

An Act to establish the Brigham Fund for Education, in the town of Marlborough.

Chap. 40.

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

SECT. 1. The trustees of the Brigham Lecture Fund, and of the Brigham School Fund, under the will of Ephraim Brigham, are hereby authorized and empowered to unite the said funds into one common fund, to be called the Brigham Fund for Education, in the town of Marlborough, and to manage and invest the same accordingly.

Brigham Lecture Fund and School Fund may be united.

SECT. 2. The said trustees are hereby authorized and empowered, from time to time, to pay over the income of the said fund, as the same shall accrue, to the treasurer of the town of Marlborough.

Income to be paid to treasurer of the town.

SECT. 3. The income of the said fund shall be distributed among the several school districts, in the said town, and appropriated and expended for the purposes of education, in the same way and manner, that the money annually raised by the said town, for the use of schools, is appropriated and expended. [*Approved by the Governor, Feb. 24, 1844.*]

To be distributed among school districts, &c.

An Act in addition to "An Act to incorporate the Second Congregational Society in Medford."

Chap. 41.

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

SECT. 1. So much of third section of an act, entitled "an act to incorporate the Second Congregational Society, in Medford," passed February 21, 1824, as it contained in the following words, to wit: "*provided, nevertheless, that the assessments to be made on the polls and estates of the respective members of the said society, during any year, for the purposes aforesaid, shall in no case exceed the assessments that during the same year may be made upon the polls and estates of the respective members of the First Congregational Society, in Medford, for like purposes, regard being had to the relative value of their estates,*" is hereby repealed. [*Approved by the Governor, Feb. 24, 1844.*]

Proviso in third section of former act repealed.

An Act concerning the manufacture of Barrels for packing Pickled Fish.

Chap. 42.

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

SECT. 1. In addition to the regulations and restrictions, imposed by the seventy-eighth section of the twenty-eighth chapter of the Revised Statutes, on the manufacture of barrels for packing or repacking pickled fish, all white

Barrels for pickled fish to be made of a certain thickness.

oak barrels which shall be hereafter manufactured for such purpose, shall be made of staves not less than half an inch in thickness; all ash, red oak, and chesnut barrels, shall be made of staves, not less than five eighths of an inch in thickness; all pine and spruce barrels shall be made of staves not less than three fourths of an inch in thickness; and the heads of all barrels manufactured for the packing of pickled fish, shall be at least three fourths of an inch in thickness.

When to take effect.

SECT. 2. The provisions of this act shall take effect from and after the first day of December next. [*Approved by the Governor, Feb. 24, 1844.*]

Chap. 43.

An Act to reduce the Capital Stock of the Lowell Bank.

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

Capital to be reduced to \$200,000 from April 1st, and when a commissioner shall have reported.

SECT. 1. From and after the first day of April next, the president, directors and company of the Lowell Bank, are hereby authorized to reduce their capital stock to the sum of two hundred thousand dollars: *provided*, that no dividend of any part of the present capital stock shall be made, nor shall such reduction take place, until a commissioner, to be appointed by the governor and council, for that purpose, at the expense of said corporation, shall have certified, in writing, to the governor and council, after due examination, that the said corporation has sufficient funds for the payment of all notes, bills, deposits and other demands existing against it, and that, after the payment thereof and extinguishing the number of shares hereby authorized to be extinguished, the net sum of two hundred thousand dollars will remain in said bank as capital stock, in funds available for all usual and proper banking purposes.

Reduction to be made by extinguishing 500 shares.

SECT. 2. To reduce the said capital stock, as aforesaid, the said corporation shall extinguish five hundred shares therein, so that each of the remaining two thousand shares shall be of the par value of one hundred dollars.

Tax to be levied as heretofore till April 1st, and till the commissioner shall have reported.

SECT. 3. From and after the said first day of April next, previous to which time the commissioner, herein provided for, shall make and deliver his certificate to the governor and council, as aforesaid, all the rights, duties, and liabilities, of said bank, shall have relation to and be governed by said reduced capital stock of two hundred thousand dollars. And until the said first day of April next, and the said certificate shall have been made and delivered as aforesaid, the said bank shall continue to pay into the treasury of the Commonwealth the tax required by law to be paid on the present capital of said bank. And