

Wilde be, and he hereby is authorized to fix the time for holding said meeting, and to notify the same to the members of the said society, by causing the same to be published in such newspapers as he may think expedient, thirty days before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

[Approved by the Governor, February 16, 1818.]

CHAP. CXXIII.

An Act in addition to an act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Eastern River Lock and Sluice Company.

BE *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That the corporation established by an act passed on the thirteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, entitled "An act to incorporate the Eastern River Lock and Sluice Company," be, and they hereby are authorized to hold and be possessed of real estate, not exceeding the value of ten thousand dollars, and of personal estate not exceeding the same amount.

May hold real estate.

[Approved by the Governor, February 16, 1818.]

CHAP. CXXIV.

An Act to incorporate the Howard Benevolent Society.

SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That Thomas Vose and his associates, together with such others as may become subscribers to the same institution, in the manner hereinafter provided, be, and they are hereby incorporated into a society, by the name of the Howard Benevolent Society; and by that name shall be a corporation forever; with power to have a common seal, to make con-

Persons incorporated.

tracts relative to the objects of their institution; to sue and be sued; to establish by-laws and orders for the regulation of the said society, and the preservation and application of the funds thereof; *provided* the same be not repugnant to the constitution or laws of this Commonwealth; to take, hold and possess any estate, real or personal, by subscription, gift, grant, purchase, devise or otherwise; and the same to improve, lease, exchange, or sell and convey, for the sole benefit of said institution: *Provided*, that the value of the real estate of said society shall never, at any one time, exceed twenty thousand dollars, and the annual income of the whole estate of said society shall not exceed ten thousand dollars.

Powers and
privileges.

Provisos.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That every person who shall subscribe and pay to the funds of said society, a sum not less than one dollar and a half annually, shall, by such subscription and payment, become a member of said society; liable however to be removed therefrom on neglect or refusal to pay the annual subscription aforesaid.

Annual sub-
scription.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the said society shall meet annually in Boston, in the month of October, at the time and place their committee may appoint, and shall elect from their members, by ballot, a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and not less than ten, nor more than fourteen persons, who, together with the President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall constitute the standing committee, who shall meet discretionally to make pecuniary appropriations, and transact such business as may require their attention; all which officers shall hold their respective offices one year, and until others shall be elected to succeed them, except in case of vacancy by death or resignation, in which case the committee shall have power to fill such vacancy until the ensuing annual election; and five of them shall form a quorum. The society shall also meet in January and April, at the time and place the committee shall appoint, who shall give notice of all meetings of the society, by advertisements in two or more of the newspapers printed in Boston, at least seven days before each meeting.

Annual meet-
ing in Boston.Pecuniary ap-
propriations.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the committee, for the time being, shall have the management and

Disposition of
Funds, &c.

application of all the subscriptions, donations, funds and estate of the society, to be appropriated solely for the uses of the society; *provided* such regulations are not repugnant to the laws of this Commonwealth, or the by-laws of this society; and no sale or transfer of any real or personal estate of the society shall be valid, unless approved by the committee.

May sue and
be sued.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That any writ or process against said corporation, may be served by the officer leaving an attested copy thereof with the Treasurer of said society, or at his last or usual place of residence, thirty days before the return day thereof; and the said Treasurer, or any person appointed for that purpose, by the society, or by the committee, may appear by attorney, and defend or prosecute any suit in behalf of said society. And all instruments of conveyance or contract, which may lawfully be made by the society, shall be approved by the committee, and signed by the President, and countersigned by the Secretary; and, if necessary, sealed with the common seal of said society; and when so executed, shall be binding thereon, and valid in law.

Notice of
meeting.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That Thomas Vose be, and he is hereby authorized to call the first meeting of the said society, by giving public notice of the time and place of meeting, by advertisement in one or more of the newspapers printed in the town of Boston, at least three days prior to such meeting; and at which meeting, the officers before mentioned of the society shall be elected, and shall hold their offices until the first annual election of officers shall be holden, agreeably to the provisions of this act.

[Approved by the Governor, February 16, 1818.]

CHAP. CXXV.

An Act establishing the Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden Agricultural Society.

SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That Joseph Lyman, Noah