

bills therefor approved by the persons authorized by said state board to investigate the matter, shall be sent to the auditor of the commonwealth, who shall certify them in the same manner in which other claims against the commonwealth are certified.

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

Approved March 25, 1909.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF REGISTERS
OF DEEDS PRO TEMPORE.

Chap. 213

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Whenever in any county a register of deeds who has no assistant is unable, or if he has an assistant or assistants he and such assistant or assistants are unable, by reason of sickness or otherwise to perform the duties of their respective offices, the county commissioners for the county electing such register or, in the county of Suffolk, the superior court, may appoint a register of deeds pro tempore who shall perform the duties of register until the said elected register or his assistants or any of them is able to resume the duties of his office, or until the election and qualification of a new register. A register of deeds pro tempore shall be sworn and shall give a bond according to the requirements of law for registers of deeds, and notice of his appointment shall be recorded in the registry of deeds in which he is to act. A register of deeds pro tempore shall have the same duties and powers as are provided for by law in the case of registers of deeds, and shall receive such compensation for his services as said county commissioners and the superior court, respectively, may deem reasonable.

Registers of
deeds, pro
tempore,
appointment,
etc.

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

Approved March 25, 1909.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PURCHASE BY THE STATE FOR-
ESTER OF LAND ADAPTED TO FOREST PRODUCTION.

Chap. 214

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter four hundred and seventy-eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eight is hereby amended by striking out the words "forty acres", in the tenth line, and inserting in place thereof the words: — eighty acres, — so as to read as follows: —

1908, 478, § 1,
amended.

Land may be purchased for purpose of re-forestation, etc.

Section 1. For the purpose of experiment and illustration in forest management and for the purposes specified in section seven of this act the sum of five thousand dollars may be expended in the year nineteen hundred and eight, and the sum of ten thousand dollars annually thereafter, by the state forester, with the advice and consent of the governor and council, in purchasing lands situated within the commonwealth and adapted to forest production. The price of such land shall not exceed in any instance five dollars per acre, nor shall more than eighty acres be acquired in any one tract in any one year, except that a greater area may so be acquired if the land purchased directly affects a source or tributary of water supply in any city or town of the commonwealth. All lands acquired under the provisions of this act shall be conveyed to the commonwealth, and no lands shall be paid for nor shall any moneys be expended in improvements thereon until all instruments of conveyance and the title to be transferred thereby have been approved by the attorney-general and until such instruments have been executed and recorded.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved March 25, 1909.

Chap. 215 AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PINE GROVE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION OF WESTBOROUGH.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The Pine Grove Cemetery Association of Westborough incorporated.

SECTION 1. Charles S. Henry, William T. Forbes, Edwin B. Harvey, Emory L. Wood, Melvin H. Walker, John W. Fairbanks, Alden L. Boynton and Lyman Belknap, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Pine Grove Cemetery Association of Westborough, for the purpose of acquiring, controlling and improving certain land set apart and known as Pine Grove Cemetery, situated within one enclosure in the town of Westborough, and said corporation shall have all the powers and privileges and be subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities contained in all general laws now or hereafter in force relating to such corporations, except as is otherwise provided herein.

Powers and duties, etc.

SECTION 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to take possession and assume legal control of said cemetery,