

monwealth; and that they have all the privileges usually given by acts of incorporation to charitable societies.

May hold real & personal estate.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the said corporation may take by purchase, gift, grant, or in trust, or otherwise, and hold real estate, not exceeding the value of twenty thousand dollars, and personal estate not exceeding the value of sixty thousand dollars, for charitable purposes.

Notice of meeting.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That John Richards be, and is hereby authorized to call the first meeting of said corporation, by advertisement in one of the newspapers printed in Boston, and appoint the time and place thereof, at which meeting by-laws may be passed, and the mode of calling other meetings regulated.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That this act may be amended, revised or terminated, at the pleasure of the Legislature.

[Approved by the Governor, February 20, 1818.]

CHAP. CXXXIX.

An Act respecting the Fishery in Penobscot River and Bay.

Property seized to be libelled.

SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That all property, seized under the act, entitled "An act for the preservation of fish in Penobscot river and bay, and the several streams emptying into the same," be libelled and proceeded with conformably to an act, entitled "An act for prescribing the mode of recovering forfeitures of personal property liable thereto by law, and also pecuniary forfeitures," passed on the twenty-second day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four: *Provided however*, that in all cases, where no claimant appears, before the property seized is libelled, an appraisal thereof shall be deemed unnecessary, and the same so seized by any person, of whatever amount, may be libelled and proceeded

with before a Justice of the Peace, with right of appeal, as provided in the act last mentioned.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That all property, seized under the act first mentioned, shall be libelled within six months from the time of seizure; in default whereof, the person making such seizure shall be deemed and taken to be a trespasser. Time of libelling.

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CHAP. CXL.

An Act in addition to the several acts defining the powers and duties of Turnpike and Bridge Corporations.

BE *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That every Turnpike and Bridge Corporation within this Commonwealth, shall be allowed to demand and receive, at each gate, at which they are allowed to receive whole toll, and at all other gates in that proportion, for each waggon or carriage, with four wheels, drawn by one horse only, according to the following rates of toll, that is to say, for every such carriage, the body or seats of which shall be placed on springs, and covered with cloth, canvass, or leather, and used for the conveyance of persons and personal baggage only, the same toll they are allowed to demand and receive for a chaise; for every such carriage without springs, the same toll they have a right to demand and receive for a cart drawn by one horse; and for all other carriages of four wheels drawn by one horse, for the conveyance of persons and personal baggage, that rate of toll, which is or shall be the nearest the mean sum, in cents, between the two rates of toll above specified, as the same are, or shall be established, at each of such gates respectively. Regulation of Bridge and Turnpike Tolls.

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