

June 17, An. 1809.

defining the general powers and duties of manufacturing Corporations.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Corporation may be lawfully seized of such real estate, not exceeding the value of thirty thousand dollars, and such personal estate not exceeding the value of seventy thousand dollars, as may be necessary and convenient for establishing and carrying on the manufactory of leather in the towns of Northampton, Chester and Cummington, aforesaid.

[This act passed June 17, 1809.]

CHAP. XVII.

An Act to transfer the powers and duties of the Court of Sessions to the Courts of Common Pleas, 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 act entitled, "an act in addition to an act, entitled an act establishing Courts of General Sessions of the Peace," passed the third day of July, in the year of our Lord, seventeen hundred and eighty two, and also an "act to explain and amend the laws respecting Courts of General Sessions of the Peace," be, and they hereby are repealed.

Former acts repealed.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That from and after the passing of this act, the Courts of Common Pleas, within this Commonwealth, in their respective counties, shall have, exercise and perform all the powers, authorities and duties, which before and until the passing of this act, the respective Courts of Sessions within the several counties in this Commonwealth, have by law had, exercised and performed.

Powers transferred.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That all petitions, recognizances, warrants, orders, certificates, reports and processes, made to, pending in, taken for, or continued, or returnable to, the Courts of Sessions in the several counties in this Commonwealth, shall be returnable to, entered, have day, be proceeded in, and determined by the respective

Petitions, &c. returnable to the Common Pleas.

respective Courts of Common Pleas, within and for the same counties, at the term thereof, which shall be next holden after passing this act; and that all petitions, recognizances, warrants, orders, reports and processes, which shall hereafter be made or taken, shall be made and taken to the Courts of Common Pleas, within the respective counties, at the term thereof, which shall be next holden after passing this act, in the same manner as they would have been made or taken to the said Court of Sessions, if this act had not been made.

[This act passed June 19, 1809.]

CHAP. XVIII.

An Act in addition to an act, entitled, "An act in further addition to an act, entitled, an act for incorporating James Sullivan, Esq. and others, by the name and style of the proprietors of the Middlesex Canal."

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the proprietors of the Middlesex Canal, shall be allowed the further time of four years from the twenty second day of June current, to render Concord river boatable and navigable, and for cutting other canals in the county of Middlesex, pursuant and according to the tenor of the acts heretofore passed on that subject.

Proprietors allowed further time.

[This act passed June 19, 1809.]

CHAP. XIX.

An Act to provide for two extra sessions of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Middlesex.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That there shall be a term of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Middlesex, holden at Cambridge in the same county, on the second Tuesday of July next, and another term of said Court holden

Extra sessions.