

in the manner provided for ascertaining and determining damages in the case of laying out, altering and discontinuing of highways. *Approved May 23, 1890.*

AN ACT RELATING TO THE REDUCTION OF CAPITAL STOCK BY STREET RAILWAY CORPORATIONS. Chap.326

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows :*

SECTION 1. The board of railroad commissioners upon the petition of a street railway company for authority to reduce the capital stock of the company, such petition being presented in accordance with a vote of the stockholders at a meeting called for the purpose, may, after a hearing and such examination of the financial condition of the company as it deems requisite, authorize such reduction to be made if it appears to be consistent with the public interest and with the limitations imposed by the general laws and by any special laws to which the corporation may be subject. The certificate of the board specifying the amount of the reduction and such other limitations and provisos as may be deemed expedient shall forthwith be filed in the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth. When such reduction is made no money or other property shall be paid or transferred to the stockholders unless such payment or transfer is specially authorized by the board, and also by a vote of the directors of the corporation taken by yeas and nays at a meeting called for the purpose, and the directors voting therefor shall be jointly and severally liable for the debts or contracts of the corporation existing at the time when the capital is reduced, to the amount of the property paid or transferred to the stockholders.

Reduction of capital stock by railroad corporations.

Certificate of amount of reduction, etc., to be filed in office of secretary of the Commonwealth.

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

*Approved May 23, 1890.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FURNISHING THE NEW ARMORIES IN THE CITIES OF BOSTON, LOWELL AND WORCESTER, AND FOR CERTAIN OTHER EXPENSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW. Chap.327

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows :*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth, from the ordinary revenue, for the purpose of furnishing the new armories in the cities of Boston, Lowell

Appropriations

and Worcester, and for certain other expenses authorized by law, to wit:—

State lunatic hospital at Taunton.

For certain repairs and improvements at the state lunatic hospital at Taunton, a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars, as authorized by chapter forty-six of the resolves of the present year.

Acts and resolves of province of Massachusetts Bay.

For printing additional copies of volume five of the acts and resolves of the province of the Massachusetts Bay, a sum not exceeding three hundred and twenty-five dollars, as authorized by chapter forty-eight of the resolves of the present year.

John C. Lawrence.

For John C. Lawrence of Boston, the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars, as authorized by chapter forty-nine of the resolves of the present year.

Hezekiah Andrews.

For Hezekiah Andrews, the sum of two hundred dollars, as authorized by chapter fifty of the resolves of the present year.

Report of trustees of agricultural college.

For printing extra copies of a portion of the twenty-seventh annual report of the trustees of the Massachusetts agricultural college, a sum not exceeding two hundred and twenty dollars, as authorized by chapter fifty-one of the resolves of the present year.

City of Quincy.

For the city of Quincy, the sum of two thousand and sixty dollars and fifty cents, as authorized by chapter fifty-three of the resolves of the present year.

Armories.

For furnishing the new armories in the cities of Boston, Lowell and Worcester, a sum not exceeding thirty-one thousand five hundred dollars, as authorized by chapter fifty-four of the resolves of the present year.

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

*Approved May 23, 1890.*

**Chap. 328** AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXPENSES ATTENDING THE COMMITMENT OF PRISONERS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Expense of commitment to be deemed part of expense of prosecution.

SECTION 1. The expense of serving a mittimus or other warrant of commitment shall in all criminal cases be deemed a part of the expense of prosecution, and defendants who pay the costs of prosecution after commitment shall also pay such expense of commitment. The copy of the mittimus in final process, required by existing law to be left with the master, keeper or superintendent of any penal or reformatory institution at the time a prisoner is

Copy of mittimus to contain statement of fees.