

field, in the county of Hampshire ;” and also an act passed the eighteenth day of June, eighteen hundred and twelve, entitled “an act in addition to an act, entitled an act to incorporate a number of persons, for the purpose of building a bridge over Connecticut river, between Prindle’s ferry and Mill Brook, in the town of Northfield, in the county of Hampshire ;” shall be surrendered, annulled, or otherwise extinguished, or transferred to the corporation by this act created.

Bridge to be built within six years.

SECT. 8. If the said proprietors shall neglect, for the space of six years from the passing of this act, to build and finish the said bridge, then this act shall be of no effect. [April 8, 1839.]

Chap 126.

An ACT in relation to the Charlestown Branch Rail-road Company and the Charlestown Wharf Company.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

Time extended.

SECT. 1. The time for the completion of the Charlestown Branch Rail-road shall be extended to the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-one.

Investment by wharf company in road, &c.

SECT. 2. The Charlestown Wharf Company are hereby authorized to invest such portions of their capital as they may see fit, in the stock of the Charlestown Branch Rail-road Company : *provided*, that the sum thus invested shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars, in addition to the sum heretofore authorized to be invested in said branch rail-road company by said wharf company. [April 8, 1839.]

Chap 127.

An ACT for the Punishment of Highway Robbery and Burglary.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

Robbers and burglars to be imprisoned for life.

If any person shall be convicted of either of the offences described in the thirteenth section of the one hundred and twenty-fifth chapter, or in the ninth section of the one hundred and twenty-sixth chapter of the Revised Statutes, he shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for life, instead of the punishment of death, as is provided in said sections ; but this act shall not affect any case in which an indictment is now pending for either of said offences. [April 8, 1839.]

Chap 128.

An ACT empowering the Village School District, in Greenfield, to raise money.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

District may raise money, &c.

SECT. 1. The inhabitants of the Village School District, in Greenfield, in the county of Franklin, are hereby authorized, from time to time, at any legal meeting called for that purpose, to raise money for the support of schools within said district, in addition to the sum raised by said town, in the same manner as school districts are now empowered by law to raise money for erecting or repairing school-houses ; and like proceedings shall