

be acted upon by the board of aldermen. Any party aggrieved by such laying out, widening or other alteration shall have the same remedies as in the case of town ways: *provided, however*, that nothing in this act shall be construed so as to exclude the jurisdiction of the county commissioners.

Proviso.

County commissioners may allow to city certain sums, etc.

SECTION 4. The county commissioners of the county of Essex, upon petition of the city council of said city, may allow from the treasury of said county to said city such sums of money as they may think just and equitable, to indemnify said city in part for the expense incurred in laying out, constructing, widening or otherwise altering and improving any county highway, or part thereof, under the provisions of this act, in carrying out any order of the city council relating thereto, including the expenses of taking land therefor. All money so repaid, and all premiums, if any, received from the sale of such bonds, notes or scrip shall be paid over to the board of commissioners of sinking funds of said city, and be placed in the sinking fund created for the payment of the indebtedness hereby authorized. The county treasurer with the approval of the county commissioners may make such loans as they may see fit, to meet said expenditure.

County treasurer may make loans.

Only citizens of Commonwealth to be employed, etc.

SECTION 5. No persons excepting citizens of this Commonwealth shall be employed on any work authorized by this act, preference being given to citizens of the city of Gloucester.

Question of acceptance to be submitted to voters.

SECTION 6. This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the legal voters of the city of Gloucester at the next annual municipal election held therein, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the voters present and voting thereon shall be required for its acceptance.

When to take effect.

SECTION 7. So much of this act as authorizes the submission of the question of its acceptance to the legal voters of said city shall take effect upon its passage. If duly accepted as above-provided it shall take full effect from the date of its acceptance, but otherwise it shall be null and void.

*Approved April 29, 1898.*

*Chap. 384*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ADMISSION OF ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW.

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

1897, 508, § 2, amended.

Section two of chapter five hundred and eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven is hereby amended by striking out the words "the court

shall refer the petition", in the seventh line, and inserting in place thereof the words:— unless the court shall otherwise order, the petition shall be referred, — and by inserting after the word "determine", in the twelfth line, the words:— If the court shall make an order upon any petition with reference to the admission of such petitioner, the petitioner shall be admitted in accordance with such order, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 2.* A citizen of this Commonwealth, or an alien who has made the primary declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and who is an inhabitant of this Commonwealth, of the age of twenty-one years, may petition the supreme judicial or the superior court to be examined for admission as an attorney, whereupon, unless the court shall otherwise order, the petition shall be referred to the board of bar examiners, that they may ascertain his acquirements and qualifications. If the board report that the applicant is of good moral character, and recommend his admission, he may be admitted unless the court shall otherwise determine. If the court shall make an order upon any petition with reference to the admission of such petitioner, the petitioner shall be admitted in accordance with such order. A fee of ten dollars shall be paid by each candidate upon the entry of his petition, and in case of any subsequent petition of the same candidate a fee of five dollars, to the clerk of the court to which application is made, which shall be forwarded by said clerk to the treasurer of the Commonwealth.

Petition for examination for admission as an attorney, etc.

Fees.

*Approved April 29, 1898.*

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE NORTHFIELD WATER COMPANY.

*Chap. 385*

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

SECTION 1. Charles H. Webster, Frank E. Stimpson, Charles A. Linsley, Ellen F. Alexander, Mary J. Osgood, Mary A. Pomeroy, Martha Hall, Charles S. Warner, Charles H. Green and Rollin C. Ward, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Northfield Water Company, for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of Northfield with water for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic and all other purposes; 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 may hereafter be in force applicable to such corporations.

Northfield Water Company incorporated.