter Monday, in every year, at Trinity Church, in Bridgewater, and at such annual meeting, or at an adjournment thereof, the members of said Parish shall choose by ballot their Wardens, Vestry, Clerk and Treasurer, and any other officer or officers, for the management of the affairs of said Corporation, and levy taxes and assessments, for the support of said Parish; and pass all such bye-laws and rules as shall be deemed necessary for the well governing the said Parish, not incompatible with the laws and constitution of this Commonwealth.

May hold real and personal estate.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the Wardens and Vestry of said Trinity Church, Society, or Parish for the time being, shall be, and are hereby made capable to take and hold, by gift, grant or purchase, any real or personal estate, and to manage and improve the same; and for that purpose shall have a common seal, to be established, altered, and renewed, at their plea-

sure ; *Provided*, That the annual income of the real estate holden by them, shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Proviso.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the Wardens and Vestry of said Church shall be empowered to receive and apply the income of a certain lot of land, situated in Bridgewater, which was given by the late Samuel Edson, for the support of an Orthodox Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and which estate is now vested in the Board of Trustees of Donations to the Protestant Episcopal Church : *Provided*, Wardens, &c. to receive and apply income of land. *however*, that the Corporation hereby established shall improve and occupy the said estate conformably to the will of the donor, and reserving to the said Board of Trustees of Donations any right or rights, which they have to the management of said estate, either by law or contract. Proviso.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That all gifts, grants, donations or legacies of money, or other personal estate, which are or shall hereafter be made to said Corporation, to or for the benefit of said Church, Society or Parish, shall be funded, unless otherwise directed by the donor or donors, and the annual interest or income thereof, shall be applied to the support of an Orthodox Clergyman of the Episcopal Church, who shall be approved by the Bishop of this Diocese ; or, if the Episcopate be vacant, by the standing committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese. Support of an Orthodox Clergyman.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That the officers of said Society, Parish or Corporation, shall not be entitled to, or receive any compensation, (the Clergyman excepted) for any services, out of any monies arising from the funds of the said Corporation. Officers shall not receive compensation.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Corporation or Parish shall be liable to sue or be sued, plead or to be impleaded before the Supreme Judicial Court, at the suit of proper parties, and complaints by Bill in equity, and according to the course of proceedings in Courts of Law, having jurisdiction in matters of trust and donations for pious and charitable purposes ; and the Justices of the said Court shall have authority thereupon to enforce the faithful performances, specially May sue or be sued.

or otherwise, as the case may require, of all trusts and appropriations limited and appointed upon any donation of lands, money, and other estate, real and personal, which shall be lawfully vested in the said Corporation or Parish ; and to inquire into the disposition and management thereof ; and by injunction, sequestration or otherwise to be granted and awarded by the said Court, such remedies and relief in the premises shall be afforded as to law and justice shall appertain ; and Allen Edson is hereby authorised to fix the time and place for the first meeting of the said Corporation and Parish, of which he shall give due notice to each member thereof.

[Approved by the Governor, June 14, 1815.]

CHAP. XIII.

An Act appointing the places where the Probate Courts for the county of Hampden shall be holden.

SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the Court of Probate for the county of Hampden, shall be held in the following towns, namely—In Springfield nine times in each year ; at Westfield twice in each year ; and at Monson twice in each year, at such times and places in said towns, as the Judge of Probate for said county shall from time to time appoint.*

Time and
place for hold-
ing Court.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, That this act shall be in force from and after the first day of September next ; and that, after said day, all laws heretofore passed, appointing the places of holding Probate Courts within the county of Hampden, be, and the same are hereby repealed.*

Act repealed.

[Approved by the Governor, June 14, 1815.]

CHAP. XIV.

An Act to incorporate the Pastor, Deacons, and Elders of the First Presbyterian Church, in Newburyport.

SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the Pastor, Deacons, and Elders of the First Presbyterian Church, in Newburyport, and their successors in office, be, and they hereby are incorporated and made a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Pastor, Deacons, and Elders of the First Presbyterian Church, in Newburyport. Persons incorporated.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That said Pastor, Deacons, and Elders may have and use a common seal, and the same may break, alter, and renew at pleasure; shall be capable of suing or being sued, in any actions, real, personal, and mixed, in any Court proper to try the same; shall and may take and hold in fee simple, or otherwise, by gift, grant, or devise, any estate, real or personal, the aggregate annual income of which shall not exceed two thousand dollars, and may sell and dispose thereof at pleasure. May use seal.

[Approved by the Governor, June 14, 1815.]

CHAP. XV.

An Act to incorporate the Maine Charitable Mechanic Association.

SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That John Phillips, Eleazer Wyer, and Samuel Baker, and all those who have, or may hereafter associate with them, be, and they are hereby incorporated, and made a body politic, by the Persons incorporated.

name of The Maine Charitable Mechanic Association, and by that name shall be known in law, and shall be capable of suing, and being sued, and shall have power to have and keep a common seal, to make bye-laws for the election of their members and officers, the collection of assessments, the regulation of their meetings, and the appropriation of their funds for charitable uses ; but shall not have power to make bye-laws and regulations for any other purposes whatsoever.

May hold real
and personal
estate.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the said Corporation shall have power, and shall be capable in law to purchase, have, hold, use, take, possess, retain and enjoy in fee simple, or otherwise, any personal or real estate within this Commonwealth, not exceeding the value of ten thousand dollars in real estate, and ten thousand dollars in personal estate, and the same to sell, alien and dispose of at their pleasure.

Appropriation
of income.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the annual income of said Corporation shall be employed for the purposes of relieving the distresses of unfortunate mechanics and their families, to promote inventions and improvements in the mechanic arts, by granting premiums for said inventions and improvements, and to assist young mechanics with loans of money.

How long to
continue in
force.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the said Corporation shall be, and continue for, and during the term of twenty years, unless the Legislature shall, within that time, see fit to dissolve the same.

May call first
meeting.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That John Phillips, Eleazer Wyer, and Samuel Baker, be, and they hereby are authorised and empowered to call the first meeting of said Corporation, by giving notice of the time and place thereof, in one or more of the newspapers printed in the town of Portland, twenty days at least, before the time of such meeting.

[Approved by the Governor, June 14, 1815]

CHAP. XVI.

An Act incorporating John Sylvester John Gardiner, and others, into a Society, for religious purposes.

SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That John Sylvester John Gardiner, David Cobb, Asa Eaton, Samuel Dunn, Thomas L. Winthrop, Joseph Head, Joseph Foster, Charles Williams, James C. Merrill, John Dixwell, Lynde Walter, Charles W. Green, and Shubael Bell, their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are incorporated and made a body politic, by the name of The Massachusetts Episcopal Missionary Society, and Trustees of the Massachusetts Episcopal Prayer Book and Tract Society ; and by that name shall be known in law, and shall be capable of suing and being sued, of having, and altering at pleasure, a common seal, of making bye-laws for the choice and election of members and officers, and regulating the affairs and disposing of the funds of said Society, and the property, real and personal, of said Society, to pious, charitable and religious uses, and the same bye-laws to alter and amend at pleasure ; *Provided* said bye-laws are not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth. Persons incor-
porated. Proviso.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said Corporation shall have power, and shall be capable in law, to purchase, take, hold and receive by grant, devise, bequest or otherwise, any personal or real estate, that has been, or shall be given, granted or conveyed to said Society, Corporation or Trustees, for the purpose of supporting Missionary Preachers or Ministers or teachers of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in America, or for the purpose of distributing bibles, common prayer books, and other religious Tracts among the people of this country ; *Provided however*, That the clear yearly income of all such real and personal estate, possessed and held, or to be possessed and held by said Corporation, shall never exceed the sum of ten thousand dol- May hold real
and personal
estate. Proviso.

lars ; *and provided also*, That said income shall always be applied by said Corporation to the pious, charitable and religious uses aforesaid.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the Reverend John Sylvester John Gardiner, named in this act, be, May call first meeting. and he hereby is authorised to call the first meeting of said Corporation, by giving notice of the time and place thereof, in the *Columbian Centinel*, printed in Boston, seven days before the time of such meeting.

