

For the salary of the district attorney for the southern district, one thousand six hundred dollars.

Southern district.

For the salary of the district attorney for the middle district, one thousand six hundred dollars.

Middle district.

For the salary of the district attorney for the western district, one thousand six hundred dollars.

Western district.

For the salary of the district attorney for the north-western district, one thousand two hundred dollars.

North-western district.

For the salary of the clerk to the register of probate and insolvency for the county of Suffolk, one thousand two hundred dollars.

Clerk — Suffolk.

For such clerical assistance as the register of probate and insolvency for the county of Bristol may deem necessary, a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars.

Clerical assistance — Bristol.

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

*Approved February 5, 1880.*

AN ACT CONCERNING NOTARIAL PROTESTS.

*Chap.* 4

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

The protest of any bill of exchange, note or order, duly certified by any notary public in this Commonwealth or elsewhere, under his hand and official seal, shall be *prima facie* evidence of the facts stated therein, and of the notice given to the drawer or indorsers.

Protest to be *prima facie* evidence of facts stated, and of notice given.

*Approved February 9, 1880.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE NEW BEDFORD AND FAIRHAVEN STREET RAILWAY COMPANY TO INCREASE ITS CAPITAL STOCK.

*Chap.* 5

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

SECTION 1. The New Bedford and Fairhaven Street Railway Company is hereby authorized to increase its capital stock to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.

May increase capital stock.

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

*Approved February 9, 1880.*

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE BAY STATE IRON COMPANY TO REDUCE THE PAR VALUE OF ITS CAPITAL STOCK.

*Chap.* 6

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

SECTION 1. The Bay State Iron Company is hereby authorized, upon the acceptance of this act by its stockholders at a meeting duly called for the purpose, to reduce the par value of its shares to the sum of one hundred dollars each, and to issue to each of its stockholders ten shares of the par value of one hundred dollars for every share of

May reduce par value of capital stock.

the present stock of the company of the par value of one thousand dollars now held by him.

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

*Approved February 9, 1880.*

*Chap.* 7 AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SUNDRY CHARITABLE EXPENSES.

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

*Appropriations.* SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth, from the ordinary revenue, for the purposes specified herein, to wit:—

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH, LUNACY AND CHARITY.

*Travelling expenses of board.* For travelling and other necessary expenses of the board of health, lunacy and charity, a sum not exceeding one thousand two hundred dollars.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

*Secretary.* For the salary of the secretary of the board of health, lunacy and charity, two thousand five hundred dollars.

*Clerical assistance.* For such clerical assistance as the secretary may deem necessary, eight hundred dollars.

*Expenses of health department.* For the expenses of the health department, including chemical analyses, sanitary investigations and reports, and travelling expenses for inspections, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

INSPECTOR OF CHARITIES.

*Expenses of inspection.* For expenses of inspection of public institutions, under the supervision of the board of health, lunacy and charity, a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars.

*Clerical assistance.* For clerical assistance and expenses, in the statistical work of the department of the inspector of charities, a sum not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars.

*Inspector.* For the salary of the inspector of charities, two thousand five hundred dollars.

SUPERINTENDENT OF IN-DOOR POOR.

*Superintendent in-door poor.* For the salary of the superintendent of in-door poor, two thousand five hundred dollars.

*Assistant.* For the salary of the assistant to the superintendent of in-door poor, one thousand five hundred dollars.