

An Act to establish the Salaries of the Assistant Watchmen of the State-house. Chap 206.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECT. 1. The two assistant watchmen of the State-house shall receive an annual salary of five hundred dollars each, and the said salaries shall be paid in quarterly payments out of the treasury of the Commonwealth, on the first days of January, April, July and October, in every year, and in the same proportion for any part of a quarter. Annual salaries to be \$500, after April 1, 1845.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after the first day of April next. [*Approved by the Governor, March 25, 1845.*] When to take effect.

An Act to change the Names of the Persons therein mentioned. Chap 207.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

William Winthrop Andrews, now United States Consul at the Island of Malta, may take the name of William Winthrop; Moses Fisher may take the name of Moses Everett Fisher; Daniel Warren Amasa Davis Cowdin may take the name of Warren Davis; Henry Ballard, a minor, may take the name of Henry Ballard Dyer; Sarah Elizabeth Hooper, a minor, may take the name of Sarah Elizabeth King; Joachim Gervasio may take the name of Joseph Gervasio Oakes; Francis Harrison Blanchard may take the name of Francis Harrison Clay Blanchard; Oliver Ayres may take the name of Oliver Emmons Ayers; Joseph McCollum, and Thurza McCollum, his wife, and William B. McCollum, their minor son, may severally take the surname of Chandler, instead of McCollum; Moses Bullen may take the name of Moses Burlen; Horace H. Whitmore may take the name of Horace Hersey Vinton; Ann Maria Robson, a minor, may take the name of Ann Maria Armstrong; Elizabeth Robson, a minor, may take the name of Elizabeth Lydia Armstrong; Willard Feachem, a minor, may take the name of Willard Danforth; Theodore Ashley Doolittle may take the name of Theodore Ashley; Antoney Pairar may take the name of Charles Almeder Perry; John Knight Smith may take the name of John Prince Knight; Lucy Maria Faxon, an adopted daughter of Daniel Bartlett, Jr., may take the name of Lucy Faxon Bartlett; Hiram Fogg may take the name of Hiram Edwards Fogg; Mary Vose may take the name of Mary Newell; Horace Cutter may take the name of Horace Frederick Cutter; William E. Cox may take the name of William E. Warren; Charles O. Cox, a minor, may [take] the name of Charles O. Warren; Chester Peeler may take the name of Chester Peeler Suffolk.

Marshall; Sarah E. Seaman may take the name of Sarah E. Saymore; Lucinda Porter Bean may take the name of Lucinda Porter Whitman; also her minor children, Stephen Bean, may take the name of Stephen Whitman; Helen Maria Bean, may take the name of Helen Maria Whitman; Rufus Henry Bean, may take the name of Rufus Henry Whitman; Hannah Emily Bean, may take the name of Hannah Emily Whitman; Louisa Almira Bean, may take the name of Louisa Almira Whitman; and Ephraim Whitman Bean, may take the name of Ephraim Parks Whitman; Oliver Bicknell Wedge, a minor, may take the name of Oliver Bicknell Lothrop; Everard Wesley, a minor, and an adopted son of Oliver Dyer, may take the name of Everard Wesley Dyer; Temperance Ann Bickford may take the name of Georgiana Brackett; Jasper Ferdinand Way may take the name of Jasper Franklin Ferdinand; Mary Atwood may take the name of Mary Clifford; Charles Norlando Tentorni may take the name of Charles Norlando Sibley; Stephen F. Harding may take the name of Stephen F. Hoogs; Abel Wright Conant may take the name of Arnold William Conant; Simon Johnson Blanchard may take the name of Edgar Johnson Blanchard; Moses Brackett may take the name of Walter M. Brackett, all of the city of Boston. Jacob Henry Bowker, of Chelsea, may take the name of Edmund Bowker; Warren Bowker, a minor of Chelsea, may take the name of Henry Jacob Bowker; Ellery Eldridge, a minor of Chelsea, may take the name of Ellery Watson Eldridge,—all of the county of Suffolk.

Essex. Joseph E. Killam, of Bradford, may take the name of Joseph E. Bartlett; Jonathan E. Eastland, of Marblehead, may take the name of George Eastland; Deborah Morse, of Marblehead, may take the name of Caroline Morse; Foster Smith, Jr., of Newburyport, may take the name of Foster Waldo Smith; Marie Antoinette Bliss, of Newburyport, may take the name of Marie Adelaide Otis; also, her minor son, William Starkie Bliss, may take the name of Joseph William Otis; Joseph Augustus Peabody, a minor, of Salem, may take the name of George Augustus Peabody; Mary Putnam, of Saugus, may take the name of Mary Emery; Hiite Cave Porter, of Lynn, may take the name of Ellen Maria Porter; James Bachelder French, a minor, and an adopted son of Harrison B. Fowler, of Salisbury, may take the name of Henry Harrison Fowler; Edward Payson Stimson and Sarephina Cass, minors, and adopted children of Daniel C. Bagley, of Amesbury, may take the names of Edward Stimson Bagley and Abby Bayley Bagley; Margaret Elizabeth Carmady, a minor of Andover, may take the name of Margaret Elizabeth Gray; Seabury Treadwell Witt, of Lynn, may take the name of George Seabury De Witt; Jonathan Crosby Allen, of Salem, may

