

realized from said lands and timber; also, to inquire into and consider the grounds of abatement prayed for by the petition of Cyrus S. Clark and William H. McCrillis; also, to confer with all parties interested in said tracts, for the purpose of obtaining, if practicable, an early settlement of said notes, in whole or in part, either by present payment, or by new and reliable securities; and to make report thereof to the governor and council: and said committee shall have power and authority, with the approval of the governor and council, to adjust, compromise and finally settle said notes, and the claims of the Commonwealth under said conditional deeds and contracts, on such terms as the interests of the Commonwealth may require, and as shall be just and equitable to the parties interested in said lands; and the land agent is hereby authorized, under the direction of the governor and council, to execute and deliver such deeds and instruments as may be required, on behalf of the Commonwealth, to carry such settlement into effect; and these resolves shall not be construed to invalidate any security, whether by contract or otherwise, now held by the Commonwealth.

Approved April 1, 1859.

Land agent to
execute deeds,
&c.

Chap. 53. RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF THE GUARDIAN OF THE TRIBE OF PUNKAPOG INDIANS.

§104 to the guar-
dian.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth, to the guardian of the tribe of Punkapog Indians, the sum of fifty-two dollars, for the benefit and sole use of Isaac Williams; also, the sum of fifty-two dollars, for the benefit and sole use of Elizabeth Bancroft, both members of said tribe, being in feeble health; the same being in addition to the sums allowed and paid to said guardian, by resolve of the year eighteen hundred and forty-five, chapter six, and of resolve of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five, chapter twenty.

Approved April 2, 1859.

Chap. 54. RESOLVE CONFIRMING THE RECORDS AND DOINGS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Records made
valid, &c.

Resolved, That all the acts and proceedings of the Congregational Library Association, as the same now constitute the records of said association in possession of its recording secretary, be, and the same are hereby fully ratified, established and confirmed, and the said records be held valid and complete to all intents and purposes, as the acts, proceedings and records of a corporation duly organized and constituted, agreeably to the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachu-

setts, notwithstanding any defects, informalities or omissions whatsoever, in any of said acts, proceedings or records; and furthermore that the persons now acting as the officers of said association, according to said records, be hereby fully established in their respective offices as the legally constituted officers of such corporation, and fully authorized to perform all their respective duties, until their successors be chosen in conformity with the constitution and by-laws of said association, as the same have, from time to time, been altered or amended.

Officers established, &c.

Approved April 2, 1859.

RESOLVE CONCERNING THE PRESERVATION OF CERTAIN PAPERS.

Chap. 55.

Resolved, That the secretary of the Commonwealth be, and he is hereby authorized to cause to be preserved in bound volumes, the original "Plats and Land Grants," now on file in his office; and a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars is hereby appropriated for the expense of the same.

\$150 appropriated.

Approved April 2, 1859.

RESOLVE ON THE PETITION OF NATHANIEL SILSBEE, TRUSTEE, AND MARY ANN C. D. SILSBEE.

Chap. 56.

Resolved, For the reasons set forth in said petition, that Nathaniel Silsbee, of Salem, in the county of Essex, be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered to sell and convey, at public or private sale, and on such terms as he shall think expedient, a certain lot of land situate in Salem, aforesaid, and bounded as follows: Beginning at the corner of Pleasant and Andrew Streets, thence easterly by said Andrew Street, one hundred and twenty feet, to land of Ropes; thence southerly by land of Ropes ninety-five feet, to land of Silsbee; thence westerly by land of Silsbee one hundred and fifty-two feet, to the northerly side of an iron post in Pleasant Street; thence northerly by Pleasant Street, seventy-seven feet, to point begun at; being the same estate conveyed to said Nathaniel, as trustee, by deed of Nathaniel Silsbee, senior, recorded in Essex registry of deeds, book two hundred and sixty-eight, leaf forty-three; and to execute good and sufficient deeds thereof, free and discharged from all trusts, and to hold the net proceeds of the sale of said estate, upon the trusts referred to in said petition.

Authorized to sell real estate.

Location.

Boundaries.

Approved April 4, 1859.

RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF THE TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD.

Chap. 57.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid from the treasury of the Commonwealth, to the town of North Brookfield, the sum of one hundred and forty-four dollars, to reimburse said town for the expenses incurred in the support of Frederick M. Scott, a state pauper.

\$144 to the town of North Brookfield.

Approved April 4, 1859.