

tories or from other causes, said board shall prepare a plan or plans for removing the cause of such injury or danger, and shall report the same to the general court.

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

Approved June 16, 1909.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BRIDGE OVER THE MERRIMAC RIVER BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWBURYPORT AND DEER ISLAND IN THE TOWN OF AMESBURY.

Chap.506

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter six hundred and forty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eight is hereby amended by striking out the word "forty", in the last line, and inserting in place thereof the words: — sixty-eight, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 1.* Subject to the provisions of chapter ninety-six of the Revised Laws and of all amendments thereof, the county commissioners of the county of Essex are hereby authorized and directed to repair or reconstruct, with suitable approaches, the chain bridge in its present form, over the Merrimac river between the city of Newburyport and Deer Island in the town of Amesbury at an expense not exceeding sixty-eight thousand dollars.

1908, 640, § 1, amended.

Chain bridge over the Merrimac river may be repaired, etc.

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

Approved June 16, 1909.

AN ACT TO CONFIRM THE ORGANIZATION AND ACTS OF THE MARIA HAYES HOME FOR AGED PERSONS.

Chap.507

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The acts of the persons named in chapter three hundred and thirty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and four in organizing the Maria Hayes Home for Aged Persons, are hereby confirmed and made valid notwithstanding any delay or informality, error or omission in performing the same.

Acts of certain persons confirmed.

SECTION 2. The conveyances of real estate heretofore made by the said corporation, and all other acts done by it are hereby confirmed and made valid.

Conveyance of real estate made valid.

SECTION 3. The election on the twenty-seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and nine, of Patrick H. Cooney,

Election of certain person to membership

in the corpora-
tion confirmed.

Henry C. Mulligan and Charles G. Bancroft as associates or members of the corporation is hereby confirmed and made valid, and the corporation is declared to have the power of electing, at any properly called meeting, additional associates or members, to the number provided for by the by-laws.

Election of
officers con-
firmed.

SECTION 4. The election of officers and other acts done at the meeting held on the eighth day of May, nineteen hundred and nine, are hereby confirmed, and the corporation is declared to have full legal standing.

All acts of the
corporation
made valid.

The purpose of this act is to confirm and make valid everything that has been done or attempted to be done under the said chapter three hundred and thirty.

Approved June 16, 1909.

Chap. 508 AN ACT FOR THE PROTECTION OF SHORE, MARSH AND BEACH BIRDS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Protection of
certain game
birds.

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful to take, kill or pursue with intent to kill, or to buy, sell, offer for sale, or have in possession any of the Limicolæ, known as peeps, plover, snipe or sandpipers, or any of the Rallidæ known as rails, gallinules and quarks or mud hens, all of which birds are known collectively as shore, marsh or beach birds, between the thirty-first day of December and the first day of August following, or a piping plover or a kildeer plover at any time: *provided, however*, that this act shall not be construed to prohibit the possession in public storage warehouses of any of the said birds deposited therein during the season when the same may lawfully be taken; and *provided, further*, that nothing in this act shall prohibit the taking or possession of the said birds by incorporated natural history associations or museums or by holders of certificates lawfully authorizing the collection of specimens for scientific purposes.

Provisos.

Permit may
be issued,
etc.

SECTION 2. The commissioners on fisheries and game may, in their discretion, and under such restrictions as they may impose, permit any person to bring into the commonwealth any of the aforesaid birds to a number not exceeding fifty in any one year, during the close season: *provided*, that such birds shall not be sold or otherwise disposed of for profit.

Proviso.