take the name of Charles Crosby Allen; Asa Osgood, of Danvers, may take the name of Charles Asa Osgood; Moses A. Styles, of South Andover, may take the name of Charles D. Willoughby; Samuel Wadleigh, an adopted son of Moses Town of Andover, may take the name of Samuel Town; Barachias Hartwell Abbott, of Andover, may take the name of Hartwell B. Abbott; Ellen M. Kimball, a minor, of Bradford, may take the name of Ellen Berry Kimball; William Wallace Hinkson, a minor, of Bradford, may take the name of William Wallace Holmes; Joseph Buntin Cornelius, of Newburyport, may take the name of Joseph Buntin; and his wife, Margaret Cornelius, may take the name of Margaret Buntin; also, their children, James Hervey Cornelius, Ann Eliza Cornelius and Rebecca Cornelius, may severally take the surname of Buntin instead of Cornelius; Warren Hedding Currier, of Lynn, may take the name of Warren Holbrook Currier; William Tarbox, Lydia Tarbox and Martha Ellen Tarbox, of Lynn, may severally take the surname of Appleton instead of Tarbox; Andrew Jackson McCrate, of Salem, may take the name of William Hale; Thomas Magee, of Lynn, may take the name of Thomas Reed; William Henry Berdge, of Newburyport, may take the name of William Henry Barton, and Sarah Berdge, his wife, may take the name of Sarah Louisa Barton; also their child, Mary Adelaide Berdge, may take the name of Mary Goodrich Barton; John Bullough, and his wife, Catharine Bullough, of Newburyport, may take the surname of Bullou, instead of Bullough; and Eliza Bancroft Bullough, Catharine Moore Bullough, Nancy Kingsbury Bullough, Henry Willard Bullough, and Adaline Frances Bullough, may severally take the surname of Bullou, instead of Bullough; Liberty Bullough, of Newburyport, may take the name of Liberty Clement Bullou; Joseph Bullough, of Newburyport, may take the name of Joseph Warren Bullou; Harriet Bullough, of Newburyport, may take the name of Harriet Ann Bullou; Henrietta Bullough, of Newburyport, may take the name of Henrietta Maria Bullou; Robert Barr McClintock, of Salem, may take the name of Robert Putnam Barr; Charles Addison Noyes, of Newburyport, may take the name of Charles Albert; and Nancy Osgood Noyes, his wife, may take the name of Nancy Albert; Daniel Adams, of Newburyport, may take the name of Daniel Palmer Adams; Ruth Ann Pinkham, a minor, of Saugus, may take the name of Anna Pinkham,—all of the county of Essex. William Blacker, of Lowell, Middlesex, may take the name of William Francis Blake; James Gilman Piper, Daniel Caldwell Piper, Artemas Woodbury Piper, and Malinda Caldwell Piper, minor children of Malinda C. P. Taylor, of Newton, may severally take the surname of Taylor, instead of Piper; Ichabod Eugene Norton, a

minor, of Charlestown, may take the name of Eugene Lindsey Norton; Joel Gannett, a minor, and an adopted son of William D. Eastman, of Lowell, may take the name of Joel Albert Eastman; Ruthy Ann Barrett, of Lowell, may take the name of Sarah Ann Mortimer Barrett; William Toombs and Ruth F. Toombs, his wife, of Marlborough, may take the names of William Edward Wood and Ruth Fry Wood: also, their three minor children, Louisa Elizabeth Toombs, Martha Toombs, and Mary Toombs, may take the surname of Wood instead of Toombs; Frederick Grimes, Jane Amanda Grimes, and Caroline Grimes, of Lowell, may severally take the surname of Graham instead of Grimes; Abraham Rice, of Marlborough, may take the name of Abraham Winfield Rice; Lydia Ann Brigham, an adopted daughter of William Coolidge, of Natick, may take the name of Sarah Ann Coolidge; Thomas Joyce, of Cambridge, may take the name of Thomas Joyce White; and his wife, Sally Joyce, may take the name of Sarah White; also their minor children, Charles White Joyce, and Sarah Joyce, may take the names of Charles Joyce White, and Sarah White; Calvin Richardson, 3d, of Woburn, may take the name of Calvin Baldwin Richardson; Henry Cain, of Woburn, may take the name of Henry Wendall; Zachariah Hill, of Concord, may take the name of William Adolphus Hill; Augustus Williams, of Charlestown, may take the name of Augustus Peirce; Samuel H. Liniken, of Cambridge, may take the name of Samuel L. Willard; Charles Bullough, of Newton, may take the name of Charles Nelson Bullou; Mary Abigail Temple, a minor, and an adopted daughter of Jesse Wright, of Littleton, may take the name of Mary Abigail Wright; Albert Wellington, of Medford, may take the name of Albert Kirk Wellington,—all of the county of Middlesex. Parker Howe, of Boylston, may take the name of George Parker Howe; George Washington Hodgerny, of Grafton, may take the name of George Washington Lincoln; Mary Abigail Upham, and John William Upham, of Millbury, minors, may take the surname of Copeland instead of Upham; Joseph Leland, of Northbridge, may take the name of Joseph Warren Leland; William Robinson, of Spencer, may take the name of George Robinson; Amanda Dickey, of Southbridge, may take the name of Amanda Hall; Ellen Pray Denton, an adopted minor daughter of Thomas W. Butterfield, of Worcester, may take the name of Ellen Louisa Butterfield; Allen Beaman, of Worcester, may take the name of Allen Conant Beaman; Francis D. Wheeler, of Westminster, may take the name of Clinton D. Wheeler; Charles Whitney, 2d, and George Whitney, minors, of Westminster, may take the names of Charles Hubbard Whitney, and George Edwin Whitney; Ebenezer White Sawtell, a minor, of

