

An act to authorize the several banks, incorporated within this Commonwealth, to issue bills of the denomination of *one, two and three* dollars.

SECT. 1. **B**E 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, and during the pleasure of the Legislature, the president and directors of all the banks incorporated under the authority of the Legislature of this Commonwealth, with power to issue promises of their own, on banking principles, be, and they hereby are authorized and empowered to issue and emit bills of the denominations of *one, two and three* dollars, to the amount of *five per centum* of their several capital stocks, actually paid in, any thing in their respective acts of incorporation to the contrary notwithstanding: *Provided however*, that this privilege shall not be construed to authorize the said banks, to owe or issue bills or promises to any greater amount than by their respective acts of incorporation they are already privileged to owe or issue.

Bills of 1, 2 and 3 dollars to be emitted, with a proviso.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the bills of the denomination of *one, two and three* dollars, shall be constructed with the denomination of the bill in each of the corners thereof in figures, and in the body of the bills in large capital letters, with an oval border lengthwise of the bill, and the word *Massachusetts*, in large capital letters, under the upper part of the oval border; to be signed by the president, and countersigned by the cashier of the bank, from which the same may issue, and no bank shall issue any bill of an oval form or impression, of an higher denomination than *three* dollars.

Bills how to be made.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That before any of the bills, of the denomination aforesaid, shall be issued by any bank, the amount which said bank is allowed to issue, shall be impressed: And the president and directors of the several banks, in their returns and statements, as required by law, shall state the amount of said bills in circulation, and the amount thereof on hand; And no further impression or emission of said bills shall be created or allowed by virtue of this act.

Each bank to have its whole amount impressed before issuing.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the several statements and returns which, by the respective acts of incorporation of the several banks or other corporate bodies, are directed to be made to his Excellency the Govern-

Future statements from banks to be made under oath

error and the Council of this Commonwealth, shall hereafter be made under the oaths of the president and the several directors and cashiers or trustees and treasurers of the said several banks, or other corporate bodies, at the several periods directed by their respective acts of incorporation, which oath shall be administered by some magistrate duly authorized to administer oaths, and who shall have no interest in the said corporate body.

[This act passed June 15, 1805.]

An act to incorporate Royal Makepeace, and others, into a society, for the purpose of building a meeting-house, and supporting public worship therein, in the easterly part of *Cambridge*.

SECT. 1. **B**E it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That Royal Makepeace, John Cook, Josiah Mason, jun. Daniel Mason, and Andrew Boardman, and their associates, and their successors, be, and they hereby are constituted and made a corporation and body politic, by the name of the "*Cambridge-port Meeting-house Corporation*," and shall by that name sue and be sued, and shall have a common seal, and also may ordain and establish, and put in execution, such bye-laws and regulations, as to them shall seem necessary and convenient for the government of said corporation: *Provided*, such bye-laws and regulations shall be in no wise contrary to the laws and constitution of this Commonwealth: And may hold and purchase land for the erection of a house for public worship thereon, and may purchase and hold real and personal estate, the annual income of which shall not exceed the sum of *two thousand dollars*, for the purpose of building a meeting-house, and supporting public worship therein.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the shares in said corporation shall not exceed *one hundred* in number, and shall be considered as personal estate: *Provided always*, that the certificates and transfers of the same, shall be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county of *Middlesex*.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That whenever any proprietor shall neglect or refuse to pay any tax or assessment duly voted for the purposes of this corporation, and d upon by said corporation, to the treasurer thereof, within

General powers.

Land may be held.

Shares.

Shares of delinquents to be sold.