

disposition of the stock, property, estate and effects of said company, and the transfer of shares, and touching the duties and conduct of the several Officers, Clerks, and Servants employed. and the election of Directors, and all such matters as appertain to the business of insurance; and shall also have power to appoint a Secretary, and so many Clerks and Servants for carrying on the said business, with such salaries and allowances to them and to the President as to the said Board shall seem meet; *provided*, that such by-laws and regulations shall not be repugnant to the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth.

Compensation  
to officers.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That any two or more persons, named in this act of incorporation, are hereby authorized to call a meeting of said company, as soon as may be, in Castine, by advertising the same in two of the most public places in said town, for ten days at least previous to said meeting, for the purpose of electing a first Board of Directors, who shall continue in office until the first Monday in October, which shall be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

First meeting.

[Approved by the Governor, February 20, 1819.]

## CHAP. CXX.

### An Act to establish Courts of Sessions.

SEC. 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 first day of June next, an act, entitled "An act to transfer the powers and duties of the Courts of Sessions to the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, and for other purposes," passed on the twenty-eighth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, excepting the first section thereof; and all other acts, and parts of acts, in addition thereto, be, and the same are hereby repealed: *Pro-*

Act repealed.

*vided, however, that nothing in this act contained, shall be considered as extending to the Counties of Suffolk, Nantucket, and Dukes' County.*

Powers of  
Courts of Ses-  
sions.

**SEC. 2.** *Be it further enacted,* That from and after the first day of June next, the Court of Sessions, in the several counties in this Commonwealth, shall be holden by one Chief Justice, and two Associate Justices, or any two of them, to be appointed and commissioned by the Governor, with advice and consent of Council, as soon as conveniently may be; who shall have all the powers, rights, and privileges, and be subject to all the duties which are now vested in the Circuit Courts of Common Pleas, relative to the erection and repair of gaols, and other county buildings, the allowance and settlement of county accounts, the estimate, apportionment, and issuing warrants for assessing county taxes, granting licenses, laying out, altering, and discontinuing highways, and appointing committees, and ordering juries for that purpose.

Times of hold-  
ing Courts.

**SEC. 3.** *Be it further enacted,* That the Courts of Sessions shall be holden within and for the several counties in this Commonwealth, at the times and places following, to wit: Within and for the County of Essex, at Ipswich, on the second Tuesday of April, and second Tuesday of October; within and for the County of Middlesex, at Cambridge, on the first Tuesday in January, and at Concord, on the second Tuesday in May, and on the third Tuesday in September; within and for the County of Worcester, at Worcester, on the second Tuesday of March, and on the second Tuesday of September; within and for the County of Hampshire, at Northampton, on the first Tuesday in September, and on the first Tuesday in March; within and for the County of Hampden, at Springfield, on the fourth Tuesday in March, and on the Tuesday next preceding the fourth Monday in August; within and for the County of Franklin, at Greenfield, on the first Tuesday in March, and on the third Tuesday in November; within and for the County of Berkshire, at Lenox, on the last Tuesday in April, and on the last Tuesday in September; within and for the County of Norfolk, at Dedham, on the third Tuesday of April, and on the fourth Tues-

day in September; within and for the County of Plymouth, at Plymouth, on the third Tuesday in March, and on the first Tuesday in August; within and for the County of Bristol, at Taunton, on the fourth Tuesday in March, and on the fourth Tuesday in September; within and for the County of Barnstable, at Barnstable, on the last Tuesday in March, and on the third Tuesday in September; within and for the County of York, at York, on the Tuesday next preceding the third Monday of April, and at Alfred, on the Tuesday next preceding the second Monday in September; within and for the County of Oxford, at Paris, on the third Tuesday of June, and first Tuesday of October; within and for the County of Cumberland, at Portland, on the fourth Tuesday in March, and on the first Tuesday in September; within and for the County of Kennebec, at Augusta, on the last Tuesday in April, and on the first Tuesday in December; within and for the County of Somerset, at Norridgewock, on the second Tuesday in March, and on the second Tuesday in September; within and for the County of Lincoln, at Wiscasset, on the third Tuesday in May, and at Warren, on the third Tuesday in January; within and for the County of Hancock, at Castine, on the Thursday next succeeding the third Tuesday of March, and on the Thursday next succeeding the third Tuesday of November; within and for the County of Washington, at Machias, on the first Tuesday in March, and on the first Tuesday in September; within and for the County of Penobscot, at Bangor, on the first Tuesday in March, and on the first Tuesday in September.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That all matters taken for, returnable to, or pending, in the several Circuit Courts of Common Pleas, on the first day of June next, of which the jurisdiction is hereby transferred to the Courts of Sessions, shall be returnable to, have day, be proceeded in, and determined by the respective Courts of Sessions, within and for the same counties, at the term thereof, which shall be holden next after the first day of June next. And the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of Common Pleas, within the

Circuit Courts  
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sions.

several counties, shall be Clerks of the Court of Sessions.

Salaries.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the Justices of the Courts of Sessions shall receive, for their services, three dollars for each day, during their attendance in said Court, and one dollar for every ten miles travel, to be paid out of the County Treasury.

[Approved by the Governor, February 20, 1819.]

## CHAP. CXXI.

An Act in addition to the several acts now in force, respecting Highways.

Assessments for highways.

SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That the several towns in this Commonwealth, having a population of eight hundred inhabitants, at any public, legal meeting of the inhabitants thereof, regularly notified and warned for that purpose, may vote to raise any sum of money, to be laid out for the making and repairing of highways and townways, in said towns respectively, as they may deem necessary; and may, by a vote of said towns respectively, if they see fit, direct the same to be assessed in money on the polls and rateable estate, real and personal, of the inhabitants, residents, and non residents, of their town, as other town charges are by law assessed; and the same to be committed to the Collector of taxes for said town, to be collected and paid, as other town charges are collected and paid, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That when any person finding himself aggrieved by the doings of a committee in locating a new highway, or common road, from town to town, or place to place, or in estimating damages, has, or shall hereafter, apply to the Court having jurisdiction in this behalf, and the town or corporation has applied, or shall apply, in like manner, and