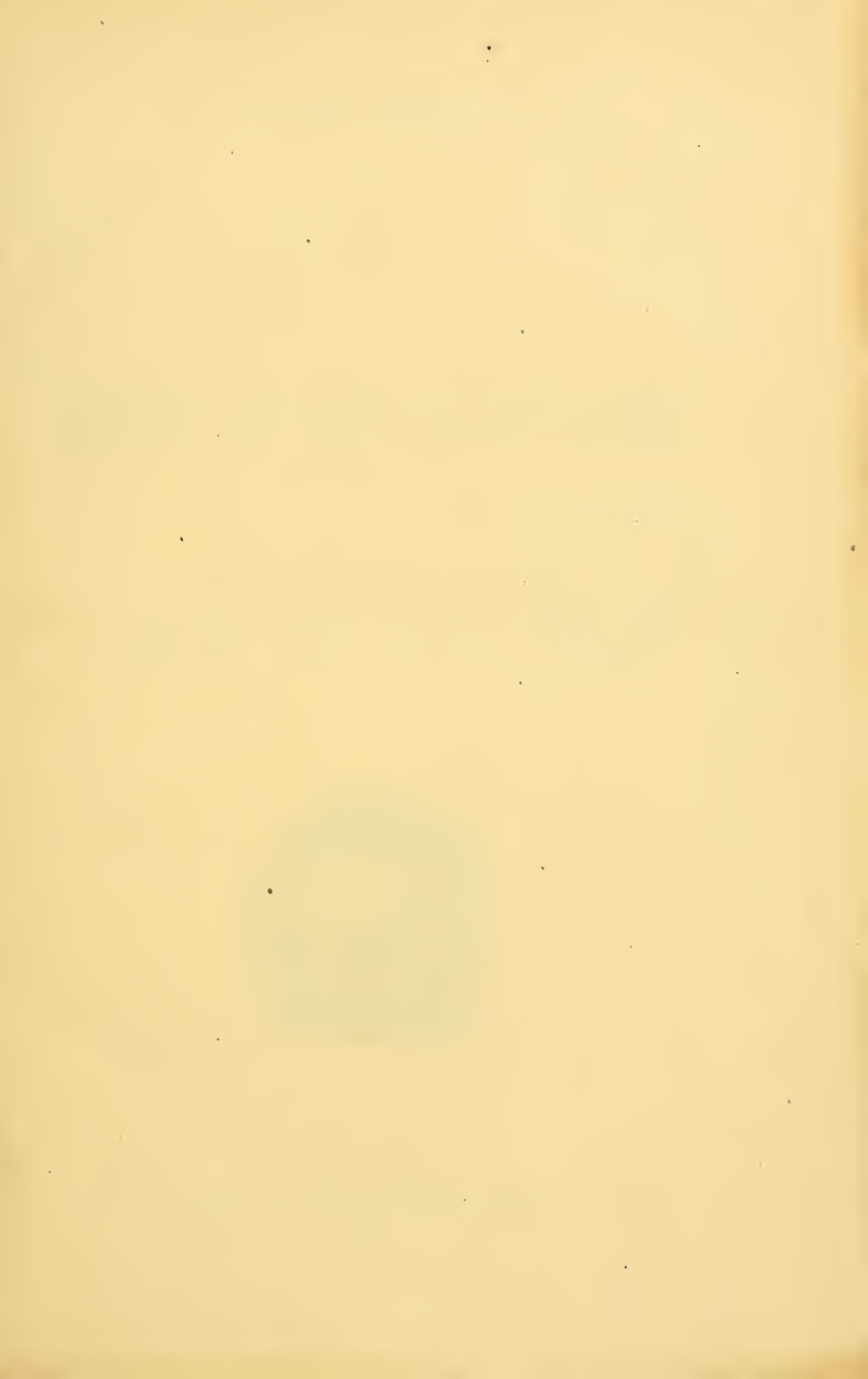


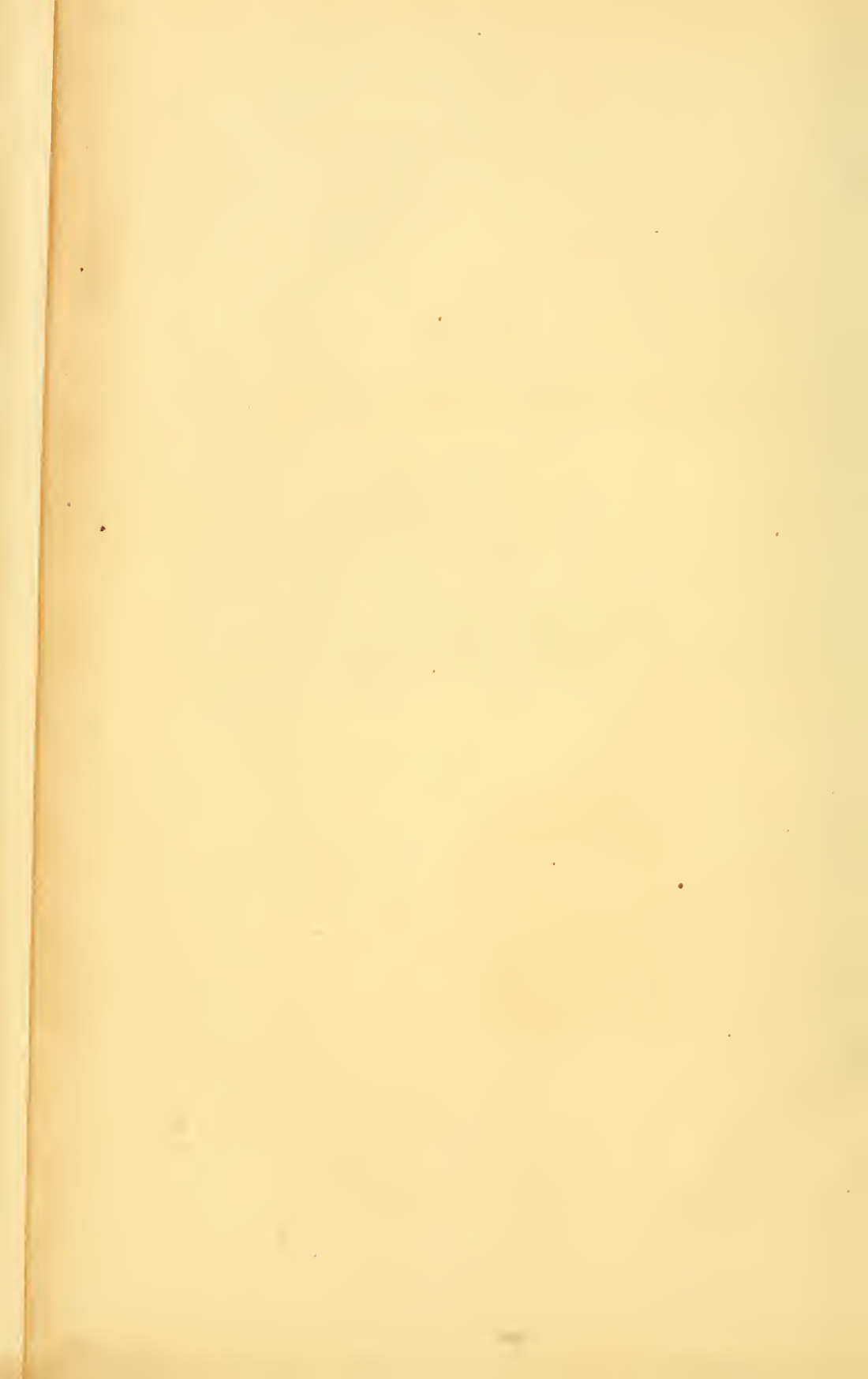
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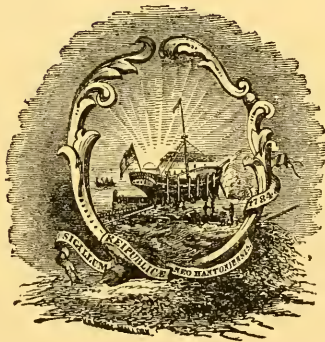


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CHAPTER I.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE FOURTH OF JULY.

SECTION

1. Municipal appropriations for celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of American independence authorized.

SECTION

2. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. Any city may, by vote of its city council, or any town at any regular or special meeting, appropriate a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars for the celebration of the fourth of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-six ; and all appropriations and votes therefor, heretofore passed by any city council for that purpose, are hereby legalized.

Municipal appropriations for celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of American independence authorized.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect on its passage.

[Approved June 20, 1876.]

Takes effect—when.

CHAPTER II.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION FOUR OF CHAPTER THIRTY-FOUR OF THE GENERAL STATUTES IN RELATION TO THE POWERS OF TOWNS.

SECTION

1. Towns, at special meetings, not to appropriate money except by vote by ballot.

SECTION

2. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

Towns, at special meetings, not to appropriate money except by vote by ballot.

SECTION 1. Section four of chapter thirty-four of the General Statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the words,—“ *Provided*, that no money shall be raised or appropriated at any town-meeting other than the annual town-meeting, except by vote by ballot, nor unless the ballots cast at such meeting shall be equal in number to at least one half of the number of the names of legal voters borne on the check-list of said town at the last preceding annual town-meeting.”

Takes effect—when.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

[Approved June 28, 1876.]

CHAPTER III.

AN ACT FOR THE PROTECTION AND BETTER PRESERVATION OF TROUT.

SECTION

1. Pickerel, etc., not to be put into waters containing trout.

SECTION

2. Penalty.

3. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

Pickerel etc., not to be put into waters containing trout.

SECTION 1. No person shall put any of the fish called pickerel, or pike, or the roe, fry, or spawn of the same, into any of the public waters of this state now containing trout, and free from pike and pickerel.

Penalty.

SEC. 2. Any person violating section one of this chapter shall be fined one hundred dollars for each offence, one half to the use of the prosecutor.

Takes effect—when.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect on its passage.

[Approved July 5, 1876.]

CHAPTER IV.

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPANISH OR TEXAS CATTLE FEVER.

SECTION

- 1. Penalty for bringing certain cattle into this state.
- 2. Texas and Cherokee cattle—how construed.

SECTION

- 3. Provisions of this act executed—by whom.
- 4. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. Any person or company that shall bring into the state, between the twentieth day of May and the twentieth day of October, any Texas or Cherokee cattle that have not been kept north of the Ohio or Missouri river during the winter immediately preceding, shall be punished for such offence by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each and every animal so brought into this state.

Penalty for bringing certain cattle into this state.

SEC. 2. For the purposes of this act, the term Texas or Cherokee cattle shall be construed to mean the native cattle of Texas and Louisiana, and the classes of cattle known under these names.

Texas and Cherokee cattle—how construed.

SEC. 3. The provisions of this act shall be executed by the cattle commissioners and selectmen of towns, as provided by chapter eighteen of the Pamphlet Laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

Provisions of this act executed—by whom.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [Approved July 11, 1876.]

Takes effect—when.

CHAPTER V.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE A TOWN BY THE NAME OF LIVERMORE.

SECTION

- 1. Town boundaries and name.
- 2. Corporation constituted.
- 3. First meeting—town officers.

SECTION

- 4. Classed for sending a representative.
- 5. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. That the following tract of land, situated in the county of Grafton, bounded as follows,—beginning on the southerly line of the town of Bethlehem at the north-easterly corner of the town of Franconia, thence running easterly following the southerly line of said Bethlehem to the easterly line of the county of Grafton, thence southerly following the easterly line of the county of Grafton to the north-easterly corner of the town of Waterville, thence west-

Boundaries.

erly following the course of the northerly line of said Waterville to the easterly line of the town of Thornton, thence northerly following the easterly line of the towns of Thornton, Lincoln, and Franconia, to the bound begun at,—shall be a town by the name of Livermore.

Name.
Corporation constituted.

SEC. 2. The inhabitants of said township be and they hereby are made a body corporate and politic, with all and the same rights, powers, privileges, immunities, and liabilities of similar corporations in this state.

First meeting—
town officers.

SEC. 3. For the purpose of duly organizing said town, a meeting of the inhabitants thereof, legally qualified to vote in town affairs, shall be holden in said town on or before the second Tuesday of September next, at which meeting selectmen and other necessary town officers may be elected, to continue in office until others are chosen and qualified, agreeable to the laws of this state; and that Benjamin Akers, John Tewksbury, and Charles N. Saunders, or any two of them, be authorized to call said meeting, by giving the same notice as is by law required for calling annual town-meetings; and that either of said persons may preside in said meeting until a moderator is chosen.

Classed for
sending a repre-
sentative.

SEC. 4. Said town shall be classed with the towns of Woodstock and Lincoln for the purpose of sending a representative to the general court.

Takes effect —
when.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.
[Approved July 11, 1876.]

CHAPTER VI.

AN ACT RELATING TO COSTS IN PROCEEDINGS BEFORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

SECTION

1. In proceedings relating to highways, commissioners may apportion costs.

SECTION

2. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

In proceedings
relating to
highways, com-
missioners may
apportion costs.

SECTION 1. In all proceedings before county commissioners relating to highways, they may adjust and apportion the costs of such proceedings before them between the parties in such manner as they may deem just.

Takes effect —
when.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent therewith are hereby repealed.
[Approved July 11, 1876.]

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CHAPTER VII.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER TWO HUNDRED THIRTY OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, RELATING TO TRUSTEES.

SECTION

- 1. Trustee not chargeable on default, unless he neglect to answer after notice.
- 2. Disclosures may be taken any time after service of writ, due notice, and tender of fees.
- 3. Depositions of other persons relative to trustee's liability may be taken.

SECTION

- 4. Repealing clause.
- 5. Supreme court may make rules and adjust costs in trustee process.
- 6. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. No person summoned as trustee in any action now pending, or which may be hereafter brought, shall be charged on default until he shall have neglected to answer in said action, after such notice as the court, at the term when the action is entered or at some subsequent term, may order ; and any court may extend the time of taking the deposition or disclosure of any trustee, in actions now pending, to any term of said court.

Trustee not chargeable on default, unless he neglect to answer after notice.

SEC. 2. Disclosures of trustees may be given or taken by any party to the action at any time after the service of the writ upon the trustee, upon such notice to the adverse party as is required in taking depositions, and upon the payment or tender to the trustee of his fees for travel and attendance, as in case of witnesses.

Disclosures may be taken any time after service of writ, due notice, and tender of fees.

SEC. 3. The depositions of persons other than the trustee may be taken by any party to a suit relative to the liability of the trustee.

Depositions of other persons relative to trustee's liability may be taken.

SEC. 4. Sections eight, nine, ten, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen,—and so much of section seven of chapter two hundred thirty of the General Statutes, and all other acts and parts of acts, [as are] inconsistent with this act,—are hereby repealed.

Repealing clause.

SEC. 5. The supreme court may make and establish all such rules and orders as may be necessary and convenient to carry into effect the purposes of this act, and adjust all costs in matters relating to trustee process as may seem equitable.

Supreme court may make rules and adjust costs in trustee process.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Takes effect—when.

[Approved July 11, 1876.]

CHAPTER VIII.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NEW HAMPSHIRE IN RELATION TO FLOATING TIMBER AND DAMAGE THEREFROM.

SECTION

1. Logs may be detained until bond is given.
 2. Attorney to be appointed—when.
 3. Parties not agreeing upon damages—how to be adjusted.

SECTION

4. Appeal within sixty days.
 5. Notice of appeal, etc.
 6. Repealing clause.
 7. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

Logs may be detained until bond is given.

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter one hundred and thirty-one of the General Statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof as follows: or until the owner or person in charge of said logs or timber shall give bond, with sufficient sureties, to the person detaining such logs or timber, in a sum not less than double the value of the property detained, to the satisfaction of the selectmen of the town wherein such logs or timber are detained, or to the selectmen of some town adjoining, conditioned to pay all such damages, expenses, and costs as may be recovered against him under the provisions of said chapter as hereinafter amended.

Attorney to be appointed—when.

SEC. 2. Whenever such bond is given by a person not resident of the state, said bond shall contain an appointment of an agent or attorney, within this state, upon whom service of any notice or process whatever may be made.

Parties not agreeing upon damages—how to be adjusted.

SEC. 3. If the parties do not agree on the amount of damages done or occasioned by such logs or timber, the selectmen, or, if a majority of them are interested, three justices, may, on application of either party in writing, and ten days' notice in writing, assess such damages and expenses, and make report thereof to the parties; and if either party is dissatisfied with such assessment, he may appeal therefrom to the circuit court.

Appeal within sixty days.

SEC. 4. Such appeal shall be claimed within sixty days, and not after, in writing, signed by the party appealing, or his attorney, setting forth the reasons of his appeal.

Notice of appeal, etc.

SEC. 5. Notice shall be given of such appeal, and of the court at which it will be entered, fourteen days at least before the term at which said appeal is to be entered.

Repealing clause.

SEC. 6. Section three of said chapter one hundred and thirty-one, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

Takes effect—when.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved July 11, 1876.]

CHAPTER IX.

AN ACT TO REORGANIZE AND EQUALIZE THE COUNCILLOR DISTRICTS.

SECTION

1. Number of councillor districts.
2. District No. 1.
3. District No. 2.
4. District No. 3.

SECTION

5. District No. 4.
6. District No. 5.
7. Repealing clause.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. The state shall be and is hereby divided into five councillor districts, each of which may choose one councillor annually. Number of councillor districts.

SEC. 2. Councillor district number one is composed of and contains the county of Rockingham and the county of Strafford, except the towns of Middleton, New Durham, and Strafford, in the county of Strafford, and the towns of Auburn, Candia, Chester, Deerfield, Derry, Londonderry, Northwood, Nottingham, Raymond, Salem, and Windham, in the county of Rockingham. District No. 1.

SEC. 3. Councillor district number two is composed of and contains the towns of Alexandria, Auburn, Belmont, Bristol, Candia, Chester, Deerfield, Deerfield, Gilmanston, Gilford, Goffstown, New Hampton, Northwood, Nottingham, Raymond, Sanbornton, Tilton, Weare, and the county of Merrimack except the towns of Bradford and Newbury. District No. 2.

SEC. 4. Councillor district number three is composed of and contains the towns of Amherst, Bedford, Brookline, Derry, Frances-town, Greenville, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Londonderry, Lynde-borough, Manchester, Mason, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, New Boston, New Ipswich, Pelham, Peterborough, Salem, Sharon, Temple, Wilton, and Windham. District No. 3.

SEC. 5. Councillor district number four is composed of and contains the counties of Cheshire and Sullivan, and the towns of An-trim, Bennington, Bradford, Canaan, Enfield, Grafton, Greenfield, Hancock, Hanover, Hillsborough, Lebanon, Lyme, Newbury, and Windsor. District No. 4.

SEC. 6. Councillor district number five is composed of and contains the counties of Carroll and Coös, and the towns of Alton, Barnstead, Center Harbor, Laconia, Meredith, Middleton, New Durham, Strafford, and the county of Grafton except the towns of Alexandria, Bristol, Canaan, Enfield, Grafton, Hanover, Lebanon, and Lyme. District No. 5.

SEC. 7. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed. Repealing clause.

[Approved July 11, 1876.]

CHAPTER X.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE EXPENSES OF CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS.

County not chargeable unless, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

County not chargeable unless, etc.

SECTION 1. No county shall be chargeable with the costs of prosecuting, trying, or committing any offender, unless the prosecution shall have been ordered or directed by the attorney-general, or the solicitor, or commissioners of the county, or shall be ratified and approved by them, or one of them.

[Approved July 12, 1876.]

CHAPTER XI.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE CAPITAL AND ASSETS OF FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

SECTION

- * 1. Joint stock companies; mutual companies.
- 2. Repealing clause.

SECTION

- 3. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

Joint stock companies.

SECTION 1. That no joint stock fire insurance company, not organized under the laws of this state, shall hereafter be admitted into this state to transact the business of such company, unless it shall possess a paid-up capital of two hundred thousand dollars, invested in securities readily convertible into cash, one hundred thousand dollars of which capital shall be invested in such securities other than mortgages of real estate; nor unless such company shall possess, in addition to such capital, assets equal in amount to all its outstanding liabilities, estimating fifty per cent. of premiums received on unexpired fire risks and the whole amount of premiums on marine risks as a liability; nor shall any mutual fire insurance company, not organized under the laws of this state, hereafter be admitted into this state for the transaction of the business of such company, unless it shall possess two hundred thousand dollars of cash assets invested as above, nor unless it shall possess such assets sufficient to reinsure all its outstanding or unexpired risks—the amount required to be estimated, as in the case of joint stock fire insurance companies above described.

Mutual companies.

Repealing clause.

SEC. 2. The provisions of section one, chapter one of the Laws of 1870, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

Takes effect when.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [Approved July 12, 1876.]

CHAPTER XII.

AN ACT TO REORGANIZE AND EQUALIZE THE SENATORIAL DISTRICTS.

SECTION

1. Number of senatorial districts.
2. District No. 1.
3. District No. 2.
4. District No. 3.
5. District No. 4.
6. District No. 5.
7. District No. 6.

SECTION

8. District No. 7.
9. District No. 8.
10. District No. 9.
11. District No. 10.
12. District No. 11.
13. District No. 12.
14. Repealing clause.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. The state is divided into twelve senatorial districts, each of which may elect one senator to the legislature annually. Number of senatorial districts.

SEC. 2. Senatorial district number one contains Gosport, Greenland, Hampton, Hampton Falls, Kensington, Newcastle, Newmarket, North Hampton, Portsmouth, Rye, Seabrook, South Newmarket, and Stratham. District No. 1.

SEC. 3. Senatorial district number two contains Atkinson, Auburn, Brentwood, Candia, Chester, Danville, Deerfield, Derry, East Kingston, Epping, Exeter, Fremont, Hampstead, Hudson, Kingston, Litchfield, Londonderry, Newton, Northwood, Nottingham, Pelham, Plaistow, Raymond, Salem, Sandown, South Hampton, and Windham. District No. 2.

SEC. 4. Senatorial district number three contains the city of Manchester. District No. 3.

SEC. 5. Senatorial district number four contains the towns of Allenstown, Boscawen, Bow, Canterbury, Concord, Dunbarton, Hooksett, Hopkinton, Pembroke, and Webster. District No. 4.

SEC. 6. Senatorial district number five contains the towns of Barrington, Dover, Durham, Lee, Madbury, Newington, Rochester, Rollinsford, and Somersworth. District No. 5.

SEC. 7. Senatorial district number six contains the towns of Alton, Barnstead, Brookfield, Belmont, Chichester, Epsom, Farmington, Gilford, Gilmanton, Laconia, London, Meredith, Middleton, Milton, Moultonborough, New Durham, Northfield, Ossipee, Pittsfield, Strafford, Tilton, Tuftonborough, Wakefield, and Wolfeborough. District No. 6.

SEC. 8. Senatorial district number seven contains the towns of Amherst, Bedford, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Mason, Merrimack, Milford, Nashua, and New Ipswich. District No. 7.

SEC. 9. Senatorial district number eight contains the towns of Antrim, Bennington, Bradford, Deering, Francestown, Goffstown, Greenfield, Hancock, Harrisville, Henniker, Hillsborough, Lyndeborough, Mont Vernon, New Boston, Nelson, Peterborough, Sharon, Stoddard, Sullivan, Sutton, Temple, Warner, Weare, Wilton, and Windsor. District No. 8.

District No. 9. SEC. 10. Senatorial district number nine contains the towns of Chesterfield, Dublin, Fitzwilliam, Hinsdale, Jaffrey, Keene, Marlborough, Richmond, Rindge, Roxbury, Surry, Swanzey, Troy, Walpole, Westmoreland, and Winchester.

District No. 10. SEC. 11. Senatorial district number ten contains the towns of Acworth, Alstead, Charlestown, Claremont, Cornish, Croydon, Gilsun, Goshen, Grantham, Langdon, Lebanon, Lempster, Marlow, Newbury, Newport, Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee, Unity, and Washington.

District No. 11. SEC. 12. Senatorial district number eleven contains the towns of Alexandria, Andover, Ashland, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Canaan, Center Harbor, Danbury, Dorchester, Enfield, Franklin, Grafton, Groton, Hanover, Hebron, Hill, Holderness, Lyme, New Hampton, New London, Orange, Orford, Piermont, Plymouth, Salisbury, Sanbornton, Sandwich, Tamworth, and Wilmot.

District No. 12. SEC. 13. Senatorial district number twelve contains all of the towns and places in the county of Coös, and the towns of Albany, Bartlett, Bath, Benton, Bethlehem, Chatham, Conway, Eaton, Effingham, Ellsworth, Franconia, Freedom, Hart's Location, Haverhill, Jackson, Landaff, Lincoln, Lisbon, Littleton, Lyman, Madison, Monroe, Rumney, Thornton, Warren, Wentworth, Waterville, and Woodstock.

Repealing
clause.

SEC. 14. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

[Approved July 12, 1876.]

CHAPTER XIII.

AN ACT TO REPEAL AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT RELATING TO THE RIGHT OF STUDENTS TO VOTE, AND THEIR TAXATION."

SECTION

1. Right of students to vote and be taxed restored.

SECTION

2. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

Right of students to vote and be taxed restored.

SECTION 1. The act entitled "An act relating to the right of students to vote, and their taxation," passed June session, A. D. 1874, is hereby repealed.

Takes effect—when.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

[Approved July 12, 1876.]

CHAPTER XIV.

AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE EARNINGS OF MINORS FROM THE TRUSTEE PROCESS.

SECTION

1. Trustee not chargeable for earnings of minors.

SECTION

2. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. No trustee shall be charged on account of the personal services or earnings of the minor children of the defendant.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved July 12, 1876.]

Trustee not chargeable for earnings of minors.
Takes effect — when.

CHAPTER XV.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO OF THE PAMPHLET LAWS OF 1875, PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM OF PROBATE COURT IN THE COUNTY OF COOS.

SECTION

1. Two terms at Gorham annually.

SECTION

2. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. That chapter twenty-two of the Pamphlet Laws of 1875 be amended by striking out the words “one term” between the words “shall be held” and the words “annually at Gorham,” and inserting in their place the words *two terms*, and inserting after the words “in said county,” *on the first Tuesday of April*, so that it shall read,—there shall be held two terms annually at Gorham in said county, on the first Tuesday of April and the first Tuesday of October of each year.

Two terms at Gorham annually.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

[Approved July 12, 1876.]

Takes effect — when.

CHAPTER XVI.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION NINE OF CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHT OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, RELATING TO TRANSIENT TRADERS.

SECTION 1. Minimum fee for license reduced from fifty to ten dollars.	SECTION 2. Repealing clause. 3. Takes effect—when.
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

Minimum fee for license reduced from fifty to ten dollars.

SECTION 1. Every person taking out a license, according to the provisions of section nine of chapter one hundred and eight of the General Statutes, shall pay therefor, for the use of the town, a sum not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.

Repealing clause.

SEC. 2. So much of said section nine as is inconsistent with this act is hereby repealed.

Takes effect — when.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
[Approved July 13, 1876.]

CHAPTER XVII.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, ENTITLED "SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS."

SECTION 1. Minimum fee for license reduced from ten dollars to one dollar.	SECTION 2. Takes effect—when.
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

Minimum fee for license reduced from ten dollars to one dollar.

SECTION 1. That section three of chapter one hundred of the General Statutes be amended by striking out the word "ten" in the fourth line of said section, and inserting in its place the word "one."

Takes effect — when.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.
[Approved July 13, 1876.]

CHAPTER XVIII.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND FIVE, SECTION FIFTEEN, OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF THE MONEY RAISED BY TAXES ON DOGS.

SECTION 1. Surplus revenue arising from dog tax— how applied.	SECTION	2. Repealing clause.
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. All money arising from the taxation of dogs, remaining in the treasury of any town or city at the annual town-meeting or city election, which has not been ordered to be paid for damages to domestic animals, agreeably to the provisions of chapter one hundred and five of the General Statutes, may be applied to the support of schools, or retained in the treasury of the town or city for the purpose of paying damages done to domestic animals according to said statute, as the town or city council shall by vote determine.

Surplus revenue arising from dog tax — how applied.

SEC. 2. The fifteenth section of chapter one hundred and five of the General Statutes is hereby repealed.

Repealing clause.

[Approved July 13, 1876.]

CHAPTER XIX.

AN ACT RELATING TO CORONERS' INQUESTS.

SECTION 1. Expense of inquests to be paid—when.	SECTION	2. Takes effect—when.
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. No coroner's inquest shall be holden at the expense of any town, city, or county, nor shall any fees or costs of such inquest be paid by any town, city, or county, unless the coroner shall have been specially requested in writing to hold the inquest by the selectmen of the town or mayor and aldermen of the city to be charged with such expense, or by the solicitor for the county or the attorney-general of the state.

Expense of inquests to be paid—when.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Takes effect — when.

[Approved July 13, 1876.]

CHAPTER XX.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN NEWMARKET AND SOUTH NEWMARKET.

Property to be taxed in the town where it lies.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

Property to be taxed in the town where it lies.

SECTION 1. That the boundary line between the towns of Newmarket and South Newmarket shall be considered and held to be the boundary line for all purposes of taxation, and all lands and property shall be assessed and taxed in the respective towns, as may be determined by said boundary line ; and the provisions of section ten of the act constituting the town of South Newmarket, approved July 27, 1849, are hereby repealed.

[Approved July 13, 1876.]

CHAPTER XXI.

AN ACT EXTENDING THE JURISDICTION OF POLICE COURTS IN CIVIL CAUSES.

SECTION

1. Jurisdiction of police courts enlarged.
2. Cause transferred to county court at defendant's request.
3. How transferred.

SECTION

4. Fees of police justice.
5. Either party may appeal.
6. Person not to be summoned out of town—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

Jurisdiction of police courts enlarged.

SECTION 1. Police courts, in addition to the powers heretofore conferred upon them, shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court of actions at common law wherein the defendant resides within the county where the court is established to which he is summoned, and not more than one hundred dollars is claimed as debt or damages.

Cause transferred to county court at defendant's request.

SEC. 2. In any action brought before a police court by virtue of this act, if the defendant, at the term at which such action is entered, shall request in writing a trial by jury, such action shall be transferred to the next trial term of the circuit court for the county in which said court is established, and may be entered and prosecuted in said circuit court in the same manner as if originally commenced therein.

How transferred.

SEC. 3. In case of such transfer, the justice of said police court shall cause certified copies of the paper in each cause to be filed with the clerk of the court to which such transfer is made, and said

clerk shall enter said cause upon the docket of the court upon the payment by the plaintiff of the entry fee.

SEC. 4. The justice of the police court shall receive for the copies in each cause so transferred one dollar, to be paid by the plaintiff and taxed in his bill of costs if he prevail.

Fees of police justice.

SEC. 5. Either party aggrieved by the judgment of a police court, upon issue joined under the provisions of this act, may appeal therefrom to the next trial term of the circuit court for the county where said police court is situate; but no appeal shall be allowed unless claimed within twenty-four hours from the time judgment is rendered.

Either party may appeal.

SEC. 6. No person, residing in a town or city in which is established and held a police court, shall be summoned to appear at another police court, in another town or city, as defendant or trustee.

Person not to be summoned out of town—when.

[Approved July 13, 1876.]

CHAPTER XXII.

AN ACT TO ANNEX A PORTION OF THE TOWN OF LACONIA TO THE TOWN OF GILFORD.

SECTION

1. Description of portion annexed.
2. Gilford to pay Laconia \$2,000.
3. Disposition of taxes now assessed.
4. Property annexed not taxable for present debts.

SECTION

5. Proportion of state tax.
6. School district.
7. Citizens not disfranchised.
8. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. That all that part of the town of Laconia bounded as follows,—to wit, beginning at a stake and stones on the westerly shore of Long bay, so called, at the north-easterly corner of the farm of Enoch B. Prescott, thence westerly on the northerly line of said Prescott's farm to the highway leading from Lake Village to Meredith, thence northerly on said highway to the centre of Tilton brook, so called, thence westerly down the centre of said brook to Round bay, so called, thence on said Round bay to the line dividing the town of Gilford from the town of Laconia,—be and the same hereby is severed from the town of Laconia and annexed to the town of Gilford.

Description of portion annexed.

