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of any estate, real or personal, for the use of said Society; *provided*, the annual income thereof shall not exceed at any time the value of three thousand dollars.

Assessments.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the Committee of the said Society, chosen at any legal meeting thereof, shall be authorized to raise, by assessment on each Member of said Society, such sum or sums of money as may be by them considered a proportionate part of the expenses of settling and maintaining such Minister or Ministers of the Gospel, as the Society may call and elect, and the contingent expenses of the Society; and generally to do and transact all business for the said Society as they may think fit and proper.

Meeting
choice of
officers.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That any Justice of the Peace for the county of Suffolk, be, and he hereby is authorized to issue his warrant to some Member of said Society, requiring him to warn the members thereof to meet at such convenient time and place, in said town of Boston, as shall be therein directed, to choose a Moderator, a Clerk, a Treasurer and such other officers, Committee or Committees, as they shall think needful. And the Moderator, so chosen, and Moderators, chosen at any future meetings of the said Society, shall have authority to administer the oaths of office to the Clerk and any other Officers which the Society shall think proper to elect, and from whom the said Society may think it necessary and proper, by a vote in any of its meetings, to require an oath, for the faithful discharge of the duties of their office.

[Approved by the Governor, December 13, 1816.]

CHAP. XCVII.

AN Act in further addition to an act, entitled an act to incorporate the President, Directors and Company of the Mechanics' Bank in Newburyport.

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 pas-

sing of this act, the number of Directors in the Mechanics' Bank in Newburyport, shall be seven, four of whom shall be a quorum, any thing in the act to which this is in addition to the contrary notwithstanding.

[Approved by the Governor, December 13, 1816.]

CHAP. XCVIII.

An Act to prevent the destruction of Fish in the town of Pittsfield.

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, whosoever shall kill, take or catch any Pickerell or Trout in any pond, river or stream within the town of Pittsfield, other than by or with a hook, or hooks and line, shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars for each and every Pickerell or Trout so taken, to be recovered by any person who may sue for the same, to his own use, before any Justice of the Peace within the same county.

Penalty.

[Approved by the Governor, December 13, 1816.]

CHAP. XCIX.

An Act in addition to an act, entitled "An act for the preservation of Fish in Penobscot River and Bay, and the several streams emptying into the same."

SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That all wears in the Penobscot River or Bay, or in the streams emptying into same, shall be, by the person or persons interested therein, entirely removed therefrom or demolished, on or before the fifth day of July annually; and in case the said person or persons, so interested in said wears,

Wears removed.