[Approved by the Governor, June 14, 1815.]

CHAP. XVII.

An Act to establish the *Petersham Cotton Factory*.

SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That Asabel Stowell, Levi Persons incorporated. Houghton, Joseph Gallond, Israel Houghton of Petersham, Nathaniel Loring of Barre, and Samuel B. Bent, of Rutland, all in the county of Worcester, together with such other persons as may hereafter associate with them, their successors and assigns, be, and they hereby are made a Corporation, by the name of The *Petersham Cotton Factory*, for the purpose of manufacturing cotton yarn and cloth in the town of Petersham, in the county of Worcester ; 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 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.”

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Corporation may be lawfully seized and possessed of such May hold real and personal estate. real estate, not exceeding the value of fifteen thousand dollars, and such personal estate, not exceeding the value of twenty thousand dollars, as may be necessary and convenient for carrying on the Manufactory aforesaid.

[Approved by the Governor, June 15, 1815.]

CHAP. XVIII.

An Act, in addition to an act, entitled "An act respecting Boats and Lighters employed in transporting Stones, Gravel or Sand, within this Commonwealth.

SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the marks, by an act, entitled "An act respecting Boats and Lighters, employed in transporting stones, gravel or sand, within this Commonwealth," directed to be made on Boats and Lighters, expressive of the weight such Boats and Lighters are capable of carrying, shall hereafter be inspected once every year, and whenever such mark shall be found to be illegible, the same shall be renewed. Marks shall be renewed.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That whenever the Inspector shall be of opinion, that the burden or capacity of any such Boat or Lighter, shall have been diminished or increased by any repairs made on the same, or otherwise, it shall be his duty forthwith to ascertain anew the capacities of such Boats or Lighters, and to mark the same accordingly. Duty of Inspector.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the Selectmen of towns in which Boats or Lighters, used for the aforesaid purposes, are owned, be, and they hereby are empowered, and it shall be their duty to regulate the amount of fees which may be demanded by the Inspector of Boats and Lighters, of the owners thereof, for the performance of the duties imposed upon him by this act, and that to which this is an addition. Selectmen shall regulate amount of fee.

[Approved by the Governor, June 15, 1815.]

CHAP. XIX.

An Act to incorporate the Middleborough 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 Benjamin Shepard, jr. Thomas Weston, Horatio G. Wood, Nancy Nelson, Sarah W. Shepard, and Alanson Witherbee, with their associates, and such others, as may hereafter associate with them, their successors and assigns, be, and they hereby are made a Corporation, by the name and style of The Middleborough Manufacturing Company, for the purpose of manufacturing cotton yarn and cloth in the town of Middleborough; 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 one thousand eight hundred and nine, entitled "An act defining the general powers and duties of Manufacturing Corporations."

Persons incor-
porated.

May hold real
and personal
estate.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, That said Corporation may lawfully hold and possess such real estate as they are now, or may hereafter be seized of, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, and personal estate not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, as may be necessary and convenient for carrying on the manufacture of cotton yarn and cloth as aforesaid.*

[Approved by the Governor, June 15, 1815.]

CHAP. XX.

An Act in addition to an act, entitled "An act establishing a Corporation, by the name of the Fifth Massachusetts Turnpike Corporation."

SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by authority of the same, That the Fifth Massachusetts

Turnpike Corporation be, and they are hereby authorised to alter the road in the town of Athol, so as to leave the present Turnpike road a little south of the Cotton Factory; then westerly by Simeon Fisher, across Miller's river, below its confluence with Tully river; then up said Tully river, till it reunites with the Northfield branch.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That said Corporation are hereby authorised to make any such alterations upon either the Northfield or Greenfield branches of said road, as shall facilitate the travel by going round instead of over hills, without much increase or length of way. May make alterations.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That whenever any of the afore-said alterations upon either of the branches of said road shall be made, and the new part thereof completed and accepted, by a Committee to be appointed by the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, in the county in which the alteration shall be made, said Corporation are hereby authorised to discontinue such parts of the present road, as such alteration shall render unnecessary as a Turnpike road. May discontinue a part of present road.

[Approved by the Governor, June 15, 1815.]

CHAP. XXI.

An Act in addition to an act, entitled "An act relating to Loans made to defray expenses incurred by the Commonwealth during the late war, and for other purposes."

SEC. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That all future transfers of the certificates of stock issued, or to be issued, by virtue of an act of this Commonwealth, entitled "An act relating to loans made to defray the expenses incurred by the Commonwealth during the late war, and for other purposes," shall be so made as to render such certificates payable to the assignee or bearer, any thing in the said Certificates made payable to assignee or bearer.

act, or the regulations of the Governor and Council made in conformity thereto to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That in all cases in which the Treasurer of this Commonwealth shall have given any note to any Bank within this Commonwealth for money loaned before the passing of the aforesaid act, or before the first day of April last past, for the purposes in the said act expressed, and such note shall have been sold or transferred, the holder of such note, upon application to the Treasurer for that purpose, and surrendering such note to the Treasurer shall be entitled to receive the interest due thereon, which the Bank would have been entitled to receive, if such note had not been sold or transferred ; and shall also be entitled to receive a certificate or certificates of stock for the amount of such note, payable to himself or his assigns, bearing the same interest and under the same date as certificates of stock issued by virtue of the act aforesaid ; and the transfer or assignments of such certificates shall be so made as to render such certificates payable to the assignee or bearer.

Shall receive
interest.

[Approved by the Governor, June 15, 1815,]

CHAP. XXII.

An Act to incorporate the Lee Woollen and Cotton Factory.

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 Porter, Willard Barnham, Isaac Ball, Richard Hawk, Joseph Ball and Lemuel Bassett, with such others as already have or hereafter may associate with them, their successors and assigns, be, and hereby are made a Corporation, by the name of The Lee Woollen and Cotton Factory for the purpose of manufacturing woollen and cotton cloth and yarn, in the town of Lee ; and for that purpose, shall have all the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties and requirements contained in an act

Persons incor-
porated.

passed the third day of March, in the year of Lord one thousand eight 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 and possessed of such real estate, not exceeding the value of fifty thousand dollars, and such personal estate, not exceeding the value of eighty thousand dollars, as may be necessary and convenient for carrying on the manufactory aforesaid.

May hold real and personal estate.

[Approved by the Governor, June 15, 1815.]

CHAP. XXIII.

An Act to alter certain terms of the Supreme Judicial Court in the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the term of the Supreme Judicial Court, which by law is now annually to be held at Dedham, within and for the county of Norfolk, on the first Tuesday of March, shall, hereafter, by said Court be held at said Dedham, within and for said county of Norfolk, on the third Tuesday in February annually : And that the term of the Supreme Judicial Court, which, by law, is now annually to be held at Boston, within the county of Suffolk, and for the counties of Suffolk and Nantucket, on the second Tuesday in March, shall, hereafter, by said Court be held at said Boston, in said county of Suffolk, and for the said counties of Suffolk and Nantucket, on the first Tuesday in March, annually.

Time and place for holding Court.

[Approved by the Governor, June 15, 1815.]

CHAP. XXIV.

An Act in addition to the several acts for establishing the Housatonuck river, and the Hudson Turnpike Corporations, and for repealing a part of the same.

