

sonal estate, exempt from taxation to an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

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

Approved April 17, 1888.

Chap.238 AN ACT RELATING TO THE TAKING OF SCALLOPS IN THE WATERS ADJACENT TO THE TOWN OF NANTUCKET

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

Scallops may be taken for bait during month of April. 1887, 96, § 1.

SECTION 1. The provisions of section one of chapter ninety-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven shall not be construed to apply to scallops taken for bait in the waters adjacent to the town of Nantucket during the month of April.

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

Approved April 17, 1888.

Chap.239 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE FREE INSTRUCTION OF DEAF MUTES OR DEAF CHILDREN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

Free instruction of deaf mutes provided for.

SECTION 1. Upon the request of the parents or guardians and with the approval of the state board of education, the governor may send such deaf mutes or deaf children as he may deem fit subjects for education, for a term not exceeding ten years in the case of any pupil, to the American Asylum at Hartford in the state of Connecticut, the Clarke Institution for Deaf Mutes at Northampton, or to the Horace Mann School at Boston, or to any other school for deaf mutes in the Commonwealth, as the parents or guardians may prefer; and with the approval of the state board he may make at the expense of the Commonwealth such provision for the care and education of children, who are both deaf mutes and blind, as he may deem expedient. In the exercise of the discretionary power conferred by this act, no distinction shall be made on account of the wealth or poverty of the parents or guardians of such children; no such pupil shall be withdrawn from such institutions or schools except with the consent of the proper authorities thereof or of the governor; and the sums necessary for the instruction and support of such pupils in such institutions or schools, including all travelling expenses of such pupils attending such institutions or schools, whether daily or otherwise, shall be paid by the Commonwealth: *provided, however,*

No distinction to be made on account of wealth or poverty of parents.

Proviso.