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finances and costs, the second sentence shall take effect from and after the expiration of the imprisonment under the first sentence.

Approved May 22, 1874.

Ch. 254.

AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC ADMINISTRATORS.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

Public admin-
istrator not to
take adminis-
tration upon
personal prop-
erty of less value
than \$20, but to
deposit the
same with state
treasurer.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of every public administrator, whenever money or personal property of a value less than twenty dollars is delivered to him by a coroner according to law, and in every other case, where the total property of an intestate which has come into his possession or control is of a value less than twenty dollars, (unless the same is the balance of an estate received from a prior public administrator, according to the statute) forthwith to reduce all such property into money, not taking administration thereon, and to deposit such money, first deducting his reasonable expenses and charges, with the treasurer of the Commonwealth, who shall receive and hold it for the benefit of those who shall have legal claims thereon.

To file with
treasurer an
account, under
oath, of receipts,
payments and
charges.

SECTION 2. Every public administrator, upon making such deposit, shall file with the treasurer a true and particular account, under oath, of all his dealings, receipts, payments, and charges, on account of the property from which the money so deposited proceeds, including the name of the intestate, if known to him, and the treasurer shall thereupon deliver to him a receipt for such money. And such deposit with the Commonwealth shall exempt the public administrator making it from all responsibility to any party or person whomsoever, by reason of his having received and disposed of the property of the intestate, as herein provided.

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Ch. 255.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AND AMENDATORY OF AN "ACT AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW STATE PRISON BUILDING."

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

State prison to
be erected to
accommodate
750 prisoners.

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter one hundred and fifty-five of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-three is amended so as to authorize the erection of a state prison with accommodation for seven hundred and fifty prisoners instead of one thousand prisoners, and such prison shall be so planned as to admit of future enlargements. The board of commissioners appointed in accordance with the provisions of said section shall also have full power to cause to be erected the requisite walls, fences and workshops, and to provide proper motive power: *provided,*

that the aggregate of expenses and liabilities incurred under the provisions of the original act of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and this act as amendatory thereof, shall not exceed the sum of one million dollars.

Aggregate expense not to exceed \$1,000,000.

SECTION 2. The commissioners appointed under said chapter shall, as soon as a plan has been selected for said prison, proceed to make arrangements with the warden and inspectors of the state prison, for the employment of the prisoners in said institution, who are or may be unemployed, in the manufacture of the cell doors, and other iron work, or any part thereof, that may be required in the construction of the new prison.

Prisoners in state prison to be employed in manufacture of cell doors and other iron work.

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

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AN ACT TO SUPPLY THE TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH WITH PURE WATER.

Ch. 256.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECTION 1. The town of Marlborough is authorized to take and hold the waters of Gatic Pond, in said town, and the waters which flow into the same, together with any water-rights connected therewith, and may take and hold by purchase or otherwise, such land around the margin of said pond, not exceeding five rods in width, as may be necessary for the preservation and purity of said waters, and may take and hold such lands as are necessary for maintaining dams and reservoirs for the storage of said waters, and for laying and maintaining conduits, pipes, drains and other works for collecting, conducting and distributing said waters through said town of Marlborough.

Marlborough may take water from Gatic Pond.

SECTION 2. Said town of Marlborough shall, within sixty days from the time of taking any land, as aforesaid, file in the registry of deeds for the county of Middlesex, a description of the land so taken, sufficiently accurate for identification, and state the purposes for which it is taken, and the title of all land so taken shall vest in said town. Any person injured in his property under this act, and failing to agree with said town as to the amount of damages, may have the same assessed and determined in the same manner as is provided where land is taken for highways; but no assessment of damages shall be made for the taking of any water-rights, or for any injury thereto, until the water is actually withdrawn or diverted by said town, under the authority of this act.

To file in registry of deeds a description of the land taken.