SEC. 2. The town of Gilford shall assess and collect for the use and benefit of the town of Laconia, upon the polls and estates of the persons and estates liable to taxation in the portion of Laconia annexed to Gilford by this act, the sum of two thousand dollars, and interest from the second Tuesday of March, 1877, within four years from the passage of this act; but no more than one half of said sum of two thousand dollars shall be assessed as aforesaid in any one of said four years. Said sum shall be paid by said Gilford to said Laconia when collected.

Gilford to pay Laconia \$2,000.

Disposition of taxes now assessed.

SEC. 3. All taxes heretofore assessed annually upon the polls and estates of persons residing within the limits of the territory hereby annexed to Gilford, and upon the estates of said territory of non-residents, shall be collected and applied the same as if this act had not been passed.

Property annexed not taxable for present debts.

SEC. 4. The polls and estates of persons residing within the limits of the territory hereby annexed to Gilford, and the estates in said territory of non-residents, shall not be taxed or in any way liable for the existing debts or liabilities of the town of Gilford, but all such debts and liabilities shall be paid by said town of Gilford the same as if this act had not been passed.

Proportion of state tax.

SEC. 5. In all assessments of state and county taxes, until the legislature shall otherwise order, the town of Laconia shall pay six dollars and eighty-seven cents, and the town of Gilford shall pay five dollars and sixty-eight cents; and the state and county treasurers shall issue their respective warrants accordingly.

School district.

SEC. 6. All that part of Laconia annexed to Gilford by this act shall constitute a part of school district number thirteen in said Gilford.

Citizens not disfranchised.

SEC. 7. Any person qualified to vote at any meeting held within six months from the passage of this act, in Laconia as now constituted, shall have the right to vote in Gilford, in which he shall become an inhabitant by the passage of this act.

Takes effect — when.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect on its passage.
[Approved July 13, 1876.]

CHAPTER XXIII.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF THE COUPONS OF CERTAIN BONDS OF THE STATE BELONGING TO THE NATIONAL BANK OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF BOSTON, MASS.

Treasurer authorized to pay lost coupons.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the coupons for the interest due in January, A. D. 1876, upon certain bonds of this state belonging to the National Bank of the Commonwealth of Boston, Mass., and amounting to one hundred and five dollars, have been accidentally lost:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

Treasurer authorized to pay lost coupons.

SECTION 1. That the treasurer of the state be authorized to pay to the National Bank of the Commonwealth of Boston, Mass., the amount of said coupons, upon the receipt of satisfactory security to refund the amount thereof, with all costs, interest, and charges, in case said coupons shall hereafter be presented, or said interest claimed, by any person lawfully entitled thereto.

[Approved July 13, 1876.]

CHAPTER XXIV.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE ADVERTISING OF NON-RESIDENT TAXES.

SECTION

1. Advertisement to be published in what papers.

SECTION

2. Repealing clause.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. Collectors of taxes of non-residents shall advertise the land on which the taxes have not been paid, or may not be paid, for sale, in the INDEPENDENT STATESMAN, a newspaper printed at Concord, and also in some newspaper printed in the county where the land is situate, if any, otherwise in some adjacent county.

Advertisement to be published in what papers.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect upon its passage.

Repealing clause.

[Approved July 17, 1876.]

CHAPTER XXV.

AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE PRESENT JUDICIARY SYSTEM AND ESTABLISH A NEW ONE.

SECTION

1. Present court abolished: supreme court established: justices: salaries: powers and duties.

2. Law terms: trial terms: two justices to sit—when.

3. Jurisdiction at law terms: at trial terms: power of justices in vacation.

4. Grand and petit jurors.

5. Appointment and tenure of clerks regulated.

SECTION

6. Regulation as to pending causes, etc.

7. Custody, etc., of records.

8. Opinions to be published.

9. Justice not to sit—when.

10. Quorum.

11. Repealing and saving clauses.

12. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. That from and after the time when this act takes effect, the superior court of judieatnre and the circuit court shall be and hereby are abolished, and all laws establishing such courts shall be and hereby are repealed; and in lieu thereof there shall be and hereby is established a supreme court, consisting of one chief-

Present court abolished.

Supreme court established.

Justices. Salaries.	justice and five associate justices, to be appointed and commissioned as prescribed in the constitution: and the salary of said chief-justice shall be twenty-four hundred dollars, and the salaries of said associate justices shall be twenty-two hundred dollars each, payable quarterly; and said justices shall have all the powers of, and do and perform all the duties now required by law to be done and performed by, the justices of the superior court of judicature and the circuit court.
Powers and duties.	
Law terms.	SEC. 2. The law terms of the supreme court shall be holden at the times and places at which the terms of the superior court of judicature are now required to be holden; and the trial terms of said supreme court shall be holden at the times and places at which the terms of the circuit court are now required to be holden, and said trial terms may be holden by one or more of said justices; but at the trial of any person charged with a crime the punishment whereof may be death, not less than two of the justices of said supreme court shall be present.
Trial terms.	
Two justices to sit—when.	
Jurisdiction at law terms.	SEC. 3. Said supreme court, at the law terms thereof, shall have jurisdiction of all matters and things whatsoever whereof the superior court of judicature now have jurisdiction; and said supreme court, at the trial terms thereof, shall have jurisdiction of all matters and things whatsoever, both civil and criminal, now provided by law to be entered at or done, or which may be entered at or done, in the circuit court; and the justices of said supreme court shall have power and authority to do and perform any act in vacation, which the justices of the superior court of judicature, or of the circuit court, or any one of them, may now do and perform in vacation.
At trial terms.	
Power of justices in vacation.	
Grand and petit jurors.	SEC. 4. Grand and petit jurors shall be drawn and returned to attend the trial terms of said supreme court, in the same manner as grand and petit jurors are now required to be drawn and attend the terms of the circuit court.
Appointment and tenure of clerks regulated.	SEC. 5. A clerk of the court shall be appointed for each county by the justices of the supreme court, removable at their pleasure, who shall give bond as now required by law, and shall do and perform all the duties now required by law to be done and performed by the clerks of the circuit court and of the superior court of judicature; and until said justices of the supreme court shall appoint said clerks, and they are qualified to enter upon the performance of their duties, the clerks of the circuit and superior courts shall continue to act as clerks of the supreme court.
Regulation as to pending causes, etc.	SEC. 6. All writs, petitions, and processes heretofore issued, and all precepts, recognizances, and proceedings of every kind returnable at the circuit court in any county, are hereby made returnable at the corresponding trial term of the supreme court next to be holden in said county after this act takes effect; and all causes and proceedings now pending upon the dockets of the circuit court shall be heard and tried at the corresponding trial terms of the supreme court; and all writs, petitions, and processes heretofore issued, returnable at the superior court of judicature, are hereby made returnable at the corresponding law terms of the supreme court next to be holden after this act takes effect; and all causes and proceedings now pending upon the dockets of said superior court of judica-

ture shall be heard and determined at the corresponding law terms of the supreme court.

SEC. 7. All records and files of the superior court of judicature and of the circuit court, or which are in their custody and under their control, shall be in the custody and under the control of the supreme court, and the clerk thereof may certify copies of the same; and the supreme court may issue writs of execution, *seire facias*, and all other proper process thereon, and may amend the same as if they had originally been files and records of said court.

Custody, etc., of records.

SEC. 8. The opinions of the court, briefly expressed, shall be furnished to the reporter as soon as may be after their delivery, and shall be published under the title of *The New Hampshire Reports*.

Opinions to be published.

SEC. 9. No justice of the supreme court shall sit at the hearing and determination of any cause at a law term, which comes from a trial term upon a bill of exceptions or transfer allowed by himself, unless it shall be necessary for the decision of such cause.

Justice not to sit—when.

SEC. 10. Four justices of the supreme court shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the law terms.

Quorum.

SEC. 11. All laws heretofore passed, which establish or continue in existence the superior court of judicature and the circuit court of this state, or provide for justices of the said courts, and all acts and parts of acts whatsoever inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed; while all laws now in force for the proper transaction of business in said courts shall be taken to be in force in the supreme court at the respective law and trial terms thereof, so far as the same are not in conflict with the provisions of this act.

Repealing clause.

Saving clause.

SEC. 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the fourteenth day of August, 1876: provided, however, that the justices of the supreme court may be appointed and commissioned before that time.

Takes effect — when.

[Approved July 17, 1876.]

CHAPTER XXVI.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

SECTION

- 1. Normal school continued.
- 2. Trustee at large discontinued: secretary.

SECTION

- 3. Repealing clause.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. The New Hampshire State Normal School, as heretofore established and located at Plymouth, is hereby further established and continued until otherwise ordered by the legislature.

Normal school continued.

SEC. 2. The office of trustee at large of said school is hereby discontinued, and the board of trustees shall choose one of its number to perform the duties of secretary for said board.

Trustee at large discontinued: secretary.

Repealing
clause.

SEC. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

[Approved July 18, 1876.]

CHAPTER XXVII.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO EQUALIZE THE ASSESSMENT OF TAXES," PASSED JUNE SESSION, 1874.

SECTION

1. Real estate to be reappraised annually in April.

SECTION

2. Repealing clause.
3. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

Real estate to
be reappraised.

SECTION 1. The assessors and selectmen of the several cities and towns in this state shall, in the month of April, 1877, and in the month of April in each year thereafter, examine all the real estate in their respective cities and towns, and shall reappraise all such real estate as has changed in value in the year next preceding, and shall correct all errors that they find in the then existing appraisal; and the new appraisal of said real estate thus made shall be made a part of the invoice in said cities and towns; and the invoice thus revised shall be sworn to, as is provided in section one of the act to which this act is an amendment.

Repealing
clause.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Takes effect—
when.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect on its passage.

[Approved July 18, 1876.]

CHAPTER XXVIII.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF A STATE TAX.

State tax of \$400,000 provided for.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

State tax of
\$400,000 pro-
vided for.

SECTION 1. The sum of four hundred thousand dollars shall be raised for the use of the state, and shall be assessed, collected, and paid into the treasury on or before the first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven; and the state treasurer is hereby directed seasonably to issue his warrant to the selectmen of the several towns and places, and to

the assessors of the several cities in this state, according to the apportionment of public taxes made June session, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six; and the selectmen of such towns and places, and the assessors of such cities, are hereby required to assess the sums specified in said warrant, and cause the same to be paid to said treasurer on or before the first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven; and the state treasurer is hereby authorized to issue his extents for all the taxes which shall then remain unpaid.

[Approved July 18, 1876.]

CHAPTER XXIX.

AN ACT MAKING A VERBAL AMENDMENT OF SECTION ELEVEN, CHAPTER FIFTY-THREE OF THE GENERAL STATUTES.

Verbal amendment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. Section eleven of chapter fifty-three of the General Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "fifty-two" in the third line of said section, and substituting the words "fifty-one" in their stead.

Verbal amendment.

[Approved July 18, 1876.]

CHAPTER XXX.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A CONVENTION OF DELEGATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING THE CONSTITUTION.

SECTION

- 1. Delegates—when and how chosen.
- 2. Eligibility.
- 3. Number of.
- 4. Certificates of election.
- 5. Secretary of state to prepare blank certificates.
- 6. Meetings in classed towns.
- 7. Convention—when and where held: organization and business.

SECTION

- 8. Convention to make provision for submitting amendments to the people.
- 9. Secretary of state to furnish books, stationery, etc.
- 10. Pay of members.
- 11. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. That at the town-meetings of the inhabitants qualified to vote for senators, to be held on the seventh day of November next, in the several towns and places in this state, for the choice of electors of president and vice-president, an election shall be held by

Delegates—when and how chosen.

said inhabitants of delegates to a convention to revise the constitution of this state, and an article therefor shall be inserted in the warrants calling said meetings; and all the laws relating to the election of representatives to the general court, so far as the same shall be applicable, shall apply to the election of delegates, except as is herein otherwise provided.

Eligibility.

SEC. 2. Any person shall be eligible to a seat in said convention who by the laws of this state is a qualified voter in the town or district from which he may be elected:

Number of.

SEC. 3. The several towns and classes shall be entitled to the same number of delegates as they are entitled to representatives by the laws and constitution of this state.

Certificates of election.

SEC. 4. Town-clerks, and clerks of supervisors of election, shall deliver to the person or persons elected a certificate of his or their election.

Secretary of state to prepare blank certificates.

SEC. 5. The secretary of state is directed to prepare and seasonably transmit to the several town-clerks suitable blank forms for certificates of the election of delegates.

Meetings in classed towns.

SEC. 6. Meetings for the choice of delegates for classed towns shall be held in the towns or places in which the meetings for the election of representatives were by law required to be held in March last.

Convention—when and where held: organization and business.

SEC. 7. The delegates so chosen shall meet in convention at the capitol, in Concord, on the first Wednesday of December next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and shall proceed to organize themselves in convention by choosing by ballot one of their number as president, and such other officers as they may deem necessary: they shall be judges of the election and returns of their own members, and may establish rules of proceeding, and when organized shall proceed to revise the constitution.

Convention to make provision for submitting amendments to the people.

SEC. 8. If any alterations or amendments to the constitution shall be agreed to by said convention, they shall be so arranged and prepared that the same can be voted on by the people separately, unless the convention shall be of opinion that it is impracticable so to prepare and arrange them, in which case the amendments shall be voted on together; and in either case the convention shall prescribe the mode of publication of the amendments, the time and manner in which the same shall be submitted to the people for their approval, and may pass any ordinance in relation to the manner of ascertaining their decision and of declaring and publishing the same, the time when such amendments as shall be approved shall take effect, and may do any and all other things which they may deem necessary to carry out the purpose and object of such convention.

Secretary of state to furnish books, stationery, etc.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the secretary of state to furnish said convention with such books, documents, papers, stationery, and printing, as the convention shall order or require.

Pay of members.

SEC. 10. The pay for travel and attendance of the officers and members of the convention shall be the same as that of the officers and members of the House of Representatives,—the same to be paid out of the state treasury.

Takes effect—when.

SEC. 11. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

[Approved July 18, 1876.]

CHAPTER XXXI.

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE MILITARY OF THE STATE,
AND FOR THE SAFE KEEPING OF UNIFORMS, ARMS, AND EQUIPMENTS.

SECTION

1. Monthly drill: pay: penalty.
2. Members of militia subject to superior officers—when.
3. Pay-roll—when and to whom to be presented.

SECTION

4. Allowance for gun-racks and clothing-closets.
5. Repealing clause.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. Every member of the state militia shall drill with his company once a month for not less than two hours at each drill, and at such time and place as the company or regimental commander may designate, and shall receive as compensation for such service, if infantry or heavy artillery, the sum of three (\$3) dollars per annum ; if light artillery, the sum of four (\$4) dollars per annum ; if cavalry, the sum of five (\$5) dollars per annum,—to be paid on or before the first day of April in each year ; and any member who shall absent himself from his company at any such drill, without permission of his company commander, shall forfeit for each offence the sum of fifty (50) cents, to be deducted from his pay, and if for three successive drills without such permission, may be dishonorably discharged, and shall forfeit all pay and allowance due him.

Monthly drill.

Pay.

Penalty.

SEC. 2. Every member of the state militia, at all drills of their respective companies, or when wearing or using any of the state uniform, arms, or equipments, shall be subject to the orders and authority of his superior officers.

Members of militia subject to superior officers—when.

SEC. 3. The commanding officer of each company shall present to the quartermaster of his regiment annually, in the month of March, a pay-roll of his company, certified by the clerk of the company, showing the number of officers and men that have appeared at the drills of the company ; and the quartermaster shall pay to the captain of said company the amount of the pay-roll, and take therefor his receipt indorsed on the pay-roll.

Pay-roll—when and to whom to be presented.

SEC. 4. That each company of state militia at present in the service of this state, or that may hereafter be organized and accepted by the state, shall be allowed, for the purpose of building and fitting up gun-racks and clothing-closets, such sums as may be actually expended, not exceeding fifty (\$50) dollars.

Allowance for gun-racks and clothing-closets.

SEC. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect upon its passage.

Repealing clause.

[Approved July 18, 1876.]

CHAPTER XXXII.

AN ACT TO REMOVE THE DISABILITIES OF MARRIED WOMEN.

SECTION

1. Married women may make contracts, etc.

SECTION

2. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

Married women may make contracts, etc.

SECTION 1. That every married woman may make contracts, and sue and be sued in all matters in law and equity in the same manner as if she was sole and unmarried: provided, however, that all laws now in force as to contracts and conveyances between husband and wife, and as to the rights of the husband in her property or estate, shall not be affected hereby; and provided, also, that no contract or conveyance by a married woman as surety or guarantor for her husband, nor any undertaking by her for him or in his behalf, shall be binding on her.

Takes effect—when.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
[Approved July 18, 1876.]

CHAPTER XXXIII.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER NINETY-NINE OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, RELATING TO THE SALE OF SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.

SECTION

1. Persons within this state prohibited from soliciting orders for spirituous liquor: penalty.

SECTION

2. Itinerants prohibited from soliciting orders: penalty.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

Persons within this state prohibited from soliciting orders for spirituous liquor: penalty.

SECTION 1. If any person shall, within this state, solicit or take any order for any spirituous liquor, to be delivered at any wharf, depot, or other place without this state, knowing, or having reasonable cause to believe, that if so delivered the same will be transported to this state and sold in violation of the laws thereof, he shall be fined fifty dollars for the first offence of which he shall be convicted, and upon any subsequent conviction he shall be fined one hundred dollars, or imprisoned not less than sixty nor more than ninety days.

Itinerants prohibited from soliciting orders: penalty.

SEC. 2. If any person shall go from place to place soliciting or taking orders for spirituous liquors to be delivered as aforesaid, and with the purpose aforesaid, he shall be fined one hundred dollars, or be imprisoned not less than sixty nor more than ninety days.

[Approved July 18, 1876.]

CHAPTER XXXIV.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO ACCEPT DONATIONS AND LEGACIES IN CERTAIN CASES.

SECTION

1. Legacies, etc., may be accepted for the protection of graves.

SECTION

2. How invested and expended.
3. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for any city or town to accept any donation or legacy that may be made to such city or town for the purpose of ensuring proper care and attention to any grave or lot in any public cemetery, and the avenues connected therewith, and the monuments belonging thereto ; and any city or town, accepting such donation or legacy, shall be legally bound to perform the conditions attached to such donation or legacy, according to the terms thereof.

Legacies, etc., may be accepted for the protection of graves.

SEC. 2. Any donation or legacy, accepted by any city or town under the provisions of this act, shall be safely invested in United States, state, county, city, or town securities, and the annual income thereof alone expended in performing the conditions attached to such donation or legacy.

How invested and expended.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved July 18, 1876.]

Takes effect—when.

CHAPTER XXXV.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRIAL OF CAUSES BEFORE REFEREES.

SECTION

1. Supreme court may commit causes to referees with consent of parties: rules: report of referee: may be recommitted: referees to be paid by county.

2. Court may commit to referee without consent of parties—when: proceedings in such cases: compensation of referee.

SECTION

3. Causes now referred not affected by this act.

4. Fees of auditors.
5. Repealing clause.
6. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. The supreme court, or any justice thereof, may, in term time or vacation, commit to one or more referees, to be appointed by said court or justice, any cause pending in said court, or the determination of any question of fact, provided the parties shall consent. The supreme court may make and promulgate from time to time such rules as shall seem proper to regulate the practice and

Supreme court may commit causes to referee with consent of parties.

Rules.

proceedings before such referees. Such referees shall proceed in all cases, unless the parties otherwise agree, according to the rules of law or of equity, as the case may be, and according to the practice in court, and shall report their decision as soon as may be to the court by which the cause was referred, stating specifically their rulings upon all questions of law, and stating all matters of fact found by them proved, if either party shall so request. All reports of said referees may, in the discretion of the court to which the same may be returned, be recommitted to the same or some other referee or referees, or such judgment may be rendered thereon as the law and facts require, which judgment shall be final and conclusive. Such referees shall be paid by the county in which the cause is pending, for their services and expenses in each cause, such compensation as may be allowed by the court.

SEC. 2. The supreme court may in term time, with or without the consent of the parties or either of them, commit to one or more referees, to be appointed by such court, any cause at law and equity, or the determination of any question of fact pending in said court, wherein the parties are not as matter of right entitled to a trial by a jury. Proceedings before such referees shall be governed by the rules applicable to trials of causes referred by consent of parties, and all reports of such referees may, in the discretion of the court to which the same may be returned, be recommitted to the same or some other referees; or such judgment may be rendered thereon as the law and facts require, which judgment shall be final and conclusive. The court shall determine the compensation to be paid to such referees for their services and expenses in each cause so referred, and may in their discretion order the same to be paid by the county in which the cause is pending.

SEC. 3. This act shall not apply to actions heretofore referred, and now pending before referees, by order of the circuit court or by agreement of the parties, under the act entitled "An act to abolish the present judiciary system and establish a new one," approved July 10th, A. D. 1874, and amendments thereto,—but said act and its amendments shall be unrepealed as to said actions.

SEC. 4. The court may in its discretion order the fees of auditors to be paid by the county in the same manner as the fees of referees are by this act authorized to be paid.

SEC. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the fourteenth day of August, A. D. 1876.

[Approved July 20, 1876.]

Report of referee.

May be recommitted.

Referees to be paid by county.

Court may commit to referee without consent of parties—when.

Proceedings in such cases.

Compensation of referee.

Causes now referred not affected by this act.

Fees of auditors.

Repealing clause.

Takes effect—when.

CHAPTER XXXVI.

AN ACT TO FIX THE TIME FOR HOLDING CERTAIN TERMS OF THE PROBATE COURT FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

SECTION

1. Terms to be held at Milford instead of Amherst.

SECTION

2. Repealing clause.
3. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. That the terms of the probate court, now held at Amherst on the Friday next following the fourth Tuesday of February and September in each year, be and the same are hereby abolished, and that a term of said probate court for said county of Hillsborough be holden at Milford in said county on the Friday next following the fourth Tuesday of February and September.

Terms to be held at Milford instead of Amherst.

SEC. 2. All acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Repealing clause

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Takes effect — when.

[Approved July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER XXXVII.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION ONE, CHAPTER TWENTY-THREE OF LAWS PASSED JUNE, 1875.

SECTION

1. Doors to railroad depots may open inwards.

SECTION

2. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. That so much of the laws passed June, 1875,—chapter twenty-three, section one,—as pertains to railroads and railroad depots, be repealed.

Doors to railway depots may open inwards.

SEC. 2. To take effect on its passage.

Takes effect — when.

[Approved July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

AN ACT TO DIVIDE THE TOWN OF LANDAFF AND TO CONSTITUTE THE TOWN OF EASTON.

SECTION

1. Town bounded and named.
2. Regulation as to property, debts, trust funds, etc.
3. Taxes for the current year: schools and highways: balance in treasury—how divided.
4. Town debts—how divided.

SECTION

5. Support of paupers regulated.
6. Proportion of state tax to each town.
7. Towns classed.
8. First meeting of Easton—by whom and when called.
9. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

Town bounded and named.

SECTION 1. That all that part of Landaff lying east of the following described line,—to wit, beginning on the line between the town of Lisbon and said Landaff, at the north-west corner of lot numbered nine in the first range and first division of lots in said Landaff, thence running southerly on the westerly line of lots numbered nine in said first division of lots to the north-west corner of lot numbered nine in the ninth range and second division of lots in said town of Landaff, thence continuing in the same direction on the westerly line of lots in said ninth range and second division to the boundary line between said Landaff and the town of Benton,—be and the same is hereby severed from said town of Landaff, and made a body politic and corporate by the name of the town of Easton.

Regulation as to property, debts, trust funds, etc.

SEC. 2. All real and personal property, including all debts, claims, and demands of every kind, now owned by and due to the town of Landaff, except funds held in trust by said town, shall be and remain the property of said Landaff; all interest, and other income of trust funds held by said Landaff, and the literary fund, which until a new apportionment of state taxes shall be payable to said Landaff and Easton, after the first day of April, 1877, shall be divided between them in the proportion of one dollar thirty-four cents to Landaff, and fifty-three cents to Easton; and if said towns cannot agree upon the division of such interest, income, or literary fund, the county commissioners of the county of Grafton, for the time being, upon the request of either of said towns, may make such division of the same, or assign the same or any part thereof to either of said towns, as in their opinion is equitable.

Taxes for the current year: schools and highways: balance in the treasury—how divided.

SEC. 3. All taxes assessed since March last upon the polls* and estate of persons residing in said Landaff and said Easton, as hereby constituted, and all non-resident taxes assessed since March last in said towns, shall be collected by the collectors to whom the same have been committed for that purpose, and shall be paid over to said town of Landaff in the same manner in which they are directed to pay the same before the division of said town: all schools and highways in the town of Easton, as hereby constituted, shall be supported and maintained by said Landaff until the first day of April, 1877, in the same manner they would have been had not

this act been passed: and, after payment of all the expenses of the towns for the current year as above, and the interest on the whole town debt for the current year, from the amount of the assessment for town purposes, voted at the last annual town-meeting, and assessed in April, 1876, if there shall be any balance remaining in the treasury, said balance shall be divided between the two towns in the proportion that each is to pay of the indebtedness of the town, to wit, \$2,500 of the debt to Easton, and the balance to Landaff.

SEC. 4. All debts and liabilities heretofore incurred by said Landaff shall be paid by the town of Landaff, except the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, which said sum of twenty-five hundred dollars shall be assumed and paid by the town of Easton.

Town debts—
how divided.

SEC. 5. All paupers now supported by and in the actual receipt of assistance from said Landaff, shall be supported by said towns of Landaff and Easton, each respectively contributing in the same proportion as hereinafter mentioned for the division of state and county taxes, until such time as either or both of said towns shall call for a division of said paupers; and if said towns do not agree upon a division, the aforesaid county commissioners, for the time being, shall, upon the request of either of said towns, determine and assign to each of them its proportion of said paupers upon the same basis, as near as practicable, as that prescribed for the apportionment of state and county taxes, as hereinafter prescribed, and determine which of said paupers shall be supported by each of said towns.

Support of pau-
pers regulated.

SEC. 6. In all assessments of state and county taxes, until the legislature shall otherwise order, Landaff shall pay one dollar and thirty-four cents, and Easton, as hereby constituted, shall pay fifty-three cents, and the state and county treasurers shall issue their respective warrants accordingly.

Proportion of
state tax to
each town.

SEC. 7. As neither the town of Landaff nor the town of Easton, as hereby constituted, will have the constitutional number of ratable polls to send a representative to the general court, said towns are hereby classed for the purpose of choosing a representative.

Towns classed.

SEC. 8. George W. Coggsell, Winsor Drury, Jr., and Timothy B. Young, or any two of them, may call the first meeting of said town of Easton, at any time after the first day of January, 1877, by posting up a warrant for that purpose, as the law directs, at which meeting either of said persons may preside until a moderator shall be chosen; and at such meeting all necessary town officers may be chosen.

First meeting
of Easton—by
whom and
when called.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect from its passage.
[Approved July 20, 1876.]

Takes effect—
when.

CHAPTER XXXIX.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, RELATING TO OFFENCES AGAINST CHASTITY.

SECTION

1. Penalty for abducting female child.

SECTION

2. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

Penalty for
abducting
female child.

SECTION 1. Any person who shall wilfully and deceitfully entice or carry away any female child under the age of eighteen years, with the intent or for the purpose of prostitution, shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding three years, or by fine not exceeding five thousand dollars.

Takes effect—
when.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
[Approved July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER XL.

AN ACT TO ANNEX THE TOWN OF GOSPORT TO THE TOWN OF RYE.

SECTION

1. Towns united.

2. Each town to pay its own present indebtedness.

SECTION

3. Takes effect—when: repealing clause.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

Towns united.

SECTION 1. That the town of Gosport shall be annexed to and be a part of the town of Rye for all state, county, and town purposes, except as provided in section second, and the two shall form one incorporate town under the name of Rye.

Each town to
pay its own
present indebtedness.

SEC. 2. That no tax shall be assessed or levied upon any inhabitant of or property belonging to or situated in said Gosport on account of any present indebtedness of the present town of Rye, nor upon any inhabitant of or property belonging to and situated in said Rye on account of any present indebtedness of the present town of Gosport.

Takes effect—
when; repealing
clause.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of September, 1876; and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

[Approved July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER XLI.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE USE OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

SECTION

1. District may grant use of school-house for certain purposes.

SECTION

2. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. The legal voters of any school-district in this state, at a meeting duly called and held, may, by a major vote of those present and voting, grant the use of any school-house in such district for a writing- or singing-school, and for religious and other meetings: provided such use shall not conflict with any regular school exercise, and that the persons so using any school-house shall be liable for all damages to the same, and to all property therein.

District may grant use of school-house for certain purposes.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
[Approved July 20, 1876.]

Takes effect — when.

CHAPTER XLII.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO JUDGES AND REGISTERS OF PROBATE.

SECTION

1. Judges and registers prohibited from taking compensation in certain cases.

SECTION

2. Penalty for violation.
3. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. No judge or register of probate shall directly or indirectly receive compensation for services in making petitions, bonds, or other paper, in any proceeding or business pending in or to be brought into the probate court, nor for any other service relating to probate business, except the salary, and as is provided in sections ten, eleven, thirteen, and fourteen, chapter one hundred and seventy of the General Statutes, and excepting also pay for copies and certificates.

Judges and registers prohibited from taking compensation in certain cases.

SEC. 2. Any judge or register who shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall be liable to the penalties prescribed by section twenty-one of chapter one hundred and seventy of the General Statutes.

Penalty for violation.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
[Approved July 20, 1876.]

Takes effect — when.

CHAPTER XLIII.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION NINE OF CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, IN RELATION TO THE TIMES AND PLACES OF HOLDING THE PROBATE COURTS IN THE COUNTY OF GRAFTON.

SECTION

1. Time of holding court at Haverhill changed: additional term.

SECTION

2. Repealing clause, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

Time of holding court at Haverhill changed: additional term.

SECTION 1. That section nine of chapter one hundred and seventy-two be amended by striking out the words "at Haverhill on the third Tuesday of March and September," and adding the following: at Haverhill on the fourth Tuesday of March and September: at Woodsville on the third Tuesday of July.

Repealing clause, etc.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER XLIV.

AN ACT TO REPEAL CHAPTER FORTY OF THE PAMPHLET LAWS OF 1875, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF HEALTH, AND FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGES IN CERTAIN CASES."

SECTION

1. Act repealed.

SECTION

2. Pending litigation not affected.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

Act repealed.

SECTION 1. Chapter forty of the Pamphlet Laws of 1875, entitled "An act for the preservation of health, and for the assessment of damages in certain cases," is hereby repealed.

Pending litigation not affected.

SEC. 2. This act shall not affect any litigation now pending.
[Approved July 21, 1876.]

CHAPTER XLV.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE COMPENSATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

SECTION

1. Per diem of councillors.

SECTION

2. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. The members of the executive council shall each receive three dollars a day during their sessions. Per diem of councillors.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. Takes effect—

[Approved July 20, 1876.] when.

CHAPTER XLVI.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION TWO OF CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE OF THE GENERAL STATUTES.

SECTION

1. Carroll county clerk's office and records.
2. Takes effect—when.

SECTION

3. Repealing clause.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. That section two of chapter one hundred and ninety-three of the General Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the following words, to wit: "but the clerk for the county of Carroll may keep his office and the records thereof in Sandwich, upon providing, at his own expense, a suitable fire-proof safe for keeping said records therein." Carroll county clerk's office and records.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect on or after the first day of July next. Takes effect—when.

SEC. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed. Repealing clause.

[Approved July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER XLVII.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE NATURALIZATION OF ALIENS.

SECTION

1. Courts of record to have jurisdiction of naturalization.

2. Aliens may make preliminary declaration any time when court is in session: record of such application.

SECTION

3. Certificate not to be granted until when.

4. Repealing clause.

5. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

Courts of record to have jurisdiction of naturalization.

SECTION 1. Any court of record established by the laws of this state may have and entertain jurisdiction of applications and other proceedings for the naturalization of aliens under any of the acts of congress in relation thereto.

Aliens may make preliminary declaration any time when court is in session: record of such application.

