

SECT. 3. No shares in the capital stock of said corporation shall be issued for a less sum or amount than the par value of the shares which shall first be issued. No shares issued under par

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, May 25, 1853.*]

An Act concerning Bank Directors.

Chap. 401

*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. A majority of the directors of every bank shall be residents, or have their places of business within the county where the bank is established, or within ten miles of the bank. Majority of directors to be within ten miles of bank.

SECT. 2. All laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. [*Approved by the Governor, May 25, 1853.*]

An Act concerning the Adoption of Children.

Chap. 402

*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. Upon the petition of any person for leave to adopt a child, under the provisions of the three hundred and twenty-fourth chapter of the general laws of the commonwealth, passed in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, if it shall be made to appear to the judge of probate that either of the parents of such child is insane, the judge shall proceed in the case in like manner and to the same effect as he would be authorized to do in case such insane person were dead: *provided, however,* that the judge of probate shall, if in his judgment it shall be expedient, appoint some discreet and suitable person to act in the proceedings as the next friend of such child, and give or withhold such consent. Procedure of judge in case of insanity of parents

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, May 25, 1853.*]

An Act authorizing the Hancock Free Bridge Corporation to make solid a Portion of the West Boston Bridge. Chap. 403

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

The Hancock Free Bridge Corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to fill up and make solid that portion of the West Boston Bridge, so called, lying between the westerly abutment of said bridge and that part of the line established Authorized to fill up and make solid a portion, etc.