

thereof, at such time and place as shall be expressed in said warrant, for the purpose of choosing such Town officers as other Towns are impowered to choose in the Months of March or April annually.

Approved June 17, 1797.

1797. — Chapter 5.

[May Session, ch. 5.]

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT INTITLED "AN ACT, TO INCORPORATE THE CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY IN THE TOWN OF NORTON, INTO A DISTINCT PARISH & ALSO TO INCORPORATE A COMMITTEE OF THE SAID SOCIETY FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES, PASSED MARCH FOURTH ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED & EIGHTY THREE."

SECTN. 1. *Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court Assembled and by the authority of the same*, that the said Parish be & hereby are authorized & empowered at any legal meeting thereof, to be holden in the Month of March annually, to choose some suitable person to be Treasurer for the Trustees of the said Parish, and the person so chosen shall give Bond at the discretion of the said trustees for the faithful performance of his duty.

Treasurer to
be chosen.

SECTN. 2d. *And be it further enacted*, that the Treasurer (for the time being) chosen & qualified as aforesaid shall be impowered, to receive for the use of the said Parish, all Monies, & Securities for money belonging to said Parish, any thing in the Act to which this is in addition to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved June 17, 1797.

1797. — Chapter 6.

[May Session, ch. 6.]

AN ACT FOR ESTABLISHING THE RATES OF TOLL AT THE PATUCKETT CANAL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECT. 1. *Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same*, that from and after the passing of this Act, the following Toll be and hereby is granted to the proprietors of the Locks and Canals on Merrimack River, for passing the Locks, Canals and Passageways at Wickasie and Patucket Falls, to be received at Patucket — viz., — For every thousand feet of pine Boards, fifty Cents; for

Toll estab-
lished.

Rate.

every thousand feet of two and an half inch pine Plank, one Dollar & twenty five cents — and other pine plank in proportion thereto; For every thousand feet of two & an[d] half inch Oak plank, Two Dollars and fifty cents, and other Oak Plank in proportion thereto; for every Cord of Pine Wood, twenty cents; for every Cord of other wood twenty-five cents; for every thousand of Barrel Staves, fifty cents; for every thousand of Hogshead Staves, ninety cents; for every thousand of Pipe Staves, one Dollar & twenty-five cents; for every Ton of Oak Timber, Thirty seven & an half cents; for every ton of pine timber, twenty Cents; for every Boat or other Vessel, at the rate of Twenty-five cents for every ton Burthen it is capable of conveying, whether loaded or not; for every Mast, at the rate of seventeen Cents for every inch of the Diameter thereof, at one third the length at the largest end; and for all articles not enumerated, in proportion to the rates aforesaid; *Provided nevertheless*, that the said rate of Toll shall be subject to the direction of the Legislature after thirty Years from the passing of this Act.

Proviso.

SECT. 2. *And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid*, that whenever the Toll Gatherer shall estimate the Quantity of Lumber contained in any Raft, higher than the Owner or Manager of such raft, the Toll Gatherer shall cause the same to be surveyed by a sworn surveyor; and if upon such Survey it shall appear that there is in such Raft a greater quantity than was declared by the Owner thereof, the expence of such survey shall be paid by the Owner, in addition to the Toll; otherwise such Expence shall be deducted from the Toll.

Case of dispute of the quantity of lumber.

SECT. 3. *Be it further Enacted*, that so much of the Act incorporating the said Proprietors as regulates the rate of Toll for passing the Locks, Canals & Passage ways at Wickasie & Patucket Falls, be and hereby is repealed.

Former Toll annulled.

Approved June 17, 1797.

1797. — Chapter 7.

[May Session, ch. 7.]

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE CATCHING FISH WITH SEINES IN FRESH POND (SO CALLED) IN THE TOWNS OF CAMBRIDGE & WATERTOWN.

Be it enacted by the Senate & House of Representatives in General Court assembled & by the authority of the same