

its act of incorporation, to an amount not exceeding seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

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

Approved March 7, 1893.

Chap. 68. AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE NANTUCKET ATHENÆUM TO HOLD ADDITIONAL REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

May hold additional real and personal estate.

SECTION 1. The Nantucket Athenæum may, for the purpose for which it was incorporated, take by bequest, gift, grant, or otherwise, and hold, real and personal estate not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, exclusive of the value of all books, papers, pictures, arms, implements and utensils illustrative of ethnology or otherwise, now owned or which may be acquired by said society.

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

Approved March 7, 1893.

Chap. 69. AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF ATTLEBOROUGH TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY AND FRANCHISE OF ATTLEBOROUGH FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

Town may purchase property, etc., of fire district.

SECTION 1. The town of Attleborough is hereby authorized to purchase and hold the franchise and corporate property and all the rights and privileges, on condition of assuming all the debts, obligations and liabilities, of the Attleborough Fire District Number One of said Attleborough, at a price which may be mutually agreed upon between said town and said district; and the said fire district may sell and convey the same to the said town. In case said town and district are unable to agree then the compensation to be paid shall be determined by three commissioners, to be appointed by the superior court upon application of either party and notice to the other, whose award when accepted by said court shall be binding upon all parties. This authority to purchase and convey said franchise and property is granted on the condition that the same is assented to by said town and district by a majority vote of said town and said district, of the voters present and voting thereon, at a meeting duly called for that purpose within two years from the passage of this act.

Authority to purchase subject to assent by a majority vote.

SECTION 2. Upon the execution of said conveyance, all the rights, privileges and liabilities of said fire district shall vest in and be assumed by said town of Attleborough, and said town may supply water to all the inhabitants of said town and others, subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities applicable to said fire district.

Town may supply water to inhabitants, etc.

SECTION 3. Said town at a meeting duly called for that purpose shall choose by ballot a board of water commissioners, which shall have in charge the construction and maintenance of the works of the water supply, and shall expend, for the purposes prescribed by said town, the money raised for the water department, whether by taxation, water rates, bonds or otherwise, subject to such instructions, rules and regulations as said town may from time to time prescribe. Said board of commissioners shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be elected for one year, one for two years and one for three years from the last annual meeting, and thereafter at each annual meeting one for three years. Said board of water commissioners shall annually make a full report to said town at its annual meeting, of their doings and expenditures; they shall annually appoint a superintendent and registrar of the water supply department, and shall prescribe the duties of each office, and for cause may remove them, or either of them, at any time the interests of said town, in their opinion, shall demand. The registrar shall collect all water rates and pay the same to the treasurer of the town, and shall annually give a good and sufficient bond, with sureties, approved by said commissioners and payable to said town, in such an amount as the said commissioners may determine. The compensation of the superintendent and registrar shall annually be determined by the said town at its annual meeting.

Water commissioners, election, terms of office, powers, duties, etc.

Superintendent and registrar, powers, duties, etc.

SECTION 4. The said town may, for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under this act and for extending its water pipes, issue bonds in addition to those already issued by said district, to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per centum per annum, the principal payable at periods of not more than thirty years from date of issue. Said town may sell said bonds at public or private sale upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper. The said bonds shall be signed by the treasurer of the town and countersigned by the water commissioners, and shall be denominated Attle-

Attleborough Water Supply Bonds not exceeding \$50,000.

Sinking fund. borough Water Supply Bonds, the interest on which shall annually be provided for, either by taxation or by the revenue from the water rates or otherwise, as the town shall determine. The said town shall annually raise, by taxation or otherwise, and contribute to the sinking fund of the town from year to year, an amount sufficient with its accumulations to pay the said bonds at maturity.

Fire department. SECTION 5. The selectmen of said town shall have the care and custody of the property of the fire department, and shall expend for the purposes prescribed by said town the money appropriated for the fire department.

Chief and assistant engineers, election, powers and duties, etc. SECTION 6. The said town shall at its annual town meeting choose by ballot a chief and as many assistant engineers as the service may require, not exceeding twelve, whose terms of office shall be for one year. The engineers shall be notified and qualified as required by law for other town officers, and the provisions of chapter thirty-five of the Public Statutes in relation to engineers and their powers and duties, so far as applicable, shall apply to this act.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 8, 1893.

Chap. 70. AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SAVINGS BANKS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

1890, 126, §1,
amended.

Annual report
may be pub-
lished in two
volumes, etc.

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter one hundred twenty-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety is hereby amended by striking out the words "fifteen hundred", in the tenth line of said section, and inserting in place thereof the words:—two thousand,—so as to read as follows:—*Section 1.* The annual report of the board of commissioners of savings banks, required to be made to the general court, may hereafter be published in two volumes: that portion relating to savings banks, institutions for savings, safe deposit, and loan and trust companies to constitute one volume, designated as Part I., of which twenty-five hundred copies shall be printed; and that portion relating to coöperative banks and loan companies to constitute another volume, designated as Part II., of which two thousand copies shall be printed; the two parts to remain as number eight in the series of public documents.

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

Approved March 9, 1893.