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of the town in which such event shall happen; and in case any person whose duty it shall be by virtue of this Act, to give notice as aforesaid, shall neglect to perform the same for the space of six months after the birth or death shall happen, the person so neglecting shall pay a fine of one dollar, to be recovered with costs of suit, on complaint before any Justice of the Peace for the same county, to the use of any inhabitant of the same town who shall prosecute for the same.

Penalty for neglect.

[Approved February 28, 1821.]

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CHAPTER CXXXVII.

An Act defining the general powers and duties of Manufacturing Corporations.

SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That all corporations which may hereafter be established within this State, for the purpose of carrying on any kind of manufacture, or manufactures, shall have power from time to time, to choose a Clerk, who shall be sworn by a Justice of the Peace to the faithful discharge of his duty, and who shall record all votes of the corporation in a book, to be by him kept for that purpose; a Treasurer, who shall give bonds in such manner and in such sum as any such corporation shall direct, and such other directors, agents and factors, as shall be thought necessary and convenient for their regular government and to carry into effect the several objects for which any such corporation may be established; and to make and establish any rules and bye-laws for the regulation and government of said corporations, with reasonable penalties for the breach thereof, not exceeding the sum of twenty dollars, and the same at their pleasure to repeal and annul: *Provided*, That such rules and bye-laws shall not be repugnant to the Constitution and laws of this State.

Manufacturing corporations may choose officers, &c.

and make bye-laws.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That a majority of the persons named in any Act of incorporation may call the first meeting of the corporation, by giving notice of the time and place of meeting, in some public newspaper printed in the county where the manufactory shall be established, at least

How first meetings may be called.

fourteen days before the time of the meeting; and if no paper is printed within the county, then public notice of the time and place of meeting shall be given as aforesaid, in a newspaper printed in some adjoining county.

Property of such corporations to be divided into shares and numbered.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the property of all such corporations shall be divided into shares, and numbered in progressive order, beginning at number one; and every original member of such corporation shall have a certificate under the seal of the corporation, and signed by the Treasurer, certifying his property in such share as shall be expressed in the certificate.

Shares, how to be transferred.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That any share may be alienated by the proprietor thereof by a deed under his hand and seal, acknowledged before some Justice of the Peace, and recorded by the Clerk of the corporation in a book to be by him kept for that purpose; and any purchaser named in such deed so recorded, shall on producing the same to the Treasurer, and delivering up to him the former certificate, be entitled to a new certificate executed in form aforesaid.

Corporation may assess money on the shares.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That any such corporation may from time to time, at any legal meeting called for that purpose, assess upon each share, such sum or sums of money, as shall be judged by such corporation necessary for raising a capital for the establishment and completion of the object of the incorporation, and for defraying the charges and expenses incident thereto, to be paid to their Treasurer at such time or times, and by such instalments as shall be directed by the corporation; and if the proprietor of any share or shares shall refuse or neglect to pay any tax or assessment duly voted and agreed on by said corporation, for the term of thirty days after the time set for the payment thereof, the Treasurer of such corporation is hereby authorized to sell, at public vendue, the share or shares of such delinquent proprietor, sufficient to pay all taxes or assessments which may be then due from said proprietor, with all necessary and incidental charges; after having given public notice in some newspaper printed in the county where the manufactory is established, if any is printed therein, otherwise in some adjoining county, of the time and place of sale, with the sum due on each share, at least three weeks suc-

Mode of enforcing payment by sale of shares.

Notice to be given.

cessively before the sale; and such sale shall be a legal transfer of the shares so sold to the purchaser, and when the purchaser shall produce a certificate of such sale from the Treasurer to the Clerk of the corporation, with the name of the purchaser, and the number of the share or shares sold, the same shall be entered by the Clerk on the books of the corporation; and such person shall be considered, to all intents and purposes, the proprietor thereof; and shall be entitled to a certificate in the form prescribed in the third section of this Act. Effect of sale.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That all Acts incorporating manufacturing companies, shall be deemed and taken to be public Acts, and as such may be declared upon, and given in evidence in any Court of law, without specially pleading the same: *Provided always*, That the Legislature may from time to time, upon due notice to any corporation, make further provisions and regulations for the management of the business of the corporation, and for the government thereof, or wholly to repeal any Act, or part thereof, establishing any corporation as shall be deemed expedient. Acts authorizing such corporations, to be considered public acts.

[Approved March 8, 1821.]

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CHAPTER CXXXVIII.

An Act defining the general powers and duties of Turnpike Corporations.

SEC. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That no turnpike corporation shall be created, except a committee shall have first been appointed by the Legislature, and viewed the rout proposed by the petitioners, who shall be at the expense thereof. And that all committees appointed for the purpose aforesaid, shall, before they proceed to view any proposed road, give public notice of the time and place of their meeting, by publishing the same in some newspaper printed in the county where said road is proposed to be laid, if any such paper is printed therein, and if not, in such other way as they may think will give general notice to all interested, and shall also give notice to one or more of the Selectmen of each town through which they propose to view, and of Turnpike corporations not to be granted, until after a viewing committee.

Viewing committee to give notice, &c.