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Chapter 191.

An act in relation to persons falling into distress beyond the limits of towns.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Persons falling sick beyond the limits of incorporated towns, how provided for.

SECT. 1. Any person without the limits of an incorporated town, may extend or procure all necessary relief and medical aid to any one falling sick, or being wounded or dangerously injured, beyond the limits of any town; and such person extending relief or procuring aid as aforesaid, or burying such person in case of death, may recover the amount by him expended against the town where such sick or wounded person had his legal settlement. *Provided,* the person extending such relief shall within sixty days from the day such relief was extended or medical aid procured, deliver into a post-office a notice in writing, by him signed, directed to the overseers of the poor of such town, notifying them of the name of the person relieved, and the nature of the sickness or injury, if known, and the amount then expended for such relief.

Notice of relief to be given.

Expenses and costs, how recovered.

SECT. 2. Towns paying expenses or costs under the provisions of this act, may recover the amount paid and interest thereon, of the person relieved as aforesaid, or his kindred or other persons liable by law for his support.

[*Approved August* 26, 1850.]

Chapter 192.

An act in addition to the several acts in relation to the state prison, and the control and government thereof.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Supervisory power vested in governor and council.

SECT. 1. The supervisory power over the affairs and management of the state prison, heretofore exercised by a joint standing committee of the legislature shall hereafter be vested in the governor and council, who shall exercise and perform all the duties heretofore exercised and performed by said committee.

Committee to be appointed by governor.

Duty of committee.

SECT. 2. The governor shall annually appoint a committee of the council, who shall, as often as the governor and council deem it expedient and necessary, and not less than three times in each year, visit the state prison and make a thorough and careful examination into its affairs and management, and the

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condition of the prison and its inmates; and shall annually report to the governor, who shall report to the legislature such information and make such suggestions in relation to the government and financial affairs of the same, as in his opinion may be conducive to the interests of the state and the promotion of the great object, the reformation of criminals.

Annual exhibit of warden.

SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the warden to make to the governor and council, once in each year, a full exhibit of the affairs of the prison; and it shall be his duty to settle all his accounts with the governor and council, at such time as they may require.

Accounts.

Inspectors' duty.

SECT. 4. The inspectors shall visit the prison once in three months, and one of them shall visit it once in each month.

Inconsistent provisions repealed.

SECT. 5. So much of section five, chapter one hundred and seventy-seven of the revised statutes, as requires the inspectors to reside within six miles of the prison, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[*Approved August* 27, 1850.]

Chapter 193.

An act to provide for the education of youth.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

ARTICLE I.

Of the general duties of towns.

Establishment of school districts.

SECT. 1. The school districts, in the several towns in this state, shall remain as now established, until altered or discontinued according to law.

Same subject.

SECT. 2. The inhabitants of every town, at their annual meeting, may determine the number and limits of the school districts within such town; and if necessary, may divide or discontinue any such district; or they may annex it to any other district, in such town, with such reservations and conditions, as may be proper to preserve the individual rights and obligations of the inhabitants thereof: *provided, however*, that no such action shall be had, until the selectmen and superin-