

of said county, such sums not exceeding in all thirty-five thousand dollars as may be necessary to build a new jail and house of correction, or to alter or enlarge that now in use, in said county.

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

Approved March 27, 1884.

Chap.118 AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXPENSE OF RECORDING PROBATE PROCEEDINGS IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Expense of recording probate proceedings not to exceed \$2,000 in any one year.

SECTION 1. The expense of recording probate proceedings in the county of Suffolk, regulated by section forty-four of chapter one hundred and fifty-six of the Public Statutes, shall not exceed two thousand dollars in any one year. So much of said section forty-four as is inconsistent with this act is hereby repealed.

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

Approved March 27, 1884.

Chap.119 AN ACT IN RELATION TO DEPOSITS MADE BY DOMESTIC INSURANCE COMPANIES WITH THE TREASURER OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Treasurer to return securities to home insurance companies upon certificate of commissioner.

SECTION 1. The treasurer of the Commonwealth is hereby directed to return to any domestic insurance company, the whole or any part of the securities of such company held on deposit by him in pursuance of section one hundred and fifty-six of chapter one hundred and nineteen of the Public Statutes, upon the written request of such company accompanied by the certificate of the insurance commissioner that the securities of which the return is requested are not required to be held under the provisions of said section.

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

Approved March 28, 1884.

Chap.120 AN ACT RELATING TO THE RE-INSURANCE OF RISKS TAKEN BY INSURANCE COMPANIES ON PROPERTY IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Re-insurance only to be effected in companies authorized to do business in this state.

SECTION 1. No foreign or other insurance company, association, partnership, firm or individual authorized to transact the business of insurance in this Commonwealth, shall directly or indirectly contract for or effect any re-insurance of any risk taken by it on property in this Com-

monwealth with any insurance company, association, partnership, firm or individual not authorized to transact said business of insurance in this Commonwealth in accordance with the laws thereof.

SECTION 2. Any company or agent violating the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of five hundred dollars. Penalty
Approved March 28, 1884.

AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL PARISH OF HAMILTON AND TO CONFIRM THE CONVEYANCE OF ITS PROPERTY TO THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY OF HAMILTON.

Chap. 121

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

SECTION 1. The conveyance of the property of the First Congregational Parish of Hamilton, incorporated under chapter eighty-nine, of the acts of the year eighteen hundred twenty-nine, approved February twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred twenty-nine, to the First Congregational Society of Hamilton, a corporation established under general laws, is hereby ratified and confirmed, and said first named corporation is hereby dissolved, and its rights, privileges and property shall be vested in said First Congregational Society of Hamilton. Conveyance of property confirmed.
Parish dissolved.

SECTION 2. Any person claiming to be aggrieved by the provisions of this act may at any time within one year after it takes effect apply by petition to the superior court for the county of Essex for assessment of his damages, and the same shall be assessed and determined by and under the direction of said court, and shall be paid by said First Congregational Society of Hamilton, which shall have notice of the pendency of such petition and may defend the same. Liability for damages.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by said First Congregational Society of Hamilton at a legal meeting thereof called and held for that purpose within three months from its passage. To take effect upon acceptance within three months.

Approved March 31, 1884.

AN ACT TO ENABLE CITIES AND TOWNS TO PROSECUTE OR DEFEND ACTIONS IN THE NAME OF OR AGAINST ABOLISHED SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Chap. 122

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

SECTION 1. Any city or town shall have the same right to prosecute or defend any action, suit or proceeding May prosecute or defend actions in name