

court, shall be vacated or declared void by reason of any irregularity, or want of jurisdiction or authority of the court making the same, the person so appointed such executor, administrator, guardian or trustee, shall be held to account for all money, property or assets which shall have come to his hands as executor, administrator, guardian or trustee, or by reason of such appointment, in the same manner as if the appointment had been regular and valid; and any bond given in pursuance of such appointment shall be held to be valid and binding both on principals and sureties thereon, for that purpose.

clared void, he shall account for all property in his hands.

Bond to be binding on principals and sureties.

SECTION 2. Payments to or by such person as executor, administrator, guardian or trustee, if in other respects properly made, may, with the approval of the probate court, be ratified and confirmed by the executor, administrator, guardian or trustee who may be afterward legally appointed.

Payments made may be ratified by executor afterward appointed.

SECTION 3. Any person interested in, or affected by, any act or proceeding of a person acting as executor, administrator, guardian or trustee, under an appointment or license of a probate court, which is void by reason of irregularity or want of jurisdiction or authority of the court making the appointment or granting the license, may have the matter heard and determined by the supreme judicial court in equity; and that court may confirm or set aside, in whole or in part, the act or proceeding; and may make such order or decree in relation to the subject-matter, and to the rights and liabilities of all parties interested in or affected by such act or proceeding, as shall be adjudged to be just and equitable; and may direct such releases, conveyances, or discharges to be made or given as may be found necessary to carry into complete effect the relief granted by its decrees. *Approved April 30, 1873.*

S. J. C. in equity may make order or decree in relation to the subject-matter and to the rights of parties interested.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SALARY OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Ch. 254.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECTION 1. From the first day of January eighteen hundred and seventy-three, the salary of the attorney-general shall be five thousand dollars a year.

Salary fixed at \$5,000 a year.

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

Approved April 30, 1873.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CITIES AND TOWNS TO CONTRACT FOR A SUPPLY OF WATER.

Ch. 255.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter ninety-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy is amended in the

Amendment to 1870, 93, §§ 1, 3, as printed in the

supplement to
the General
Statutes.

tenth line of the first section thereof, as printed in the supplement to the General Statutes, by inserting after the word "corporation," and before the word "provided," the words "or may make any contract for a supply of water with any such company or corporation"; and in the eleventh line of said section, by inserting after the word "purchase," and before the word "without," the words "or contract"; and in the sixteenth line of said section, by inserting between the words "purchase" and "without," the words "or contract"; and in the fifth line of the third section of said chapter, by inserting after the word "specified," and before the word "provided," the words "and any city or town which may make any such contract as aforesaid, may for the purpose named in this section, issue similar bonds."

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

Approved April 30, 1873.

Ch. 256. AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF HAMPDEN TO BORROW MONEY FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

County commis-
sioners may bor-
row money not
exceeding \$75,-
000.

SECTION 1. The county commissioners for the county of Hampden are authorized to borrow, on the credit of said county, such sums, not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars in all, as may be necessary to pay the damages which have been or may be awarded against said county, under the provisions of the second section of chapter two hundred thirty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy, and the second section of chapter one hundred thirty-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two, and for the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses that have been or may be incurred under the provisions of chapter one hundred and eighty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy, and of chapter one hundred thirty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two.

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

Approved April 30, 1873.

Ch. 257. AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S FLATS IN BOSTON HARBOR.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

Amendment to
1863, 446.

SECTION 1. The four hundred and forty-sixth chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine is so far amended that the board of harbor commissioners