SEC. 2. Aliens may make the declarations of their intentions to become citizens of the United States before said court, in the manner relating thereto provided in the acts of congress, at any time when said court shall be in session; and all such applications shall be entered by the clerk of said court upon a docket to be kept by him for that purpose, which docket shall contain a brief memorandum of the name and residence of the person making the application, and, if a resident of any city, the street and number of such residence.

Certificate not to be granted until when.

SEC. 3. No hearing shall be had or certificate of naturalization granted by the court upon any such applications until the same shall have been filed at least five days, and entered upon the dockets as aforesaid, nor until such applicant and his witnesses shall have been examined on oath in open court, by the court, or some person at the request of the court, touching all the qualifications of the applicant enjoined by the laws of the United States for his becoming a citizen thereof.

Repealing clause.

SEC. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Takes effect—when.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.
[Approved July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER XLVIII.

AN ACT TO LEGALIZE CERTAIN DOINGS OF THE TOWN OF ATKINSON.

SECTION

1. Acts of last annual town-meeting legalized.

SECTION

2. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the town of Atkinson, held on the fourteenth day of March, A. D. 1876, is hereby declared and made the legal annual meeting of said town; and all the acts, votes, ballots, and other doings whatsoever of said town at said meeting, are hereby declared legal and binding, to every intent, in every particular.

Acts of last annual town-meeting legalized.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

[Approved July 20, 1876.]

Takes effect — when.

CHAPTER XLIX.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NEW PROPORTION FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF PUBLIC TAXES.

SECTION

1. Proportion of every thousand dollars of public taxes to be paid by each town and place.

SECTION

2. To continue till new proportion established.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. That of every thousand dollars of public taxes hereafter to be raised, the proportion which each town and place shall pay, and for which the treasurer of the state is hereby authorized to issue his warrant, shall be as follows, to wit:

Proportion of every thousand dollars of public taxes to be paid by each town and place.

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM.

Rockingham County, \$151.60.

County of Rockingham, \$151.60.	
Atkinson, one dollar and seventy-nine cents,	\$1.79
Auburn, one dollar and seventy-eight cents,	1.78
Brentwood, one dollar and eighty-seven cents,	1.87
Candia, two dollars and ninety-five cents,	2.95
Chester, two dollars and eighty-one cents,	2.81
Danville, one dollar and seventeen cents,	1.17
Deerfield, three dollars and seventy cents,	3.70
Derry, five dollars and fifteen cents,	5.15

East Kingston, one dollar and thirty-one cents,	\$1.31
Epping, three dollars and fifty-four cents,	3.54
Exeter, twelve dollars and ninety-one cents,	12.91
Fremont, one dollar and twenty cents,	1.20
Gosport, eleven cents,	.11
Greenland, two dollars and seventy-seven cents,	2.77
Hampstead, two dollars and nine cents,	2.09
Hampton, three dollars and seventy cents,	3.70
Hampton Falls, one dollar and seventy-two cents,	1.72
Kensington, one dollar and seventy-six cents,	1.76
Kingston, two dollars and fifty-seven cents,	2.57
Londonderry, three dollars and ninety-three cents,	3.93
Newcastle, eighty-five cents,	.85
Newington, one dollar and thirty-six cents,	1.36
Newmarket, seven dollars and thirty-eight cents,	7.38
Newton, one dollar and seventy-two cents,	1.72
North Hampton, two dollars and forty-five cents,	2.45
Northwood, two dollars and ninety-seven cents,	2.97
Nottingham, two dollars and sixteen cents,	2.16
Plaistow, one dollar and eighty-nine cents,	1.89
Portsmouth, fifty dollars and sixty-five cents,	50.65
Raymond, two dollars and forty-four cents,	2.44
Rye, three dollars and seventy-eight cents,	3.78
Salem, three dollars and forty-two cents,	3.42
Sandown, one dollar and seventeen cents,	1.17
Seabrook, one dollar and sixty-eight cents,	1.68
South Hampton, one dollar and thirty-four cents,	1.34
South Newmarket, two dollars and thirty cents,	2.30
Stratham, three dollars and twenty-eight cents,	3.28
Windham, one dollar and ninety-three cents,	1.93

\$151.60

Strafford
County, \$100.14.

COUNTY OF STRAFFORD.

County of Strafford, \$100.14.

Barrington, three dollars and forty-two cents,	\$3.42
Dover, thirty-six dollars and thirty-six cents,	36.36
Durham, three dollars and fifty-two cents,	3.52
Farmington, six dollars and sixty-eight cents,	6.68
Lee, two dollars and fifty-six cents,	2.56
Madbury, one dollar and twenty-six cents,	1.26
Middleton, seventy-eight cents,	.78
New Durham, one dollar and sixty-three cents,	1.63
Rochester, fourteen dollars and twelve cents,	14.12
Rollinsford, seven dollars and five cents,	7.05
Somersworth, sixteen dollars and ten cents,	16.10
Strafford, three dollars and thirty-three cents,	3.33
Milton, three dollars and thirty-three cents,	3.33

\$100.14

Belknap
County, \$45.84.

COUNTY OF BELKNAP.

County of Belknap, \$45.84.

Alton, three dollars and eighty-six cents,	3.86
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Barnstead, three dollars and two cents,	\$3.02
Belmont, three dollars and thirty-nine cents,	3.39
Center Harbor, one dollar and seven cents,	1.07
Gilford, seven dollars and fifty-four cents,	7.54
Gilmanton, three dollars and forty-three cents,	3.43
Laconia, ten dollars and sixty cents,	10.60
Meredith, four dollars and fifty-one cents,	4.51
New Hampton, two dollars and thirty-two cents,	2.32
Sanbornton, three dollars and thirty-seven cents,	3.37
Tilton, two dollars and seventy-three cents,	2.73
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	\$45.84

COUNTY OF CARROLL.

Carroll
County, \$36.98.

County of Carroll, \$36.98.	
Albany, sixty-two cents,	.62
Bartlett, one dollar and twenty-two cents,	1.22
Brookfield, one dollar and four cents,	1.04
Chatham, sixty-seven cents,	.67
Conway, three dollars and eighty cents,	3.80
Eaton, seventy-seven cents,	.77
Effingham, one dollar and forty-nine cents,	1.49
Freedom, one dollar and seventy cents,	1.70
Hart's Location, twenty-six cents,	.26
Hale's Location, one cent,	.01
Jackson, eighty-six cents,	.86
Madison, ninety-six cents,	.96
Moultonborough, two dollars and fifteen cents,	2.15
Ossipee, three dollars and two cents,	3.02
Sandwich, three dollars and twenty-two cents,	3.22
Tamworth, two dollars and twenty-three cents,	2.23
Tuftonborough, two dollars and thirteen cents,	2.13
Wakefield, three dollars and five cents,	3.05
Wolfeborough, seven dollars and seventy-eight cents,	7.78
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	\$36.98

COUNTY OF MERRIMACK.

Merrimack
County, \$149.42.

County of Merrimack, \$149.42.	
Allenstown, five dollars and forty cents,	\$5.40
Andover, three dollars and thirty-two cents,	3.32
Boscawen, five dollars and thirty-three cents,	5.33
Bow, two dollars and forty-seven cents,	2.47
Bradford, two dollars and fifty-three cents,	2.53
Canterbury, three dollars and thirty-eight cents,	3.38
Chichester, one dollar and eighty-eight cents,	1.88
Concord, fifty-five dollars and fifty cents,	55.50
Danbury, one dollar and eighty-five cents,	1.85
Dunbarton, three dollars and nineteen cents,	3.19
Epsom, two dollars and eight cents,	2.08
Franklin, ten dollars and sixty-four cents,	10.64
Henniker, four dollars and eight cents,	4.08
Hill, one dollar and twenty-four cents,	1.24
Hooksett, four dollars and forty-six cents,	4.46

Hopkiuton, five dollars and eighty-five cents,	\$5.85
Loudon, three dollars and seventy cents,	3.70
Newbury, one dollar and fifty cents,	1.50
New London, two dollars and seventy-one cents,	2.71
Northfield, two dollars and forty-four cents,	2.44
Pembroke, six dollars and ninety-seven cents,	6.97
Pittsfield, five dollars and twenty-two cents,	5.22
Salisbury, two dollars and fourteen cents,	2.14
Sutton, two dollars and thirty-nine cents,	2.39
Warner, five dollars and twenty-nine cents,	5.29
Webster, two dollars and eight cents,	2.08
Wilmot, one dollar and seventy-eight cents,	1.78

\$149.42

Hillsborough
County, §241.29.

COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH.

County of Hillsborough, §241.29.	
Amherst, four dollars and forty-six cents,	\$4.46
Antrim, three dollars and twenty-nine cents,	3.29
Bennington, one dollar and nine cents,	1.09
Bedford, three dollars and ninety cents,	3.90
Brookline, one dollar and eighty-eight cents,	1.88
Deering, one dollar and seventy cents,	1.70
Francestown, three dollars and eighteen cents,	3.18
Goffstown, five dollars and forty-five cents,	5.45
Greenfield, two dollars and two cents,	2.02
Greenville, two dollars and eighty-seven cents,	2.87
Hancock, two dollars and thirty-one cents,	2.31
Hillsborough, four dollars and thirty-one cents,	4.31
Hollis, four dollars and twelve cents,	4.12
Hudson, three dollars and forty-six cents,	3.46
Litchfield, one dollar and sixty-seven cents,	1.67
Lyndeborough, one dollar and seventy-two cents,	1.72
Manchester, ninety-nine dollars and thirty-one cents,	99.31
Mason, two dollars and twenty-six cents,	2.26
Merrimack, three dollars and eighty-six cents,	3.86
Milford, nine dollars and sixty-four cents,	9.64
Mont Vernon, one dollar and eighty-four cents,	1.84
Nashua, forty-three dollars and sixty-three cents,	43.63
New Boston, four dollars and eighteen cents,	4.18
New Ipswich, three dollars and eighty-two cents,	3.82
Pelham, three dollars and eighty-one cents,	3.81
Peterborough, nine dollars and sixty-nine cents,	9.69
Sharon, forty-two cents,	.42
Temple, one dollar and nineteen cents,	1.19
Weare, five dollars and thirty-one cents,	5.31
Wilton, four dollars and sixty-one cents,	4.61
Windsor, twenty-six cents,	.26

\$241.29

COUNTY OF CHESHIRE.

Cheshire
County, \$93.21.

County of Cheshire, \$93.21.	
Alstead, three dollars and sixty-nine cents,	\$3.69
Chesterfield, three dollars and twenty-four cents,	3.24
Dublin, two dollars,	2.00
Fitzwilliam, three dollars and fifteen cents,	3.15
Gilsum, one dollar and seventy-eight cents,	1.78
Hinsdale, three dollars and eighty cents,	3.80
Harrisville, two dollars and thirty-one cents,	2.31
Jaffrey, four dollars and sixty-one cents,	4.61
Keene, twenty-nine dollars and ninety-seven cents,	29.97
Marlborough, three dollars and forty-two cents,	3.42
Marlow, two dollars and seven cents,	2.07
Nelson, one dollar and eleven cents,	1.11
Richmond, one dollar and sixty cents,	1.60
Rindge, two dollars and ninety-nine cents,	2.99
Roxbury, forty-four cents,	.44
Sullivan, one dollar and fifty-one cents,	1.51
Swanzy, three dollars and eighty-seven cents,	3.87
Surry, one dollar and sixteen cents,	1.16
Stoddard, one dollar and forty-four cents,	1.44
Troy, two dollars and thirty-seven cents,	2.37
Walpole, seven dollars and five cents,	7.05
Westmoreland, four dollars and twenty-four cents,	4.24
Winchester, five dollars and thirty-nine cents,	5.39
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COUNTY OF SULLIVAN.

Sullivan
County, \$56.15.

County of Sullivan, \$56.15.	
Acworth, two dollars and sixty-five cents,	2.65
Cornish, three dollars and thirty-five cents,	3.35
Croydon, one dollar and thirty-three cents,	1.33
Charlestown, seven dollars and nine cents,	7.09
Claremont, seventeen dollars and fifty-three cents,	17.53
Goshen, one dollar and twenty-eight cents,	1.28
Grantham, one dollar and eight cents,	1.08
Langdon, one dollar and sixty-two cents,	1.62
Lempster, one dollar and forty-six cents,	1.46
Newport, eight dollars and thirty-eight cents,	8.38
Plainfield, three dollars and seventy-one cents,	3.71
Springfield, one dollar and ten cents,	1.10
Sunapee, one dollar and fifty-six cents,	1.56
Unity, one dollar and ninety cents,	1.90
Washington, two dollars and eleven cents,	2.11
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	\$56.15

COUNTY OF GRAFTON.

Grafton
County, \$90.74.

County of Grafton, \$90.74.	
Alexandria, one dollar and forty-five cents,	\$1.45
Ashland, two dollars and ninety-seven cents,	2.97
Bath, two dollars and ninety-nine cents,	2.99

Benton, sixty-eight cents,	\$0.68
Bethlehem, two dollars and forty-three cents,	2.43
Bridgewater, seventy-five cents,	.75
Bristol, three dollars and thirty-seven cents,	3.37
Campton, one dollar and ninety-four cents,	1.94
Canaan, three dollars and forty-seven cents,	3.47
Dorchester, eighty-one cents,	.81
Ellsworth, twenty cents,	.20
Enfield, four dollars and fifty-four cents,	4.54
Franconia, one dollar and forty-one cents,	1.41
Grafton, one dollar and ninety-seven cents,	1.97
Groton, eighty-three cents,	.83
Hanover, five dollars and sixty-eight cents,	5.68
Haverhill, four dollars and ninety-three cents,	4.93
Hebron, sixty-eight cents,	.68
Holderness, one dollar and forty-seven cents,	1.47
Landaff, one dollar and seventy-nine cents,	1.79
Lebanon, eleven dollars and ninety-two cents,	11.92
Lincoln, seventeen cents,	.17
Lisbon, four dollars and ninety-seven cents,	4.97
Littleton, six dollars and fifty-five cents,	6.55
Lyman, one dollar and sixteen cents,	1.16
Lyme, three dollars and seven cents,	3.07
Monroe, one dollar and twenty-five cents,	1.25
Orange, fifty-two cents,	.52
Orford, three dollars and thirty-six cents,	3.36
Piermont, two dollars and twenty-six cents,	2.26
Plymouth, three dollars and ninety-five cents,	3.95
Rumney, two dollars and forty-one cents,	2.41
Thornton, ninety-six cents,	.96
Warren, one dollar and eighty-one cents,	1.81
Waterville, twelve cents,	.12
Wentworth, one dollar and seventeen cents,	1.17
Woodstock, fifty-one cents,	.51
Elkins's Grant, fifteen cents,	.15
Sargent & Elkins's Grant, four cents,	.04
Hatch and Cleaves's Grant, one cent,	.01
Two Raymonds' Grant, one cent,	.01
Bean and Gilman's Purchase, one cent,	.01
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	\$90.74

COUNTY OF COÖS.

County of Coös, \$34.62.	
Berlin, one dollar and thirty cents,	\$1.30
Carroll, one dollar and thirty-three cents,	1.33
Clarksville, sixty-three cents,	.63
Colebrook, three dollars and thirty-seven cents,	3.37
Columbia, one dollar and fifty-seven cents,	1.57
Dalton, one dollar and twenty cents,	1.20
Dummer, forty-four cents,	.44
Errol, fifty cents,	.50
Gorham, two dollars and fourteen cents,	2.14

Coös
County, \$34.62.

Jefferson, one dollar and fifty-two cents,	1.52
Lancaster, five dollars and eighty-six cents,	5.86
Milan, ninety-four cents,	.94
Northumberland, two dollars and six cents,	2.06
Pittsburg, one dollar and forty-one cents,	1.41
Randolph, thirty cents,	.30
Shelburne, fifty-nine cents,	.59
Stark, one dollar and five cents,	1.05
Stratford, one dollar and seventy-five cents,	1.75
Stewartstown, one dollar and eighty cents,	1.80
Whitefield, two dollars and sixty-seven cents,	2.67
Cambridge, fourteen cents,	.14
Wentworth's Location, nine cents,	.09
Bean's Purchase, seven cents,	.07
Chandler's Purchase, two cents,	.02
Crawford's Purchase, twenty cents,	.20
Dixville, ten cents,	.10
Dix's Grant, four cents,	.04
Erving's Grant, one cent,	.01
Green's Grant, thirty-three cents,	.33
Gilmanton and Atkinson Academy Grant, seven cents,	.07
Kilkenny, eight cents,	.08
Low and Burbank's, five cents,	.05
Martin's Location, three cents,	.03
Millsfield, fifteen cents,	.15
Nash and Sawyer's Location, four cents,	.04
Sargent's Purchase, fourteen cents,	.14
Odell Township, eighteen cents,	.18
Pinkham Grant, three cents,	.03
Second College Grant, ten cents,	.10
Thompson and Meserve's Purchase, six cents,	.06
Crawford's Grant, fourteen cents,	.14
Cutts's Grant, three cents,	.03
Gore between Gilmanton and Atkinson Academy Grant, one cent,	.01
Success, eight cents,	.08

 \$34.62

SEC. 2. The same shall be the proportion of assessment of all public taxes until a new proportion shall be made and established, and the treasurer for the time being shall issue his warrant accordingly.

To continue till
new proportion
established.

[Approved July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER L.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE TIMES AND PLACES OF HOLDING PROBATE COURT IN THE COUNTY OF MERRIMACK.

SECTION 1. Twelve additional terms at Concord. 2. None to be held elsewhere: salary of judge and register.	}	SECTION 3. Takes effect—when.
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

Twelve additional terms at Concord.

SECTION 1. That in addition to the terms of the probate court for the county of Merrimack now required by law, to be held in Concord, there shall be held twelve additional terms annually in Concord, that is to say, on the second Tuesday of each and every month.

None to be held elsewhere: salary of judge and register.

SEC. 2. Chapter five of the laws of 1873, entitled "An act to provide for additional terms of the probate court for the county of Merrimack," and chapter one of the laws of 1875, entitled "An act to provide for additional terms of the probate court for the county of Merrimack," are hereby repealed.

Takes effect — when.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
[Approved July 21, 1876.]

CHAPTER LI.

AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE PROPAGATION AND CULTIVATION OF FISH.

SECTION 1. Destruction of fish prohibited: penalty. 2. Prohibition not to apply unless, etc.	}	SECTION 3. Repealing clause. 4. Takes effect—when.
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

Destruction of fish prohibited: penalty.

SECTION 1. If any person shall, at any time, catch, kill, or destroy, in any manner, any fish in any pond, reservoir, or spring, prepared or used for the purpose of breeding or growing the same, or from any brook or stream running through or supplying such pond or reservoir, or shall break down any dam or embankment of the same, or shall in any way poison or pollute such water, or shall place therein any fish, or the roe, spawn, or fry of the same, without permission of the owner of the land upon or through which such waters stand or flow, he shall for each offence be fined not less than ten nor exceeding twenty dollars, or be imprisoned not exceeding six months, or both—one half of the fine to the use of the complainant.

SEC. 2. Section one of this act shall not apply to any natural pond, or to any pond raised by means of any dam, the superficial area of which shall contain more than twenty acres; nor to any brook or stream, tributary to or supplying such pond, to a greater distance than fifty rods, to be measured in a straight line on the general course of such brook or stream from the point where it flows into said pond towards its source; nor until said owner shall post in at least two conspicuous places on said land a board with the words, "Reserved for fish-culture—trespass forbidden," plainly painted thereon.

Prohibition not to apply unless, etc.

SEC. 3. Section five of chapter two hundred and fifty-one of the General Statutes, and all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

Repealing clause.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.
[Approved July 21, 1876.]

Takes effect—when.

CHAPTER LII.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE TOWN OF EASTON.

SECTION

1. Easton in senatorial district twelve.

SECTION

2. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. That the town of Easton be added to the list of towns comprised in senatorial district number twelve, as now constituted by law, and is included in and becomes a part of said district.

Easton in senatorial district twelve.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
[Approved July 21, 1876.]

Takes effect—when.

CHAPTER LIII.

AN ACT IN AID OF THE PURITY OF ELECTIONS.

SECTION

1. Improperly influencing person to vote prohibited; penalty.
2. Contributing to improperly influence persons to vote prohibited; penalty.

SECTION

3. Fine—how divided.
4. Selectmen to read this act—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. If any person shall directly or indirectly hire, procure, induce, or in any way influence, or attempt to hire, procure,

Improperly influencing person to vote

prohibited;
penalty.

induce, or in any way influence, by payment, promises, offers of emolument, offers of reward of any kind, loans of money or other thing, threats or intimidations, any voter to stay away from any town-meeting, or to avoid voting at any town-meeting, or to vote at any town-meeting for or against any particular ticket or candidate for office, or to ask, in order to disqualify himself from voting at any election, the abatement of his taxes, or to be excused from paying taxes, such person shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned not more than three months.

Contributing to
improperly in-
fluence persons
to vote prohib-
ited; penalty.

SEC. 2. If any person shall directly or indirectly contribute or furnish, or promise to contribute or furnish, any money, goods, chattels, or other thing whatsoever, to be used to induce any voter to stay away from any town-meeting, or to avoid voting at any town-meeting, or to vote at any town-meeting for or against any particular ticket or candidate for office, or to ask, in order to disqualify himself from voting at any election, the abatement of his taxes, or to be excused from paying taxes, such person shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned not more than three months.

Fine—how
divided.

SEC. 3. One half of the fines imposed for the violation of the provisions of this act shall go to the prosecutor, and the other half to the county.

Selectmen to
read this act—
when.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the selectmen, at the opening of the town-meeting, before any votes are taken, to read this act to the meeting, or to cause the same to be so read.

[Approved July 21, 1876.]

CHAPTER LIV.

JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING THE USE OF THE STATE HOUSE YARD FOR A
MASS CONVENTION OF THE TEMPERANCE REFORM CLUBS OF THE STATE,
JUNE 29, 1876.

Temperance convention.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court
convened:*

Temperance
convention.

That in consideration of the great advantage resulting to the state from the invaluable services of the several temperance reform clubs, which have done so much in so short a period to reclaim fallen men, to elevate not only individuals but public sentiment, to lighten the burdens of taxation caused by pauperism and crime, the result of the abuse of alcoholic stimulants, the use of the state house yard be given the grand convention of the reform clubs of the state, to be holden in Concord June 29, 1876.

[Approved June 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER LV.

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THANKS FOR PORTRAITS.

Thanks for portraits. Committee to solicit other portraits.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

That the thanks of the state of New Hampshire be presented to the following named persons, families, and associations, for their generous gifts to the state, as follows:

Thanks for portraits.

To Thomas Bradford, for the portrait of Hon. Titus Brown; to Joseph D. Weeks, for the portrait of Hon. Wm. P. Weeks; to Mrs. E. S. Cushman, Tilton, for the portrait of Hon. Samuel Cushman; to Jacob H. Ela and John R. French, for the portrait of Nathaniel P. Rogers; to the friends of Hon. Harry Hibbard, for the portrait of Hon. Harry Hibbard; to the family of Col. Joseph Cilley, for the portrait of Col. Joseph Cilley; to Mrs. David A. Warde, for the portrait of Hon. David A. Warde.

And His Excellency the Governor, and the honorable council, and the secretary of state, are hereby constituted *ex-officio* a committee to solicit, in behalf of the state, the portraits of those persons who have been prominently identified with the ecclesiastical, civil, and military history of New Hampshire.

Committee to solicit other portraits.

[Approved June 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER LVI.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF THE STATE LIBRARY, &c.

\$300 appropriated.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

That the sum of three hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, to be expended by the trustees of the state library for the purpose of purchasing and binding books for the library; and that the sum of three hundred dollars be and the same hereby is appropriated for the use of the New Hampshire Historical Society; and that the governor be authorized to draw his warrants for the same, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

\$300 appropriated.

[Approved July 11, 1876.]

CHAPTER LVII.

JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE INCREASE OF THE
STATE PRISON LIBRARY.

\$150 appropriated.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Court convened :*

\$150 appropri-
ated.

That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated for the repairs and increase of the state prison library, to be expended at the discretion of the chaplain, and that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; and His Excellency the Governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant therefor.

[Approved July 11, 1876.]

CHAPTER LVIII.

JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE
GOVERNOR.

\$500 appropriated.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Court convened :*

\$500 appropri-
ated.

That the sum of five hundred dollars be allowed as the contingent fund of the governor, and that he may draw his warrant therefor in such sums and at such times as he may think proper, and that vouchers be filed in the office of the state treasurer for the amounts drawn.

[Approved July 11, 1876.]

CHAPTER LIX.

JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE SALARY OF THE CHAPLAIN AND INSTRUCTOR OF THE STATE PRISON.

\$800 appropriated.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

That the sum of eight hundred dollars be and hereby is appropriated as the salary of the chaplain and instructor of the state prison, and that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; and His Excellency the Governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant therefor. \$800 appropriated.

[Approved July 12, 1876.]

CHAPTER LX.

JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CLERICAL EXPENSES OF THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

\$300 appropriated.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

That the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) be allowed for the clerical expenses of the adjutant-general's department, and that the governor draw his warrant for the same. \$300 appropriated.

[Approved July 12, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXI.

JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAY OF THE ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

\$200 appropriated.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

That the sum of two hundred dollars be hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the electors of president and vice-president \$200 appropriated.

of the United States for the state of New Hampshire; and that His Excellency the Governor be authorized to draw his warrant therefor, or so much as may be necessary, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

[Approved July 12, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXII.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF THE ROAD THROUGH PINKHAM WOODS.

§200 appropriated.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

§200 appropri-
ated.

That the sum of two hundred dollars be and hereby is appropriated for expenses of the road through Pinkham woods, from George Wood's, in Randolph, to the south line in Gorham; one half to be expended in each of the towns of Gorham and Randolph by an agent appointed by the governor and council, and to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; and the governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant therefor.

[Approved July 12, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXIII.

JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO A RELIEF MAP OF THE STATE.

§200 appropriated.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

§200 appropri-
ated.

That His Excellency the Governor be and is hereby authorized to procure a relief map of the state, at a cost not to exceed two hundred dollars, and cause the same to be placed in the state house, together with the mineralogical and geological specimens, as provided by resolution passed June session, 1873.

[Approved July 18, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXIV.

JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONTINUING THE PUBLICATION OF STATE AND PROVINCIAL PAPERS.

Governor and council to appoint historian, and fix his compensation.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

That His Excellency the Governor be hereby authorized and empowered, with the advice and consent of the council, to employ some suitable person, and fix his compensation, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to continue the collection, compilation, and to superintend the publication, of such portions of the early state and provincial records and other state papers of New Hampshire as the governor may deem proper, not to exceed one volume; and that eight hundred copies of the same be printed by the state printer and distributed as follows: One copy to each city and town in this state, one copy to each of the public libraries of this state as the governor may designate, two hundred copies to the New Hampshire Historical Society, and the remainder to be in the charge of the state librarian, who is authorized to exchange the same for similar publications issued by other states.

Governor and council to appoint historian, and fix his compensation.

[Approved July 18, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXV.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF SUNDRY ROADS AND BRIDGES NOT IN ANY TOWN.

\$700 appropriated.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

That the sum of seven hundred dollars be and hereby is appropriated for repairs of roads and bridges in Green's Grant and Martin's Location, and not in any town, in manner following,—viz., from the town of Jackson to the Glen house, three hundred dollars; from the Glen house to the town of Gorham, two hundred dollars; and from the Glen road, near Glen cottage, across Peabody river, by Copp's and Cochrane's, to the town of Gorham, two hundred dollars,—to be expended by an agent appointed by the governor and council, and to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; and the governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant therefor.

\$700 appropriated.

[Approved July 18, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXVI.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF DEROSTUS P. EMERY.

Appropriation to pay mileage.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

Appropriation
to pay mileage.

That the sum of six dollars and twenty cents (\$6.20) be allowed to Derostus P. Emery for mileage not allowed him, by mistake of committee on mileage, and that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

[Approved July 19, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXVII.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF THE STATE HOUSE AND STATE HOUSE YARD.

\$1,000 appropriated for repairs.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

\$1000 appropri-
ated for re-
pairs.

That a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars be and hereby is appropriated for the construction of a sewer, the repair of the concrete walks, and for fertilizers upon the grounds in the state house yard ; and that so much of said sum as is found necessary shall be expended, under the direction of the governor and secretary of state, for the above purposes ; and the governor is authorized to draw his warrant therefor out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

[Approved July 19, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXVIII.

JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A FOUNTAIN FOR THE STATE HOUSE YARD.

Preamble. \$500 appropriated. Proviso.

Preamble.

Whereas, the citizens of Concord have subscribed funds to procure the stone-work for a basin sixteen feet in diameter, and for

the base of a fountain, to be constructed in the centre of the state house yard, the cost of cutting which was about one thousand dollars; therefore,—

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

That the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same hereby is appropriated to defray the expense of a suitable iron fountain, of the latest and most approved pattern, to be placed upon the base provided therefor by the citizens of Concord, said sum to be expended under the direction of the governor and council; and the governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the treasury for said sum;—to be in force and take effect whenever, and provided, the city of Concord shall furnish the foundation for such basin, and the supply and waste pipes therefor, and shall make arrangement for a permanent supply of water therefor, all to be at the expense of said city.

§500 appropriated.

Proviso.

[Approved July 19, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXIX.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF NATHAN C. JAMESON.

Appropriation to pay claim.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars and twenty cents be allowed Nathan C. Jameson, the same being for witness fees in the contested election case from the town of Antrim; that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and the governor be authorized to draw his warrant therefor.

Appropriation to pay claim.

[Approved July 19, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXX.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF INDIGENT BLIND PERSONS AND DEAF MUTES.

\$5,000 for support of deaf mutes. \$3,000 for support of blind persons.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

\$5,000 for support of deaf mutes.

\$3,000 for support of blind persons.

That the sum of five thousand dollars be and hereby is appropriated for the support, clothing, and education of the indigent deaf and dumb persons of this state in the asylums at Hartford and at Mystic River, Connecticut, and in the asylums or schools for deaf and dumb persons in Massachusetts; and the sum of three thousand dollars for the support, clothing, and education of indigent blind persons of this state at the asylum in Boston, Massachusetts, for the current year; and that said sums be expended as needed, under the direction of the governor, and that he be authorized to draw his warrant upon the treasurer therefor.

[Approved July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXXI.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF THE AMERICAN ASYLUM AT HARTFORD, AND OF THE CLARK INSTITUTION AT NORTHAMPTON.

\$5,000 appropriated to pay claim.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

\$5,000 appropriated to pay claim.

That whereas the state is indebted in the sum of five thousand dollars to the American asylum at Hartford, Connecticut, and the Clark institution at Northampton, Massachusetts, for the education and support of indigent deaf and dumb persons during the year 1875, the sum of five thousand dollars be and hereby is appropriated to pay the same; and the governor is authorized to draw his warrant upon the treasurer therefor.

[Approved July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXXII.

JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A BOARD OF AUDITORS, AND FOR REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS OF THE ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE.

Investigation of the financial and other transactions of the officers of the asylum for the insane.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

That a board of auditors, consisting of four, two from each of the political parties, no one of whom shall be a trustee or other officer of the institution, be appointed by the governor and council, whose duty it shall be to audit all accounts of the superintendent, treasurer, and financial agent of the New Hampshire Asylum for the Insane, and report to the next legislature: and, furthermore, be it resolved, that it shall be the duty of the superintendent, treasurer, and financial agent to make an itemized report of all moneys received and expended by them from all sources and for whatever purpose; and that said board of auditors be authorized, and are hereby directed, to inquire into the general financial transactions of said institution, and into the treatment of the insane, so that the public may be informed as to whether the inmates have been properly and humanely cared for and treated; and said board shall hear and report upon all charges made by any person against the superintendent, or any officer or employé of the institution; and the attorney-general is hereby required to assist said board if they shall request it.

Investigation of the financial and other transactions of the officers of the asylum for the insane.

[Approved July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXXIII.

JOINT RESOLUTION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

\$25,000 appropriated.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

That a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the convention to prepare amendments to the constitution; and the governor is authorized to draw his warrant for so much of said sum as may be necessary for that purpose.

\$25,000 appropriated.

[Approved July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXXIV.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF ABIJAH HOLLIS, DAVID H. GOODELL, AND
HARRISON MORRILL.

