

hundred and fifty-six, acting under Articles 25 and 26 of the warrant for said town meeting, whereby the town voted in substance, under the provisions of chapter seventy-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five, as amended, to raise and appropriate ninety thousand dollars, said entire amount to be raised by notes or bonds issued in legal form therefor for the purposes of constructing a bulkhead about nine hundred feet long, with slips or finger piers, to be located on the westerly side of Falmouth Inner Harbor, the same to be done in connection with extensive dredging of Falmouth Inner Harbor and other work, as planned and approved by the federal government as a public works project, to accept any grant and to enter into any agreement or agreements for said purposes with the federal government and with the commonwealth, and to authorize the laying out of roads, and the acquiring of additional land for carrying out said entire public works project as deemed advisable or necessary in order to comply with the requirements of the federal government and the commonwealth, is hereby ratified and confirmed and made valid, notwithstanding the fact that such vote failed to comply with Articles 25 and 26 of the warrant for said meeting, and said town of Falmouth is hereby authorized to issue notes or bonds for said purposes, and the treasurer of the town of Falmouth is hereby authorized to pay from said funds such amount or amounts to the federal government and to the commonwealth, or either or both, as may be necessary in order to carry out said public works project.

SECTION 2. The town of Falmouth is hereby authorized to acquire by purchase or otherwise, or by eminent domain under chapter seventy-nine of the General Laws such land as may be necessary or advisable in connection with the public works project at Falmouth Inner Harbor entered into in conjunction with the federal government under the River and Harbor Act or acts of the federal government and as referred to under the report comprising document No. 566, 80th Congress, 2nd Session, and with the commonwealth under the provisions of chapter seventy-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five, as amended.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved August 9, 1956.

Chap. 648 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BORROWING OF MONEY BY THE CITY OF PEABODY FOR EXTENDING AND ENLARGING ITS ELECTRIC LIGHTING PLANT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The city of Peabody may, within a period of five years from the passage of this act, incur indebtedness not exceeding, in the aggregate, three hundred thousand dollars, for extending and enlarging the electric lighting plant of said city and may issue bonds or notes therefor,

which shall bear on their face the words Peabody Electric Light Loan, Act of 1956. Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan, and such loans shall be payable in not more than twenty years from their dates. Indebtedness incurred under this act shall be in excess of the amount authorized for electric light plants by chapter forty-four of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved August 9, 1956.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE AMOUNT OF PENSIONS FOR *Chap.649*
CERTAIN PROBATION OFFICERS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 76, as amended by section 2 of chapter 323 of the acts of 1938, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 76.* Any person retired under the provisions of section seventy-five shall receive an annual pension equal to one half of the regular annual compensation received by him at the time of his retirement; provided, that any such person who is retired upon attaining age seventy and who has given his whole time to the duties of the office of probation officer and has faithfully performed such duties for a period of not less than twenty consecutive years immediately preceding his retirement shall receive an annual pension equal to one half of the regular annual compensation received by him at the time of his retirement and an additional yearly amount equal to one per cent of said compensation for each year after the first twenty, the total yearly amount of his pension not to exceed sixty-five per cent of said regular annual compensation or five thousand dollars, whichever is less. Said pension shall be paid by the county employing him, or, if he is employed by more than one county, by the counties by which his salary is paid, and in the same proportion.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 32, § 76, etc., amended.

Pensions for certain probation officers.

The provisions of this section shall become effective in each county to which the provisions apply, upon acceptance by the county commissioners thereof.

Approved August 9, 1956.

AN ACT DISSOLVING THE BUTCHERS SLAUGHTERING AND *Chap.650*
MELTING ASSOCIATION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Butchers Slaughtering and Melting Association, which was incorporated by chapter three hundred and sixty-five of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy, is hereby dissolved for all purposes, subject to section fifty-one of chapter one hundred and fifty-five of the General Laws; and chapter three hundred and sixty-five of the acts