

be heard and acted upon at the court herein established, to be held at Shelburne Falls on said fourth Tuesday of May; and all processes and matters returnable to the court at Lock's Village in Shutesbury on the second Tuesday of July, may be acted upon at any of the courts to be held at Orange next after said second Tuesday of July.

Repeal of § 36 ch.  
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SECTION 2. So much of section thirty six of chapter one hundred and seventeen of the General Statutes, as requires the holding of a probate court at Charlemont, and at Lock's Village in Shutesbury, is hereby repealed.

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

*Approved May 18, 1867.*

### Chap. 250

#### AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEEDS.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

Notary public  
may take.

SECTION 1. The acknowledgment of deeds may be made before any notary public in this Commonwealth.

Such former acts  
of notaries to be  
valid.

SECTION 2. All acknowledgments of deeds heretofore made in this Commonwealth before a notary public duly commissioned and qualified, shall be deemed and taken to be legal and valid.

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

*Approved May 18, 1867.*

### Chap. 251

#### AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CITY OF HAVERHILL.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

City established.

SECTION 1. The inhabitants of the town of Haverhill shall continue to be a body politic and corporate under the name of the city of Haverhill, and as such shall have, exercise and enjoy all the rights, immunities, powers and privileges, and shall be subject to all the duties and obligations now incumbent upon and pertaining to the said town as a municipal corporation.

Government.

SECTION 2. The administration of all the fiscal, prudential and municipal affairs of the said city, with the government thereof, shall be vested in one municipal officer styled the mayor, one council of six, to be called the board of aldermen, and one council of eighteen, to be called the common council; which boards, in their joint capacity, shall be denominated the city council; and the members thereof shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their respective duties. A majority of each board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. And no member of either board shall receive any compensation for his services.

Quorum of city  
council.

Division of town  
into wards.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the selectmen of said town, as soon as may be after the passage of this act and its acceptance, as herein provided, to divide said town into six