§283 appropriated to pay claims.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Court convened :*

§283 appropri-
ated to pay
claims.

That the sum of fifty-four dollars be allowed Abijah Hollis, that one hundred and eighty-nine dollars be allowed David H. Goodell, and that forty dollars be allowed Harrison Morrill, for their respective claims for witness fees in their several contested election cases ; that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and the governor be authorized to draw his warrant therefor.

[Approved July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXXV.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF NATHAN C. JAMESON.

Appropriation to pay claim.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Court convened :*

Appropriation
to pay claim.

That Nathan C. Jameson be allowed the sum of seventy-two dollars and forty cents in full for twenty-two days' attendance and mileage, as representative from the town of Antrim the present session, and that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

[Approved July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXXVI.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF CHARLES F. CAVERLY.

Appropriation to pay claim.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

That the sum of fifty dollars be and hereby is allowed Charles F. Caverly for expenses incurred in defending his right to a seat in this house in June, 1874; and the governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant therefor from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Appropriation
to pay claim.

[Approved July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXXVII.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF DANIEL S. WEBSTER.

Appropriation to pay claim.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

That Daniel S. Webster be allowed the sum of sixty dollars in full of his claim for expenses in defending his seat and that of his colleague as members of the house of representatives, June session, 1874; and that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Appropriation
to pay claim.

[Approved July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXXVIII.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF THE REFORM SCHOOL.

\$800 appropriated.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

That the sum of eight hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the following purposes: two hundred and fifty dollars for new bedding and repairs on bedsteads, two hundred and fifty

\$800 appropri-
ated.

dollars for concreting the yard, and three hundred dollars for blinds on the main building; and that the governor be authorized to draw his warrant therefor out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

[Approved July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXXIX.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF THE CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION.

\$1,500 appropriated.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

\$1,500 appropriated.

That His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice of the council, be and hereby is authorized to approve and pay such bills as in their judgment are judicious and reasonable for promoting the best interest of the state at the centennial exhibition, not to exceed fifteen hundred dollars; and the same is hereby appropriated from any money not otherwise appropriated in the treasury.

[Approved July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXXX.

JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

\$5,000 appropriated for teachers and repairs.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

\$5,000 appropriated for teachers and repairs.

That the sum of four thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the State Normal School for the procuring the necessary teachers needed therein; and, further, that the sum of one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of such improvements and repairs on the buildings, furnishing rooms, apparatus, and books as may be necessary, and such other purposes as may appear to the trustees for the best interests of the school; and the governor is authorized to draw his warrant for such sums from time to time as occasion may require.

[Approved July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXXXI.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

Preamble. Committee to inquire into the management and condition of the normal school.

Whereas, it is provided, in an act passed June session, 1870, establishing the State Normal School, "that said school should be maintained without expense to the state, except the necessary expense of trustees, which was not to exceed the sum of three hundred dollars;" and, whereas, said state has already appropriated for said school some twenty-eight thousand dollars not contemplated by said act; therefore,—

Preamble.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

That a committee of three be appointed by the governor and council, whose duty it shall be to examine into the condition of said normal school, the course of study pursued therein, its system of management, and its financial condition, and report to the next session of the legislature.

Committee to inquire into the management and condition of the normal school.

[Approved July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXXXII.

JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO STATE PRISON CONTRACT.

Governor and council authorized to modify existing contract.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to amend the existing contract with George T. Comins for convict labor of state prison, or to make such modifications of the same and such allowance to the contractor as in their judgment the interests of the state require.

Governor and council authorized to modify existing contract.

[Approved July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXXXIII.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF EVERETT O. FOSS.

\$100 appropriated to pay claim.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

\$100 appropriated to pay claim.

That the sum of one hundred dollars be allowed Everett O. Foss for his services in collecting and tabulating statistics and returns of the appraisal of real estate made by selectmen and assessors in September and October, 1875, and the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and that the governor be authorized to draw his warrant therefor.

[Approved July 21, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXXXIV.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF CHARLES O. LIBBEY AND OTHERS.

\$39 appropriated to pay claims.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

\$39 appropriated to pay claims.

That Charles O. Libbey, W. H. K. Fernald, Samuel C. Fisher, and Joseph Hayes be allowed the sum of thirty-nine (\$39) dollars in full of their claim for expenses in contesting for their seats as representatives from ward three in Dover in 1875, and that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

[Approved July 21, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXXXV.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF WALTER B. BARNES.

Pay and mileage allowed.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

Pay and mileage allowed.

That Walter B. Barnes, of Henniker, be allowed pay for thirty-five days' attendance at the present session, with his mileage.

[Approved July 21, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXXXVI.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF JOHN W. BARNEY AND OTHERS.

§250 appropriated to pay claim.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be allowed John W. Barney, that the sum of fifty dollars be allowed Dexter Richards, and that the sum of fifty dollars be allowed Dana Sargent, in full of their bills for services and expenses as commissioners upon a new state prison, and that the governor be instructed to draw his warrant therefor.

§250 appropriated to pay claim.

[Approved July 21, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXXXVII.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF DOW & WHEELER.

§350 appropriated to pay claim.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

That Dow & Wheeler be allowed the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars (§350) for their services in estimating the cost of the new state prison building, and furnishing plans and specifications for the same, under the direction of the prison commission appointed by the governor and council under a joint resolution approved July 9, 1874, and that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

§350 appropriated to pay claim.

[Approved July 21, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXXXVIII.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MECHANIC ARTS.

§600 appropriated to superintendent of farm. §300 for cabinet cases.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

§600 appropriated to superintendent of farm.

§300 for cabinet cases.

That the sum of six hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of securing the services of some suitable person as farm superintendent for the farm connected with the agricultural college, and who is competent to give instruction before the classes in practical agriculture; also, the sum of three hundred dollars for the purpose of erecting some cases for the reception of minerals which are used in the lecture-rooms, the same to be paid to the treasurer and expended under the direction of the trustees of the agricultural college; and the governor is authorized to draw his warrant for the same upon any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

[Approved July 21, 1876.]

CHAPTER LXXXIX.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF P. P. BIXBY AND ANOTHER.

§300 appropriated to pay claims.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

§300 appropriated to pay claims.

That the sum of forty dollars be allowed P. P. Bixby, and the sum of two hundred and sixty dollars be allowed A. B. Thompson, in full of their respective claims; and that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

[Approved July 21, 1876.]

CHAPTER XC.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF THE ENGROSSING CLERK.

\$100 allowed for clerk-hire.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

That Abel Hutchins, engrossing clerk, be allowed the sum of one hundred dollars for extra clerk-hire, the same to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and the governor be authorized to draw his warrant therefor.

\$100 allowed
for clerk-hire.

[Approved July 21, 1876.]

CHAPTER XCI.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF A. W. QUINT AND OTHERS.

\$3,524.68 appropriated to pay claims.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

That A. W. Quint be allowed the sum of one hundred seventy-nine dollars and ninety-two cents (\$179.92); C. E. Cummings, one hundred sixty-four dollars and sixty cents (164.60); J. B. Cooper, one hundred sixty-nine dollars and sixty cents (169.60); Lewis Jenkins, one hundred sixty-three dollars and fifty-one cents (\$163.51); A. B. Farmer, sixteen dollars and seventy cents (16.70); J. W. Babbitt, one hundred seventy-nine dollars and fifty cents (179.50); A. F. Shepard, ninety dollars and twenty cents (\$90.20); C. H. Leighton, ninety-dollars and twenty cents (\$90.20); C. H. Sinclair, ninety-six dollars and twenty cents (96.20); E. C. Bailey, three hundred eleven dollars and twenty-five cents (311.25); C. C. Pearson & Co., three hundred eleven dollars and twenty-five cents (311.25); Republican Press Association, three hundred eleven dollars and twenty-five cents (311.25); J. B. Clarke, three hundred eleven dollars and twenty-five cents (311.25); Geo. A. Pillsbury, twenty-five dollars (\$25); J. H. Mace, one hundred dollars (\$100); S. C. Clark, ninety-six dollars and twenty cents (96.20); T. J. Smith, thirty-two dollars (\$32); D. P. Evans, twenty-three dollars and eighty cents (23.80); James Thurston, one hundred sixty-six dollars (\$166); Morrill & Silsby, three hundred fifteen dollars and seventy-five cents (315.75); B. F. Prescott, two hundred dollars (\$200); Fred. W. Cheney, one hundred seventy dollars and fifty cents (\$170.50), in full of their respective claims; and the same

\$3,524.68 appro-
priated to pay
claims.

to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

[Approved July 21, 1876.]

CHAPTER XCII.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF LEANDER W. COGSWELL AND ANOTHER.

\$100 appropriated to pay claim.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

\$100 appropriated to pay claims.

That the sum of one hundred dollars be allowed Leander W. Cogswell, and one hundred dollars be allowed Everett O. Foss, for services as clerks to the apportionment committee.

[Approved July 21, 1876.]

CHAPTER XCIII.

JOINT RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Claim referred to governor and council.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

Claim referred to governor and council.

That the claim of the superintendent of public instruction for official expenses incurred since August 1, 1874, and for extra copies of his report, be and is hereby referred to the governor and council to examine and to allow such sum as may be due said superintendent therefor; and the governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant in favor of said superintendent for the amount so found to be due.

[Approved July 21, 1876.]

CHAPTER XCIV.

AN ADDRESS FOR THE REMOVAL OF BENJAMIN E. THURSTON, SHERIFF, AND CHARLES C. ROGERS, SOLICITOR, FOR THE COUNTY OF BELKNAP.

To His Excellency Person C. Cheney, Governor of the State of New Hampshire :

The Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, satisfied that the public good requires that Benjamin E. Thurston, sheriff for the county of Belknap, and Charles C. Rogers, solicitor for said county, should no longer hold and retain their said offices, respectfully address and request Your Excellency, with the consent of the council, to remove the said Benjamin E. Thurston and the said Charles C. Rogers from the offices which they respectively hold.

[Passed July 12, 1876.]

Removal of
sheriff and so-
licitor of Bel-
knap.

CHAPTER XCV.

AN ADDRESS FOR THE REMOVAL OF GEORGE W. M. PITMAN, LEVI T. HALEY, AND PAUL WENTWORTH.

To His Excellency Person C. Cheney, Governor of the State of New Hampshire :

The Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, satisfied that the public good requires that George W. M. Pitman, judge of probate for the county of Carroll, Levi T. Haley, sheriff of said county of Carroll, and Paul Wentworth, county solicitor for said county, should no longer hold and retain said offices, respectfully address and request Your Excellency, with the consent of the council, to remove therefrom George W. M. Pitman, Levi T. Haley, and Paul Wentworth.

[Passed July 12, 1876.]

Removal of
Judge of Pro-
bate, sheriff,
and solicitor of
Carroll.

CHAPTER XCVI.

AN ADDRESS FOR THE REMOVAL OF JOHN W. JEWELL, THOMAS J. SMITH, MOSES C. RUSSELL, GEORGE E. DURGIN, DANIEL S. WARD, FRANK EMERSON, SILAS HUSSEY, AND DANIEL J. PARSONS.

To His Excellency Person C. Cheney, Governor of the State of New Hampshire :

Removal of sheriff, solicitor, judge and register of probate of Strafford, and justices of police courts of Dover, Farmington, and Rochester.

The Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, satisfied that the public good requires that John W. Jewell, sheriff for the county of Strafford, Thomas J. Smith, solicitor for said county, Moses C. Russell, judge of probate for said county, George E. Durgin, register of probate for said county, Daniel S. Ward, justice of the police court of the city of Dover, Frank Emerson, justice of the police court of the town of Farmington, Silas Hussey, justice of the police court of the town of Rochester, and Daniel J. Parsons, special justice of the police court of the town of Rochester, should no longer hold and retain their said offices, respectfully address and request Your Excellency, with the consent of the council, to remove the said John W. Jewell, Thomas J. Smith, Moses C. Russell, George E. Durgin, Daniel S. Ward, Frank Emerson, Silas Hussey, and Daniel J. Parsons from the offices which they respectively hold.

[Passed July 13, 1876.]

CHAPTER XCVII.

AN ADDRESS FOR THE REMOVAL OF JAMES HOLT, SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, SAMUEL H. EDES, SOLICITOR OF SAID COUNTY, AND JONATHAN H. DICKEY, JUDGE OF PROBATE FOR SAID COUNTY.

To His Excellency Person C. Cheney, Governor of the State of New Hampshire :

Removal of sheriff, solicitor, and judge of probate of Sullivan.

The Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, satisfied that the public good requires that James Holt, sheriff of the county of Sullivan, Samuel H. Edes, solicitor of said county, and Jonathan H. Dickey, judge of probate for said county, should no longer retain and hold their said offices, respectfully address and request Your Excellency, with the advice and consent of the council, to remove the said James Holt, Samuel H. Edes, and Jonathan H. Dickey from the offices which they respectively hold.

[Passed July 13, 1876.]

CHAPTER XCVIII.

AN ADDRESS FOR THE REMOVAL OF GEORGE F. PUTNAM, SAMUEL K. MASON,
SAMUEL T. PAGE, NATHAN H. WEEKS, AND SAMUEL W. COBB.

*To His Excellency Person C. Cheney, Governor of the State of New
Hampshire :*

The Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, satisfied that the public good requires that Samuel K. Mason, judge of probate for the county of Grafton, Samuel T. Page, register of probate for said county, George F. Putnam, solicitor for said county, Nathan H. Weeks, sheriff of said county, and Samuel W. Cobb, police justice of Hanover in said county, should no longer hold and retain their said offices, respectfully address and request Your Excellency, with the consent of the council, to remove the said Samuel K. Mason, Samuel T. Page, George F. Putnam, Nathan H. Weeks, and Samuel W. Cobb from the offices which they respectively hold.

[Passed July 13, 1876.]

Removal of solicitor, sheriff, judge and register of probate for Grafton, and police justice of Hanover.

CHAPTER XCXIX.

AN ADDRESS FOR THE REMOVAL OF SAMUEL ROWE, JOSEPH F. WIGGIN, WILLIAM M. HUNNEWELL, CALVIN PAGE, JOHN G. MOSES, RICHARD WALDEN, AND EBENEZER G. ADAMS.

*To His Excellency Person C. Cheney, Governor of the State of New
Hampshire :*

The Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, satisfied that the public good requires that Samuel Rowe, sheriff of the county of Rockingham, Joseph F. Wiggin, judge of probate for said county, William M. Hunnewell, register of probate for said county, Calvin Page, police judge for the city of Portsmouth, and John G. Moses, Richard Walden, and Ebenezer G. Adams, pilot commissioners for said Portsmouth harbor, should no longer hold and retain said offices, respectfully address and request Your Excellency, with consent of the council, to remove said Samuel Rowe, Joseph F. Wiggin, William M. Hunnewell, Calvin Page, John G. Moses, Richard Walden, and Ebenezer G. Adams therefrom.

[Passed July 13, 1876.]

Removal of sheriff, judge, and register of probate for Rockingham, and pilot commissioners.

CHAPTER C.

AN ADDRESS FOR THE REMOVAL OF HARVEY CARLETON, DON H. WOODWARD,
AND EDWARD P. KIMBALL.

*To His Excellency Person C. Cheney, Governor of the State of New
Hampshire :*

Removal of
judge of pro-
bate, solicitor,
and sheriff of
Cheshire.

The Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, satisfied that the public good requires that Harvey Carleton, judge of probate for the county of Cheshire, Don H. Woodward, solicitor of the county of Cheshire, and Edward P. Kimball, sheriff of the county of Cheshire, should no longer hold and retain their said offices, respectfully address and request Your Excellency, with the consent of the council, to remove the said Harvey Carleton, Don H. Woodward, and Edward P. Kimball from the offices which they respectively hold.

[Passed July 14, 1876.]

CHAPTER CI.

AN ADDRESS FOR THE REMOVAL OF JAMES G. YOUNG, SPECIAL JUSTICE OF
THE POLICE COURT OF SOMERSWORTH.

*To His Excellency Person C. Cheney, Governor of the State of New
Hampshire :*

Removal of
James G.
Young.

The Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, satisfied that the public good requires that James G. Young, special justice of the police court of the town of Somersworth, should no longer hold and retain said office, respectfully address and request Your Excellency, with the advice of the council, to remove said Young from said office.

[Passed July 14, 1876.]

CHAPTER CII.

AN ADDRESS FOR THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN OFFICERS IN COÖS COUNTY.

*To His Excellency Person C. Cheney, Governor of the State of New
Hampshire :*

Removal of
sheriff, solicitor,
judge and reg-
ister of probate
for Coös.

The Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, satisfied that the public good requires that Samuel H. Legro, sheriff, Henry Heywood, solicitor, Hazen Bedel, judge of probate,

and George H. Emerson, register of probate, all of the county of Coös in said state, should no longer hold and retain their said offices, respectfully address and request Your Excellency, with the consent of the council, to remove the said Samuel H. Legro, sheriff, Henry Heywood, solicitor, Hazen Bedel, judge of probate, George H. Emerson, register of probate, from their said offices.

[Passed July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER CIII.

AN ADDRESS FOR THE REMOVAL OF BENJAMIN L. CRAM, JUSTICE OF THE POLICE COURT OF PITTSFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MERRIMACK.

To His Excellency Person C. Cheney, Governor of the State of New Hampshire:

The Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, satisfied that the public good requires that Benjamin L. Cram, justice of the police court of the town of Pittsfield in the county of Merrimack, should no longer hold and retain his said office, respectfully address and request Your Excellency, with the consent of the council, to remove the said Benjamin L. Cram from said office.

Removal of
Benjamin L.
Cram.

[Passed July 19, 1876.]

CHAPTER CIV.

AN ADDRESS FOR THE REMOVAL OF OLIVER H. NOYES, JOHN S. WADLEIGH, AND ANDREW C. FIFIELD, FISH COMMISSIONERS.

To His Excellency Person C. Cheney, Governor of the State of New Hampshire:

The Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, satisfied that the public good requires that Oliver H. Noyes, John S. Wadleigh, and Andrew C. Fifield, fish commissioners for the state of New Hampshire, should no longer hold and retain their said offices, respectfully address and request Your Excellency, with the consent of the council, to remove the said Oliver H. Noyes, John S. Wadleigh, and Andrew C. Fifield from their said offices.

Removal of
fish commis-
sioners.

[Passed July 19, 1876.]

CHAPTER CV.

AN ADDRESS FOR THE REMOVAL OF JOHN M. SHIRLEY, STATE REPORTER,
AND BENJAMIN F. HALEY, SPECIAL COMMISSIONER FOR THE BOSTON &
MAINE RAILROAD.

*To His Excellency Person C. Cheney, Governor of the State of New
Hampshire :*

Removal of
law reporter
and special rail-
road commis-
sioner.

The Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, satisfied that the public good requires that John M. Shirley, state reporter, and Benjamin F. Haley, special commissioner for the Boston & Maine Railroad, should no longer hold and retain said offices, respectfully address and request Your Excellency, with consent of the council, to remove said John M. Shirley and Benjamin F. Haley therefrom.

[Passed July 19, 1876.]

CHAPTER CVI.

AN ADDRESS FOR THE REMOVAL OF LEWIS W. CLARK AND OTHERS FROM
OFFICE.

*To His Excellency Person C. Cheney, Governor of the State of New
Hampshire :*

Removal of
attorney-gen-
eral; judge and
register of prob-
ate and sheriff
of Hillsbor-
ough, and jus-
tice and special
justice of po-
lice court of
Manchester.

The Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, satisfied that the public good requires that Lewis W. Clark, attorney-general of said state, Lucian B. Clough, judge of probate for the county of Hillsborough, Timothy B. Crowley, register of probate for the county of Hillsborough, Thomas P. Pierce, sheriff of the county of Hillsborough, John P. Bartlett, justice of the police court at Manchester, and Newton H. Wilson, special justice of said police court, should no longer hold and retain these said offices, respectfully address and request Your Excellency, with advice and consent of the council, to remove said Lewis W. Clark, attorney-general, Lucian B. Clough, judge of probate, Timothy B. Crowley, register of probate, Thomas P. Pierce, sheriff, John P. Bartlett, police justice, and Newton H. Wilson, special police justice, from their several offices.

[Passed July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER CVII.

AN ADDRESS FOR THE REMOVAL OF SYLVESTER DANA, JUDGE OF THE POLICE COURT OF THE CITY OF CONCORD.

To His Excellency Person C. Cheney, Governor of the State of New Hampshire :

The Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, satisfied that the public good requires that Sylvester Dana, judge of the police court of the city of Concord, should no longer hold and retain said office, respectfully address and request Your Excellency, with the consent of the council, to remove said Sylvester Dana therefrom.

[Passed July 20, 1876.]

Removal of
police justice
of Concord.

CHAPTER CVIII.

AN ADDRESS FOR THE REMOVAL OF WILLIAM W. FLANDERS, SOLICITOR, WARREN CLARK, JUDGE OF PROBATE, WILLIAM YEATON, REGISTER OF PROBATE, AND EDWIN JUDKINS, SHERIFF, ALL OF AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MERRIMACK.

To His Excellency Person C. Cheney, Governor of the State of New Hampshire :

The Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, satisfied that the public good requires that William W. Flanders, solicitor for the county of Merrimack, Warren Clark, judge of probate for said county, William Yeaton, register of probate for said county, and Edwin Judkins, sheriff for said county, should no longer hold and retain their said offices, respectfully address and request Your Excellency, with the consent of the council, to remove the said William W. Flanders, Warren Clark, William Yeaton, and Edwin Judkins from the said offices which they respectively hold.

[Passed July 20, 1876.]

Removal of
solicitor, judge
and register of
probate, and
sheriff of Mer-
rimack.

CHAPTER CIX.

AN ADDRESS FOR THE REMOVAL OF BERNARD B. WHITTEMORE, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE POLICE COURT OF THE CITY OF NASHUA.

To His Excellency Person C. Cheney, Governor of the State of New Hampshire :

Removal of
special police
justice of Nash-
ua.

The Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, satisfied that the public good requires that Bernard B. Whittemore, associate justice of the police court of the city of Nashua, should no longer hold and retain his said office, respectfully address and request Your Excellency, with the consent of the council, to remove the said Bernard B. Whittemore from said office.

[Passed July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER CX.

NAMES CHANGED BY THE JUDGES OF PROBATE.

1875-6.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.

Joseph Luther Jenness Holt to Luther Jenness Holt; Mary R. Dow to Mary R. Bowles; Joseph Sanborn to Joseph Bean Sanborn; John J. Scammon to John S. Scammon; Phebe R. Little to Phebe R. Moore; Francis Warren Parker to Frank W. Parker; Martha M. Brackett to Martha M. Anderson; Nancy J. Foss to Nancy J. Haines; Samuel Appleton Elwyn to Thomas Langdon Elwyn; Morris L. Jenness to Morris J. Lamprey.

1875-6.

STRAFFORD COUNTY.

John L. Babb, Jr., to John H. Babb; Addie R. Leighton to Addie R. Young; Vira Bell Fisher to Vira Bell Dunn; Adding Boynton to John Currier Hastings; Charles Edgar Pike to Charles Edgar Nute; Lucetta P. Burroughs to Lucetta Pinkham.

1875-6.

BELKNAP COUNTY.

Martha Grant to Martha Florence Smith; Emma May Graham to Emma May Ladam; Emma Whidden to Emily Webster; Vesta A. Frost to Vesta A. Huckins.

1875-6.

CARROLL COUNTY.

None.

1875-6.

MERRIMACK COUNTY.

Jennie Florence Pelkey to Jennie May Harvey; Benjamin Franklin Coffin to Frank Coffin; Nathaniel Head to Natt Head; David

F. Abbott to Frank D. Abbott; Ella Jane Sophia Hoyt to Ella Jane Sophia Parker; Carrie W. Hildreth to Carrie W. Runals; Robert Heath to Robert Smith; Walter Heath to Walter Furber; Francis H. Daniell to Frank H. Daniell; Zipporah B. Bridgman to Zipporah B. Newton; Francis S. Dodge to Frank S. Dodge; Bennie G. Tucker to Bennie G. Hersey; Charles H. Leach to Charles H. Yeaton; Mary Dow to Cora M. Mead; Hannah F. Dunbar to Annie F. Robertson; Fred S. Morgan to Fred S. Sargent; Isabella M. Sargent to Isabella M. Muzzey; Sam Omar Cilley to Sam Omar Eastman; Ranza J. Butters to Ranza J. Holt; Franklin E. Abbott to Frank Albert Emerson.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

1875-6.

Francois L. Bryant to Frank Levi Murdough; Joseph H. Banks to Joseph H. Nutt, and adoption; Walter Smith to Henry D. Babcock, and adoption; John Henry Clay to Henry J. Brown; Warren W. Dutton to Frank Pierce Dutton; Ida Cornelia Vincent to Florence Everett, and adoption; Benjamin Franklin Brown Foss to Frank Brown Foss; Ada A. Skinner to Ada A. Nourse, and adoption; Willie Franklin Pinkham to William Franklin Pinkham; Ella O. Phillips to Ella O. Andrews; Roland C. Rowell to Roland Rowell; Louisa Richardson to Louisa Stevens; Alfred Darius Wilkinson to Alfred Darius Taggart, and adoption; Melissa Hoyt to Frances Mildred Warren; Lizzie F. Warren to Lizzie F. Boyden; Clara Bertha Dodge to Clara Bertha Corliss; Gertrude H. Sampson to Gertrude W. Kelly, and adoption; Eva Skinner to Eva Fessenden, and adoption; Lena May Stevens to Lena May Colby, and adoption; Bertie S. Moore to Bertie M. Lewis, and adoption; Charles Dexter Holt to Charles Dexter Hall; Agnes Honora Peacock to Ages Hanley, and adoption.

Change of names from July 1, 1874, to July 1, 1875, and not published last year. Lilla A. Corser to Lilla A. Gould, and adoption; Emma E. Lakin to Emma Estella Decatur, and adoption; Ida Luella Holt to Ida Luella Patch; Charles H. Peacock to Charles H. Burnham; Jesse B. Roby to Jesse B. Twiss; George Allison Stickney to George Allison Brooks, and adoption; Joseph H. Banks to Joseph H. Nutt, and adoption; Frank E. Coggs well to Frank E. Keniston; Abiah M. Coggs well to Abiah M. Keniston; Lucy A. Davis to Lucy Ann Petrie; Eunice C. Hannan to Eunice C. Town; Henrietta Hall to Henrietta Stoddard; Fannie B. McDole to Fanny B. Bowers; Coradon McDole to Coradon M. Bowers; Harriet N. C. Nieman to Harriet N. C. Stevens; Louisa Richardson to Louisa Stevens.

CHESHIRE COUNTY.

1875-6.

Herbert Calvin Wheeler to John Wardwell Richardson; Nelson Richardson Wellman to Nelson Burr Richardson; Mary Maria Wellman to Mary Maria Richardson; Mary Smith to Minnie Palmer; Lucy C. Stratton to Lucy C. Pierce; Frederick A. Barker to Fred A. Barker; Lydia K. Whitney to Lydia K. Woodward; Edwin D. Putney to Edwin D. Dodge.

1875-6.

SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Helen F. Bugbee to Nellie F. Albee; Walter S. Clogston to Walter S. Woodman; Hattie M. Bigelow to Hattie M. Holt; Susan E. Severance to Susan E. Philbrook; Etta Ella Severance to Etta Ella Philbrook; Sarah Elizabeth Johnson to Sarah Elizabeth Griffin; George W. Johnson to George W. Griffin; Frank Eugene Aiken to Francis Eugene McDonald.

1875-6.

GRAFTON COUNTY.

Harriet Floretta Ford to Harriet Floretta Eastman; Nellie Josephine Jackson to Nellie Josephine Sargent; Walter Warren Cilley to Walter Warren Eastman; Henry Avery to Willis M. Huckins; Betsey F. Woodbury to Betsey F. Sanborn; Lilla F. Pease to Lilla F. Benton; Alvin C. Hills to Alvin C. Hill; Thomas B. Hills to Thomas B. Hill; Josephine A. Clement to Josephine A. Foote; Emma Frances Blanchard to Emma Frances Hood; Luella M. Wardrobe to Luella Madora Derby; Effie M. Wardrobe to Effie Madora Derby.

1875-6.

COÖS COUNTY.

Emma H. Perkins to Emma H. Bonett.

PRIVATE ACTS.

CHAPTER CXI.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE ODD FELLOWS' BUILDING ASSOCIATION."

SECTION

1. Corporation may borrow not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

SECTION

2. Repealing clause.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. The Odd Fellows' Building Association is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow such sums of money as may from time to time become necessary to supply the temporary wants of the association, *provided*, the aggregate indebtedness of said corporation for such borrowed money shall not exceed at any one time the amount of ten thousand dollars, and apply the proceeds of its trust to the payment of such indebtedness.

Corporation may borrow not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Repealing clause.

[Approved June 23, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXII.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE SULLIVAN SAVINGS INSTITUTION.

SECTION

1. Corporation may expend not more than \$25,000 in erecting a bank building.

SECTION

2. Takes effect on its passage.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. That the Sullivan Savings Institution be authorized to erect a brick building on their lot in Claremont, in the county of

Corporation may expend not more than

\$25,000 in erecting a bank building.

Sullivan, either in connection with others or separately, as they shall determine, and to expend thereon such sum as shall be required to complete the same, provided such sum shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.

Takes effect on its passage.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
[Approved June 28, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXIII.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE HIBERNIAN UNITED BENEVOLENT SOCIETY IN ROCHESTER.

SECTION

1. Corporation constituted: its purpose.
2. Limitation as to real estate.
3. By-laws.

SECTION

4. First meeting.
5. May be repealed.
6. Takes effect on its passage.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

Corporation constituted: its purpose.

SECTION 1. That James Hoy, Patrick Flanagan, John Vallely, Neal Quin, Frank Carr, John Blake, Patrick Canney, Patrick McCabe, and Patrick Hartigan, Jr., their associates, successors, and assigns, be and hereby are constituted a corporation by the name of the Hibernian United Benevolent Society in Rochester, for the purposes of charity and mutual benefit, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities, and restrictions common to corporations of a similar nature.

Limitation as to real estate.

SEC. 2. Said corporation shall have the power to hold, by gift, grant, bequest, purchase, or otherwise, any estate, real or personal, which shall not exceed in value two thousand dollars.

By-laws.

SEC. 3. Said corporation may adopt such rules and by-laws, the same not being repugnant to the laws of this state, as they may deem expedient.

First meeting.

SEC. 4. The first three grantees, or either two of them, may call the first meeting of the corporation by giving notice of the same in some paper printed in Rochester, at least two weeks before the day of the meeting.

May be repealed.

SEC. 5. The legislature may alter or amend this act whenever the public good may require the same.

Takes effect on its passage.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect on after its passage.
[Approved June 28, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXIV.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BALLOU ASSOCIATION IN NASHUA.

SECTION

1. Corporation constituted: its powers: limitation as to real estate.

SECTION

2. First meeting.

3. Subject to repeal.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. That Charles H. Burke, Lizzie D. Fletcher, George M. Spalding, Tena D. Spalding, Fred E. Hills, Lizzie M. Rand, Frank W. Maynard, Lydia A. Simpson, Charles O. Batchelder, Allie M. Langley, Fred F. Chase, Fannie E. Jones, Daniel W. Perry, Lizzie J. Hills, George E. Balcom, Lizzie M. Nottage, John P. Morrill, Mary A. Chase, Henry G. Carr, Flora E. Rockwood, their associates, successors, and assigns, be and hereby are created a body corporate and politic by the name of The Ballou Association in Nashua, for such literary, religious, moral, charitable and benevolent purposes as the corporation may designate, and by that name may sue and be sued, prosecute and defend to final judgment and execution; and shall be and hereby are invested with all the powers and privileges, and made subject to all the liabilities of corporations of a similar nature, and may take and hold real and personal estate by purchase, donation, bequest, or otherwise, for the purposes of said corporation, to an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, and the same may sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of at pleasure.

Corporation constituted: its powers: limitation as to real estate.

SEC. 2. The first five persons above named, or any five of them, may call the first meeting of said corporation by giving notice in writing to each of the grantees named in this act, of the time and place of said meeting, or by one publication in some daily newspaper published in said Nashua, seven days at least prior to said meeting.

First meeting.

