

Salary of Commissioners.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That each of said Commissioners shall be entitled to receive as a compensation for his services, one thousand dollars annually, during the time of their continuance in office ; and the person who shall be appointed Auditor, shall be entitled to receive four hundred dollars annually, in addition to the compensation made to the other members of the Board.

Board of War may appoint Secretary and Clerks.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Board may appoint a Secretary, and such number of Clerks, not exceeding three, as they may find necessary, and to make them a reasonable compensation for their services.

Act in part repealed.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall continue in force till the end of the next session of the General Court, and no longer ; and that so much of the above recited act, as may be contrary to the provision of this act, shall be, and the same hereby is repealed.  
[Approved by the Governor, October 20, 1814.]

## CHAP. LXXIX.

### An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Social Law Library.

Persons incorporated.

SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That William Prescott and Joseph Hall, together with their associates, being the Proprietors of a certain Library called and known by the name of The Social Law Library, in the town of Boston, and such other person or persons, as shall hereafter be admitted members of said Association, according to the rules, orders and conditions, which shall or may from time to time be established by the bye-laws and regulations of the Corporation herein after created, shall forever hereafter be, and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate. by the name of The Proprietors of the Social Law Library ; and by the said name shall sue and be sued, plead and be implead-

ed, defend and be defended, in all, or any Court or Courts of law, or elsewhere, in all manner of actions, suits, pleas, or controversies whatsoever; and in their said corporate capacity, by their said name, they and their successors shall be capable to purchase, receive, have, hold, take, and enjoy, in fee simple, or otherwise, lands, rents, tenements, and hereditaments; and likewise to take, receive, and hold by donation, subscription, bequest, or otherwise, money, goods, chattels, and personal property, and the same to give, grant, sell, and dispose of at their pleasure, so that the real and personal estate aforesaid, and the income and proceeds thereof, shall at all times be appropriated to the purposes of creating, enlarging, managing, and improving said Library; *provided nevertheless*, Provided. that the said Corporation shall at no time have or hold lands, rents, tenements, or hereditaments, for any other purpose than shall be necessary for the safe keeping and suitable accommodations of said Library, not exceeding in value twenty thousand dollars; and the said Corporation shall have power to have and use a common seal, and to alter, change, and renew the same, whenever they shall think the same expedient.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Corporation shall have full power and authority, to determine at what times and places their meetings shall be holden; and on the manner of notifying the associates or proprietors to convene at such meetings; and they shall have power to order and lay assessments upon the proprietors; to elect, once in every year, or oftener, from amongst the said proprietors, such officers, with such powers as they may think expedient; and also to ordain and enact any bye-laws for the due and orderly government of said Corporation, and for conducting the affairs thereof, and for, and concerning all matters and things relating to said Corporation, and the same, at pleasure, to alter, amend, and repeal; *Provided* That such powers vested, and bye-laws enacted, shall not be repugnant to the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth. Times and places of meeting. Provided.

Fines.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That for the purpose of giving a more effectual sanction to said bye-laws, the said proprietors shall have power to impose fines, not exceeding five dollars, for the non-fulfilment or breach of the said bye-laws; and that for the recovery thereof, the said Corporation shall have a suitable remedy by action at law, in any Court within this Commonwealth proper to try the same. And the said Corporation shall have further power to suspend the right of any proprietor to the use of the said Library, as a penalty for the breach of said bye-laws, or any of them; and likewise to sue for, and recover, any assessment duly imposed on the proprietors.

Proprietor's right.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the right, interest, and property, which each of the said proprietors and associates shall be deemed and taken to have in said Corporation, shall be the use and benefit of the said Library, according to the rules and regulations established by the bye-laws of the said Corporation, for, and during the term of his natural life; but the said shares shall be, and hereby are declared to be, not alienable or transferable.

Gov. &amp;c. may have access to Library.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and the Members of the Council of this Commonwealth, at all times, and the Members of the Senate, and House of Representatives, during any session of the General Court, shall have free access to, and the full and entire use and enjoyment of the said Library, and all the privileges and advantages thereof, free of expense, under the same regulations as may be provided by the bye-laws of the said Corporation, for the proprietors thereof; and the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court, and of all the Judicial Courts of the County of Suffolk, and of the Courts of the United States, together with the Attorney General, and Solicitor General, and the Reporter of the Judicial Decisions of the Supreme Judicial Courts of this Commonwealth, and the Attorney of the United States for the District of Massachusetts, shall at all times, under the like regulations, have free access to, and the free use and enjoyment of the said Library, free of any expense.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of enabling said Corporation to enlarge, increase, improve, and manage said Library, and to effect the laudable objects contemplated by said Corporation, there be, and hereby are granted and appropriated to said Corporation, all sums of money, which may be hereafter paid by way of tax or excise, by all persons admitted to practice as Attornies, in the Boston Court of Common Pleas, in the County of Suffolk; and the County Treasurer for the County of Suffolk, is hereby authorized and directed to account with, and pay over to the Treasurer of the said Corporation, or any other officer or officers, person or persons, duly authorized by said Corporation, to receive the same. the monies aforesaid, hereby granted and appropriated.

Money appropriated for increasing Library.

SEC. 7. But whereas doubts have arisen, whether the tax or excise, by law payable by attornies, on admission to the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, be extended to the Boston Court of Common Pleas, *Be it therefore further enacted*, That every person admitted as an Attorney to the Boston Court of Common Pleas, be required to pay to the Treasurer of the County of Suffolk, the same sum which is by law payable in other Counties, on admission to the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, and procure and produce to the Court, said County Treasurer's receipt therefor.

Attorney to pay Treasurer.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That there be granted and appropriated to said Corporation, one copy of the general and special Laws and Resolves of this Commonwealth, of the Ancient Charters, of the Massachusetts Reports, and of the Laws of the United States, now on hand, to be delivered by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the Librarian of the said Corporation, or other person authorized to receive the same; and the said Secretary is in like manner authorized to deliver to such Librarian or other person two copies of such Laws, Resolves, public documents, and reports, as may be hereafter published, or procured for the use of the Commonwealth, to be preserved in said Library.

Sec'y to furnish Library with laws, &c.

May call meet-  
ing.

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted,* That the said William Prescott, and Joseph Hall, or either of them, shall have power to call the first meeting of said Corporation, by advertising the same, seven days at least, before the day of such meeting, in some newspaper, printed in the town of Boston, at which meeting the said proprietors may proceed to execute any, or all the powers, vested in them, by this act.

[Approved by the Governor, October 21, 1814.]