BE *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That the Housatonuck Turnpike Corporation shall be, and hereby are, empowered to demand and receive, full toll, at their half turnpike gate in Lee, under the regulations and provisions which are made in the act or acts, to which this is in addition.

Shall receive
full toll.

[Approved by the Governor, June 15, 1815.]

CHAP. XXV.

An Act to incorporate the new Cornhill Corporation, in the town of Boston.

SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That John Bellows, Uriah Cotting, Ebenezer Francis, Nathan Appleton, David Greenough, and Benjamin P. Homer, with their associates, successors, and assigns, shall be, and hereby are constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the new Cornhill Corporation, in the town of Boston, for, and during the term of ten years from the passing of this act, and no longer : And the said Corporation, by the said name, are hereby declared and made capable in law to sue, and be sued, to implead, and be impleaded, to have a common seal, to alter and renew the same at pleasure, to make rules and by laws for the regulation and management of their estate and concerns, consistent with the constitution and the laws of this Commonwealth, and generally to do and

Persons incor-
porated.

execute whatever by law shall appertain to bodies politic.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Corporation shall be, and is hereby declared capable to purchase, have, hold and possess, in fee simple, all the estate, May hold real and personal estate. stores, houses, buildings, and lots of land, lying and being between Court-street, Hanover-Street, Faneuil Hall Market, and Cornhill, in the town of Boston; *Provided*, The lawful owners or proprietors thereof, Proviso. legally convey the same to the said Corporation; and the said Corporation shall have power to lay out, and improve the same, as they may think proper, and to grant, sell, and alien, in fee simple, or otherwise, their corporate property or any part thereof, situated within the limits aforesaid, and to have, manage, and improve the same, according to the will and pleasure of said Corporation.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That any two of the persons named in the first section of this act, may call the first meeting of the members of said Corporation, May call first meeting. by giving ten days previous notice thereof, in some public newspaper, printed in Boston; and at any meeting, the said Corporation may agree upon the number of shares, not exceeding four hundred, into which the stock and property of said Corporation shall be divided, Number and amount of shares. and upon the form of the certificates to be given to individuals, of the number of shares by them respectively held, and upon the mode and conditions of transferring the same, which shares shall be held and considered as personal estate; they shall also have power to assess upon each share such sums of money from time to time, as may be necessary for making streets, erecting buildings, purchasing lands, and real estate, within the said limits, and generally for the improvement and good management of said estate, agreeably to the true intent and meaning of this act; and to sell and dispose of the same shares for default in the payment of any assessment, in any way and manner they may determine; and shall also have power to regulate the number of officers of said Corporation, and manner of choosing and removing the same, and to define their powers and duties; and at all meetings,

each person shall have a number of votes equal to his number of shares.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the share or shares of every individual of said Corporation, shall be liable to be attached on mesne process, and taken and sold on execution, in the same way and manner as directed by an act, entitled "An act directing the mode of attaching on mesne process, and selling by execution, shares of debtors, in incorporated companies;" and the Clerk, or other officer of said Corporation, having custody of the books of said Corporation, shall, upon request, inform any officer, having any process of attachment or execution against any individual of said Corporation, of the number of shares which such individual may have therein.

Shares liable
to be attached.

Real estate to
be vested in
members.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That, at the expiration of said term of ten years, all real estate then belonging to said Corporation, shall be, and the same is hereby vested in such persons as may then be members thereof, and their respective heirs and assigns, as tenants in common, in proportion, and according to the number of shares they may then hold.

[Approved by the Governor, June 15, 1815.]

CHAP. XXVI.

An Act to set off Samuel Reed and others, from the town of Bristol, and to annex them to the town of Nobleborough, in the county of Lincoln.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That Samuel Reed, Joseph Knowlton, Benjamin Day, Nathaniel Thompson, Benjamin Thompson, Thomas McFadden, Washington Knowlton, and Jesse Chapman, with their families and estates, as contained within the following described limits, be, and they are hereby set off from the town of Bristol, and annexed to Nobleborough, in the same county, viz: beginning at the north west corner of

Persons set off.