SEC. 3. The legislature may alter, amend, or repeal this act at their pleasure, and the act shall take effect upon its passage.

Subject to repeal.

[Approved June 28, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXV.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE MILAN UNION MEETING-HOUSE ASSOCIATION.

SECTION

1. Corporation constituted: its powers and liabilities.
2. Limitation as to property.

SECTION

3. First meeting: by-laws: officers.
4. May be repealed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

Corporation constituted: its powers and liabilities.

SECTION 1. Isaac C. Wight, Simon Fogg, Cyrus D. Hamlin, Walter H. Evans, Dennis B. York, Charles E. Phipps, L. Pettengill, their associates, successors, and assigns, be and hereby are incorporated and made a body corporate and politic by the name of the Milan Union Meeting-house Association, for religious purposes, and by that name may be sued, prosecute and defend to final judgment and execution, and be subject to all liabilities incident to corporations of a similar nature.

Limitation as to property.

SEC. 2. Said corporation may receive and hold all such real and personal estate as may be conveyed to them by gift, devise, bequest, donation or otherwise, for the purposes of said corporation, not exceeding at any one time the amount of fifty thousand dollars, and the same may manage, improve, sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of, as may be necessary or convenient in promoting the purposes and interests of said corporation.

First meeting: by-laws: officers.

SEC. 3. Any three of the first named persons in this act may call the first meeting of said corporation by posting up a notice at the meeting-house of said association at least ten days prior thereto, at which meeting, or any adjourned meeting thereof, a clerk shall be chosen, and a constitution and by-laws for the regulation and government of said corporation, and not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state, may be adopted, associates admitted, and all necessary officers for the management of the affairs of the corporation may be elected.

May be repealed.

SEC. 4. The legislature may alter, amend, or repeal this act, when, in their opinion, the public good may require it, and this act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved June 28, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXVI.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE EXETER NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

SECTION

1. Corporation constituted.
2. Its purpose: limitation as to real estate.
3. By-laws and officers.

SECTION

4. First meeting.
5. Subject to repeal.
6. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. That Benjamin F. McDaniel, Albert C. Perkins, Harriet E. Paine, William H. Gorham, Charles Burley, Albion Burbank, Thomas Conner, Elizabeth C. Bridge, Charles H. Bell, George E. Emery, George A. Titcomb, and John J. Bell, their associates and successors, be and hereby are made a body politic and corporate by the name of The Exeter Natural History Society, and by that name may sue and be sued, prosecute and defend to final judgment and execution, in any court of law and equity, and shall be and hereby are vested with all the rights and privileges and subject to all the liabilities incident to corporations of a similar nature.

Corporation constituted.

SEC. 2. Said corporation is hereby empowered to establish and maintain at Exeter, in the county of Rockingham, a society for the encouragement and promotion of literary and scientific pursuits, and for the cultivation and diffusion of literary and scientific knowledge in each and every department thereof: and for that purpose may take, acquire, and hold, by gift, bequest, or otherwise, real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, and for the purposes and objects of the society may erect and maintain suitable buildings, and may take and hold books, maps, charts, collections of natural objects, and preparations and scientific apparatus suitable for its purposes, by donation or otherwise, to any amount.

Its purpose: limitation as to real estate.

SEC. 3. Said corporation may, at any meeting duly notified and holden, make such regulations and by-laws, not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this state, for the management of the interests and concerns of said corporation, and may appoint such and so many officers and agents as they may think proper, and prescribe their powers and duties.

By-laws and officers.

SEC. 4. Benjamin F. McDaniel and William H. Gorham may call the first meeting of said corporation, by publication in the Exeter *News-Letter* at least seven days before said meeting.

First meeting.

SEC. 5. The legislature may at any time alter, amend, or repeal this charter, whenever in their opinion the public good shall require it.

Subject to repeal.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

[Approved June 28, 1876.]

Takes effect—when.

CHAPTER CXVII.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE CITY OF KEENE TO RAISE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING AND EXTENDING ITS WATER-WORKS.

SECTION

1. Keene authorized to raise \$100,000 additional, to enlarge water-works.

SECTION

2. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

Keene authorized to raise \$100,000 additional, to enlarge water-works.

SECTION 1. That for the purpose of maintaining and extending its water-works, the city of Keene is hereby authorized and empowered to levy taxes and borrow money, not exceeding in the whole the sum of one hundred thousand dollars in addition to the sums heretofore authorized, and to issue the notes, bonds, or other obligations of said city therefor, payable at such time or times as the city councils shall determine; and such notes, bonds, or other obligations shall be legal and binding upon said city.

Takes effect—when.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved June 28, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXVIII.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CENTENNIAL HOME FOR THE AGED.

SECTION

1. Corporation constituted: name.
2. Purpose and property.

SECTION

3. Provision for accepting this charter, etc.
4. Takes effect—when: subject to repeal.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

Corporation constituted: name.

SECTION 1. That the members and associate members of the Concord Ladies' Centennial Association, their associates and successors, be and hereby are made a body politic and corporate by the name of the New Hampshire Centennial Home for the Aged, and by that name may sue and be sued, prosecute and defend to final judgment and execution, and shall have and exercise all the powers and privileges and be subject to all the liabilities by law incident to corporations of a similar nature.

Purpose and property.

SEC. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to establish and maintain, in the city of Concord, an institution for the support and maintenance of aged people of both sexes, and for that purpose

may take and hold real and personal estate, by donation, bequest, or otherwise, to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, and may sell, convey, and dispose of the same at pleasure, and may erect and maintain such buildings and appurtenances as may be deemed necessary for the purposes of the corporation.

SEC. 3. A meeting of said association shall be called in the manner prescribed by its constitution, at such time as may be deemed expedient, to take action upon the acceptance of this act; and upon its acceptance by a majority of members and associate members present and voting, said association shall become merged in this corporation; and then, or at some subsequent meeting, said corporation may adopt such constitution, rules, and by-laws, for the government of its proceedings and the regulation of its affairs, as they may deem expedient, not inconsistent with the laws of the state, and may elect or provide for the election of such officers and agents as they may deem advisable, and prescribe their powers and duties.

Provision for
accepting this
charter.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect from its passage, and shall be subject to alteration, amendment, or repeal, at the pleasure of the legislature.

Takes effect—
when: subject
to repeal.

[Approved June 28, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXIX.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

SECTION

1. Corporation constituted.
2. Officers.
3. Seal.

SECTION

4. May sue and defend.
5. Election and suspension of members.
6. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. That Samuel Webber, Nathaniel Tolles, L. J. Graves, S. G. Jarvis, C. A. Volk, A. R. Cummings, J. B. Way, C. L. Baker, N. G. Brooks, G. W. Hunt, W. B. Porter, G. A. Blake, A. P. Richardson, S. T. Smith, S. S. Carpenter, George Twitchell, J. W. Butler, C. P. Frost, C. A. Allen, Clarence W. Tolles, be and they hereby are formed into, constituted, and made a body politic and corporate by the name of the Connecticut River Valley Medical Association; and that they and their successors, and such other persons as shall be elected in the manner hereinafter mentioned, shall be and continue a body politic and corporate by the same name forever.

Corporation
constituted.

SEC. 2. That the members of said association may from time to time elect a president, vice-president, and secretary, with such other officers as they shall judge necessary and convenient. And

Officers.

the members of said association shall have full power and authority from time to time to determine and establish the names, number, and duty of their several officers, and the tenure and estate they have in their offices respectively; and also to authorize and empower their president, or some other officer, to administer such oaths to such officers as they, the members of said association, shall appoint and determine, for the well ordering and good government of the said association, provided the same shall not be repugnant to the laws of this state.

Seal.

SEC. 3. That the members of said association shall have one common seal, and power to break, change, and renew the same at their pleasure.

May sue and defend.

SEC. 4. That the members of said association may sue and be sued in all actions real, personal, and mixed, and prosecute and defend the same until final judgment and execution, by the name of the Connecticut River Valley Medical Association.

Election and suspension of members.

SEC. 5. That the members of said association may from time to time elect such persons to be members thereof as they may judge proper; and that they, the members of said association, shall have power to suspend or expel any member of said association.

Takes effect — when.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [Approved June 28, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXX.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE FAIRMOUNT MILITARY ACADEMY AT THE CITY OF NASHUA, STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

SECTION

- 1. Corporation constituted: its powers and property.
- 2. Management: trustees: by-laws.
- 3. Professors and instructors.

SECTION

- 4. Degrees may be conferred.
- 5. First meeting—how called.
- 6. Subject to repeal. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

Corporation constituted: its powers and property.

SECTION 1. That Moses A. Worcester, Isaac Chapman, Bates Smith, Archibald H. Dunlap, Virgil C. Gilman, Henry B. Ather-ton, Thomas P. Pierce, Hiram M. Goodrich, John G. Kimball, Frank A. McKean, John A. Spalding, Theodore H. Wood, James B. Greeley, their associates and successors, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the Fairmount Military Academy, to be located at Nashua in said state, with all the rights, powers, and privileges incident to such corporations; may take and hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, and the same may keep, manage, sell, and dispose of at pleasure.

Management: trustees: by-laws.

SEC. 2. The said grantees, at any regular meeting duly notified and holden for that purpose, are hereby authorized to elect asso-

ciates, and fill any vacancy that may occur in their number; may elect a board of trustees not exceeding five, who shall have charge of the management of said corporation; may make such by-laws, rules, and regulations for the management of the institution, and may elect such officers and prescribe their respective duties, as shall be proper and necessary for the proper control and administration thereof.

SEC. 3. Said corporation may appoint from time to time such professors and instructors in the different departments of said academy as may be necessary for a thorough course of instruction in literature, in the arts and sciences, and in a complete course of military training and discipline.

Professors and instructors.

SEC. 4. Said board of trustees, when elected, are authorized and empowered to establish and confer all such degrees and honors as are usually conferred in similar institutions upon any person or persons whom they shall deem worthy thereof, or who shall have completed the regular course of study and military training prescribed by the faculty of the academy.

Degrees may be conferred.

SEC. 5. Moses A. Worcester may call the first meeting of said grantees, at such time in said city of Nashua as he may deem proper, by publication of a notice for such meeting three weeks successively in some newspaper printed at said Nashua, or by notice in writing to each grantee at least six days before said meeting.

First meeting; how called.

SEC. 6. The legislature may alter, amend, or repeal this act, whenever in their opinion the public good requires it, and this act shall take effect from its passage.

Subject to repeal. Takes effect—when.

[Approved July 5, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXXI.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.

SECTION

1. Corporation constituted: name: purpose and duties.
2. Property.

SECTION

3. By-laws.
4. First meeting.
5. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. That Eliza Haven, Elizabeth Pearson, Mary W. Jones, Mary Foster, Caroline Morrison, Kate Miller, Sarah J. Pickering, and Susan Christie, their associates, successors, and assigns, be and hereby are constituted a corporation by the name of the New Hampshire Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The particular business and objects of said corporation shall be the prevention of cruelty to children, and the enforcement, by all lawful means, of the laws relating to or in any case affecting children—with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties,

Corporation constituted: name: purpose and duties.

liabilities, and restrictions, common to corporations of a similar nature.

Property. SEC. 2. Said corporation shall have power to hold, by gift, grant, devise, bequest, purchase, or otherwise, any estate, real or personal.

By-laws. SEC. 3. Said corporation may adopt such rules and by-laws, not repugnant to the laws of this state, as they may deem proper.

First meeting. SEC. 4. Any three of the grantees may call the first meeting of the corporation by giving notice of the same in some paper printed at Portsmouth, in said state, at least one week before the day of the meeting.

Takes effect — when. SEC. 5. This act shall take effect on its passage. [Approved July 5, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXXII.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE WOMAN'S TEMPERANCE LEAGUE OF PORTSMOUTH.

SECTION

- 1. Corporation constituted: object and powers.
- 2. Property.

SECTION

- 3. By-laws.
- 4. First meeting.
- 5. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

Corporation constituted: object and powers. SECTION 1. That Margaret Haven, Gariphelia E. Randall, Sarah Treat, Sarah C. Yeaton, Helen C. Knight, Ann L. White, and Fannie C. Thorndike, their associates, successors, and assigns, be and hereby are constituted a corporation by the name of the Woman's Temperance League of Portsmouth,—for the purpose of charity, and the reformation and encouragement of persons addicted to the excessive use of intoxicating liquors,—with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities, and restrictions, common to corporations of a similar nature.

Property. SEC. 2. Said corporation shall have power to hold, by gift, grant, devise, bequest, purchase, or otherwise, any estate, real or personal.

By-laws. SEC. 3. Said corporation may adopt such rules and by-laws, not repugnant to the laws of this state, as they may deem proper.

First meeting. SEC. 4. Any three of the grantees may call the first meeting of the corporation by giving notice of the same in some paper printed at Portsmouth at least one week before the day of the meeting.

Takes effect — when. SEC. 5. This act shall take effect on its passage. [Approved July 5, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXXIII.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE CONCORD LODGE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS,
OF THE CITY OF CONCORD.

SECTION

1. Corporation constituted: its purpose and powers.
2. Limitation as to real estate.

SECTION

3. Rules of government.
4. First meeting.
5. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. That James M. Collins, John L. Scanvlin, Patrick Maguire, Timothy Casey, Michael B. Clancy, Patrick Conway, James Clancy, William A. Happny, Nicholas Glennon, Timothy Clancy, Frederick J. Collins, William S. O'Conner, James Conway, and Michael Kenniefiek, their associates, successors, and assigns, be and hereby are made a body politic and corporate by the name of Concord Lodge, Ancient Order of Hibernians, to be established at Concord, New Hampshire, for the purposes of 'charity and mutual benefit, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities, and restrictions, common to corporations of that kind.

Corporation constituted: its purpose and powers.

SEC. 2. Said corporation shall have power to hold real estate to an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, to sue and be sued, and do all business incident to the purposes of the corporation.

Limitation as to real estate.

SEC. 3. Said corporation shall have power to make all the needful rules and regulations for the government and management of its affairs.

Rules of government.

SEC. 4. The first three grantees, or either two of them, named in this act, shall have the power to call the first meeting of the corporation, by notice to each grantee in writing at least one week before the day of the meeting.

First meeting.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Takes effect—when.

[Approved July 5, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXXIV.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE MECHANICS' SAVINGS BANK AT MANCHESTER.

SECTION

1. Corporation constituted and located.
2. Duties as to deposits.
3. Deposits by minors.
4. Not to issue bills; compensation of officers.

SECTION

5. By-laws.
6. Books subject to official inspection.
7. First meeting.
8. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

Corporation
constituted and
located.

SECTION 1. That Aretas Blood, Ira A. Eastman, Joseph Stone, Ira Cross, Ira Barr, J. B. Straw, E. H. Hobbs, Henry E. Burnham, Robert G. Annan, Frank P. Carpenter, Edward Sanborn, William G. Perry, John C. Ray, Eugene W. Brigham, A. W. Sanborn, N. S. Bean, J. F. Brown, Horace Johnson, William E. Killey, and Freeman Higgins, be and they hereby are constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the Mechanics' Savings Bank at Manchester, and they, with such other persons as shall be duly elected and admitted members of said corporation at regular meetings thereof, according to such by-laws as may hereafter be established, shall be and remain a body corporate and politic by said name, and are and shall be invested with all the powers, rights, and privileges, and subject to all the duties and liabilities, which are or may be incident to corporations of a like nature by the laws of this state.

Duties as to de-
posits.

SEC. 2. Said corporation may receive from any person or persons any deposit or deposits of money, and may use, manage, and improve the same for the benefit of the depositors, in such manner as shall be convenient or necessary for the security and profitable investment thereof; and all deposits may be withdrawn, and the net income or profit of the deposits divided, at such reasonable times, and in such manner and proportions, and subject to such equitable rules and regulations, as said corporation shall from time to time prescribe, agreeably to the laws of the state.

Deposits by
minors.

SEC. 3. Whenever any deposit shall be made by any minor, the trustees of said corporation may, at their discretion, pay to such depositor such sums as may be due him or her, although no guardian shall have been appointed for such minor, and the check, receipt, or acquittance of such minor shall be as valid as if the same was executed by the guardian of said minor, or the said minor was of full age, if such deposit was made personally by said minor.

Not to issue
bills; compen-
sation of offi-
cers.

SEC. 4. Said corporation shall not issue any bill or promissory note to circulate as currency, nor shall the members or officers of said corporation receive any profit or emolument from said savings bank; provided, however, that a reasonable compensation may from time to time be made to the treasurer, secretary, and agents of said corporation, for services actually rendered.

SEC. 5. Said corporation may from time to time make such by-laws, rules, and regulations for its government, and for the management of the business thereof, as shall not be inconsistent with this act and the laws of this state.

By-laws.

SEC. 6. The books and accounts of this corporation shall be at all times subject to the inspection of the governor and council, the bank commissioners, or other officers appointed for this purpose by either branch of the legislature, and the legislature may at any time alter, amend, or repeal this act.

Books subject to official inspection.

SEC. 7. Aretas Blood, Ira A. Eastman, Henry E. Burnham, or any two of them, may call the first meeting of this corporation at such time and place and in such manner as they may think proper.

First meeting.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.
[Approved July 5, 1876.]

Takes effect — when.

CHAPTER CXXV.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE MASSABESIC MINING COMPANY.

SECTION

- 1. Corporation constituted.
- 2. Capital stock.
- 3. Purpose and powers.
- 4. First meeting.

SECTION

- 5. Officers and by-laws.
- 6. Restricting clause.
- 7. Takes effect—when, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. That John A. Wiley, Hanson C. Canney, John B. Mills, Roland Rowell, Charles Goodwin, Timothy D. Roberts, Henry S. Blunt, and Charles F. Peasley, their associates, successors, and assigns, be and are hereby made a body politic and corporate by the name and style of the Massabesic Mining Company, located at Manchester, and by that name may sue and be sued, prosecute and defend to final judgment and execution, and shall be and are hereby invested with all the powers and privileges and made subject to all the liabilities of similar corporations.

Corporation constituted.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall consist of such sum as said corporators shall determine, not exceeding the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

Capital stock.

SEC. 3. Said corporation, for the purpose of mining, may erect mills, crushers, and sluices, and purchase all other machinery and implements of whatever kind and description necessary in working the ore, and to bond land for mining purposes, and may purchase land and sell and alienate the same at pleasure, and to this end the capital stock may be invested and employed.

Purpose and powers.

SEC. 4. That John A. Wiley, Hanson C. Canney, John B. Mills, and Roland Rowell, or any two of them, are hereby authorized to call the first meeting of said corporation at such time and place at

First meeting.

the city of Manchester in the county of Hillsborough as they may think proper, by giving notice thereof in any newspaper printed at Manchester in said county, or by giving or leaving at the last and usual place of abode of each of said corporators a written or printed notice of the time and place of said meeting, at least seven days prior to said meeting, for the purpose of organizing and transacting any business necessary and proper to carry into effect the provisions and intentions of this act.

Officers and by-laws.

SEC. 5. Said corporation may choose all such officers, and pass any by-laws not inconsistent with this act and the constitution and laws of this state, as they may deem necessary to carry out the provisions and intentions of this act.

Restricting clause.

SEC. 6. This act shall be subject to all the provisions and restrictions of the laws of this state in relation to corporations.

Takes effect when, etc.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and may be altered, amended, or repealed whenever the public good shall require.

[Approved July 12, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXXVI.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE EXETER MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

SECTION

1. Corporation may diminish the par value of its stock by increasing number of shares.

SECTION

2. May issue preferred stock, and pay dividend of eight per cent. thereon.
3. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

Corporation may diminish the par value of its stock by increasing number of shares.

SECTION 1. Said corporation may, at any meeting duly called for that purpose, increase the number of its shares and thereby diminish the par value thereof, provided the par value of the shares shall not be fixed below fifty dollars.

May issue preferred stock, and pay dividend of eight per cent. thereon.

SEC. 2. Said corporation is authorized to issue preferred stock to an amount not exceeding the present capital stock of the company, to be issued in such amounts and at such times as may be determined at any meeting of the corporation duly called for that purpose. A dividend of eight per cent. per annum, payable annually or semi-annually, as the directors may determine, shall be paid on said preferred stock, provided the net earnings of the corporation, after paying the interest upon any debts the corporation may owe, shall be sufficient for that purpose ; and in case said net earnings for one year shall be insufficient to pay said dividend for that year, the surplus earnings of any year following, after paying said dividend of eight per cent., shall be applied to make up arrears on back dividends and interest thereon, so that a dividend of eight per cent. shall be paid for each year. If the net earnings, after paying the

interest as aforesaid, shall be sufficient to pay more than eight per cent. upon the whole capital stock, common and preferred, and a dividend exceeding eight per cent. shall be declared, the same dividend shall be paid on both the common and preferred stock. Holders of preferred stock shall have the same right as holders of the common stock to vote thereon at all meetings of the corporation, except upon the question of redeeming any of said preferred stock as hereinafter provided. Said corporation may, out of its surplus earnings or the proceeds of any additional issue of its common stock, redeem said preferred stock, at any time after ten years from the date of its issue, by paying the par value thereof and annual interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent. from the date of issue to the date of redemption, after crediting the dividends paid towards the payment of said interest; but if said dividends should exceed said interest, they shall not be applied to reduce said par value. Holders of the common stock of said corporation shall be entitled to subscribe for said preferred stock *pro rata* in proportion to the number of shares of common stock held by them respectively, provided they subscribe for and are ready to pay for the same in fifteen days after any vote of the corporation to issue said stock.

Takes effect—
when.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.
[Approved July 11, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXXVII.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE DARTMOUTH NAVY.

SECTION

1. Corporation constituted: its powers.
2. Object and property.

SECTION

3. First meeting: by-laws: officers.
4. Subject to repeal.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. That E. C. Carrigan, Charles Eagar, W. M. Barnard, E. H. Gilman, L. P. Rosenthal, Isaac F. Paul, J. J. Hopper, R. J. Service, Nathaniel Niles, O. S. Houghton, their associates, successors, and assigns, be and they hereby are made a body corporate and politic by the name of the Dartmouth Navy, and by that name may sue and be sued, and are hereby vested with all the powers, privileges, and immunities, and subject to all liabilities, incidental to corporations of a like nature.

Corporation
constituted: its
powers.

SEC. 2. Said corporation is hereby empowered to establish, manage, carry on, and advance the science of rowing and sailing in all its branches, tending to encourage the physical development of students attending Dartmouth college, and may purchase, take, have, and hold such personal property and real estate as shall be found necessary to the successful prosecution of said science.

Object and
property.

SEC. 3. Said E. C. Carrigan, Charles Eagar, W. M. Barnard, E. H. Gilman, L. P. Rosenthal, Isaac F. Paul, J. J. Hopper, R. J.

First meeting:
by-laws: off-
icers.

Service, Nathaniel Niles, O. S. Houghton, or any five (5) of them, may call the first meeting of said corporation by giving each of their associates named herein notice in writing at least two (2) weeks prior thereto, at which, or any future meeting, such constitution, by-laws, rules, and regulations, not repugnant to the constitution of this state, such officers chosen, and all other matters and things done and transacted as may be found necessary to the organization of said corporation and its future operation, for the full enjoyment of the rights and privileges hereby granted.

Subject to repeal.

SEC. 4. The legislature may alter, amend, or repeal this charter whenever in their judgment the public good shall demand it.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect from its passage.

[Approved July 12, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXXVIII.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF KEENE.

SECTION

1. City officers to be elected in March: tenure of office.

SECTION

2. Present officers continued.
3. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

City officers to be elected in March: tenure of office.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the legal voters of the city of Keene, for the choice of city and ward officers, shall hereafter be holden on the second Tuesday of March, and all city and ward officers chosen by the people shall hold their respective offices for one year from the third Tuesday in March next subsequent to their election, and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead.

Present officers continued.

SEC. 2. The mayor, aldermen, members of the common council, assessors, overseers of the poor, selectmen, and ward-clerks, now in office, shall continue in office until the third Tuesday in March next, and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead.

Takes effect—when.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect whenever a majority of the legal voters of the city of Keene, present and voting in their several wards, at a meeting duly warned and held, shall adopt the same.

[Approved July 11, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXXIX.

AN ACT TO SEVER CERTAIN TRACTS OF LAND FROM WARDS FOUR AND SEVEN, AND ANNEX THE SAME TO WARD FIVE IN THE CITY OF CONCORD.

SECTION

1. Land in Ward Four annexed to Ward Five.
2. Land in Ward Seven annexed to Ward Five.

SECTION

3. Rights of voters not impaired.
4. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. That the following tract of land, with its inhabitants, is hereby severed from Ward Four and annexed to Ward Five, viz., Beginning at the intersection of Centre and Washington streets, thence running south-westerly on the centre line of Washington street to its intersection with the centre line of High street as formerly constituted, thence northerly on the centre line of High street to its intersection with the centre line of Centre street, thence easterly on the centre line of Centre street to the point begun at.

Land in Ward Four annexed to Ward Five.

SEC. 2. That the following tract of land, with its inhabitants, is hereby severed from Ward Seven and annexed to Ward Five, viz., Beginning at the intersection of the centre line of High and Washington streets, thence running south-westerly on the line of Ward Five, as heretofore constituted, to the point where the centre lines of Washington, Pleasant, and Fruit streets intersect, thence northerly on the centre line of Fruit street to a point where it would intersect the centre line of Centre street if extended, thence easterly on said line of Centre street to its intersection with the centre line of High street.

Land in Ward Seven annexed to Ward Five.

SEC. 3. Any person, qualified to vote at any meeting held within six months from the passage of this act in any ward as now constituted, shall have the right to vote in the ward in which he shall become an inhabitant by the provisions of this act.

Rights of voters not impaired.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Takes effect—when.

[Approved July 11, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXXX.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NASHUA, DEFINE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WARDS, AND CONSTITUTE A SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF SAID CITY.

SECTION

- 1. New lines defined.
- 2. Qualifications of voters.
- 3. Number and election of school committee.
- 4. Assessors to be inspectors of check-lists.
- 5. Inspectors to prepare and post check-lists.
- 6. To hold sessions for revising check-lists, etc.
- 7. Ward clerks to deliver ballots and check-lists to inspectors.
- 8. Penalty for procuring name to be illegally put on list.
- 9. Ward officers not to change the lists.

SECTION

- 10. Board of inspectors to certify number of ratable polls, and give certificates of election to representatives.
- 11. Oath to be taken by inspectors as to legal voters.
- 12. As to ratable polls.
- 13. Punishment for swearing falsely.
- 14. Clerk of board to certify, etc.
- 15. Vacancy in board of selectmen—how filled.
- 16. Penalty for violating this act.
- 17. Repealing clause.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

New lines defined.
Ward 1.

Ward 2.

Ward 3.

Ward 4.

Ward 5.

Ward 6.

SECTION 1. The city of Nashua is hereby divided into eight wards, which shall be constituted as follows:—Ward One shall consist of all that part of said city north of the Nashua river and west of Main and Concord streets;—Ward Two, of all that portion included within the following boundaries: Beginning at the bridge on Main street across the Nashua river, thence easterly down said river to a point opposite the centre of North Elm street, thence northerly to the centre of said street, and continuing northerly by the centre line of said street to the northerly end thereof, and thence continuing in a straight line to the old Ferry road, thence easterly to the Merrimack river, thence northerly up said river to the line of the town of Merrimack, thence westerly by said town line to said Concord street, thence southerly by Concord and Main streets to the place of beginning;—Ward Three, of all that portion included within the following boundaries: Beginning at the centre of Crown street at the Merrimack river, thence westerly by Crown street to the Nashua and Lowell railroad, thence north-westerly by said railroad to the easterly boundary of Ward Two as hereinbefore described, thence northerly and easterly by the boundary of Ward Two aforesaid to the Merrimack river, thence down said river to the place of beginning;—Ward Four, of all that portion lying east of Main street and south of the Nashua river, south-westerly of the Nashua and Lowell railroad, and northerly of East Pearl and Temple streets;—Ward Five, of all that portion lying west of Main street, south of the Nashua river, east of the line of Ward Six as hereinafter described, and north of the centre line of West Pearl street;—Ward Six, of all that portion included within the following boundaries: Beginning at the intersection of Main with West Pearl street, thence westerly by the centre line of West Pearl street to the centre line of Palm street, thence northerly by the centre line of Palm street

to the northerly end thereof, and thence continuing on the same line to the Nashua river, thence westerly up said river to the line of the town of Hollis, thence southerly by Hollis line to the highway leading from Runnels bridge to Nashua, thence easterly by said highway to a point northerly from Kinsley street, and where a line drawn from the westerly end of said Kinsley street northerly, at right angles with said street, will intersect said highway, thence southerly by said last described line to the centre line of Kinsley street, thence easterly by the centre line of Kinsley street to the centre line of Main street, thence northerly by the centre line of Main street to the place of beginning;—Ward Seven, of all that portion east of Main street, south of Wards Three and Four as above described, westerly of the Merrimack river, and northerly of Salmon brook;—Ward Eight, of all that portion not included in any of the above described wards.

Ward 7.

Ward 8.

SEC. 2. All persons having the other requisite qualifications, who have resided six months next preceding any election in the limits of any of said wards as above constituted, shall have the right to vote at such election.

Qualifications of voters.

SEC. 3. After the present municipal year, the school committee of said city shall consist of twelve members, who shall hereafter be chosen at the annual city election and by general ticket, and the ballots therefor shall be received, sorted, counted, and declared, and a record thereof be made, delivered, and examined, and the persons elected be notified in the same manner as is now by law provided in the election of mayor of said city; and in case of failure to elect, or of a vacancy in said school committee, the city councils in convention shall fill the vacancies: and said school committee shall choose a chairman and clerk, the former to be of their own number. There shall be chosen at the annual city election, in March, 1877, twelve members of said school committee, four of them for the term of one year, four for the term of two years, and four for the term of three years,—said terms for which each is chosen to be designated upon the ballots cast for said committee; and at every annual city election thereafter four persons shall be chosen as members of said school committee for the term of three years.

Number and election of school committee.

SEC. 4. The board of assessors, as now chosen and constituted in and for the city of Nashua, and as shall be chosen and constituted annually hereafter, shall be, for the purposes of this act, a board of inspectors of the check-lists in the several wards in said city, and they shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of their office by the city clerk. The city councils shall annually, on the fourth Tuesday of March, after a city clerk has been chosen, elect, by joint ballot and by major vote, one person, an inhabitant of said city, to be a member of said board of assessors, who shall be duly sworn and qualified, and who shall hold his office for one year, or until another shall be chosen and qualified in his stead. Said inspectors shall annually choose a chairman and clerk from their own number.

Assessors to be inspectors of check-lists.

SEC. 5. Said inspectors shall prepare, revise, correct, and post up, in the manner the selectmen of towns are required to do, an alphabetical list of all the legal voters in each ward, and for that

Inspectors to prepare and post check-lists.

purpose shall have access to any books or lists belonging to said city, or to any ward in said city, and shall have the assistance of any of the city or ward officers they may require; and they shall deliver an attested copy of the lists of voters so prepared and corrected to the clerks of the respective wards; and the said ward clerks shall use the lists of voters so prepared and corrected, and no others, at the elections in said wards. In preparing the lists of voters, said inspectors shall record the first or Christian name of each voter in full, but may use initial letters to designate the middle name or names of any voter. They shall also record against the name of each voter the name of street, and number of dwelling if numbered; if not numbered, then such other description as shall indicate as nearly as possible the residence of such voter.

To hold sessions for revising check-lists, etc.

SEC. 6. The said board of inspectors shall be in session at the City Hall building, or such other place as they shall designate, for the purpose of revising and correcting the lists of voters, six days at least, within six months next preceding the day of election, the last two sessions to be held within one week of said election, from nine o'clock A. M. to twelve o'clock M., and from two o'clock till five o'clock P. M., on each of said days, and any person may then and there appear and be heard with regard to his right to have his name placed upon the check-list and to vote; and said board of inspectors may require the oath of such persons so claiming the right to vote, and corroborating evidence if not otherwise fully satisfied of his right to have his name placed upon the check-list; and said board of inspectors shall be in session on election days from eight o'clock A. M. to twelve o'clock M., and from two o'clock to three o'clock P. M., so that in case the name of any person has been omitted from the check-list, and who the inspectors are satisfied is a legal voter agreeably to the provisions of section five of chapter twenty-eight of the General Statutes, the inspectors shall certify the same to the moderator, who shall receive his vote, and the ward clerk shall check the name of such person so voting on the back of said certificate, and shall return the same to the inspectors with the check-list.

