

poration, be delinquent in the payment of any assessment that may be made on said share or shares, according to such Rules as shall be established by said Corporation for the sale of Shares of delinquents.

*And be it further Enacted*, That the said Corporation may have full power to purchase and hold any other real Estate necessary to carry their design into Effect, *provided* that such additional purchase shall not exceed fifty Acres of Land, nor any Land to a greater amount than twenty thousand dollars including the buildings which may be thereon at the time of the purchase. — to purchase & hold real estate.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, that no Toll shall ever be demanded for passing and re-passing said Canal in any flote, vessel, or otherwise; or for transportation of any Articles through the same Canal. And the said Proprietors shall, at all times, be held to keep the said Canal in good order and proper repair. Vessels to pass free.

*Approved February 26, 1796.*

### 1795. — Chapter 66.

[January Session, ch. 42.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE JOHN THORLO AND OTHERS INTO A SOCIETY BY THE NAME OF THE PORTLAND MARINE SOCIETY.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same*, that John Thorlo, Samuel Robinson, Lemuel Moody, William Lowell, Collin Campbell, Stephen Ham, John McLellan, Joshua Wait, George Wait, and David Alden, together with all others who shall become members thereof, be and they are hereby erected into and made a body politic and corporate forever by the name of the Portland Marine Society. Persons incorporated.

*Be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid*, that said Corporation are hereby declared, and made capable in Law of having, purchasing and holding in fee simple, or any less estate by gift, grant, devise, or otherwise any Lands, tenements or other estate real or personal, *provided* that the annual income of the same shall not exceed the Sum of Six thousand dollars — And also to sell alien or dispose of the same. May purchase and hold estate.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, that the said Corporation shall have full power and authority to make, have, & use a common seal, and the same Their legal powers.

to break, alter and renew at pleasure; That it shall be capable in Law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend, and be defended in all courts and places whatsoever, in all actions real, personal, and mixed and to do and execute all and singular other matters and things, that to them shall and may appertain to do.

Corporation  
may make regu-  
lations and elect  
officers.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* that said corporation may make establish and put in Execution such laws and regulations as may be necessary for the Government of said Corporation; *provided* that in no case the same shall be repugnant to the Laws and constitution of the Commonwealth — And for the well governing of said corporation, they shall have power to elect such officers as they shall hereafter think proper.

Purpose of the  
Society.

*And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid,* that the end and design of the institution of said Society is the promotion of the knowledge of navigation and seaman-ship, the relief of decayed and disabled seamen and the poor widows and orphans of deceased seamen.

John Thorlo  
authorized to  
call a meeting.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* that John Thorlo, be and he is hereby authorized to fix the time and place at which the first meeting of said society shall be held and to notify the same to the members of said Society, by publishing the same in either of the Portland News papers fourteen days before the time fixed upon for holding the said meeting. *Approved February 26, 1796.*

### 1795. — Chapter 67.

[January Session, ch. 44.]

AN ACT TO MAKE FURTHER ALLOWANCE TO THE JUDGE OF PROBATE FOR THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK FOR HIS SERVICES.

*Whereas the fees of the Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk as by law established, may not be an adequate compensation for his services in that office.*

Courts of Gen-  
eral Sessions of  
the Peace for  
Suffolk Co.  
authorized.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, & by the authority of the same,* that the Court of General Sessions of the Peace in said County be, and hereby are authorized & impowered annually to grant out of the Treasury of the said County, unto the said Judge for the time being, such sum of money, in addition to the legal fees he may receive for his services, as to the said Court shall appear just and reasonable;