

Justices authorized upon view of breach of peace, &c to require the arrest of offenders.

Penalty for disobeying Justice's order.

Constables authorized to convey prisoners beyond the limits of their own town or district.

Acts repealed.

SECT. 3. *Be it further Enacted*, that any Justice of the Peace, for the preservation thereof, or upon view of the breach thereof, or upon view of any other transgression of Law, proper to his Cognizance, done or committed by any person or persons whatever, shall have authority, (in the absence of the Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, or Constable) to require any person or persons to apprehend & bring before him such offender or offenders: And every person so required who shall refuse or neglect to obey the said Justice, shall be punished in the same manner as for refusing or neglecting to assist any Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, or Constable in the execution of his office as aforesaid. And no person who shall refuse or neglect to obey such Justice, to whom he shall be known, or declare himself to be a Justice of the peace shall be admitted to plead excuse on any pretence of ignorance of his office.

SECT. 4. Whereas doubts have arisen whether a Constable, unless empowered by Statute, can lawfully convey any person by him apprehended, or things taken by writ or warrant to him directed any farther than thro' his Town or District; *Be it further Enacted*, that any Constable of any Town or District within this Commonwealth, shall have authority in the execution of the warrant or writ to him directed by lawful authority, to convey as well any Prisoner or Prisoners, as things that they may have taken into their Custody, either to the Justice issuing such warrant or writ or to the Common Goal or house of Correction of the County where such Constable is an Inhabitant, according as in the writ or warrant may be directed.

SECT. 5. *Be it further Enacted*, that all laws enacted in this Commonwealth, before the first of November, A. D. seventeen hundred & eighty, the subject matter whereof is included in this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved February 26, 1796.

1795. — Chapter 69.

[January Session, ch. 43.]

AN ACT FOR RECORDING BIRTHS AND DEATHS BY THE CLERKS OF TOWNS & DISTRICTS.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, that it shall be the duty of every Town Clerk, and every District Clerk, within this Commonwealth, to

Clerks of Towns and Districts to record all births and deaths.

record all Births & Deaths which shall happen within his Town or District and come to his knowledge, together with the time of such birth or death, and the names of his or her parents, if known, for the fees allowed by law, to be paid by his Town or District.

And be it further Enacted, that it shall be the duty of Parents to give notice to the Clerk of the Town or District in which they dwell of all the births & deaths of their Children; and it shall be the duty of every Householder, to give notice of every birth & death which may happen in his house; and of the eldest person next of kin to give such notice of the death of his kindred; and it shall be the duty of the Master or keeper of any Alms-house Work-house or Prison, and of the Master or Commander of any Ship or Vessel, to give notice of every Birth and Death which may happen in the house or vessel under his care or charge to the Clerk of the Town or District in which such event shall happen: And in case any person, whose duty it shall be by virtue of this act, to give notice as aforesaid, shall neglect to perform the same, for the space of six months after the birth or death shall happen, the person so neglecting shall pay a fine of one dollar, to be recovered with costs of suit, on complaint, before any Justice of the peace for the same County, to the use of any Inhabitant of the same Town, who shall prosecute for the same; from which Judgement, there shall be no appeal.

And be it further Enacted, that this act shall be in force, on and after the first day of September next; and that an Act passed Anno Domini one thousand six hundred & ninety two, for registering births & deaths, shall be, and hereby is repealed on and after that day.

Approved February 26, 1796.

1795. — Chapter 70.

[January Session, ch. 51.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE LEMUEL STEWART & OTHERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONVEYING WATER BY PIPES INTO THE TOWN STREET NEAR THE COLLEGE IN WILLIAMSTOWN, BY THE NAME OF THE PROPRIETORS OF THE WATER WORKS IN THE TOWN STREET IN WILLIAMSTOWN.

Be it enacted by the Senate & House of Representatives in General Court Assembled, & by the authority of the same, that Lemuel Stewart, Oliver D. Cook, William Starkweather, Tompson J. Skinner, Benjamin Skinner,

Parent's duty,
&c.

Fine, in case of
neglect.

Act repealed.

Persons incor-
porated.