

trict or municipal court, or trial justice, for a jury of inquest; and such court or justice shall forthwith issue a warrant to a constable of such city or town, requiring him forthwith to summon six good and lawful men of the county to appear before the court or justice, at a time and place expressed in the warrant, to inquire when and by what means the fire originated. Any of the herein named city or town officials neglecting or refusing to comply with any of the requirements of this act, shall be punished by fine of not less than twenty-five nor more than two hundred dollars.

Penalty.

SECTION 2. Section seven of said chapter two hundred and sixteen is hereby amended by striking out the words "or in the county of Suffolk with the clerk of the municipal court of the city of Boston."

Amendment to
P. S. 216, § 7.

SECTION 3. Sections ten and eleven of chapter thirty-five of the Public Statutes are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved April 9, 1888.

AN ACT EXTENDING THE TIME IN WHICH PERSONS MAY APPLY FOR ASSESSMENT OF TAXES, AND PROVIDING FOR EVENING SESSIONS OF THE ASSESSORS.

Chap. 200

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section eleven of chapter two hundred and ninety-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, relating to the time in which male persons may upon application be assessed for the payment of poll and other taxes, is amended by striking out in the second line thereof the words "fifteenth day of September", and inserting in place thereof the words:—first day of October,—and by striking out in the eleventh and twelfth lines thereof the words "twentieth day of September", and inserting in place thereof the words:—fifth day of October,—so that the section as amended shall read as follows:—*Section 11.* When a male person, on or before the first day of October in any year, gives notice in writing, accompanied by satisfactory evidence, to the assessors of a city or town, that he was on the first day of May of that year an inhabitant thereof, and liable to pay a poll tax, and furnishes under oath a true list of his polls, and estate both real and personal, not exempt from taxation, the assessors shall assess him for his polls and estate; but such assessment shall be subject to the provisions of

Time extended
in which persons may apply
for assessment
of taxes.
1884, 298, § 11.

section seventy-three of chapter eleven of the Public Statutes. And the assessors shall, on or before the fifth day of October, deposit with the registrars of voters or board charged with the preparation of the list of voters of the city or town a list of the persons so assessed. The taxes so assessed shall be entered in the tax list of the collector of the city or town, and he shall collect and pay over the same in the manner specified in his warrant.

Application of women to be assessed for payment of taxes.
1884, 298, § 12.

SECTION 2. Section twelve of chapter two hundred and ninety-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four relating to the time in which women may upon application be assessed for the payment of poll and other taxes is amended by striking out in the second and third lines thereof the words "fifteenth day of September", and inserting in place thereof the words:—first day of October,—and by striking out in the eleventh line thereof the words "twentieth day of September", and inserting in place thereof the words:—fifth day of October,—so that the section as amended shall read as follows:—*Section 12.* Any woman, who is a citizen of this Commonwealth, may, on or before the first day of October in any year, give notice in writing, accompanied by satisfactory evidence, to the assessors of a city or town, that she was on the first day of May of that year an inhabitant thereof, and that she desires to pay a poll tax, and to furnish under oath a true list of her estate, both real and personal, not exempt from taxation, and she shall thereupon be assessed for her poll, not exceeding fifty cents, and for her estate, and the assessors shall, on or before the fifth day of October, return her name to the registrars of voters or board charged with the preparation of the list of voters of the city or town in the list of the persons so assessed. The taxes so assessed shall be entered in the tax list of the collector of the city or town, and he shall collect and pay over the same in the manner specified in his warrant.

Sessions of assessors of taxes in cities and towns.

SECTION 3. Assessors of taxes in cities shall be in session until ten o'clock on the last three afternoons of the periods in each year in which persons may be assessed for the payment of taxes in accordance with the preceding sections; and in towns assessors of taxes shall be in session until ten o'clock on the last afternoon of such period.

To apply to the city of Boston.

SECTION 4. Section seven of chapter two hundred and forty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and

seventy-eight relative to applications for the assessment of poll taxes in the city of Boston and to the sessions of the board of assessors in said city, is repealed, and sections eleven and twelve of chapter two hundred and ninety-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four as hereby amended and also the preceding section of this act shall hereafter apply to the city of Boston the same as to the other cities of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved April 9, 1888.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SPRINGFIELD.

Chap.201

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

SECTION 1. Morris C. Brooks, Edward J. Williams, Dennis T. Berry, Henry T. Clinton, Harvey Alexander, Benjamin Harris and all other members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Springfield and their successors as members of such church are hereby made a corporation under said name, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in all general laws which now are or hereafter may be in force applicable to religious societies.

African Methodist Episcopal Church in Springfield, incorporated.

SECTION 2. Said church formerly known as the Loring Street Methodist Church and the Union American Church, shall hereafter be called the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Springfield.

Loring Street Methodist Church and the Union American Church.

SECTION 3. The organization and all subsequent proceedings of said church, so far as the same appear upon the records of said church, are ratified and confirmed, and the same shall be taken to be good and valid in law to all intents and purposes.

Organization and proceedings ratified.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved April 9, 1888.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PLANTING OF CLAMS IN AND AROUND THE SHORES OF WINTHROP.

Chap.202

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

SECTION 1. The selectmen of the town of Winthrop may by writing under their hands grant a license for such a term of years, not exceeding five, as they in their discretion may deem necessary and the public good requires,

Selectmen may grant licenses for planting, etc., clams.