

lands of any person under authority of this act, and like proceedings shall be had for the determination and recovery thereof as in the case of laying out highways. The amount of damages so determined, and all sums for which judgment may be recovered by any party against said corporation shall be assessed upon each proprietor and collected in the same manner as moneys voted to be raised for other purposes under this section: *provided*, that this act shall not take effect until the owners of three-quarters of all of the meadow lands included herein shall have expressed in writing their acceptance of this act, which acceptance, together with the oath of at least three of said owners, that in their belief the owners of three-quarters of all of said meadow lands have signed said acceptance, shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state, and the certificate of said secretary that such alleged acceptance has been so filed shall be *prima facie* evidence of such acceptance.

Liability for damages.

Subject to acceptance by three-quarters of owners.

Acceptance to be filed in office of secretary.

*Approved April 24, 1880.*

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-SEVEN OF THE ACTS OF THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECOVERY OF DAMAGES FOR INJURIES CAUSED BY THE USE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

*Chap. 256*

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

SECTION 1. No lessor of real estate occupied for the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be liable in damages under the provisions of chapter two hundred and ninety-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, if the occupant of said real estate holds a license for the sale of such liquors.

Lessor not liable in damages under 1879, 297, if occupant is licensed.

SECTION 2. So much of said chapter two hundred and ninety-seven as is inconsistent with this act is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

SECTION 3. Section two of said chapter two hundred and ninety-seven is hereby repealed.

Repeal of 1879, 297, § 2.

*Approved April 24, 1880.*

AN ACT FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH AGAINST TRAMPS.

*Chap. 257*

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

SECTION 1. Any person convicted of being a tramp shall be imprisoned in the house of correction, or in the state workhouse at Bridgewater, for not less than six months nor more than two years, subject to the provisions of all existing laws establishing and regulating said institutions.

Tramps to be imprisoned not less than six months.

“Tramps.”

SECTION 2. All persons who rove about from place to place, begging, or living without labor or visible means of support, shall be held to be tramps within the meaning of this act.

Any act of begging to be evidence.

SECTION 3. Any act of begging or vagrancy by any person having no known residence within this Commonwealth, shall be *prima facie* evidence that the person committing the same is a tramp within the meaning of this act.

Penalty for entering dwelling house without consent of owner.

SECTION 4. Any tramp who shall enter any dwelling house or other building without the consent of the owner or occupant thereof, or shall wilfully or maliciously threaten to injure or injure any person therein, or shall be found carrying any firearm or other dangerous weapon, or shall threaten to do any injury to any person, or to the real or personal estate of another, shall be punished by imprisonment in the house of correction not less than one nor more than five years, or in the state workhouse at Bridgewater not less than one nor more than three years; and municipal, district and police courts and trial justices shall have jurisdiction of all offences under this act.

May be arrested without warrant.

SECTION 5. Any sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, or police officer or member of the district police, upon view of any offence described in this act, or information thereof, may, without warrant, arrest the offender, and make complaint against him before any court or magistrate having jurisdiction of the offence.

Special police to be appointed.

SECTION 6. Mayors of cities and selectmen of towns are empowered and required to appoint special police officers, whose duty it shall be to arrest and prosecute all tramps in their respective cities and towns; and it shall be the duty of the district police to make arrests and complaints for offences under the provisions of this act.

Not to apply to a female or minor under 17 years.

SECTION 7. This act shall not apply to any female or to any minor under the age of seventeen years, nor to any blind person, or to any one asking charity within the limits of his own city or town.

Escape from state workhouse.

SECTION 8. Any person sentenced to the state workhouse who shall escape or attempt to escape therefrom, or from the custody of the officer while being conveyed to said workhouse, may be pursued and reclaimed; and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by confinement for not more than six months in addition to his previous sentence.

SECTION 9. Upon the passage of this act the secretary of state shall cause printed copies of the same to be sent to the several city and town clerks, who shall cause them to be posted in at least six conspicuous places, three of which shall be in the public highway.

Copies of act to be sent to cities and towns, and there posted.

SECTION 10. Whoever wilfully destroys, mutilates, defaces, injures or removes any copy of this act, posted as required by section nine, shall be punished by imprisonment in the jail not exceeding thirty days, or by fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

Penalty for defacing copy of act.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect May first, eighteen hundred and eighty.

*Approved April 24, 1880.*

AN ACT AMENDING THE GENERAL RAILROAD LAWS IN RELATION TO THE TRANSPORTATION OF MERCHANDISE.

*Chap. 258*

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

Section one hundred and forty-one of chapter three hundred and seventy-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four is amended by striking out the words "sixty days," and inserting instead thereof the words "one year."

Action for penalties under 1874, 372, §§ 38-141, may be brought within one year.

*Approved April 24, 1880.*

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELECTION OF MODERATOR IN THE TOWN OF RICHMOND.

*Chap. 259*

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

SECTION 1. The election of moderator made at the town meeting in the town of Richmond on the twelfth day of April in the current year so far as the same may appear illegal for the reason that the check list was not used in said election is hereby ratified and confirmed and the same shall be taken and deemed good and valid in law to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

Election of moderator confirmed.

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

*Approved April 24, 1880.*

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND RAILROAD COMPANY TO ACQUIRE TERMINAL FACILITIES FOR FREIGHT PURPOSES.

*Chap. 260*

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

SECTION 1. The New York and New England Railroad Company may buy, as hereinafter provided, for depot and station purposes, shifting grounds, railroad yards, and for the erection of freight houses, warehouses and elevators, and for other like uses and buildings for railroad and ship-

May buy land for railroad and shipping terminal facilities.