

by a curve deflecting to the right having a radius of 1116.29 feet a distance of 99.04 feet to a P. T.; thence South 86° 29' 30" West 603.81 feet to a P. C.; thence West by a curve deflecting to the left having a radius of 2862.79 feet a distance of 270.30 feet to the point of beginning; containing 144.53 acres, more or less.

SECTION 2. Jurisdiction over the above described land is hereby granted and ceded to the United States of America, but upon the express condition that the commonwealth shall retain concurrent jurisdiction with the United States of America in and over said lands, in so far that all civil processes and such criminal processes as may issue under the authority of the commonwealth against any person or persons charged with crimes committed without said lands and all processes for collection of taxes levied under authority of the laws of the commonwealth, including the service of warrants, may be executed thereon in the same manner as though this cession had not been granted; provided, that the jurisdiction in and over said land shall revert to and revest in the commonwealth whenever such areas shall cease to be used for the purposes set forth in section one; and provided, further, that any consent to the acquisition of, or any jurisdiction over, public rights in navigable waters is expressly excluded from this grant and chapter ninety-one of the General Laws shall apply to any encroachment, filling or structure placed in the tide waters of the commonwealth.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect as of September thirtieth, nineteen hundred and forty-six.

Approved June 14, 1948.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF AN ANNUITY BY THE CITY OF LYNN TO THE WIDOW OF ALBERT H. POND. Chap. 593

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The city of Lynn may pay to the widow of Albert H. Pond, who was killed while in the performance of his duty as an employee in its fire department, an annuity of one thousand dollars, so long as she remains unmarried.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by vote of the city council of said city, subject to the provisions of its charter, but not otherwise.

Approved June 14, 1948.

AN ACT GRANTING CONSENT TO THE ACQUISITION BY THE UNITED STATES OF LAND FOR THE BARRE FALLS FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT. Chap. 594

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Consent is hereby given pursuant to the seventeenth clause of the eighth section of the first article of the constitution of the United States to the acquisition by the United States of

land in this commonwealth required for the Barre Falls flood control project authorized by Congress under the flood control act of August eighteenth, nineteen hundred and forty-one for the benefit of navigation and the control of destructive flood waters; provided, that a suitable plan of the tract of land so acquired has been or shall be filed in the office of the state secretary within one year after the acquisition thereof. This commonwealth shall retain concurrent jurisdiction with the United States in and over any such land to the extent that all civil processes and such criminal processes as may issue under the authority of the commonwealth against any person or persons charged with crimes committed without said area and all processes for the collection of taxes levied under authority of the laws of the commonwealth, including the service of warrants, may be executed or had thereon in the same manner as though this consent had not been given; and exclusive jurisdiction over any such tract or any part thereof shall revert in the commonwealth whenever it shall cease to be the property of the United States.

Approved June 14, 1948.

Chap. 595 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN CERTAIN TOWNS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 41, § 97A, etc., amended.

Police departments in certain towns.

Powers and duties of chief of police.

Chapter 41 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 97A, inserted by chapter 540 of the acts of 1948, and inserting in place thereof the following section: —

Section 97A. In any town which accepts this section there shall be a police department established by the selectmen, and such department shall be under the supervision of an officer to be known as the chief of police. The selectmen of any such town shall appoint a chief of police and such other officers as they deem necessary, and fix their compensation, not exceeding, in the aggregate, the annual appropriation therefor. In any such town in which such appointments are not subject to chapter thirty-one, they shall be made annually and the selectmen may remove such chief or other officers for cause at any time after a hearing. The chief of police in any such town shall from time to time make suitable regulations governing the police department, and the officers thereof, subject to the approval of the selectmen; provided, that such regulations shall become effective without such approval upon the failure of the selectmen to take action thereon within thirty days after they have been submitted to them by the chief of police. The chief of police in any such town shall be in immediate control of all town property used by the department, and of the police officers, whom he shall assign to their respective duties and who shall obey his orders. Section ninety-seven shall not apply in any town which accepts the provisions of this section. Acceptance of the provisions of this section shall be by a vote at an annual town meeting.

Approved June 14, 1948.