Ward clerks to deliver ballots and check-lists to inspectors.

SEC. 7. All the ballots cast at each election in the several wards shall be preserved, and after they shall have been counted the moderator shall deliver all the ballots given in to the clerk of the ward, and the clerk shall seal up said ballots, direct and deliver the same, together with the list of voters used at such election, within one hour after the adjournment of such meeting, to the board of inspectors, who shall be in session to receive the same.

Penalty for procuring name to be illegally put on list.

SEC. 8. Any person procuring his name to be illegally placed upon the check-list by a false representation or statement under oath, shall be taken and deemed guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury, and be liable to the punishment prescribed therefor.

Ward officers not to change the lists.

SEC. 9. If the moderator, selectmen, ward clerk, or any other person, shall alter any check-list after the same shall have been delivered by the inspectors to the ward clerk, by adding any name or names thereto, or by erasing any name or names therefrom, or in any way changing the lists, such officer or person so offending shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months.

SEC. 10. The board of inspectors shall enter upon the back of the lists of voters used in each ward at the annual meeting for the election of representatives to the general court, within one week after such meeting, the name of every male inhabitant of the age of twenty-one years and upward who were not legal voters but were actual residents of the ward as ratable polls; and the certificates of election of representatives to the general court from the several wards shall be made out, certified, and signed by the clerk of the board of inspectors of check-lists; and the clerk of said board shall certify that the check-list of the ward was duly posted and used during the balloting on which such representatives were chosen, the number of ratable polls in such ward, and the number of voters upon the check-list, as corrected on the day of such annual meeting. The clerk of each ward shall make out a fair and exact copy of the record of all votes given in at the annual meeting for the election of representatives to the general court, and shall certify upon said copy that the same is a true copy of said record, and shall seal said copy, direct and deliver the same to the clerk of the board of inspectors of check-lists, with a superscription upon the same expressing the purport thereof, within twenty-four hours after such meeting.

Board of inspectors to certify number of ratable polls, and give certificates of election to representatives.

SEC. 11. The board of inspectors of check-lists in said city, at every meeting of the legal voters of each ward in said city for the choice of state and county officers, representatives in congress, or electors of president and vice-president of the United States, shall, before the check-lists are delivered to the clerks of the several wards, take and subscribe on the back of the check-lists to be used at such meetings the following oath, which may be taken before the city-clerk or any justice of the peace or notary public, the blank in the same being first properly filled: We, the inspectors of check-lists in the city of Nashua, do solemnly swear that, according to our best knowledge, the within list contains the names of those persons only who are by actual residence legal voters in Ward — in said city. So help us God. The clerk or magistrate, before whom said oath is taken, shall make on the back of said check-list a certificate thereof.

Oath to be taken by inspectors as to legal voters.

SEC. 12. The board of inspectors of check-lists in said city shall take and subscribe on the back of the check-lists used at the annual meeting the following oath, which may be taken before the city-clerk or any justice of the peace or notary public, the blank in the same being first properly filled: We, the inspectors of check-lists in the city of Nashua, do solemnly swear that, according to our best knowledge, the names of those persons only who were not legal voters at the last annual meeting, but were actual residents and ratable polls in Ward — in said city, are entered upon the back of the within list. So help us God. The clerk or magistrate, before whom said oath is taken, shall make on the back of said check-list a certificate thereof.

As to ratable polls.

SEC. 13. Any inspector who shall swear falsely, in taking either of the oaths prescribed by this act, shall be taken and deemed to be guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury, and be liable to the punishment prescribed therefor.

Punishment for swearing falsely.

SEC. 14. In making out the certificate of any representative from any ward in said city, the clerk of the board of inspectors shall certify

Clerk of board to certify, etc.

whether or not the foregoing oaths prescribed by this act were taken and subscribed by the inspectors on the back of the check-lists used in each ward at the annual meeting.

Vacancy in board of selectmen—how filled.

SEC. 15. In case a vacancy shall occur in the board of selectmen of any ward in said city, from removal from the ward or from any other cause, the city councils in convention shall fill such vacancies at their first regular meeting after such vacancy shall occur.

Penalty for violating this act.

SEC. 16. Any officer or other person neglecting or refusing to comply with the terms of this act, or offending against the provisions hereof, where punishment is not already provided by this act, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than six months, or by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, to be paid for the use of the county of Hillsborough.

Repealing clause.

SEC. 17. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect upon its passage. [Approved July 12, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXXXI.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE PORTSMOUTH TRUST AND GUARANTEE COMPANY, AND IN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER THEREOF.

SECTION

1. Stockholders may surrender stock certificates and receive special deposit certificates.
2. Guaranty fund to be provided.
3. Regulation as to guaranty fund, dividends, etc.
4. Special depositors to be members of corporation: individual liability, etc.

SECTION

5. Limitation as to real estate.
6. Taxation of special deposits.
7. Stockholders by majority vote may accept this act.
8. Subject to repeal, and takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

Stockholders may surrender stock certificates and receive special deposit certificates.

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for the stockholders of the Portsmouth Trust and Guarantee Company, at a meeting of said corporation called for that purpose, or at the next annual meeting of said corporation, in the call for which the notice for the change herein provided shall be given, to surrender each and every of their certificates of stock, and to receive in exchange therefor certificates of special deposits for the amount of the par value of such capital stock so surrendered; and when said capital stock has been so surrendered, it shall be cancelled and not again issued.

Guaranty fund to be provided.

SEC. 2. For the protection and security of the general depositors, and others interested in said company, it shall provide for and have a permanent guaranty fund of not less than one hundred thousand dollars, with liberty to increase the same at pleasure, not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars. Said fund shall be kept and maintained as a guaranty to the general deposits, and all other *cestui que trusts* of said company of every nature, for the repayment of said

deposits according to the terms and conditions thereof, and the protection of all the creditors and obligees of said company, in case of any insufficiency of the assets of said company to pay all of its legal liabilities and obligations; and the general deposits, and other obligees shall have precedence of payment from the assets of the company before payment from said assets on account of said guaranty fund.

SEC. 3. The special deposits so received by said company, to constitute the guaranty fund before mentioned, shall not be withdrawn, except by the permission of said company, nor at any time, so as to reduce said fund below the amount required for the same as hereinbefore provided. The general deposits shall be entitled to such rate of interest as may be prescribed or agreed to, not, however, in any case to exceed the rate of six per cent. per year; and the special deposits for the guaranty fund shall not be entitled to any interest, but instead thereof shall have and be entitled to all the net income and profits of the company above its expenses, the interest due to the general deposits as aforesaid, and all taxes paid and losses incurred by the company. And said net income and profits may be divided proportionately among said special deposits, at such times and in such ways as the company or its directors may order: provided, however, that such dividends shall be made only when the net resources of the company above its expenses, its liabilities for the general deposits, and the guaranty fund aforesaid, shall be sufficient to pay the same.

Regulation as to guaranty fund, dividends, etc.

SEC. 4. The special depositors for the guaranty fund, and their assigns, shall by virtue thereof become and be members of the corporation, and have and exercise all the rights and powers of the same, each special depositor being entitled to one vote for each one hundred dollars of his or her said deposit. But no member shall incur or be subject to any individual liability in any case for any debts or liabilities of the corporation; and the management and control of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a board of not less than seven, or more than ten directors, to be chosen by the members of the corporation. A majority of said board at any meeting duly notified shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; and said board shall have the power to make and establish such rules and regulations as they may think proper, for transacting and governing the business of the corporation.

Special depositors to be members of corporation: individual liability, etc.

SEC. 5. Said company may purchase and hold real estate to the value, when purchased, of not exceeding forty thousand dollars, and may hold such amounts as may at any time be deemed advisable, for the security and satisfaction of any dues to it.

Limitation as to real estate.

SEC. 6. The special deposits for the guaranty fund shall be assessed and taxed in the same manner as is provided by law for the taxation of general deposits; and the treasurer of the company shall include the said guaranty fund with the general deposits in his annual statements to the state treasurer.

Taxation of special deposits.

SEC. 7. Said corporation, by a vote of a majority of its stockholders, present or duly represented at such meeting as is hereinbefore designated, may pass any needful vote to accept this act as an amendment to its charter, and to adopt the provisions herein contained; and, upon the adoption of this act by a majority

Stockholders by majority vote may accept this act.

of the stockholders of said corporation as herein provided, there shall be made and filed with the secretary of state a notice, signed by the president, treasurer, and a majority of the directors, within thirty days of the acceptance of this act; and whenever the amount of the capital stock has been surrendered and cancelled as hereinbefore provided, and the amount of special deposits of the guaranty fund, as also herein provided, shall have been paid in under the provisions of this act, a notice of such payment, in like manner signed by the president, treasurer, and a majority of the board of directors, shall be made and filed in the office of the secretary of state, specifying therein the sum so paid as a special deposit.

Subject to repeal: takes effect—when.

SEC. 8. The legislature may alter, amend, or repeal this act, whenever in their opinion the public good requires it, and this act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved July 12, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXXXII.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY."

SECTION

1. Charter amended.

SECTION

2. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

Charter amended.

SECTION 1. Said act of incorporation is hereby amended by striking out of section six the following words, namely,—“Said trustees shall be sworn to a faithful performance of the duties of their office, and”; of section seven, all the first sentence, and inserting instead thereof the following words, namely,—“Said board of trustees shall annually elect by ballot, from among their number, a president and a vice-president of the board and of the corporation, who shall hold their offices respectively one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified. They shall annually elect by ballot a clerk, who shall be and continue an inhabitant of this state, and keep his office therein; shall hold his office for one year and until his successor is elected and qualified; shall be the clerk of the board and of the corporation, and shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties. In case of his absence, a clerk for the time may be chosen, who shall be sworn and qualified in like manner. They shall elect by ballot a treasurer of the corporation, who shall, prior to entering upon his office, give bonds with sufficient sureties to the satisfaction of the board for the faithful discharge of his duties, and shall hold his office until his successor is chosen and qualified. They may annually appoint an executive committee, consisting of not less than three persons.”

Said act of incorporation is further amended by striking out all of section number ten, and styling section eleven as section ten, section twelve as section eleven, and section thirteen as section twelve.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect on and after its passage.
[Approved July 12, 1876.]

Takes effect—
when.

CHAPTER CXXXIII.

AN ACT TO SEVER THE HOMESTEAD FARM OF CHRISTOPHER C. FULLER AND JOSEPH E. FULLER FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 IN WESTMORELAND, AND ANNEX THE SAME TO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 IN SAID WESTMORELAND, FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

SECTION 1. Farm severed from one and annexed to another district.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. The homestead farm of Christopher C. Fuller and Joseph E. Fuller are hereby severed from school district number two in Westmoreland, and annexed to school district number one in said Westmoreland, for school purposes.

Farm severed
from one and
annexed to an-
other district.

[Approved July 12, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXXXIV.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PI CHAPTER OF THE DELTA KAPPA EPSILON FRATERNITY.

SECTION

1. Corporation constituted: its powers and duties.
2. Limitation as to real estate.

SECTION

3. Takes effect—when.
4. May be repealed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. That Philip Carpenter, William G. Davis, Robert J. Service, Augustus A. Babcock, Lewis H. Meader, Nathaniel W. Norton, Edward G. Bailey, Alfred S. Houghton, Edmund D. Libby, Henry B. Thayer, their associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby incorporated and made a body politic and corporate forever by the name of the Pi Chapter of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, for the purpose of advancing literary and scientific culture, and by that name may have a common seal, may sue and be sued, prosecute and defend to final judgment and execution, and are hereby invested with all the powers, privileges, and immunities,

Corporation
constituted: its
powers and
duties.

and made subject to all the liabilities, incident to corporations of a similar nature, with powers to make and amend their constitution, by-laws, rules, and regulations, for the government of said corporation and the management of its affairs, provided the same do not conflict with the constitution and laws of this state.

Limitation as to real estate.

SEC. 2. Said corporation may take and hold real and personal estate at Hanover in this state to an amount not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars, and may sell, convey, and otherwise dispose of the same, or any part thereof, for the purposes of said fraternity, at pleasure.

Takes effect—when.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

May be repealed.

SEC. 4. This act may be altered, amended, or repealed, whenever in the opinion of the legislature the public good shall require it.

[Approved June 12, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXXXV.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF THE CHARTER OF THE SECOND LITTLETON BRIDGE CORPORATION.

SECTION

- 1. Rates of toll established.
- 2. Repealing clause.

SECTION

- 3. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

Rates of toll established.

SECTION 1. The tolls on the bridge of "The Proprietors of the Second Bridge in Littleton," shall be as follows, viz.: For each foot passenger, two cents; for each horse with rider, or led, five cents; for each sled, cart, or wagon, drawn by one horse or a yoke of oxen, ten cents; for each additional horse or yoke of oxen attached, five cents; for each chaise, sleigh, or other vehicle of pleasure, with one horse attached, ten cents; for each additional horse, five cents; for horses, mules, or neat cattle in droves, two cents each; for sheep or swine in droves, eight mills each.

Repealing clause.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Takes effect—when.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved July 12, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXXXVI.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO THE CHARTER OF THE PORTSMOUTH AND DOVER RAILROAD.

SECTION

1. Directors authorized to issue stock to present stockholders.

SECTION

2. Bonds may be issued if stockholders refuse to take stock.
3. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. That, for the purpose of completing the Portsmouth and Dover Railroad and paying the existing debts thereof, the directors of said corporation are authorized to divide and apportion among the existing stockholders of said railroad, including the cities of Dover and Portsmouth, shares of their capital stock not heretofore issued, to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, to be taken and paid for by said stockholders at the par value thereof.

Directors authorized to issue stock to present stockholders.

SEC. 2. If any of said stockholders shall neglect or refuse to take their proportional share of the stock so divided, the said railroad, at a corporate meeting called for the purpose, may by vote authorize the directors to issue, instead of the stock so refused, bonds of the said railroad, to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, bearing interest not exceeding three per cent. semi-annually, and convertible into stock at the pleasure of the holder, and to issue the same at not less than the par value thereof, and to apply the proceeds thereof to pay said debts and complete said railroad. And said cities of Dover and Portsmouth are hereby authorized to take their several proportionate shares of said stock or bonds.

Bonds may be issued if stockholders refuse to take stock.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from its passage.

Takes effect—when.

[Approved July 12, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXXXVII.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 20 IN CONCORD TO LIGHT ITS STREETS.

SECTION

1. Precinct established: purpose.
2. Officers.
3. May raise money.

SECTION

4. First meeting: annual meeting.
5. Not effective, unless, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

Precinct established: purpose.

SECTION 1. School district No. 20 in the city of Concord, as now bounded, shall be a precinct for the purpose of lighting the streets in the thickly settled parts thereof.

Officers.

SEC. 2. The officers of said precinct shall be a moderator, a clerk, and a precinct committee of three, to be elected by ballot and by major vote at the annual meetings of the legal voters of said precinct.

May raise money.

SEC. 3. Said precinct, at the first and at any annual meeting thereafter, may raise money for the purpose of paying the expense of lamp-posts, lamps, and other apparatus, and other expenses of lighting the streets of said precinct, to be assessed, collected, and paid over to said committee in the same manner as is by law provided in the case of school-house taxes.

First meeting: annual meeting.

SEC. 4. David Putnam, William H. Bell, and Charles H. Amsden, or either two of them, may call the first meeting of the legal voters of said precinct, to be held in the month of August, 1876, in the manner provided for calling school-district meetings; and the annual meetings shall be held in March in each year thereafter, and be called by the precinct committee in the manner aforesaid.

Not effective, unless, etc.

SEC. 5. This act shall not take effect and be in force unless adopted by major vote of the legal voters present and voting at the first meeting; and if so adopted, officers may be elected at said first meeting, to hold till the next annual meeting and till others are elected and qualified.

[Approved July 12, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXXXVIII.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF PRUDENTIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 IN NEWMARKET.

SECTION 1. Committeeto consist of three—how chosen. | SECTION 2. Vacancy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. The prudential school committee in school district No. 1 in Newmarket shall consist of three members, and they shall hold their office for the term of three years, and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead : provided, however, that at the next annual election one member shall be chosen for one year, one for two years, and one for three years ; and after the next annual election one member shall be chosen annually for the term of three years.

Committee to consist of three: how chosen.

SEC. 2. In case a vacancy shall occur of any member of said committee, the member elected to fill such vacancy shall hold his office for the unexpired term.

Vacancy.

[Approved July 12, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXXXIX.

AN ACT TO UNITE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 IN RICHMOND TO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 IN SAID TOWN.

SECTION 1. School districts united. | SECTION 2. Takes effect on its passage.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. That school district No. 12 in Richmond is hereby annexed to and made a part of school district No. 9 in said town, for school purposes.

School districts united.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Takes effect on its passage.

[Approved July 13, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXL.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A BOARD OF EDUCATION IN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 IN MEREDITH.

SECTION

- 1. District may elect a board of education: their number: how chosen.
- 2. Duties of board.
- 3. Their organization and compensation.
- 4. Treasurer and agent.

SECTION

- 5. Board to make annual report to town committee.
- 6. Annual meeting.
- 7. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

District may elect a board of education: their number: how chosen.

SECTION 1. School district number five in Meredith, in the county of Belknap, is hereby authorized, at any legal meeting duly notified for the purpose, to choose, by ballot and by major vote of the qualified voters of the district present and voting, a board of education consisting of six persons, having the legal qualifications prescribed by law for prudential and school committees, two of whom shall hold office for one year, two for two years, and two for three years, from the time of the annual meeting in March, 1877, and until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead,—the term of office of each to be determined by lot at the first meeting of the board, and a record thereof made. Two members of said board shall be chosen annually, at every annual meeting of the district after the first choice thereof as aforesaid, by ballot and by major vote of the qualified voters of the district present and voting, to fill the vacancies that will annually occur by the expiration of the term of office of two of the incumbents, and to hold office for three years and until others shall be duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring from any other cause may be filled in like manner at a special meeting held for the purpose, otherwise at the next annual meeting; and the person chosen to fill such vacancy shall hold office during the unexpired term, and until another shall be duly chosen and qualified in his stead.

Duties of board.

SEC. 2. Said board shall have the care and custody of all property belonging to the district, shall employ teachers and fix their compensation, shall have the control and management of the schools of the district and examine and allow all claims arising therefrom, and generally shall have and enjoy all the power and authority and perform all the duties by law pertaining to the offices of prudential and school committees.

Their organization and compensation.

SEC. 3. Said board shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties, shall choose a president and secretary of their own number, and shall hold meetings as often as may be necessary for the discharge of their duties; and the secretary shall keep a record of all their proceedings in books kept for that purpose, at the expense of the district. They shall receive no compensation for their services except such sum as the town of Meredith may allow them for

performing the duties of school committee within said district, which may be apportioned among them according to the services rendered by each in that capacity.

SEC. 4. A report of receipts and disbursements during the year shall be made to the district at every annual meeting by said board, or by such member of the board as they may appoint to act as treasurer, and if they so elect, to act as agent in providing fuel, furniture, and other necessaries for the accommodation of the various schools of the district, who shall receive such compensation as the district may determine.

Treasurer and agent.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of said board to make a report to the school committee of said town of Meredith on or before the first day of March of each year, containing such facts as said school committee shall be required by law to report to the town at its next annual meeting, and such other information as said school committee shall have occasion to use in making any report required by law to be made.

Board to make annual report to town committee.

SEC. 6. The annual meeting of said district shall be held in the month of March.

Annual meeting.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Takes effect — when.

[Approved July 13, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXLI.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH.

SECTION

1. Portsmouth divided into four wards.
2. Election of city and ward officers.
3. Aldermen, councilmen, assessors, overseer of the poor.
4. School committee.
5. City officers to qualify—when.
6. Non-elective officers to be appointed—when.
7. Present incumbents to hold—how long.
8. Mayor to have veto in certain cases.
9. Balloting by general ticket.
10. Polls to be closed at 6 P. M.
11. Inspectors of check-lists.
12. To prepare lists and deliver them to ward clerks.
13. Meetings for correcting check-lists, etc.

SECTION

14. Ballots and check-lists to be delivered to clerk of inspectors.
15. Ratable polls : credentials of representatives: copy of record of votes.
16. Ward officers not to alter check-lists: punishment for neglect of duty.
17. Oath as to legal voters.
18. Oath as to ratable polls.
19. Punishment for swearing falsely and doing wrongfully.
20. Clerk to certify that oaths were taken.
21. First meetings—how called.
22. Voters not disqualified by this act.
23. Repealing clause.
24. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. The city of Portsmouth hereby is and shall continue to be divided into four wards, which shall be constituted as follows: Ward one shall contain all that part of said city situated northerly of a line beginning at the Piscataqua river at the Spring market, and running through the centre of Bow street and Market street, through Market square and the centre of Congress street

Portsmouth divided into four wards.

Ward 1.

and Islington street to a point opposite Cass street, thence by the easterly line of land of Thomas Wardwell to the track of the Eastern Railroad, thence through the centre of said track to Creek street, thence through the centre of Creek street to Bartlett street, thence through the centre of Bartlett street to Woodbury street, thence through the centre of Woodbury street to Newington road, thence through the centre of Newington road to Dodge's lanc, so called, thence through the centre of said lanc to the westerly end thereof, thence by a direct line to the junction of Sherburne road with the new road leading from Myrtle street to Newington, thence through the centre of said new road to the line between Portsmouth and Newington. Ward two shall contain all that part of said city included within a line beginning at the Spring market and running through the centre of Bow street and Market street, through Market square and the centre of Congress street and Islington street to Cass street, thence through the centre of Cass street to a point opposite the centre of State street, thence by a direct line to the junction of Middle road and Lafayette road, thence through the centre of Lafayette road and South road to Richards avenue, thence by a direct line to Wentworth street, thence through the centre of Wentworth street to the centre of Pleasant street, thence to and through the centre of Washington street to Puddle dock, thence through said dock to the river, and by the river to the point begun at. Ward three shall contain all that part of said city lying westerly of wards one and two and the centre line of Lafayette road. Ward four shall contain all that part of said city not included in the above described wards, including all the islands except Noble's island.

Ward 2.

Ward 3.

Ward 4.

Election of city
and ward off-
icers.

SEC. 2. The annual meeting of the legal voters of said city for the choice of city and ward officers shall be holden on the first Tuesday of August in each year, and all city or ward officers who are chosen by the people shall be chosen by ballot, and shall hold their respective offices for one year from and including the second Tuesday of August, and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead.

Aldermen.

SEC. 3. The board of aldermen of said city shall consist of nine members, of whom wards one and two shall each choose three, ward three shall choose one, and ward four shall choose two; and the common council shall consist of eighteen members, of whom wards one and two shall choose six each, ward three shall choose two, and ward four shall choose four. The board of assessors of taxes for said city shall consist of nine members, of whom wards one and two shall each choose three, ward three shall choose one, and ward four shall choose two. There shall also be chosen in each of said wards one overseer of the poor.

Common coun-
cil.

Assessors.

Overseers of
the poor.School com-
mittee.

SEC. 4. At the annual city election the several wards shall each choose as many persons to serve as school committee as they are entitled to choose aldermen respectively, who shall hold their office for one year, and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead. The committee so chosen shall annually elect a high school committee of three members from their own number, or otherwise; the members of the high school committee may sit and act with the school committee; and the committees so chosen and

constituted shall have the same powers and perform all the duties which now by law appertain to the school committee and high school committee respectively.

SEC. 5. The mayor, aldermen, and common council shall hereafter meet in convention, for the purpose of taking the oaths of their respective offices, on the second Tuesday of August in each year, at ten o'clock in the forenoon; and on said day the city councils shall, in joint convention and by joint ballot, elect a city-clerk, who shall be qualified and enter upon the discharge of the duties of his office on the second Tuesday of August in each year: provided, however, in the case of a vacancy, or a failure to elect on said second Tuesday of August, said vacancy may be filled or election made at any other time.

City officers to qualify—when.

SEC. 6. All city officers, with the exception of city-clerk, who are now required to be chosen or appointed by the mayor and aldermen, or by the city councils in joint convention, shall be so chosen or appointed in the month of August in each year, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient.

Non-elective officers to be appointed—when.

SEC. 7. The mayor, aldermen, common council, assessors of taxes, overseers of the poor, and school committee, now in office in said city, shall hold their respective offices until the second Tuesday of August next, and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead, and no longer; and all officers, now in office in said city, elected by the city councils, or appointed by the mayor and aldermen, shall hold their respective offices until others are elected and qualified in their stead, and no longer. All such officers shall be entitled to receive pay only for such portions of the year as they may have served.

Present incumbents to hold—how long.

SEC. 8. The mayor of said city shall have a negative upon the action of the aldermen in laying out highways and streets, and in all matters appertaining to railroads in which said city may be interested, and no vote relating to these subjects can be passed over his veto, unless by a vote of two thirds at least of all the aldermen elected.

Mayor to have veto in certain cases.

SEC. 9. In balloting for state, county, city, and ward officers, school committee, representative to congress, or electors of president and vice-president of the United States, the ballots for so many of said officers or persons there to be voted for, in the different wards of said city, shall be given in by the voter on one list or ballot, or so many of such officers or persons as the voter determines to vote for, with the respective offices designated against the name of each person voted for.

Balloting by general ticket.

SEC. 10. At all elections held in said city, for state, county, city, and ward officers, representative to congress, or electors of president and vice-president of the United States, the polls shall be closed at six o'clock in the afternoon of the day of election, and of the day of any adjournment from that day, and no ballot shall be given in, received, or placed in the ballot-box after the striking of six o'clock of the day when the balloting takes place.

Polls to be closed at 6 P. M.

SEC. 11. There is hereby established in said city a board to be called inspectors of check-lists, to consist of seven persons, of whom at each annual election the first and second wards shall each choose two, and the third and fourth wards shall each choose one. The

Inspectors of check-lists.

persons thus chosen, having been first sworn in the manner prescribed for town officers, shall choose a chairman from their own number; they shall also choose a clerk, who shall be *ex-officio* a member of the board of inspectors, and shall be sworn. A certificate of the oaths of all the members shall be recorded by the city clerk. The clerk of the inspectors shall keep a record of the proceedings of the board: he shall continue in office until his successor is chosen and qualified.

Inspectors to prepare check-lists,—

And deliver them to ward clerks.

Manner of preparing them.

Meetings for correcting check-lists, &c.

SEC. 12. Said inspectors shall prepare, post, revise, and correct, in the manner selectmen of towns are required to do, an alphabetical list of the legal voters in each ward; and for that purpose shall have access to any books or lists belonging to said city, or to any ward in said city, and shall have the assistance of any of the city or ward officers they may require; and they shall deliver an attested copy of the lists of voters, so prepared and corrected, to the clerks of the respective wards before the opening of any meeting of the voters; and the said ward clerks shall use the lists of voters so prepared and corrected, and no others, at the elections in said wards. In preparing the lists of voters, said inspectors shall record the first or Christian name of each voter in full, but may use initial letters to designate the middle name or names of any voter; they shall also record against the name of each voter the name of the street, and number of the dwelling if numbered, in which said voter resides; if not numbered, then such description as shall indicate as nearly as possible the residence of such voter.

SEC. 13. The said board of inspectors shall be in public session at the city building, or such other place as they may designate, for the purpose of revising and correcting the lists of voters, three days at least, within fourteen days next preceding the day of election, the last two days of such sessions to be held within one week of said election, from nine o'clock A. M. to twelve M., and from two to five o'clock P. M., on each of said days. Due notice of such public sessions shall be given. The inspectors shall hear all applications for the insertion of any name upon said lists, or the erasure of any name therefrom, and may examine the party or any witnesses thereto upon oath, which may be administered by any member of the board. They shall insert the name of every legal voter omitted, and erase the name of every person not a legal voter; and when any name has been placed upon said lists it shall not be stricken therefrom except in open session. The inspectors may prescribe such regulations, and require the aid of such police, as shall secure order and the right of each person to be heard; and there shall be no abridgement of the elective franchise, or other qualification required than those prescribed by the laws of this state. The said board shall also be in session from 8 to 10 A. M., and from 1 to 2 o'clock P. M., on the day of election; and in case the name of any person has been omitted from the check-lists who the said board are satisfied is a legal voter agreeably to the provisions of section five of chapter twenty-eight of the General Statutes, the inspectors shall certify the same to the moderator of the ward in which he is entitled to vote, who shall receive his vote, and the ward-clerk shall check the name of such person so voting

on the back of said certificate, and shall return the same to the clerk of the inspectors with the check-list.

SEC. 14. As soon as a declaration of votes shall have been made at any election, the moderator shall deliver all the ballots given in to the clerk of the ward, and the said clerk shall seal up said ballots, and direct and deliver the same, together with the lists of voters used at said election, and a copy of the declaration of votes attested by himself, within one hour after the adjournment of such meeting, to the clerk of the board of inspectors, who shall receipt for the same, and immediately lay them before the said board who shall be in session to receive them, and who shall preserve the ballots for six months: provided, however, that such parts only of sections twelve and thirteen of this act as the board of inspectors shall deem necessary shall apply in special elections.

Ballots and check-lists to be delivered to clerk of inspectors.

SEC. 15. The board of inspectors shall enter upon the back of the lists of voters used in each ward at the annual meeting for the election of representatives to the general court, within one week after such meeting, the name of every male inhabitant of the age of twenty-one years and upward who were not legal voters, but were and had been for six months next preceding such annual meeting actual residents of the ward, or who had paid a tax in said city for the year preceding such annual meeting, as ratable polls; and the certificates of election of representatives to the general court from the several wards shall be made out, certified, and signed by the clerk of the said board of inspectors; and the clerk of said board shall certify that the check-list of the ward was duly posted and used during the balloting on which such representative was chosen, the number of ratable polls in such ward, and the number of voters upon the check-list as corrected on the day of such annual meeting. The clerk of each ward shall make out a fair and exact copy of the record of all votes given in at the annual meeting for the election of representatives to the general court, and shall certify upon said copy that the check-list was used during the balloting on which such representatives were chosen, and that the same is a true copy of said record, and shall seal said copy, and direct and deliver the same to the clerk of the board of inspectors, with a superscription upon the same expressing the purport thereof, within two days after such meeting.

Ratable polls to be entered on back of check-lists.

Certificates of election of representatives.

Ward clerks to certify results of election to clerk of inspectors.

SEC. 16. If the moderator, selectmen, or ward-clerk, or any other person, shall alter any check-lists, after the same shall have been delivered by the inspectors to the ward-clerk, by adding any name or names thereto, or erasing any name or names therefrom, or in any way changing the lists, such officer or person so offending shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months; and any officer or person neglecting or refusing to comply with the terms and requirements of sections ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, or fifteen of this act, or offending against the provisions thereof, shall be punished by a like fine or imprisonment.

Ward officers not to alter check-lists; punishment for neglect of duty.

SEC. 17. The board of inspectors of check-lists in said city of Portsmouth, at every meeting of the legal voters of each ward in said city for the choice of state and county officers, representatives in congress, or electors of president and vice-president of

Oath as to legal voters.

the United States, shall, before the check-lists are delivered to the clerks of the several wards, take and subscribe on the back of the check-lists to be used at such meetings the following oath, which may be taken before the city-clerk, or any justice of the peace or notary public, the blank in the same being first properly filled: We, the inspectors of check-lists in the city of Portsmouth, do solemnly swear that, according to our best knowledge, the within list contains the names of those persons only who are by actual residence legal voters in Ward — in said city. So help us God. The clerk or magistrate, before whom said oath is taken, shall make on the back of said check-list a certificate thereof.

Oath as to ratable polls.

SEC. 18. The board of inspectors of check-lists in said city shall take and subscribe on the back of the check-lists used at the annual meeting the following oath, which may be taken before the city-clerk, or any justice of the peace or notary public, the blank in the same being first properly filled: We, the inspectors of check-lists in the city of Portsmouth, do solemnly swear that, according to our best knowledge, the names of those persons only who were not legal voters at the last annual meeting, but were actual residents and ratable polls in Ward — in said city, are entered upon the back of the within list. So help us God. The clerk or magistrate, before whom said oath is taken, shall make on the back of said check-list a certificate thereof.