Bristol, at Brown's cove ; thence south thirteen degrees east, seven poles ; thence east by south, six hundred poles, to Muddy pond ; thence south seven degrees east, across said pond, one hundred and thirteen poles, to a stake and stones at the south west corner of Joseph Knowlton's land ; thence south fifty-six degrees east, by the south line of Joseph Knowlton's and Benjamin Thompson's land, two hundred and fifty-eight poles, to Pemaquid lower pond ; thence south, sixty-one degrees east across said pond, one hundred and thirty-nine poles to the narrows ; thence northerly by the channel of the said narrows, to the outlet of Pemaquid upper pond ; thence northerly and easterly by the shore of said pond last mentioned, to the south east corner of the town of Nobleborough : *Provided however, That* ^{Proviso-} the several persons before named, and their estates hereby annexed to the town of Nobleborough, shall be holden to pay all their State, county, town and parish taxes, legally assessed and remaining due and unpaid, prior to the date of this act : And the several persons herein before named, with their lands and estates, shall hereafter be considered a part of the said town of Nobleborough, and shall there exercise and enjoy all the rights and privileges as inhabitants of the said town, and shall also be subject to the like duties and requisitions as the other inhabitants of the said town of Nobleborough, as fully and completely, as though they had been originally a part of the same.

[Approved by the Governor, June 15, 1815.]

CHAP. XXVII.

An Act to set off a tract of land from the town of Freetown, and annex the same to the town of Fairhaven.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That a certain piece of land on the southeasterly corner of the town of Freetown, ^{Quantity of land set off.}

Annexed to
town of Fair-
haven.

in the county of Bristol, a part of which is owned by Seth Spooner, and the residue by Paul Spooner being that part of the real estate of the late Honorable Walter Spooner, Esq. deceased, which lies in the town of Freetown, be and the same hereby is set off from the said town, and annexed to the town of Fairhaven, and made a part of said town of Fairhaven.

[Approved by the Governor, June 15, 1815.]

CHAP. XXVIII.

An Act authorising the President, Directors and Company of the Portland Bank to reduce the amount of their capital stock.

Amount of ca-
pital stock.

Proviso.

BE *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, the capital stock of the President, Directors and Company of the Portland Bank, shall be two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; the number of shares to be the same as at present established by law : *Provided however,* That no dividend of the capital stock of said Bank, as now existing, shall be made until proof shall have been made to the satisfaction of the Governor and Council, or of Commissioners by them appointed, that there actually exists in said Bank funds belonging to said Corporation sufficient to pay all bills in circulation, and all deposits and other demands existing against the same, beyond the sum then to be divided : *Provided also,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect the liability of the Corporation or the individual Stockholders as established by the original act incorporating said Bank.

[Approved by the Governor, June 15, 1815.]

CHAP. XXIX.

An Act in addition to an act, entitled “ An act to regulate the sale of Goods at Public Vendue, and to repeal all laws heretofore made for that purpose.”

BE *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That, on application in writing of any person to the Selectmen of any town in this Commonwealth, to be licensed to sell goods or chattles at public vendue, if the Selectmen shall unreasonably neglect or refuse, after such application, to license such person or persons, applying as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for such applicant or applicants, first giving ten days notice to the Selectmen, so neglecting, or refusing as aforesaid, to apply to the Court of Sessions for the county where such applicant or applicants reside ; which Court or a major part thereof, are hereby authorised and empowered, on hearing the parties, to license said applicant or applicants, if they shall adjudge the same just and reasonable ; and provided such applicant give bonds to the Selectmen to pay all costs arising by the case being brought before the Court of Sessions.*

May apply to
the Court of
Sessions.

[Approved by the Governor, June 15, 1815.]

CHAP. XXX.

