

wealth for the purpose of aiding the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company in the construction of its railroad, and to agree on behalf of the Commonwealth to repay the same to the said Baring Brothers and Company, if they shall hereafter be required at law or in equity by final judgment or decree to pay the same to any other claimants of the said funds; and that the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, is hereby authorized to make such compromise and settlement with any claimants of the said funds as he may deem to be advantageous to the Commonwealth, and in pursuance of such compromise and settlement to pay over to such claimants any part of the said funds, upon receiving satisfactory security that the Commonwealth shall be indemnified against loss by reason thereof.

Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad.

Approved May 26, 1871.

RESOLVE FOR THE COMPENSATION OF THE CHAPLAINS, DOORKEEPERS, MESSENGERS AND PAGES, AND FOR THE PREACHER OF THE ELECTION SERMON.

Chap. 87.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury, to the chaplains of the two branches, four hundred dollars each for the session, to the preacher of the election sermon one hundred dollars, to each of the doorkeepers, assistant-doorkeepers and messengers of the senate and house of representatives, five dollars per day, and to each of the pages of the two branches, four dollars, for each day's service during the present session, and to the doorkeepers and assistant-doorkeepers of the senate and house of representatives, and to the postmaster, one hundred dollars each in addition.

Compensation of chaplains, messengers, &c.

Approved May 26, 1871.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL LAWS.

Chap. 88.

Resolved, That the secretary of the Commonwealth be authorized to distribute in his discretion, upon application, volumes eleven and twelve of the special laws of the Commonwealth.

Distribution of special laws.

Approved May 26, 1871.

RESOLVES IN RELATION TO THE MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Chap. 89.

Resolved, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be allowed and paid out of the treasury to the Massachusetts Agricultural College, to be expended by the trustees for the payment of all existing debts of the college and all current expenses of the year not otherwise provided for, and the residue to be applied towards the erection of necessary buildings.

Allowance of \$50,000 for payment of debts and current expenses.

Increase of perpetual fund to \$350,000.

Resolved, That there be paid from the treasury into the perpetual fund created by virtue of the provisions of chapter one hundred and sixty-six of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and entitled "The fund for the promotion of education in agriculture and the mechanic arts," a sum sufficient to increase said fund so that it shall amount in the whole to three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be paid as provided by existing laws.

Approved May 26, 1871.

Chap. 90. RESOLVE CONCERNING CERTAIN BERDELL BONDS HELD BY THE COMMONWEALTH.

Governor and council to arrange with holders of the bonds secured by Berdell mortgage so that trustees may obtain possession of road.

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized to make such arrangements as they may deem suitable and proper with the holders of the bonds of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company secured by the Berdell mortgage, so called, or with any number of said bondholders, as may be necessary to enable the trustees under said mortgage to obtain immediate possession and control of the property named in said mortgage, and for this purpose any balance of the money appropriated during the present session under the resolve in relation to the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company and not required for the purposes specified therein, together with such further sum as shall make in the whole a sum not exceeding seventy-two thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, payable from the treasury, and the governor is authorized to draw his warrant for such part of said sum as may be necessary, payable to said trustees: *provided,* that before any such payment is made, an additional sum sufficient, in the opinion of the governor and council, to secure the purposes of this resolve, shall have been raised by contributions of other bondholders or otherwise, and shall have been paid to said trustees; and *provided, also,* that before any such payment is made, it shall be the duty of the governor and council to obtain as far as practicable, security for the repayment with interest of any sums advanced or contributed under this resolve.

Approved May 26, 1871.

Chap. 91. RESOLVE CONCERNING THE COMMONWEALTH FLATS NEAR SOUTH BOSTON.

Harbor commissioners to prepare a plan for development, &c., of the South Boston state flats, and report to next legislature.

Resolved, That the harbor commissioners, after consultation with the governor, the Boston and Albany Railroad Company and the Boston Wharf Company, prepare a plan for the development and improvement of the flats of the Commonwealth, near South Boston, in which development and improvement the Commonwealth and said companies may