

annually at the rate of five per centum per annum, in twenty years from date.

SECTION 3. After the assignment of said shares of stock to said corporation the Commonwealth shall not be represented in the board of directors of said corporation.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage, and said shares shall be assigned as hereinbefore provided whenever this act shall have been accepted by a majority of votes cast at a meeting of the stockholders of said corporation called for the purpose; but said assignment whenever made shall take effect as of the first day of April in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-two, and said bonds shall bear that date: *provided, however,* that the stock now owned by the Commonwealth shall not be voted upon at said meeting.

*Approved March 28, 1882.*

Commonwealth not to be represented in board of directors.

Subject to acceptance by stockholders.

Stock of Commonwealth not to be voted on.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE DENNIS AND YARMOUTH IMPROVEMENT COMPANY.

*Chap. 122*

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

SECTION 1. The owners of the meadow lands flowed by Chase Garden River in the towns of Dennis and Yarmouth, extending from the so called New Boston Bridge in said town of Dennis to the mouth of said Chase Garden River, and bounded by the uplands and the dikes already built, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Dennis and Yarmouth Improvement Company, with power to erect and maintain a dike or dam across said Chase Garden River at or near its mouth, with one or more sluice-ways and gates for the purpose of draining and improving said meadows and preventing flowage by the sea. Said corporation shall have all other powers and privileges and be subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in the general laws which now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations, unless otherwise specially provided by this act.

Owners of certain meadow lands incorporated.

Powers and duties.

SECTION 2. Any justice of the peace upon application in writing from five or more of said owners shall issue his warrant to one of the owners aforesaid, requiring him to notify and warn a meeting of said owners for the purposes to be expressed in said warrant, by posting copies of said warrant in at least one public place in the town of Dennis and the town of Yarmouth, seven days at least before the time of said meeting; and said owners when legally assembled as aforesaid may adopt by-laws for the government of said corporation, and may also choose a clerk, treasurer, assessors and a collector, who shall be sworn to the faith-

First meeting of corporators.

ful discharge of their respective duties, and shall continue in office until others are chosen and sworn in their stead, which said officers may exercise the same power and authority in performing the duties of their appointment as town officers of like description.

Liability for damages.

SECTION 3. All damages sustained by any person or corporation in consequence of the carrying into effect of the purposes of this corporation shall be ascertained, determined and recovered in the same manner as is now provided in cases where land is taken for highways.

May remove obstructions from channel.

SECTION 4. In addition to the powers already granted, said corporation shall have power to remove any obstructions in channels of said marsh which may thereafter accumulate, whereby the drainage of its said meadow lands is obstructed and prevented, and to vote and raise money for said purposes, and for all other necessary expenses of said corporation; and all moneys which may be voted to be raised as aforesaid shall be assessed upon each proprietor in said meadows according to the number of acres owned by him and the benefits likely to be received. Any owner who is aggrieved by the amount of tax levied on his land may, at any time within thirty days after said assessment, appeal to the county commissioners for the county of Barnstable, who shall have power to reduce or increase the amount of said tax, and make the same as said corporation should have made it under the provisions of this act; and if any owner neglects or refuses to pay the sum assessed upon him as aforesaid for sixty days after demand therefor, so much of his land may be sold as will be sufficient to pay the same, together with the costs, in the same way and manner as land of non-resident owners in this Commonwealth is sold to pay taxes; but nothing herein contained shall authorize arrest of person or the sale of any property except said meadow lands. 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.

Remedy for owner aggrieved.

Amount of judgment recovered to be assessed upon proprietors.

May conduct fisheries and introduce and propagate fish.

SECTION 5. Said corporation shall have the exclusive right to conduct the fisheries at and about said dam and sluice-way, and may introduce and propagate any kind of fish.

When to take effect.

SECTION 6. This act shall not take effect until the owners of two-thirds of all the meadow lands included herein shall have expressed in writing their acceptance hereof, which instrument of acceptance, together with the

oath of at least three of said owners that in their belief the owners of two-thirds of all of said meadow lands have signed the same, shall be filed in the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth, and the certificate of said secretary that such instrument has been so filed shall be *prima facie* evidence of such acceptance. *Approved March 28, 1882.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF WAYLAND TO RAISE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO EXTEND AND COMPLETE ITS WATER-WORKS.

Chap. 123

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

SECTION 1. The town of Wayland, for the purposes named in chapter eighty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, may issue notes, bonds or scrip from time to time, signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the chairman of the selectmen, to be denominated on the face thereof "Wayland Water Loan," to an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars, in addition to the amount authorized by section four of said chapter eighty, and in the manner provided in said section.

Wayland  
water loan.

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

*Approved March 28, 1882.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF ANDOVER TO PAY CERTAIN BOUNTIES.

Chap. 124

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

SECTION 1. The town of Andover is authorized in the manner provided in section two of this act to raise by taxation a sum of money not exceeding sixty-five hundred dollars, and appropriate the same to the payment of a bounty of one hundred and twenty-five dollars to each soldier and the legal representatives of each deceased soldier of Company H, of the First Regiment of Heavy Artillery, Massachusetts Volunteers, who re-enlisted in the service of the United States as a veteran under the call of the president of the United States dated October seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and was credited to said town, and has never received any bounty for re-enlistment from said town: *provided*, that said town shall not be re-imbursed by the Commonwealth for any money paid under authority of this act.

May pay certain  
bounties to  
soldiers and  
their legal  
representatives.

SECTION 2. At any legal meeting of said town called for the purpose a vote may be taken on the question of raising such money and appropriating the same to the payment of such bounties. The check list shall be used at

Subject to  
acceptance by  
vote of the  
town.