

use, free from the control of her husband, of any estate of inheritance in lands, the husband shall on the death of his wife, when he has no right as tenant by the courtesy, hold one-half the lands for his life, unless the wife shall by will provide otherwise. *Approved March 29, 1877.*

*Chap. 84.* AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION AND INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS, THE MORE EFFECTUAL PREVENTION OF FIRE, AND BETTER PRESERVATION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY IN BOSTON.

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

Windows, steps, etc., not to project into or over streets in Boston.

SECTION 1. No person shall hereafter erect, place, construct, or cause to be erected, placed or constructed, or shall commence to erect, place or construct any portico, porch, door, window or step projecting into or over any public highway, street, causeway, bridge or square within the city of Boston.

Penalty.

SECTION 2. If any person shall violate the provisions of the foregoing section, he shall, upon the application of the inspector of buildings of the city of Boston, be liable to the processes of law and equity set forth in the twenty-third section of chapter three hundred and seventy-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage. *Approved March 29, 1877.*

*Chap. 85.* AN ACT TO FIX THE FEES AND EXPENSES CHARGEABLE IN FIRE INQUESTS.

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

Fees and expenses at fire inquests to be the same as at coroners' inquests.

The fees of the magistrate and the expenses of the inquisition in cases of fire, under the provisions of chapter three hundred and three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, shall be the same as are provided by statute for similar services and expenses at coroners' inquests. *Approved March 29, 1877.*

*Chap. 86.* AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME AND PURPOSE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS ANGLERS' ASSOCIATION.

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

Name changed.

SECTION 1. The Massachusetts Anglers' Association shall hereafter be known by the name of The Massachusetts Fish and Game Protective Association.

Amendment to 1874, 66, § 1.

SECTION 2. Section one of chapter sixty-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four is hereby amended by striking out all after the words "and killing of," in the eighth line thereof, and inserting the following :

“Fish, shell-fish, bivalves and game; the promotion of the culture of fish and game, and the introduction of new species and varieties of fish and game; and to disseminate information relating thereto.”

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

*Approved March 29, 1877.*

AN ACT TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CLERK OF THE FIRST DISTRICT COURT OF PLYMOUTH. *Chap. 87.*

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

SECTION 1. The appointment by the governor and council in June in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four of David L. Cowell, as clerk of the first district court of Plymouth, is hereby ratified and confirmed, and all his acts and doings in that office since his said appointment are hereby made valid to all intents and purposes as if he had been appointed and qualified on or after the first day of July in said year.

Appointment and doings of clerk ratified and confirmed.

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

*Approved March 29, 1877.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF HINGHAM TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN A ROAD AND DAM ACROSS BROAD COVE IN SAID TOWN AND TO EXCLUDE THE TIDE THEREFROM. *Chap. 88.*

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

The town of Hingham is authorized, with the consent of the Hingham Wharf and Land Company, to build and maintain a road and dam across Broad Cove in said town and to exclude the tide therefrom.

May exclude the tide from Broad Cove.

*Approved March 29, 1877.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE HINGHAM WHARF AND LAND COMPANY IN THE TOWN OF HINGHAM TO CONSTRUCT THEIR DAM SO AS TO EXCLUDE THE TIDE FROM THE BASIN WITHIN THE DAM. *Chap. 89.*

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

Chapter one hundred and forty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-nine, entitled “An Act in addition to an Act to incorporate the Hingham Wharf and Land Company in the town of Hingham,” is hereby amended by adding to section two of said chapter the following words:—or said company is authorized to construct said dam with suitable flood-gates and sluice-ways so as to exclude the tide from the basin within said dam.

May exclude tide-water from basin within the dam.

*Approved March 29, 1877.*