An Act to incorporate the Ludlow Glass 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 John Sikes, together with such other persons as already have or may hereafter associate with him, their successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby made a Corporation, by the name*

Persons incor
porated.

of The Ludlow Manufacturing Company, for the purpose of manufacturing glass bottles, and all other kinds of glass ware, in the town of Ludlow ; and for this purpose, shall have all the powers and privileges, and shall also be subject to all the duties and requirements, contained in an act 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.”

May hold yeal
and personal
estate.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said Corporation may lawfully hold and possess such real estate, not exceeding the value of twenty thousand dollars, and such personal estate, not exceeding the value of forty thousand dollars, as may be convenient for establishing and carrying on the manufacture of glass aforesaid.

[Approved by the Governor, June 15, 1815.]

CHAP. XXXI.

An Act to incorporate sundry persons by the name of the Patent Pin Manufactory.

Persons incor-
porated.

SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That Elisha Penniman, Jeremiah Fitch, Moses L. Morse, and Thomas Darling, with such other persons as already have or hereafter may associate with them, their successors and assigns, be, and they hereby are made a Corporation, by the name of The Patent Pin Manufactory, for the purpose of manufacturing pins with solid heads from the wire at one operation, with the business necessarily connected therewith ; and for such purposes, shall have all the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties and requirements, contained in an act, 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 and possessed of such

real estate, not exceeding the value of twenty thousand dollars, for the use of said Corporation, and such personal estate, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, as may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid. May hold real and personal estate.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted, That Elisha Penniman, Jeremiah Fitch, Moses L. Morse and Thomas Darling, or either two of them, are hereby authorised to call the first meeting of said Corporation, by publishing the time and place of holding such meeting in one or more of the newspapers printed in the town of Boston.* May call first meeting.

[Approved by the Governor, June 15, 1815.]

CHAP. XXXII.

An Act to set off Joseph Chaplin, from the parish of Linebrook, and annex him to the first parish in Rowley.

BE *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That Joseph Chaplin, with his family and estate, lying in the town of Rowley, be, and they hereby are set off from the parish of Linebrook, and annexed to the first parish in Rowley; there to do duties and enjoy the privileges of parishoners.* Persons set off.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, That the said Joseph Chaplain shall be holden to carry into full effect the agreement between him and the said parish of Linebrook, (as entered on the parish records) relative to this act.* Agreement to be carried into full effect.

[Approved by the Governor, June 15, 1815.]

CHAP. XXXIII.

An act to alter and change the names of certain persons therein mentioned.

BE 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, George Lewis Cushing, a minor, and son of the late George Augustus Cushing, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, shall be allowed to take the name of George Augustus Cushing; that Elisha Goddard, of the same Boston, merchant, shall be allowed to take the name of Francis Edward Goddard; that Pliny Colburn, of South Reading, in the county of Middlesex, shall be allowed to take the name of Augustus George Pliny Colburn; that Henry Thacher, of Biddeford, in the county of York, son of the Honorable George Thacher, of the same Biddeford, shall be allowed to take the name of Henry Savage Thacher; that Asa Peabody, of Boston aforesaid, Esquire, shall be allowed to take the name of Augustus Peabody:— And the several persons before named, from the time of the passing of this act, shall be called and known by the names, which, by this act, they are respectively allowed to take and assume as aforesaid; and the said names shall forever hereafter be considered as their only proper and legal names, to all intents and purposes.

[Approved by the Governor, June 15, 1815.]

CHAP. XXXIV.

An Act to incorporate the first Congregational Society in New Sharon.

SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That Nathaniel Baker,

Samuel Bradley, Wingate Bradley, Jonathan Crowell, Fobes Foord, Ebenezer Gove, Solomon Gove, Nathaniel Harding, Nathaniel Harding, jun. James Homes, Josiah Howes, Stephen Howes, James Howes, Ezekiel Lancaster, Francis Mayhew, Nathaniel Parsons, Benjamin Richardson, Francis Swan, Frederick Swan, and John Trask, with their families and estates, together with such others as may hereafter become members of the first Congregational Society in New Sharon, be, and they are hereby incorporated and established as a Society, for religious purposes only, by the name of The first Congregational Society in New Sharon ; and the said Society is hereby invested with all the powers and privileges, and subjected to the same duties and requisitions as other religious societies, according to the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth.

Persons incorporated.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That any person living in the said town of New Sharon, who may at any time hereafter desire to become a member of the said first Congregational Society, shall declare his or her desire and intention in writing, and deliver the same to the Minister or Clerk of the said Society, and a copy of the same declaration to the Clerk of the town ; and if such person doth receive and can produce a certificate of admission, signed by the Minister or Clerk of the said Society, such person, with his, (or her) family and estate, from the date of said certificate, shall be considered a member of the said first Congregational Society in New Sharon.

Manner of becoming a member.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That when any member of the said first Congregational Society, may see cause to secede therefrom, and to unite with any other religious society in the said town of New Sharon, the same course and process, *mutatis mutandis*, shall be had and done, as is prescribed in the second section of this act : *Provided however*, That in every case of secession from one society and joining to another, every such person shall be holden to pay, his or her proportion or assessment of all parish or society taxes and expenses, assessed and not paid prior to such secession.

Proviso.

Justice to is-
sue warrant.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That any Justice of the Peace for the county of Kennebeck, is hereby empowered upon application therefor, to issue a warrant directed to a freehold inhabitant belonging to the said Society, requiring him to notify and warn a meeting thereof, to meet at such convenient time and place, as shall be appointed in the said warrant, to organize the Society, by the election of its officers.

[Approved by the Governor, June 15, 1815.]

CHAP. XXXV.

An Act in addition to an act, entitled "An act establishing a Court of Common Pleas within and for the county of Suffolk, to be styled the Boston Court of Common Pleas."

Jurisdiction of
Court.

SEC. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That the Town Court in the town of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, shall have original and concurrent jurisdiction of all civil actions arising in the county of Suffolk, wherein the debt or damages do not exceed twenty dollars, in the same manner, and with the like powers, as Justices of the Peace have in said county.

Writs, pre-
cepts, &c.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That all actions, in which the Judge of the Boston Court of Common Pleas shall be a party, shall be originally cognizable by the Supreme Judicial Court, holden within the county of Suffolk, and for the counties of Suffolk and Nantucket; and all writs and precepts, in which said Judge of the Boston Court of Common Pleas shall be a party, shall be returnable into said Supreme Judicial Court, and shall be tested in the same manner as other writs, returnable into said Court.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That whenever the Recorder of the Town Court shall be prevented, by sickness or other necessary or unavoidable cause, from attending said Court, in case of the death or absence

of the Judge of the Boston Court of Common Pleas, the said Town Court may be adjourned by proclamation of the Sheriff of the county of Suffolk, or either of his deputies ; and all writs, processes, and other matters, pending in said Town Court, shall be continued to the next term thereof. Court may be adjourned.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That from and after the passing of this act, there shall be four terms annually of the Boston Court of Common Pleas, instead of the terms now to be holden by law ; the same to commence on the first Tuesdays of July, October, January and April ; and all writs and processes, made returnable to the same Court, shall be made returnable at the periods aforesaid : And all writs and processes whatever, which are now made returnable to the next September term of said Court, and which would have had day therein, if this act had not been passed, shall be sustained and have day in the next October term thereof. Number of terms annually

[Approved by the Governor, June 15, 1815.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Secretary's Office, August 16th, 1815.

By this, I certify, that the Laws contained in this pamphlet, passed at the Session of the General Court, beginning the 31st of May, and ending the 15th of June, A. D. 1815, have been examined and compared with the originals in this Office, and appear to be correct.

ALDEN BRADFORD,

Secretary of the Commonwealth

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