

*Chap. 77.* AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WESTBOROUGH TO REIMBURSE MONEY CONTRIBUTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CELEBRATING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

May raise money by taxation to pay expenses of centennial celebration.

SECTION 1. The town of Westborough is hereby authorized to raise by taxation such sum of money, not exceeding one-tenth of one per cent. of its assessed valuation for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five, as may be necessary to repay to certain individuals the money contributed by them and expended by a committee of said town in celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the declaration of independence.

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

*Approved March 28, 1877.*

*Chap. 78.* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY IN MANSFIELD TO SELL ITS MEETING-HOUSE.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

May sell meeting-house.

SECTION 1. The trustees of the First Congregational Society in Mansfield are authorized and empowered to sell and convey the meeting-house and the land on which it stands, situated in said Mansfield and belonging to said society, in such manner and at such time as shall be determined at a meeting of said society legally called.

Proceeds of sale.

SECTION 2. So much of the proceeds of the above sale as may be necessary, shall be applied to the payment of all the just and legal debts of said society. The remainder of said proceeds shall be deposited in some institution of good and approved standing, until such time as it shall be required for the purpose of building a new meeting-house: *provided*, that at the expiration of eighteen months from the date of sale, any and all of said proceeds not applied to the purposes hereinbefore indicated, shall be forthwith donated to some religious society in the county of Bristol in the state of Massachusetts, to be by said society expended in the maintenance of religious worship.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 28, 1877.*

*Chap. 79.* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE "SOCIETY OF THE FRIARS MINOR OF THE ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS" OF NEW YORK, TO HOLD REAL ESTATE IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

May hold real estate in Boston.

SECTION 1. The society of the "Friars Minor of the Order of St. Francis," of New York, is hereby authorized to hold by purchase, gift or devise, real estate in the city.