

*Chap.*266 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO MAKE ADVANCES OF MONEY TO BONDED PAYMASTERS OF THE MILITIA.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows :*

Advances of money may be made to bonded paymasters of the militia.

SECTION 1. The treasurer and receiver general of the Commonwealth may advance to bonded paymasters of the militia a sum of money not exceeding eighty per cent of the pay and mileage due or to become due to the officers and men of the militia for duty performed at camp or annual drill, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe.

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

*Approved April 26, 1900.*

*Chap.*267 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ATTENDANCE OF WITNESSES BEFORE BOARDS OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows :*

P. S. 169, § 7, etc., amended.

Attendance of witnesses before city and town officers, etc.

SECTION 1. Section seven of chapter one hundred and sixty-nine of the Public Statutes, as amended by section one of chapter two hundred and sixty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-two, is hereby further amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following : — *Section 7.* Witnesses may be summoned to attend and testify, and to produce books and papers, at any hearing before a city council or either branch thereof, or before a joint or special committee of the same or of either branch thereof, or a board of selectmen, or a board of police commissioners, or a board of registrars of voters, or in Boston the board of election commissioners, as to matters within their respective jurisdictions; and such witnesses shall be summoned in the same manner, be paid the same fees, and be subject to the same penalties for default, as witnesses before police courts. The presiding officer of such council or of either branch thereof, and any member of any such committee or board of selectmen, or board of police commissioners, or board of registrars of voters, or in Boston the board of election commissioners, may administer oaths to witnesses appearing before such council or either branch thereof, or before any such committee or board respectively.