Punishment for swearing falsely and doing wrongfully.

SEC. 19. Any inspector who shall swear falsely, in taking either of the oaths prescribed by this act, shall be taken and deemed to be guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury, and be liable to the punishment prescribed therefor; and if any inspector, appointed under the provisions of this act, shall wilfully, fraudulently, or wickedly place upon any check-list the name of any person who is not a legal voter in the ward to which the check-list belongs, or shall consent thereto, or suffer or permit the name of any person, not a lawful voter in the ward, to be or remain on the check-list, or shall refuse to place upon such check-list the name of any person who is a legal voter in the ward, or shall neglect or refuse to attend to the duties of his office, or to hear fairly and fully all applications for the correction of any check-list, or shall in any way conduct dishonestly, unfairly, or unjustly in the discharge of the duties of his office, he shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months, and by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, to the use of the county of Rockingham.

Clerk to certify that oaths were taken.

SEC. 20. In making out the certificate of any representative from any ward in said city, the clerk of the board of inspectors shall certify whether or not the foregoing oaths, prescribed by the seventeenth and eighteenth sections of this act, were taken and subscribed by the inspectors on the back of the check-list used in each ward at the annual meeting.

First meetings—how called.

SEC. 21. The following named persons, being first duly sworn, may call the first meeting of the legal voters, in the several wards of said city as constituted by this act, to be held on the first Tuesday of August next, for the choice of city and ward officers, inspectors of check-lists, and school committee,—namely, John H. Locke, William C. Ham, and Emanuel Charlesworth, or any two of them, may call said meeting in ward one; William A. Ashe, Casper

Morris Tredick, and Benjamin M. Parker, or any two of them, in ward two; Charles A. C. Gray, William Sladden, and Edward D. Coffin, or any two of them, in ward three; William B. Randall, William F. Russell, and George M. Ayers, or any two of them, in ward four,—who shall prepare, post up, revise, and correct, in the manner in which selectmen in said city have heretofore been required to do, an alphabetical list of the voters in each of said wards to which they are hereby respectively assigned; and they shall issue and serve their warrants for said meeting of the legal voters in their respective wards, for the choice of all city and ward officers, inspectors of check-lists, and school committee, who are elected by the people. Such warrants shall be posted at least fourteen days before the time appointed for said meeting, and shall designate the time and place for the meetings of the respective wards. At said meeting, and until inspectors of check-lists and selectmen shall be elected and qualified in their stead, they shall exercise in their respective wards all the rights and perform all the duties which have heretofore been incumbent upon selectmen in said city. They may appoint for each of said wards in which they respectively act as such selectmen, a moderator and clerk, who, being first duly sworn, may perform all the duties now incumbent upon said officers, until others are chosen and qualified in their stead.

SEC. 22. Any person qualified to vote at any meeting, held within six months from the passage of this act, in any ward as now constituted, shall have the right to vote in the ward in which he shall become an inhabitant by the provisions of this act.

Voters not disqualified by this act.

SEC. 23. That the act entitled “An act in amendment of the charter of the city of Portsmouth,” approved July second, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act, so far as they relate to the city of Portsmouth, are hereby repealed.

Repealing clause.

SEC. 24. This act shall take effect from its passage.
[Approved July 13, 1876.]

Takes effect—when.

CHAPTER CXLII.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO THE ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TRUSTEES OF THE BRACKETT ACADEMY IN GREENLAND.

SECTION

1. Trustees may be chosen from inhabitants of Greenland.

SECTION

2. May convey real estate to the town.
3. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. The act passed the twenty-second day of December, A. D. 1824, entitled “An act to incorporate the trustees of the Brackett Academy in Greenland,” is hereby so far amended that the

Trustees may be chosen from inhabitants of Greenland.

trustees, or any part of them, may be chosen from inhabitants of the town of Greenland.

May convey real estate to the town.

SEC. 2. The trustees of said corporation are hereby authorized to transfer or convey to the town of Greenland the real estate belonging to said corporation, upon such terms and to such uses as to the said trustees may seem expedient.

Takes effect—when.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force whenever the same shall be accepted by said trustees.

[Approved July 13, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXLIII.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A BOARD OF EDUCATION IN UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 AND 15 IN LEBANON.

SECTION

1. District authorized to choose a board of education.

SECTION

2. Powers of board.

3. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

District authorized to choose a board of education.

SECTION 1. Union high school district number fourteen and fifteen in Lebanon, in the county of Grafton, is hereby authorized, at its next annual meeting, to choose, by ballot and by major vote of the qualified voters of the district present and voting, a board of education, consisting of three persons having legal qualifications prescribed by law for prudential and school committees, one of whom shall hold office for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead,—the term of office of each to be determined by lot at the first meeting of the board, and a record thereof made. One member of said board shall be chosen annually at every annual meeting of the district after the first choice thereof as aforesaid, by ballot and by major vote of the qualified voters of the district present and voting, to fill the vacancy that will annually occur by the expiration of the term of office of one of the incumbents, to hold office for three years, and until another shall be duly chosen and qualified in his stead. Any vacancy occurring from any other cause may be filled in like manner at a special meeting held for the purpose, otherwise at the next annual meeting; and the person chosen to fill such vacancy shall hold office during the unexpired term, and until another shall be duly chosen and qualified in his stead.

Powers of board.

SEC. 2. Said board of education shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties, and shall have and enjoy all the power and authority, and perform all the duties, and be subject to the same liabilities, by law pertaining to the offices of prudential and high school committees for said district.

Takes effect—when.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved July 13, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXLIV.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SOUHEGAN FALLS MILLS.

SECTION

- 1. Corporation constituted.
- 2. Business: location: limitation as to real estate.
- 3. Capital stock.

SECTION

- 4. First meeting.
- 5. Subject to repeal.
- 6. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. That Josiah G. Graves, Theodore H. Wood, John G. Kimball, Gilman C. Shattuck, and George S. Neville, their associates and successors, be and they are incorporated and made a body corporate and politic by the name of the Souhegan Falls Mills, and by that name may sue and be sued, prosecute and defend to final judgment and execution, and be known and distinguished in all their acts and proceedings; and shall be and hereby are invested with all the powers and privileges and made subject to all the liabilities incident to corporations of a similar nature.

Corporation constituted.

SEC. 2. That said corporation be authorized to carry on the manufacturing of cotton and woollen goods, furniture, and the usual branches of machinery necessary for carrying on the same, and all articles that are usually made from wood, iron, steel, clay, wool, silk, or flax, at Wilton in the county of Hillsborough, and may purchase, hold, improve, or sell real estate to an amount not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Business: location: limitation: as to real estate.

SEC. 3. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed two hundred thousand dollars, and be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

Capital stock.

SEC. 4. That any three of the persons above named may call the first meeting of said corporation, to be holden at any suitable time and place, by publishing a notice thereof in some newspaper published in the county of Hillsborough aforesaid, seven days at least prior thereto.

First meeting.

SEC. 5. The legislature may alter, amend, or repeal this act, whenever in their opinion the public good shall require it.

Subject to repeal.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Takes effect — when.

[Approved July 13, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXLV.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE MOTOLINIA LODGE, NO. 18, I. O. OF O. F., AT ROCHESTER.

SECTION

- 1. Corporation constituted: purpose and property.
- 2. First meeting.

SECTION

- 3. Repealing clause.
- 4. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

Corporation constituted: purpose and property.

SECTION 1. That Augustus S. Parshley, Charles F. Caverly, John H. Nutter, Stephen D. Wentworth, Larkin B. Moulton, David Legro, Zenas H. Nute, Abijah U. Nason, Leander S. Nute, Albert M. Howe, their associates and successors, be and they hereby are made a body politic and corporate by the name of Motolinia Lodge, No. 18, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for such charitable and benevolent purposes as said corporation may from time to time designate, and by that name may sue and be sued, prosecute and defend to final judgment and execution, and shall be vested with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the liabilities of corporations of a similar nature ; and may take and hold real and personal estate, by donation, bequest, or otherwise, for the purposes of said corporation, to an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, and the same sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of at pleasure.

First meeting.

SEC. 2. The first five persons above named, or any three of them, may call the first meeting of said corporation, by giving notice to each of the persons named in this act eight days at least prior to said meeting.

Repealing clause.

SEC. 3. That the act approved July 3, 1866, entitled an act to incorporate Motolinia Lodge, No. 18, I. O. of O. F., is hereby repealed.

Takes effect — when.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.
[Approved July 13, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXLVI.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE ACADEMIC SCHOOL IN CONWAY TO CHANGE LOCATION AND UNITE WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

SECTION

1. Trustees authorized to change location and remove buildings.

SECTION

2. May unite with school districts.
3. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. That the trustees of the Academic School at Conway are hereby authorized and empowered to change the location of said school to any part of the village, sell the present site and purchase a new one, and remove the buildings thereto.

Trustees authorized to change location and remove buildings.

SEC. 2. Said Academic School may unite with the village school district and any contiguous school districts thereto, under the laws of the state authorizing the union of contiguous school districts, and shall have the rights and powers of a school district in said union.

May unite with school districts.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.
[Approved July 17, 1876.]

Takes effect — when.

CHAPTER CXLVII.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PEMIGEWASSET FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

SECTION

1. Corporation constituted.
2. Place of business.
3. Capital stock: property.
4. By-laws.
5. First meeting.

SECTION

6. Company to notify commissioner of organization.
7. May be repealed.
8. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. That Joseph A. Dodge, Nathan H. Weeks, Joseph Burrows, John Mason, Charles A. Jewell, John S. Rollins, Thomas J. Sanborn, Frank H. Rollins, and their associates, successors, and assigns, be and hereby are incorporated and made a body politic by the name of the Pemigewasset Fire Insurance Company of the State of New Hampshire, for the purpose of making and effecting insurance against losses by fire, and by that name may sue and be sued, prosecute and defend to final judgment and execution ; and said corporation is hereby vested with all the powers and privileges and

Corporation constituted.

subject to all the liabilities which by law are incident to corporations of a similar nature.

Place of business.

SEC. 2. Said corporation shall be established and have its principal place of business in the county of Grafton.

Capital stock: property.

SEC. 3. Said corporation shall have a capital stock of not less than fifty thousand dollars, which may be increased from time to time, at the pleasure of said corporation, to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of twenty-five dollars each; and may purchase, receive, hold, and convey personal and real estate to such an amount as may be necessary for the proper management of the business and concerns of the corporation.

By-laws.

SEC. 4. Said corporation, at any meeting duly held, may adopt such by-laws, not inconsistent with the laws of this state, as shall be convenient and necessary for the proper management of the business and concerns of the corporation, and the prosecution of fire insurance.

First meeting.

SEC. 5. Any person named in this act may call the first meeting of said corporation, by giving notice thereof in writing to each person named in this act at least fifteen days prior to said meeting.

Company to notify commissioner of organization.

SEC. 6. Before issuing any policy, the company shall notify the insurance commissioner of its organization and readiness to commence business,—who shall thereupon make careful examination of the organization of the company, its capital stock, how and by whom the same has been paid, also in what class of securities it is invested. If the insurance commissioner is satisfied upon such examination that the company is entitled to the confidence and patronage of the public, he shall issue a certificate authorizing the company to commence business: and no policy shall be issued by the company until such certificate has been obtained.

May be repealed.

SEC. 7. The legislature may alter, amend, or repeal this act whenever the public good shall require.

Takes effect when.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

[Approved July 17, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXLVIII.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE WOLFEBOROUGH JUNCTION SAVINGS BANK.

SECTION

1. Corporation constituted.
2. Management of deposits.
3. Real estate: 40 per cent. of deposits to be invested—how.
4. Not to issue bills: compensation of officers.
5. Officers: treasurer's bond.

SECTION

6. Limitation of membership: quorum.
7. By-laws.
8. Seal: contracts, etc.
9. Deposits by minors.
10. First meeting.
11. May be repealed: takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. That John W. Sanborn, Dudley C. Colman, Charles Chesley, Robert H. Pike, Herbert F. Stevens, Daniel S. Burley, Charles A. Varney, Andrew J. Milliken, Samuel W. Roberts, William A. Maleham, George Gage, George H. Gage, John G. Sanborn, Ebenezer Garvin, Daniel Brackett, Charles Churchill, George H. Robinson, Peter Cook, Jonathan W. Sanborn, Noah H. Roberts, Ebenezer Fall, Satchel Weeks, John S. Nason, and Samuel Yeaton, be and they are hereby constituted a corporation by the name of the Wolfeborough Junction Savings Bank, to be located at Wolfeborough Junction in the town of Wakefield, and they, and such others as shall be duly elected members of said corporation as hereinafter provided, shall be and remain a body politic and corporate by said name, and shall be vested with all the powers and privileges and be subject to all the liabilities of corporations of a similar nature.

Corporation constituted.

SEC. 2. That for the purpose of enabling industrious persons of all descriptions to invest such portions of their earnings as they can conveniently spare in a safe and profitable manner, the said corporation shall be capable of receiving, from any person or persons so disposed, any deposit or deposits of money, which they shall use, manage, and improve for the benefit and advantage of the person or persons by or for whom the same shall be respectively deposited; and the net income and profit of all deposits of money received by said corporation shall be paid out and distributed in just proportions among the several persons by and for whom said deposits shall have been made, agreeably to such reasonable rules and by-laws as may be established by said corporation; and the amount of such deposits may be withdrawn by the persons entitled thereto at such reasonable times and in such manner as said corporation may direct and appoint, or according to such lawful conditions and limitations as the depositors, agreeably to the regulations of said corporation, may have respectively prescribed and annexed to their deposits.

Management of deposits.

SEC. 3. Said corporation shall be capable of receiving and holding such buildings and real estate as shall be necessary and convenient for managing its affairs, provided such real estate held at

Real estate: 40 per cent. of deposits to be invested—how.

any one time for such purposes shall not exceed in value at the time of the purchase or acceptance thereof by said corporation the sum of ten thousand dollars; and the said corporation shall be further allowed to take, hold, and dispose of any real estate whatever, which may be mortgaged or pledged for the security of its loans or debts due to it, or which may be conveyed to or taken by said corporation in satisfaction or discharge of debts, demands, or liabilities which shall have been previously contracted or incurred; and provided further, that of the gross amount of deposits in said bank, the sum of forty per cent. at least shall be loaned upon real estate securities in this or some other of the New England states, or on notes of individuals with sufficient securities or good collaterals.

Not to issue bills: compensation of officers.

SEC. 4. Said corporation shall not make and issue any bill or promissory note to circulate as currency; and the president and members of said corporation shall receive no compensation for their services in said bank, or derive any emolument therefrom: provided, however, that a reasonable allowance may from time to time be made to their treasurer or secretary, and such agents as the business of the institution shall render necessary; and the books and accounts of the corporation shall be open at all times to the inspection of the governor of this state, or the bank commissioners, or of a committee of either branch of the legislature.

Officers: treasurer's bond.

SEC. 5. The officers of this corporation shall consist of a president, a treasurer,—who shall give bonds in the sum of not less than twenty-five thousand dollars; and when the deposits shall amount to one hundred thousand dollars, ten thousand dollars additional bonds shall be required, and ten thousand dollars additional bonds for every one hundred thousand dollars deposits thereafter, for the faithful discharge of his duty,—a secretary, and as many trustees and directors as the corporation may deem necessary, and such other officers as may be required for managing the affairs of the institution, which officers shall be elected by ballot, shall hold their offices for one year and until others are chosen and have accepted in their stead, and shall be sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of their offices respectively.

Limitation of membership: quorum.

SEC. 6. This corporation shall, at their first meeting under this act and at any subsequent annual meeting thereafter, have power to elect by ballot any other person or persons not exceeding fifty, including those who are at the time of such election members of said corporation; and any number not less than seven shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting which shall have been duly named [warned] in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws of said corporation.

By-laws.

SEC. 7. This corporation shall have power to make such by-laws as are necessary and proper for the management of the affairs of the institution,—provided, however, that they are not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the state.

Seal: contracts, etc.

SEC. 8. This corporation may have a common seal, which they may change or renew at pleasure; and all deeds, conveyances, grants, covenants, and agreements made by the treasurer, or any other person by their authority, shall be good and valid in law; and said corporation may sue and be sued, and shall have power to

prosecute and defend to final judgment and execution, by the name and style aforesaid.

SEC. 9. Whenever any deposit shall be made by any minor, the trustees of said corporation may, at their discretion, pay to such depositor such sum as may be due to him or her, although no guardian shall have been appointed for such minor, or the guardian shall not have authorized the drawing of the same; and the check, receipt, or acquittance of such minor shall be as valid as if the same was executed by the guardian of said minor, or said minor was of full age, if such deposit was made personally by said minor; nor shall this corporation be charged as trustee in any action on account of any deposit made by any minor.

Deposits by minors.

SEC. 10. John W. Sanborn, Dudley C. Colman, and Charles Chesley, or any two of them, are hereby authorized to call the first meeting of said corporation, by giving notice in writing to each of the corporators herein named, or leaving a like notice at the usual place of abode of each, or by publishing the same in some newspaper in the county of Carroll at least fifteen days before the day named for such meeting.

First meeting.

SEC. 11. The legislature may alter, amend, or repeal this law, when in their opinion the public good shall require it, and the same shall take effect from and after its passage.

May be repealed: takes effect—when.

[Approved July 17, 1876.]

CHAPTER CXLIX.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE GRAFTON COUNTY SAVINGS BANK IN THE TOWN OF HAVERHILL.

SECTION

1. Corporation constituted.
2. Management of deposits.
3. Real estate.
4. Deposits by minors.
5. Not to issue bills: compensation of officers.

SECTION

6. By-laws.
7. Books subject to official inspection.
8. First meeting.
9. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. That Samuel B. Page, Ezra B. Mann, Henry W. Ramsey, William Child, Alexander Warden, George W. Mann, George W. Chamberlin, William K. Wallace, Charles M. Weeks, Baxter P. Kimball, George S. Cummings, Moses Abbot, Charles B. Smith, their associates, successors, and assigns, be and they hereby are constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the Grafton County Savings Bank; and they, with such other persons as shall be duly elected and admitted members of said corporation at regular meetings thereof, according to such by-laws as may hereafter be established, shall be and remain a body corporate and politic by said name, and are and shall be invested with all the powers, rights, and privileges, and subject to all the duties and lia-

Corporation constituted.

bilities, which are or may be incident to corporations of a like nature by the laws of this state.

Management of deposits.

SEC. 2. Said corporation may receive from any person or persons any deposit or deposits of money, and may use, manage, and improve the same for the benefit of the depositors, in such manner as shall be convenient or necessary for the security and profitable investment thereof; and all deposits may be withdrawn, and the net income, or profit of the deposits, divided, at such reasonable times, and in such manner and proportions, and subject to such equitable rules and regulations, as said corporation shall from time to time prescribe, agreeably to the laws of this state.

Real estate.

SEC. 3. Said corporation may take and hold such real estate as shall be convenient in the transacting of the business thereof, but not exceeding in value, at the time of the purchase or acceptance thereof by said corporation, the sum of twenty thousand dollars; and said corporation may further take, hold, and dispose of such real estate as may in good faith be received by them, or for any debts, demands, or liabilities which may be owing or accrue to said corporation.

Deposits by minors.

SEC. 4. Whenever any deposit shall be made by any minor, the trustees of said corporation may, at their discretion, pay to such depositor such sums as may be due him or her, although no guardian shall have been appointed for such minor; and the check, receipt, or acquittance of such minor shall be as valid as if the same was executed by the guardian of said minor, or the said minor was of full age, if such deposit was personally by said minor.

Not to issue bills: compensation of officers.

SEC. 5. Said corporation shall not issue any bill or promissory note to circulate as currency, nor shall the members or officers of said corporation receive any profit or emolument from said savings bank: provided, however, that a reasonable compensation may from time to time be made to the treasurer, secretary, and agents of said corporation for services actually rendered.

By-laws.

SEC. 6. Said corporation may from time to time make such by-laws, rules, and regulations for its government, and for the management of the business thereof, as shall not be inconsistent with this act and the laws of this state.

Books subject to official inspection.

SEC. 7. The books and accounts of this corporation shall be at all times subject to the inspection of the governor and council, the bank commissioners, or other officers appointed for this purpose by either branch of the legislature; and the legislature may at any time alter, amend, or repeal this act.

First meeting.

SEC. 8. Samuel B. Page, Ezra B. Mann, and Henry W. Ramsey, or any two of them, may call the first meeting of this corporation, at such time and place and in such manner as they may think proper.

Takes effect—when.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.
[Approved July 17, 1876.]

CHAPTER CL.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER IMPROVEMENT COMPANY.

SECTION

1. Company to file bond to secure payment of damages to property within this state.
2. Action on the bond.

SECTION

3. Charter repealed, unless bond is filed.
4. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. That the Androscoggin River Improvement Company shall file in the office of the judge of probate for the county of Coös a bond to the said judge, with good and sufficient sureties residing in this state, to be approved by the said judge of probate, in the penal sum of fifty thousand dollars, conditional [conditioned] to pay and satisfy all final judgments which may be recovered against the said Androscoggin River Improvement Company in any court in this state, on account of any damage or injury heretofore done or that may hereafter be done by said corporation to any person within this state, in making or continuing their dams, sluices, side-booms, or other improvements made under their act of incorporation, approved June 19, 1852, or on account of any injury done by said corporation within this state by the use or control of the water of Androscoggin river, either within or without the limits named in their said act of incorporation.

Company to file bond to secure payment of damages to property within this state.

SEC. 2. In case of the neglect or refusal of the said Androscoggin River Improvement Company to pay and satisfy any such final judgment recovered against them as aforesaid, for the space of sixty days after demand made, the creditors may maintain an action upon the bond aforesaid in the name of the judge of probate for said county of Coös, and the proceedings in court in such suit shall conform, so far as may be, to the proceedings in regard to "Bonds to the judge of probate, and suits thereon," mentioned in chapter 187 of the General Statutes, from section 6 to section 17 inclusive.

Action on the bond.

SEC. 3. That unless the bond required by the first section of this act is filed on or before the first Tuesday of November, 1876, the act approved June 19, 1852, entitled "An act to incorporate the Androscoggin River Improvement Company," and also the act approved July 8, 1863, entitled "An act in amendment of an act to incorporate the Androscoggin River Improvement Company, approved June 19, 1852," be and the same are hereby repealed, from and after the said first Tuesday of November, 1876: provided, that any action then pending against said corporation may be prosecuted and defended to final judgment, the same as if this act had not been passed.

Charter repealed unless bond is filed.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect on its passage.
[Approved July 17, 1876.]

Takes effect—when.

CHAPTER CLI.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF DOVER.

SECTION

1. Ward one.
2. Ward two.
3. Ward three.
4. Ward four.
5. Aldermen and councilmen.
6. Ward officers.

SECTION

7. Board of assessors.
8. Board of instruction—how appointed: their duties.
9. Right to vote not affected by this act.
10. Repealing clause.
11. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

Ward 1.

SECTION 1. The dividing line between wards one and two of said city, instead of the dividing line heretofore established, shall hereafter be as follows: Commencing on the line of the town of Rollinsford, on the old road leading from Garrison hill to South Berwick, thence by said road westerly by the dwelling-house of Harrison Haley to the junction of said road with the road leading from Wiland's pond, so called, to Dover, thence by said last mentioned road to Franklin street, thence by the centre of Franklin street to its junction with Third street, thence by the centre of Third street to Chestnut street, thence by the centre of Chestnut street to the Cochecho river, and all the territory in said city lying northerly of said above described line, and between said Cochecho river and the town lines of Rollinsford and Somersworth, shall be included in and constitute ward one in said city.

Ward 2.

SEC. 2. Ward two shall contain all that part of said city lying northerly of said Cochecho river not included in ward one by the first section of this act, excepting that part of the same included between said river and a line drawn from the foot of Perkins street through the centre of said street, and across Main street to the centre of the lower bridge over said Cochecho river on Washington street.

Ward 3.

SEC. 3. The dividing line between wards three and four in said city, instead of the dividing line heretofore established, shall hereafter be as follows: Commencing at the line separating Dover from the town of Madbury at a point where said line is crossed by the track of the Boston and Maine Railroad, thence running by said railroad track to the centre of the bridge where the Littleworth road crosses said railroad, thence by the centre of said Littleworth road to Silver street, thence by the centre of Silver street to Locust street, thence by the centre of Locust street to St. Thomas street, thence by the centre of St. Thomas street to Central street, thence across Central street and easterly through the centre of the lane running southerly by the house of Peter McArdle to Payne street, thence in the same direct line produced to the centre of the channel of the Cochecho river, thence down said river to the foot of Perkins street, and all the territory in said city lying northerly of the above

described line, and between said line and the boundaries of wards one and two as constituted by this act, shall be included in and constitute ward three of said city.

SEC. 4. Ward four shall contain all the territory in said city not included in wards one, two, and three, as constituted by this act

Ward 4.

SEC. 5. At the next annual election of the city council, ward one shall choose two aldermen and three members of the common council, and wards two, three, and four shall each choose two aldermen and four members of the common council; and such shall continue to be their respective representation in the city council so long as the boundaries of said wards remain as herein above described.

Aldermen and councilmen.

SEC. 6. The selectmen, moderators, and ward-clerks now in office in the several wards of said city, shall cease to hold their respective offices from and after the passage of this act. The board of aldermen shall, on or before the first day of August next, appoint one person to act as moderator, one person to act as clerk, and three persons to act as selectmen in each of the several wards in said city, as constituted in this act; and the persons so appointed shall, on taking the oath of office by law prescribed, have, possess, and enjoy all the powers vested by law in such officers, and shall perform all the duties required by law to be performed by such officers, until the fourth Tuesday of March next, or until others are chosen and qualified in their stead. At the annual election for the choice of state officers, each ward of said city shall choose a moderator, three selectmen, and ward-clerk, who shall enter upon their respective offices on the fourth Tuesday of March ensuing, and hold the same for one year, or until others are chosen and qualified in their stead.

Ward officers.

SEC. 7. The board of assessors for said city shall, from and after the first Wednesday of January next, consist of five persons, one of whom shall be chosen annually by the legal voters of each ward at the annual election for the choice of city officers, and the additional one shall be elected by the city council annually in the month of January. The board thus constituted shall have and exercise all the powers and perform all the duties now conferred and imposed upon the assessors of said city.

Board of assessors.

SEC. 8. There shall be and hereby is established for said city a board of instruction, consisting of twelve persons, to be appointed by the board of aldermen in the month of July, as soon as may be after the passage of this act, and who shall hold their offices for two years next subsequent to their election, provided that six of the members of the board first appointed shall hold their offices one year, and the remaining six for two years, and the board of aldermen, on appointment of the same, shall designate the term for which each member is appointed; and hereafter there shall be appointed by said aldermen six members of said board each year, in the month of July, to take the place of those whose terms shall then expire. Said board of instruction shall have general superintendence and control of the educational interests of said city, and shall have and exercise all the powers and perform all the duties now conferred and imposed by law upon the school committee of said city as heretofore constituted, and may exercise said powers

Board of instruction—how appointed: their duties.

and perform said duties by sub-committees or otherwise. The members of said school committee now in office in said city shall hold their respective offices until the appointment and organization of said board of instruction, and no longer ; and said school committee, upon the organization of said board of instruction, shall turn over to said board all the books, records, and property, of whatever nature or description, in its possession and control, and belonging to said city.

Right to vote not affected by this act.

SEC. 9. Any person qualified to vote at any meeting held within six months from the passage of this act, in any ward as now constituted, shall have the right to vote in the ward in which he shall become an inhabitant by the provisions of this act.

Repealing clause.

SEC. 10. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Takes effect—when.

SEC. 11. This act shall take effect from its passage.

[Approved July 17, 1876.]

CHAPTER CLII.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER.

SECTION

1. City divided into wards.
2. Annual meeting for election of city and ward officers.
3. School committee.
4. Officers to be chosen at annual meeting.
5. Ward officers.
6. Tenure of certain officers.
7. Inspectors of check-lists.
8. To prepare and post check-lists.
9. Time of meetings to revise check-lists.
10. Ward-clerks to deliver ballots and check-lists to supervisors.
 11. Penalty for procuring name to be illegally put on list.
 12. Ward officers not to alter check-lists.
 13. Supervisors of election.

SECTION

14. Their duties.
15. Penalty for interfering with supervisors: police may be detailed to assist them.
16. Oaths to be taken by inspectors.
17. Time of opening and closing polls.
18. Mal-, mis-, and nonfeasance punished.
19. Right to vote not affected by this act.
20. Clerk of police court.
21. Justice and clerk to account for fees to city treasurer.
22. Salaries of justice and clerk.
23. Board of school committee.
24. Powers of board.
25. Superintendent of public instruction.
26. Repealing clause: takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

City divided into wards.

Ward 1.

Ward 2.

SECTION 1. The city of Manchester hereby is and shall continue to be divided into eight wards, which shall be constructed as follows: Ward No. 1 shall include that part of said city bounded west by the Merrimack river, north by the centre line of Brook street and Brook street produced west to Merrimack river, east by the centre line of Elm street, and south by the centre line of Market street and Market street produced to the Merrimack river. Ward No. 2 shall include that part of said city bounded on the north by Hooksett, east by the Mammoth road, south by the centre line of Orange street produced to Mammoth road, and centre line of Orange street to centre line of Elm street, thence on the west by centre line of

Elm street to centre line of Brook street, thence on the south by centre line of Brook street and centre line of Brook street produced across the Merrimack river to Goffstown, thence on the west by Goffstown to Hooksett. Ward No. 3 shall include that part of said city bounded north by centre line of Orange street and centre line of Orange street produced to Mammoth road, east by the Mammoth road, south by centre line of Concord street and centre line of Concord street produced to the Mammoth road, and west by centre line of Elm street. Ward No. 4 shall include that part of said city bounded north by centre line of Concord street and that line produced to the Mammoth road, thence on the east by the Mammoth road to centre line of Laurel street produced to the Mammoth road, thence on the south by the centre line of Laurel street produced to the Mammoth road, and Laurel street to centre line of Chestnut street, thence on the west by centre line of Chestnut street to Manchester street, thence on the south by centre line of Manchester street to centre line of Elm street, thence on the west by centre line of Elm street to centre line of Concord street. Ward No. 5 shall include that part of said city bounded as follows: South by centre line of Auburn street from centre line of Beach to centre line of Elm street, thence on the west by centre line of Elm street to centre line of Manchester street, thence on centre line of Manchester street east to centre line of Chestnut street, thence on centre line of Chestnut street south to centre line of Laurel street, thence on centre line of Laurel street east to centre line of Beach street, thence on centre line of Beach street south to centre line of Auburn street. Ward No. 6 shall include all that part of said city lying east of the Merrimack river not included in Wards Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7, as constituted by this act. Ward No. 7 shall include that part of said city bounded north by the centre line of Market street and that line produced to the Merrimack river, east by the centre line of Elm street, south by the centre line of Cove street and that line produced to the Merrimack river, and west by the Merrimack river. Ward No. 8 shall include all that part of said city lying west of the Merrimack river not included in Ward No. 2, as constituted by this act.

SEC. 2. The annual meeting of the inhabitants of said city, for the choice of city and ward officers, shall be holden on the second Tuesday in March; and all city and ward officers who are chosen by the people shall be chosen by ballot, and shall hold their respective offices for one year from the third Tuesday in March, and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead.

SEC. 3. The members of the school committee shall hold their office for two years from the third Tuesday of March after their election: provided, however, that, at the first annual meeting after the passage of this act, there shall be elected two members of the board of school committee from each ward, one of whom shall hold his office for one year and the other for two years; and the ballots given in at said election shall designate which is voted for for one year, and which is voted for for two years.

SEC. 4. Each ward shall, at the annual meeting, in addition to the officers required by law, choose one alderman and three members of the common council, one assessor, one member of school

Ward 3.

Ward 4.

Ward 5.

Ward 6.

Ward 7.

Ward 8.

Annual meeting for election of city and ward officers.

School committee.

Officers to be chosen at annual meeting.

committee, one overseer of the poor, and one inspector of check-lists; and the clerk shall, within twenty-four hours after such choice, deliver to each person elected to either of said offices a certificate of his election, signed by himself, the moderator, and a majority of the selectmen.

