

SECTION 2. License is also granted to said corporation for the purpose of conveniently connecting its tracks on said bridge with its freight premises in Boston, and with the tracks of the Union Freight Railway Company, to occupy with a pile-structure the territory covered by tide-water lying between the present wharf-line on the Boston side of said channel and a line parallel thereto and fifty feet southerly therefrom, and between said bridge and Federal Street Bridge, or such portion thereof as may be necessary for said purposes, paying to the Commonwealth such sum as the governor and council may determine to be a reasonable compensation for the territory so occupied.

May occupy with a pile-structure certain territory covered by tide-water.

SECTION 3. This license is subject to the provisions of chapter four hundred and thirty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine.

Subject to 1869, 432.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 14, 1873.*

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT CONCERNING THE BROOKLINE GAS LIGHT COMPANY.

Ch. 188.

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

SECTION 1. The Brookline Gas Light Company are authorized to make gas in the town of Brighton, subject to all provisions of law concerning gas light corporations.

May make gas in Brighton.

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

*Approved April 14, 1873.*

AN ACT GIVING THE CONSENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO THE UNITED STATES, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL LAND IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, FOR THE SUB-TREASURY AND POST-OFFICE SITE.

Ch. 189.

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

SECTION 1. The consent of the Commonwealth is granted to the United States, to purchase additional land, for the site of the new post-office and sub-treasury building in the city of Boston, the said additional land lying adjoining the tract already purchased by the United States, in the block bounded by Devonshire, Water, Congress and Milk Streets, and constituting, with the tract already purchased, the entire block or square bounded by Devonshire, Water, Congress and Milk Streets.

Additional land may be purchased for site of new post-office.

The said tracts of additional land are : first, an estate now or formerly owned by the Merchants' Insurance Company ; second, an estate now or formerly owned by Peter B. Brigham ; third, an estate now or formerly owned by Edward Wigglesworth ; fourth, an estate now or formerly

Description of land.

owned by Thomas Wigglesworth; fifth, an estate now or formerly owned by Thomas Goddard, trustee, and all of said estates constitute the estate lying between the property already acquired by the United States on the west, and Congress Street on the east, Water Street on the north and Milk Street on the south. Jurisdiction is ceded to the United States over said tracts, respectively, or any part or portion thereof, when the United States shall become the owner thereof: *provided, always*, that the Commonwealth shall retain and does retain concurrent jurisdiction with the United States in and over all the lands aforesaid, so far that civil and criminal processes, issuing under the authority of the Commonwealth, may be executed on said land, and in any buildings erected or to be erected thereon, in the same way and manner as if jurisdiction had not been granted as aforesaid; and *provided*, that the exclusive jurisdiction shall revert to and revest in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, whenever said lands shall cease to be used by the United States for public purposes.

Proviso.

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If price of land cannot be agreed upon valuation may be determined by a jury.

SECTION 2. If the agent or agents employed by the United States, and the person or persons owning or interested in either of said estates, cannot agree upon the price to be paid for their interest therein, the agent or agents of the United States may apply by petition to the superior court for the county of Suffolk, such petition to be made separately as to each of said estates, describing the estate and praying to have a valuation thereof made by a jury; and the court, after due notice to the owner or owners of the estate described in such petition, and to all parties interested therein, to be given in such manner as the court may order, is empowered and required to hear the parties and finally determine the value of their said estate, (taking into consideration the injury or benefit, if any, which said owners or persons interested may sustain in any adjoining estate,) by a jury, who shall be sworn to faithfully and impartially make such appraisment and valuation. And if any person or persons, other than the owner or owners of said estate shall appear and claim any interest in said estate, the value to the owner of the fee, and to all persons interested in said estate, shall be ascertained and apportioned in the same manner as is provided for the assessment of damages in section fifty-five of chapter forty-three of the General Statutes; and the clerk of the

superior court for civil business, for the county of Suffolk, shall issue writs of *venire facias*, for jurors to make the appraisements and valuations aforesaid, and shall therein require the attendance of said jurors, on such day as the court shall order, and said writs shall be severally issued, delivered, transmitted, served and returned in the same manner as now provided as to other juries by chapter one hundred and thirty-two of the General Statutes; and the value aforesaid having been ascertained by the verdict of said jury, and said verdict accepted and recorded by said court, and the amount thereof paid or tendered within one month after final judgment, to the said owner or owners, or persons interested, or their agent or attorney, together with their reasonable costs and expenses, to be taxed by said court, or in case of their neglect or refusal to receive the same, the amount of said verdict, costs and expenses having been paid into the treasury of the Commonwealth, for their use, and subject to their order, the fee of said estate shall be forever vested in the United States: *provided, however*, that neither the United States nor their agent or agents shall enter into or take possession of said estates, respectively, or exercise any act of ownership thereon until the amount of said verdict, costs and expenses aforesaid shall have been actually paid as aforesaid; and *provided, also*, that all the charge of said application and appraisal shall be paid by the United States.

When money has been paid over, fee to vest in the U. S.

Proviso.

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The applications aforesaid may, by agreement of parties, be heard and determined together, but a separate valuation shall be made and a separate verdict rendered in each case.

SECTION 3. This act shall be void unless a suitable plan of the additional land obtained or purchased by the United States under this act shall be filed in the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth within one year after the title shall be acquired.

Plan of land to be filed in the Secretary's office.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 15, 1873.*

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE DRAWING OF ANY SEINE OR DRAG-NET NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE GAY HEAD HERRING CREEK.

Ch. 190.

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

SECTION 1. No seine or drag-net shall be drawn in Menamsha Pond, within fifty rods from the mouth of the Gay Head Herring Creek, between the fifteenth day of March and the fifteenth day of May, in each year.

No seine to be drawn between March 15 and May 15.