

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST PARISH IN ROWLEY TO SELL REAL ESTATE. *Chap. 141*

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

SECTION 1. The First Parish in Rowley may sell and convey by its deed or deeds executed by the treasurer of said parish all the lands belonging to said parish at public or private sale, and invest and hold the proceeds of such sale for the purposes and uses for which the aforesaid lands were held.

May sell real estate.

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

*Approved April 20, 1875.*

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEEDS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES. *Chap. 142*

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

SECTION 1. The acknowledgment of deeds may be made before any consular officer under the laws of the United States in any foreign country to which he is accredited. And any deed or other instrument under seal heretofore acknowledged before any such officer, and recorded in its appropriate registry within this Commonwealth, shall be held to have been duly and properly acknowledged and recorded.

Deeds may be acknowledged before consular officers in foreign countries.

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

*Approved April 20, 1875.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRISTOL COUNTY TO TAKE LAND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. *Chap. 143*

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

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of the county of Bristol may borrow, on the credit of said county, a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars for the purpose of enlarging the registry of deeds and probate building for the northern district of said county in Taunton, and paying for any land that may be taken or purchased for that object.

Commissioners may borrow money for enlarging registry of deeds, etc.

SECTION 2. The said commissioners for the purposes aforesaid may take land adjoining the present court-house lot not exceeding thirty square rods in extent and they shall, within sixty days after such taking, file for record in the registry of deeds for said northern district a description of the land so taken ; and the title of the same shall thereupon vest in said county.

May take land adjoining court-house lot.

SECTION 3. All damages sustained by any person for land taken under the second section of this act may be

Damages.

determined and recovered in the same manner as is now provided by law in case of lands taken for highways.

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

*Approved April 20, 1875.*

*Chap. 144* AN ACT CONCERNING THE ATTACHMENT OF ENGINES AND CARS, AND STEAMBOATS.

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

Engines and cars not to be attached within forty-eight hours previous to time of departure, unless, etc.

SECTION 1. Whenever railroad cars and engines are in use on railroads or steamboats, upon water-routes, and making regular passages thereon, they shall not be attached upon mesne process in any suit, within forty-eight hours previous to their fixed time of departure, unless the officer making such attachment shall have first demanded of the owners or managers of such engines, cars or steamboats, other property equal in value to the *ad damnum* in the writ upon which to make such attachment, and such owners or managers shall have refused or neglected to comply with said demand. And any officer making such attachment shall on his return upon the process upon which it is made, certify that he has made such demand for such other property, and that such demand has been refused or neglected; otherwise such attachment shall be wholly void.

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

*Approved April 20, 1875.*

*Chap. 145* AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT TO SUPPLY THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE WITH PURE WATER.

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

May issue additional water scrip, not exceeding \$500,000.

SECTION 1. To enlarge and extend the water-works of the city of Cambridge, the city council of said city may issue scrip or bonds in addition to the scrip or bonds authorized by chapter one hundred fifty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred seventy-two, to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, bearing interest not exceeding six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, the principal to be payable at periods not more than twenty years from the issuing of such scrip or bonds; and said city council may sell such scrip or bonds, or any part thereof, from time to time, or pledge the same for money borrowed for the extension of said water-works, on such terms and conditions as it may deem proper.

SECTION 2. Said city of Cambridge shall annually set apart from the surplus receipts of said works, after deducting all expenses and charges of distribution, and if

To establish sinking fund.