Ward officers.

SEC. 5. The mayor and aldermen shall, on or before the first day of September next, appoint one person to act as moderator, one person to act as clerk, three persons to act as selectmen, and one person to act as inspector of check-lists, of the several wards in said city as constituted in this act; and the persons so appointed shall, upon taking the oath of office by law prescribed, have and possess and enjoy all the powers vested by law in such officers, and shall perform all the duties required by law to be performed by such officers for the first meeting held, when the said wards shall elect such officers, who shall perform all the duties thereof till the next annual meeting.

Tenure of certain officers.

SEC. 6. The mayor, aldermen, members of the common council, assessors, overseers of the poor, and school committee, now in office, shall continue in office until the third Tuesday of March next, as now provided by law; and the selectmen, moderators, and ward-clerks shall hold their offices until the first day of September next.

Inspectors of check-lists.

SEC. 7. The inspectors of check-lists of the several wards shall be a board of inspectors of the check-lists of the wards in said city. They shall, before entering upon the duties of their office, be sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of said office, and certificate thereof be recorded by the city-clerk in the records of said city. Any vacancy occurring in said board of inspectors, by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled by the city councils in convention, by electing a person, in the ward in which such vacancy occurs, to perform the duties of that office. Said inspectors shall receive such compensation as the city councils may determine. A majority of said inspectors shall be a quorum for the performance of the duties required by this act. Said inspectors shall choose a chairman and clerk from their own number. The clerk shall keep a record of the proceedings of said board in a book to be provided by the city for that purpose, and shall file the same with the city-clerk.

To prepare and post check-lists.

SEC. 8. Said inspectors shall prepare, revise, correct, and put up, in the manner the selectmen of towns are required to do, an alphabetical list of the legal voters in each ward; and for that purpose shall have access to any books or lists belonging to said city, or to any ward in said city, and shall be entitled to the assistance of any of the city or ward officers they may require, and they shall deliver an attested copy of the lists so prepared and corrected to the clerks of the respective wards, before the opening of the polls for elections in said wards; and the said ward-clerks shall use the lists so prepared and corrected, and no others, at the elections in said wards. In preparing the lists of voters, said inspectors shall record the first or Christian name of each voter in full, but may use initial letters to designate the middle name or names of any voter; they shall also record against the name of each voter the name of street and number of dwelling, if numbered; if not numbered, then such

other description as shall indicate, as nearly as possible, the residence of such voter.

SEC. 9. The said board of inspectors shall be in session at the city hall, or such other place as they shall designate, for the purpose of revising and correcting the check-lists, six days next preceding the day of election (not including Sunday), from 9 A. M. to 12 M., and from 2 P. M. to 5 P. M., and on the evenings of the last of said three days from 7 to 9 o'clock, and on the days of election from 8 A. M. until 7 o'clock P. M.; and any person may then and there appear and be heard with regard to his right to be registered and to vote, and the said board may require the oath of such person so claiming the right to vote, and corroborating evidence, if not otherwise fully satisfied of the truth of his declaration. They may prescribe such regulations and require the aid of such police as shall secure order and the right of each man to be heard; and there shall be no abridgment of the elective franchise, or other qualifications required than those now required by the laws of the state.

Time of meetings to revise check-lists.

SEC. 10. The clerks of the several wards shall preserve the ballots cast and counted at each election, and deliver the same, together with the check-lists used at such elections, immediately after the adjournment of such meeting, to the supervisors of elections appointed for said ward.

Ward-clerks to deliver ballots and check-lists to supervisors.

SEC. 11. Any person procuring his name to be illegally placed on the check-list, by any false representation or statement, upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding sixty days.

Penalty for procuring name to be illegally put on list.

SEC. 12. If the moderator, selectmen, ward-clerk, or any other person, shall alter any check-list after the same shall have been delivered by the inspectors to the ward-clerk, by adding any name or names thereto, or erasing any name or names therefrom, or in any way changing the lists, such officer or person so offending shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months: provided, however, that in case the name of any person has been accidentally omitted from such list, and who the inspectors are satisfied is a legal voter, the said inspectors may certify the same to the moderator, who shall receive his vote, and the clerk shall check the name of such person so voting on the back of said certificate, and shall return the same to the inspectors.

Ward officers not to alter check-lists.

SEC. 13. At every election held hereafter in said city, there shall be appointed and commissioned by the mayor two supervisors of check-lists and elections for each ward, who shall be at the time of their appointment voters in the ward in which their duties are to be performed, stationed on duty at the ward-room in their respective wards at every election, one of whom, at least, shall represent the leading minority political party of said city; one for each ward to be chosen by the majority political party of the board of aldermen, and the other by the leading minority political party of the board of aldermen for said city, who, before entering upon such office, shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties thereof, and their term of office shall continue for the election to which they

Supervisors of election.

shall be appointed ; and for the purposes of this act they shall have the power and authority of constables and police officers, and shall receive from said city the same compensation as is paid to special policemen.

Their duties.

SEC. 14. Said supervisors shall attend the ward-room, or place of election to which designated, on election days ; shall have access to the desk or place where the check-list and ballot-box are kept ; shall see that no fraudulent vote is cast by parties personating others ; that voters have proper access to the polls. They shall be entitled to such a position in the desk or room where the balloting is done as shall give them an opportunity at all times to examine the check-lists and witness the checking ; and they shall also be entitled to have the ballot-box, or boxes in which the ballots are deposited, kept in such place and position that they may see and protect it from any fraud during the balloting, and until the votes are counted and declared ; and neither said ballot-box or boxes, or the votes contained therein, shall be carried from the presence of such supervisors from the time the polls are opened until the polls are closed and the votes declared. They shall see that the moderator in receiving votes and in counting the same in presence of the selectmen, and the clerk in checking names, are not interfered with or molested. Immediately after the declaration of the votes by the moderator, the said supervisors shall receive the ballots and check-list, carefully seal the same, and return them to the board of inspectors ; and the said inspectors shall, within two days thereafter, in presence of such supervisors, count the votes and make a record thereof, and examine the check-lists, counting those names checked and those not checked, and recording the number of each, and shall furnish the city-clerk with an attested copy of said record, and said lists and votes shall remain in the custody of said inspectors. Nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize said supervisors to assume or exercise the authority of selectmen, moderator, or ward-clerk, or to interfere with said officers in the discharge of their respective duties, from the opening to the closing of the polls.

Penalty for interfering with supervisors: police may be detailed to assist them.

SEC. 15. Any person, interfering with said supervisors in the due execution of the duties of their office, shall be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail not more than six months. On the request of said inspectors, the mayor shall detail such police force as may be necessary to preserve order, and enable such supervisors to discharge their duties.

Oath to be taken by inspectors.

SEC. 16. The inspectors of check-lists, in lieu of selectmen of wards, shall take and subscribe the oaths required to be taken by such selectmen in section 1, chapter 5 of the laws of 1871, and section 1, chapter 4 of the laws of 1872.

Time of opening and closing polls.

SEC. 17. In all elections in said city, the polls shall be opened at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and be kept open until six o'clock in the afternoon, and not later.

Mal-, mis-, and nonfeasance punished.

SEC. 18. Any supervisor, inspector, or other officer of election, whose duty it is to guard the ballot-box, or to receive, count, certify, register, report, or give effect to the vote of any citizen of any ward in said city, shall forfeit the sum of five hundred dollars to the party aggrieved by any arrest, refusal, or omission, contrary to

the provisions of this act, to be recovered by an action on the case with costs ; and any officer, or other person, neglecting or refusing to comply with the terms of this act, or offending against the provisions hereof, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than six months, or be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars, to be paid for the use of the county of Hillsborough.

SEC. 19. Any person qualified to vote at any meeting held within six months from the passage of this act, in any ward as now constituted, shall have the right to vote in the ward in which he shall become an inhabitant by the provisions of this act.

Right to vote not affected by this act.

SEC. 20. The police court of said city, as heretofore constituted, shall be a court of record, and the justice thereof shall, from and after the passage of this act, appoint some suitable person to be clerk thereof, who shall perform all duties pertaining to the office of clerk of said court. He shall hold his office during the pleasure of the justice of said court, and until some other person shall be appointed and qualified in his stead ; he shall give a bond for the faithful performance of the duties of his office to the satisfaction of the board of mayor and aldermen.

Clerk of police court.

SEC. 21. The justice and clerk of said court shall, once in three months, render to the city treasurer an account under oath of all fees and costs by them received, and shall, at the time aforesaid, pay over to said treasurer all such fees and costs.

Justice and clerk to account for fees to city treasurer.

SEC. 22. The salary of the justice of said court shall be fifteen hundred dollars per annum, and the salary of the clerk of said court shall be three hundred dollars, which said salaries shall be paid in quarterly payments out of the city treasury, and the salaries so received shall be in full for services of every kind rendered by them in the discharge of all the duties pertaining to their office.

Salaries of justice and clerk.

SEC. 23. The school committee elected by the several wards in said city shall compose a board, and shall sit and act together as one body. The mayor and president of the common council shall be *ex-officio* members of said board, and shall have all the powers and privileges to which the other members of said school committee are by law entitled, and the mayor shall be chairman of the board.

Board of school committee.

SEC. 24. Said board of school committee shall have the power to provide for the care of and make such occasional repairs upon school-houses and furniture as may be necessary, not exceeding in amount the sum appropriated therefor by the city councils of said city ; to regulate the time and manner of the payment of the salaries of teachers ; and shall possess such of the powers and perform such of the duties of superintending and prudential committees not by law conferred upon said city.

Powers of board.

SEC. 25. Said school committee shall, biennially, in the month of June, elect some suitable person to be superintendent of public instruction in said city, who shall hold his office for two years from July first next ensuing after his election. If any vacancy shall occur in said office, by resignation or otherwise, said committee shall fill the same. Said superintendent shall exercise the general supervision of the public schools in said city under the direction of the school committee, and shall perform such duties, now required

Superintendent of public instruction.

of the superintending school committee of towns, as relate to visiting schools, and shall assist in the examination of teachers and scholars. He shall make an annual report to the board of school committee at such time as said committee shall determine, and shall report his proceedings and the condition and progress of the schools to the said school committee as often and in such manner as they may require, and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by said board of school committee as are not repugnant to the laws of the state, and shall receive such compensation as said board of school committee may determine; but such compensation shall not be diminished during his continuance in office: provided, however, that the first election of superintendent under this act shall be held within three months after its passage, and shall be for two years from July 1, 1876.

Repealing
clause: takes
effect—when.

SEC. 26. All acts and parts of acts requiring check-lists for the wards of said city to be made out, posted, and corrected by the selectmen of said wards, an act entitled "An act authorizing the appointment of a superintendent of public instruction in the city of Manchester," approved July 9, 1855, and all acts and parts of acts in the charter of said city or laws of the state in relation thereto inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed; and this act shall take effect on the first day of September next.

[Approved July 18, 1876.]

CHAPTER CLIII.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 346 OF THE PAMPHLET LAWS OF 1866.

SECTION

- 1. Name of corporation changed.
- 2. Organization ratified.

SECTION

- 3. To pay for money and labor expended.
- 4. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

Name of corporation changed.

SECTION 1. The name of B. W. Higgins, wherever the same occurs in the act to which this is an amendment, is stricken out, and the name of R. W. Higgins is inserted in place thereof; and the corporate name is changed to the Upper Ammonoosuc River Improvement Company.

Organization ratified.

SEC. 2. The organization of said corporation heretofore made by said corporators, their associates, successors, and assigns, is hereby ratified, confirmed, and made valid.

To pay for money and labor expended.

SEC. 3. Said corporation shall, within ninety days from the passage of this act, pay to Benjamin Thompson, of Stark, N. H., three hundred dollars, in full satisfaction and payment for all money and labor by him expended in improving the channel of said river, or in increasing its capacity for floating timber.

Takes effect—when.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved July 18, 1876.]

CHAPTER CLIV.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE NEW ENGLAND HEALTH AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY.

SECTION

- 1. Corporation constituted.
- 2. Capital stock: real estate: proviso.
- 3. First meeting.

SECTION

- 4. By-laws.
- 5. Subject to repeal.
- 6. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. That Henry Colony, John E. Colony, Lewis W. Clark, Daniel H. Woodward, Samuel K. Mason, James L. Bolster, Thomas C. Rand, Henry H. Darling, Edward H. Foster, and Henry L. Robinson, and their associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby incorporated a body politic under the name of the New England Health and Accident Insurance Company, to be established in the city of Manchester in the county of Hillsborough for the purpose of effecting insurance against losses by sickness from disease or accidents, and may sue and be sued in the corporate name, and have all the powers and privileges and be subject to all the liabilities and restrictions of corporations of a similar nature.

Corporation constituted.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of this company shall consist of two thousand shares of one hundred dollars each; but they shall be allowed to commence business when fifty thousand dollars has been paid in, and may acquire and hold real estate to an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars: provided, that before issuing any policy the company shall notify the insurance commissioner of its organization and readiness to commence business, who shall thereupon make careful examination of the organization of the company, its capital stock, how and by whom the same has been paid, also in what class of securities it is invested. If said commissioner is satisfied, upon such examination, that the company is entitled to the confidence and patronage of the public, he shall issue a certificate authorizing the company to commence business; and no policy shall be issued by the company until such certificate has been obtained.

Capital stock: real estate: proviso.

SEC. 3. Any three of the parties named in section one of this act may call the first meeting of said company, by serving due notice on each of the others of when and where such meeting is to be holden, ten days at least prior to said meeting.

First meeting.

SEC. 4. Said corporation may make and adopt such by-laws and regulations, not repugnant to the laws of this state, as may be deemed necessary.

By-laws.

SEC. 5. The legislature may at any time alter, amend, or repeal this act, if in their opinion the public good requires it.

Subject to repeal.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Takes effect—when.

[Approved July 18, 1876.]

CHAPTER CLV.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF THE CHARTER OF THE FIRST LITTLETON BRIDGE CORPORATION.

SECTION

1. Rates of toll established.
2. Repealing clause.

SECTION

3. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

Rates of toll established.

SECTION 1. The tolls on the bridge of the proprietors of the First Bridge in Littleton shall be as follows, viz. : For each foot person, two cents ; for each horse and rider, five cents ; for each sled, cart, or wagon drawn by two beasts, ten cents ; for each additional beast, five cents ; for each sleigh, chaise, or any other vehicle of pleasure drawn by one horse, ten cents ; for each additional horse, five cents ; for horses, mules, and neat cattle in droves, two cents each ; for sheep or swine in droves, one cent each.

Repealing clause.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Takes effect—when.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved July 18, 1876.]

CHAPTER CLVI.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NASHUA AS TO POLICE COURT JUSTICE AND CLERK.

SECTION

1. Salaries of justice and clerk.

SECTION

2. Repealing clause.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

Salaries of justice and clerk.

SECTION 1. The salary of the justice of said court shall be eight hundred dollars per annum, and the salary of the clerk of said court shall be two hundred and twenty-five dollars per annum, which salaries shall be paid in quarterly payments out of the city treasury ; and the salaries so received shall be in full for all services of every kind rendered by them in the discharge of all the duties pertaining to their office.

Repealing clause.

SEC. 2. Any act or acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect on its passage.

[Approved July 18, 1876.]

CHAPTER CLVII.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE KAPPA KAPPA KAPPA SOCIETY OF DARTMOUTH COLLEGE," APPROVED JULY 4, 1861.

SECTION

1. Limitation as to real estate.

SECTION

2. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. Section two of an act to incorporate the Kappa Kappa Kappa Society of Dartmouth College, approved July 4, 1861, is hereby so amended as to read as follows: "The said corporation may take, hold, and own, by purchase, gift, grant, or otherwise, real and personal estate, for the purposes of said corporation, to the value of twenty-five thousand dollars, and may alienate, appropriate, and dispose of the same, or any part thereof, for the benefit of said society, at pleasure."

Limitation as to real estate.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [Approved July 18, 1876.]

Takes effect — when.

CHAPTER CLVIII.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.

SECTION

- 1. Corporation constituted: its purpose and powers.
- 2. Limitation as to real estate.
- 3. Trustees.
- 4. By-laws: officers and their duties.

SECTION

- 5. Incompatibility of offices.
- 6. First meeting.
- 7. Subject to repeal.
- 8. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. That George A. Crosby, Oscar D. Abbott, Lyman B. Howe, David Cross, Charles E. Balch, Person C. Cheney, John B. Clarke, A. J. Lane, John B. Varrick, Ira Cross, Aretas Blood, Marshall P. Hall, James F. Briggs, Clinton W. Stanley, George B. Chandler, Moody Currier, Frank Hiland, Joseph W. Fellows, George A. Hanscom, Lewis W. Clark, Samuel W. Parsons, John S. Kidder, Joseph Kidder, E. A. Straw, Frederick Smyth, James A. Weston, Nathan Parker, William P. Newell, Walter M. Parker, James B. Straw, E. M. Tubbs, Henry C. Merrill, G. C. Gilmore, N. P. Hunt, John Hosley, H. H. Ladd, all of Manchester in the county of Hillsborough, be and they hereby are constituted a corporation by the name of the New Hampshire General Hospital, and they,

Corporation constituted: its purpose and powers.

and such others as shall be duly elected members of said corporation at the annual meeting thereof according to such by-laws as may be hereafter established, shall be and remain a body politic and corporate by said name, from the passage of this act, for the purpose of furnishing and providing such nursing, care, medical and surgical treatment as is usually furnished and provided by similar institutions ; and said corporation are hereby vested with all the powers and privileges incident to corporations of like nature.

Limitation as to real estate.

SEC. 2. Said corporation by that name may sue and be sued, prosecute and defend to final judgment and execution, and shall have the power to take and acquire and hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding six hundred thousand dollars, by lease, purchase, donation, bequest, or otherwise, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a hospital at Manchester aforesaid, erecting suitable buildings, and properly furnishing the same with whatever may be desirable or necessary for the successful operation of said institution.

Trustees.

SEC. 3. The government of said hospital, and the general management of the financial and prudential affairs of said corporation, shall be vested in a board of trustees of not less than ten, who shall be chosen in such a manner, at such times, and for such a term of office as may be prescribed by the by-laws of said corporation hereafter to be adopted.

By-laws; officers and their duties.

SEC. 4. Said corporation may adopt such by-laws and make such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary ; may determine the number, time, and manner of choosing its officers, prescribe and define their respective duties, and may from time to time alter, amend, and modify its by-laws, rules, and regulations, as therein provided.

Incompatibility of offices.

SEC. 5. No member of the board of trustees herein provided for shall be engaged as a regular or consulting physician at said hospital during the time he holds the office of trustee.

First meeting.

SEC. 6. The first three persons above named, or any two of them, may call the first meeting of said corporation, by giving notice to each of the persons named in this act five days prior to said meeting.

Subject to repeal.

SEC. 7. The legislature may alter and amend this act whenever the public good requires.

Takes effect — when.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved July 18, 1876.]

CHAPTER CLIX.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE PETERBOROUGH AND HILLSBOROUGH RAILROAD.

SECTION

1. Charter extended: time for completing road abridged.

SECTION

2. Corporation may issue bonds secured by mortgage.

3. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. That section nine of the act to incorporate the Peterborough & Hillsborough Railroad, approved July 7, 1869, is hereby repealed ; and that all other parts of said act, and the corporation which has been or may be organized under the same, are hereby extended, renewed, and continued in full force and effect : provided, however, that in case the sum of fifty thousand dollars shall not have been expended in the construction of the railroad authorized by said act before the first day of May, 1877, said original act, and this act in addition thereto, shall thereupon become void, and the same shall become and be void as to all parts of said railroad which shall not be completed fit for use before the first day of August, 1878.

Charter extended: time for completing road abridged.

SEC. 2. Said corporation shall have authority whenever it may desire, for aiding in accomplishing the purposes of its incorporation, to make and issue its bonds, payable with interest semi-annually, at the rate of not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, at such times and in such sums as it may think proper, and, for securing the payment of said bonds according to the terms thereof, to mortgage by deed or deeds to persons selected by it for that purpose, and to their successors in said trust as prescribed therein as trustees for the holders of said bonds, as they may from time thereafter be issued, all the railroad and other property of said corporation which may then be existing or subsequently acquired by it, or such part or parts thereof as said corporation may think proper, together with its corporate rights, franchises, and privileges, with power to said trustees, on such terms and conditions and under such limitations and provisions as may be prescribed in said deed or deeds, on default of said corporation in the payment of principal or interest of said bonds according to the terms thereof, to sell said mortgaged property, rights, franchises, and privileges ; and said bonds and deed or deeds, in such forms as may be directed by said corporation or its directors, shall be valid and have full force and effect accordingly : provided, however, that no such bond or mortgage deed shall be made, unless authorized by a two-thirds vote of said corporation at a meeting duly called for that purpose, nor to an aggregate amount exceeding the sum of three hundred thousand dollars.

Corporation may issue bonds secured by mortgage.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect on its passage.

Takes effect — when.

[Approved July 18, 1876.]

CHAPTER CLX.

AN ACT TO REPEAL CHAPTER 135, PAMPHLET LAWS OF JUNE SESSION, 1875.

SECTION

1. Charter of New England University repealed.

SECTION

4. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

Charter of New England University repealed.

SECTION 1. That chapter 135 of the Pamphlet Laws, passed June session, 1875, entitled "An act to incorporate the New England University of Arts and Sciences," be and the same is hereby repealed.

Takes effect—when.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
[Approved July 18, 1876.]

CHAPTER CLXI.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE THORNTON BRIDGE.

SECTION

1. Corporation constituted.
2. Authorized to build a bridge.
3. Tolls—by whom prescribed: penalty for evasion of.

SECTION

4. Inspection, repair, and closing of bridge.
5. First meeting: officers: by-laws.
6. Subject to repeal.*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

Corporation constituted.

SECTION 1. John White, Elbridge Pike, Samuel Chase, Simeon D. Leach, Samuel J. Corning, Horace Carter, Moses Chase, George M. Reid, and Isaac McQuesten, and their associates, are hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name of The Thornton Bridge Company, with all the rights and subject to all the liabilities of similar corporations.

Authorized to build a bridge.

SEC. 2. The said corporation is hereby authorized 'to build and maintain a bridge across the Merrimack river at any place between the towns of Litchfield and Merrimack, and to lay out and construct and maintain roads leading thereto from the public highways.

Tolls—by whom prescribed: penalty for evasion of.

SEC. 3. Said corporation may demand and collect such tolls of all persons, and for their carriages and animals, crossing said bridge or travelling on said roads to the same, as the governor and council, upon petition of said corporation, may from time to time prescribe, limit, and appoint. And if any person crossing said bridge shall evade or attempt to evade the payment of his toll, he shall

be subject to an action therefor in the name of the corporation, and shall be fined not exceeding five dollars for each offence, by any justice of the peace to whom complaint shall be made for the same.

SEC. 4. The governor and council may from time to time cause said bridge to be inspected, at the request of any person interested, and may make regulations as to the construction, repairs, and use of the same. And if at any time, in the opinion of the governor and council, said corporation shall unreasonably neglect to repair said bridge or to observe such regulations, they may direct that the tolls shall cease, or the bridge be closed until otherwise ordered by the governor and council.

Inspection: repair and closing of bridge.

SEC. 5. The first meeting of the corporation shall be called by John White, Elbridge Pike, and Samuel Chase, or any two of them; and at that or any subsequent meeting said corporation may nominate officers, make by-laws, fix the amount of their capital stock, divide the same into shares, and do all other such acts as may be necessary and proper to accomplish the purposes of this incorporation.

First meeting: officers: by-laws.

SEC. 6. This act shall at all times be subject to amendment, alteration, or repeal by the legislature, and the same shall be in force from its passage.

Subject to repeal.

[Approved July 18, 1876.]

CHAPTER CLXII.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

SECTION

1. Corporation constituted.
2. May construct telegraph lines: damages.
3. Capital stock.
4. Property.

SECTION

5. First meeting.
6. Subject to repeal.
7. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

SECTION 1. That John M. Parker, Elijah M. Tubbs, Andrew C. Wallace, Arthur J. Haseltine, David M. Taggart, John Carlton, and James Baldwin, their associates, successors, and assigns, be and they hereby are made a body politic and corporate by the name of the New Hampshire Telegraph Company, and by that name may sue and be sued, prosecute and defend to final judgment and execution, and hereby are vested with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the liabilities which by law are incident to corporations of a similar character.

Corporation constituted.

SEC. 2. That said corporation is hereby authorized to construct, maintain, and operate lines of electric telegraph through said state, from its easterly to its westerly boundary, with all needed branches,—said lines to be constructed from and to such points as said corporation may from time to time locate and establish, and to connect the

May construct telegraph lines: damages.

same with other telegraphic lines in the states of Massachusetts, Maine, or Vermont. Said corporation shall have the right to construct its lines with suitable fixtures therefor, along and upon the line of any railroad, provided that the proprietors of such railroad shall consent thereto, or upon any public highway or bridge within the limits before described, paying therefor to such railroad, or other party injured thereby, such compensation as may be agreed by the parties, or, if they fail to agree, such sum as shall be assessed, on the application of either party, by a committee appointed by the supreme court; and if, upon the return of the report of said committee to said court, either party is dissatisfied with such assessment, the same proceedings may be had for an increase or reduction of the damages as in the case of the assessment of damages by the county commissioners for lands taken in laying out highways, provided that said lines shall be so constructed that the public use of such roads shall not be endangered or incommoded thereby.

Capital stock.

SEC. 3. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of ten dollars each.

Property.

SEC. 4. Said corporation may purchase, hold, and convey such personal or real estate as may be necessary for the prosecution of the business of the corporation.

First meeting.

SEC. 5. Either three of the grantees before named may call the first meeting of said corporation, by giving notice to the other grantees in writing at least ten days before said meeting.

Subject to repeal.

SEC. 6. Any future legislature may at any time alter, amend, or repeal this act.

Takes effect — when.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect on its passage.

[Approved July 18, 1876.]

CHAPTER CLXIII.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE NORTH STRATFORD DAM AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

SECTION

1. Corporation constituted.
2. Authorized to erect dams.
3. Limitation as to real estate.
4. Capital stock.
5. By-laws.

SECTION

6. Officers.
7. First meeting.
8. Corporation to file bond to secure payment of damages.
9. Subject to repeal.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

Corporation constituted.

SECTION 1. That John Melcher and Jeremiah Willard, of North Stratford, David Blanchard, of Pittsburg, Dudley F. Leavitt, Frank W. Leavitt, and John Ross, of Bangor, Maine, their associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the North Stratford Dam and Manufacturing Company, with all the powers and privileges and subject to

all the liabilities provided or imposed in similar corporations in this state.

SEC. 2. Said corporation is authorized to erect and maintain a dam or dams on and across Connecticut river, in North Stratford, in the county of Coös, for the purpose of creating water-power, and to sell, lease, and use the same in manufacturing logs and lumber of every description: provided, however, that said dam or dams shall be constructed with sufficient sluices, gates, and race-ways, so as not to interfere with the floating of timber down said river.

Authorized to erect dams.

SEC. 3. Said corporation may acquire and hold, by gift or purchase, and dispose of at pleasure, real estate to an amount not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars.

Limitation as to real estate.

SEC. 4. The capital stock shall be divided in shares of the par value of fifty dollars, and shall not be less than fifty thousand dollars, and may be increased from time to time, in accordance with the by-laws of said corporation, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate two hundred thousand dollars.

Capital stock.

SEC. 5. Said corporation shall have power to make and establish all necessary and proper by-laws and regulations, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state, for its own government and the management of its property and the orderly conducting of its affairs, and to change the same when necessary or proper.

By-laws.

SEC. 6. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a president, and such other officers and directors as the by-laws may require. The number of directors in the aggregate shall not be less than five nor more than nine, of which the president shall be a member *ex-officio*.

Officers.

SEC. 7. Any two of the three first named corporators in this act may call the first meeting of said corporation, by giving written notice of the time and place of said meeting at least ten days before said meeting, by depositing the same in a post-office in this state, postage paid, addressed to each corporator, or by delivering the same in hand, or leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode: provided, however, that such first meeting may be held without such notice, by the agreement of two thirds of said corporators; and all the doings at said meeting so held by agreement, to which said two thirds shall give their assent by signing the record of said meeting, shall be valid and binding on said corporation.

First meeting.

SEC. 8. Said corporation shall, before commencing to use said dam or dams, file a bond with the judge of probate for said county of Coös in the sum of twenty thousand dollars, with sufficient sureties to the satisfaction of said judge of probate, as security for the payment of any final judgment which may be recovered against said corporation for damage done to riparian proprietors by flowage caused by said dams.

Corporation to file bond to secure payment of damages.

SEC. 9. The legislature may alter, amend, or repeal this law when in their opinion the public good requires it; and the same shall take effect from and after its passage.

Subject to repeal.

[Approved July 19, 1876.]

CHAPTER CLXIV.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT TO THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE EASTERN RAILROAD IN NEW HAMPSHIRE," APPROVED JUNE 18, 1836.

SECTION

1. Repealing clause.

SECTION

2. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

Repealing
clause.

SECTION 1. So much of the act incorporating the Eastern Railroad in New Hampshire, as provides for the manner in which the stockholders shall be entitled to vote at the meetings of the members of said corporation, as is inconsistent with the provisions of the existing laws of the state upon that subject, is hereby repealed.

Takes effect—
when.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER CLXV.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE SACO WATER POWER COMPANY.

SECTION

1. Corporation empowered to hold real estate in this state.

SECTION

2. Subject to repeal.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

Corporation
empowered to
hold real estate
in this state.

SECTION 1. That the Saco Water Power Company, a corporation established in the state of Maine, is hereby fully authorized and empowered to hold, enjoy, improve, sell, and dispose of, at pleasure, any real estate and rights and interests therein which it has heretofore or may hereafter acquire in this state by purchase, or any conveyance thereof to it.

Subject to re-
peal.

SEC. 2. This act shall be subject to amendment or repeal, and shall take effect on its passage.

[Approved July 20, 1876.]

CHAPTER CLXVI.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE MANCHESTER HORSE RAILROAD.

SECTION
1. Charter continued.

SECTION
2. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. The charter of the Manchester Horse Railroad, granted June session, 1864, and extended June session, 1869, is hereby revived and continued in force, and the time for the completion of the same is hereby extended to the thirty-first day of December, 1881.

Charter continued.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect on its passage.
[Approved July 20, 1876.]

Takes effect—when.

CHAPTER CLXVII.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE MOUNT WASHINGTON HOTEL COMPANY TO FUND ITS DEBTS.

SECTION
1. Corporation may issue coupon bonds secured by mortgage.

SECTION
2. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. The Mount Washington Hotel Company, a corporation duly established by the laws of the state of New Hampshire, and doing business at Carroll in the county of Coös, is hereby authorized and empowered, at any legal meeting of its stockholders duly notified and held for that purpose within two years from the passage of this act, to fund its debt now existing, or what may accrue within the said term of two years, not exceeding thirty thousand dollars, by issuing bonds, with coupons attached, secured by mortgage of its real estate in said Carroll, and payable at such times and with such rate of interest as said corporation may determine.

Corporation may issue coupon bonds secured by mortgage.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect on its passage.
[Approved July 20, 1876.]

Takes effect—when.

CHAPTER CLXVIII.

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR COMPLETING THAT PART OF THE SUNCOOK VALLEY RAILROAD BETWEEN HOOKSETT AND SUNCOOK.

SECTION

1. Time for completing railroad extended.

SECTION

2. Takes effect—when.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

Time for completing railroad extended.

SECTION 1. That the time for completing that part of the Suncook Valley Railroad between Hooksett and Suncook be extended to the thirty-first day of December, 1881, and that the directors of said railroad be authorized to cause the part of said railroad as aforesaid to be again located, and the land damages appraised, and such other proceeding had as may be necessary for the completion of said part of said road, under the provisions of existing laws.

Takes effect—when.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect on its passage.

[Approved July 20, 1876.]

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE,

CONCORD, SEPTEMBER 12, 1876.

I hereby certify that the acts and resolves contained in this pamphlet have been compared with the originals in this office, and found to be correctly printed.

B. F. PRESCOTT,

Secretary of State.

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