Worcester.

Westminster, may take the name of Walter Hubbard Farnsworth Sawtell; Abigail Larned Davis, a minor, of Oxford, may take the name of Abby Larned Davis; Martha Ann Mason, of Worcester, may take the name of Martha Pierson Mason; John Pratt, of Worcester, may take the name of John Bush Pratt; George Aspinwall, of Brookfield, may take the name of George Gray; Gamaliel Beaman, Jr. of Princeton, may take the name of Gamaliel Sawyer Beaman; Sarah Ann Channing Robinson, of Northbridge, may take the name of Martha Channing Robinson; Simeon Dwinell, of Millbury, may take the name of Simeon Du Nel; Reuben M. Hoar, of Worcester, may take the name of Reuben M. Hudson; Philo A. Wheeler, of Bolton, may take the name of Harriet Wheeler; Lyman Brooks Macular, of Worcester, may take the name of Lyman Brooks; Clarinda Maria Legg Thayer, a minor, of Milford, may take the name of Clarinda Maria Thayer Legg; Lurestan Chauvelin, of Princeton, may take the name of Luther Luton Lakey; and his wife, Asenath Chauvelin, may take the name of Asenath Lakey; also their minor children, George Augustus Chauvelin and Charles Henry Chauvelin, may take the surname of Lakey, instead of Chauvelin; Samuel Hoar and Elizabeth Hoar, his wife, of North Brookfield, may take the surname of Homer, instead of Hoar; also their children, Adin Hoar, Samuel Hoar, Jr., and Rodolphus Wilber Hoar, may severally take the names of Adin Alonzo Homer, Samuel Hoar Homer, and Rodolphus Wilber Homer; Franklin Hamant, of Sturbridge, may take the name of Benjamin Franklin; Samuel Wood, of Northborough, may take the name of Samuel Lees Wood,—all of the county of Worcester. William Quance, of Hampshire. South Hadley, may take the name of William Ransom; Frederick Plummer Tracy, of Williamsburg, may take the name of Frederick Palmer Tracy; Samuel Nash, of South Hadley, may take the name of Samuel Adams Nash,—all of the county of Hampshire. Allen Look and Harriet Hampden. Look, of Springfield, may take the names of Allen Guild Lincoln and Harriet Guild Lincoln; Albert Clark, a minor, and an adopted son of Jonathan Steele, of Springfield, may take the name of Henry Albert Steele; Fanny Hoar, of Springfield, widow, may take the name of Fanny Homer; also, her three children, Adaline, Elvira, and John Harvey Hoar, may severally take the surname of Homer instead of Hoar; Elias Bean, of Palmer, may take the name of Elias Bean Whitman,—all of the county of Hampden. Edwin Franklin. Ward, of Orange, may take the name of Edwin Daniel Ward; Porter Snow, of Whately, may take the name of Porter Howard Snow; Eunice Hibbard, of Rowe, may take the name of Eunice Emerson Hibbard; Rebecca Sears Crosby, a minor, of Hawley, may take the name of Ellen

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Sears Crosby,—all of the county of Franklin. Mary Elizabeth Upton, a minor, and an adopted daughter of Oliver Arnold, of Adams, may take the name of Mary Elizabeth Arnold; Joab Brace, Jr., of Lanesboro', may take the name of Edward Joab Brace,—all of the county of Berkshire.

Norfolk.

William Hartwell Johnson, of Dorchester, may take the name of Willis Hartwell Johnson Renville; James Cunningham, Jr., a minor, of Dorchester, may take the name of James Swan Cunningham; George Stearns, of Roxbury, may take the name of George Osborne Stearns; Alfred Showell Marsh, of Milton, may take the name of Alfred Showell; William Oscar Whittington, of Dorchester, a minor, may take the name of William Whittington Brooks; Mary Ann Amanda Whittington, of Dorchester, a minor, may take the name of Amanda Whittington Brooks; George Driver, of Quincy, may take the name of George W. Churchill; George Sutherland, of Quincy, may take the name of George Churchill; Dearborn Moses, of Quincy, may take the name of Moses Churchill; Antoinette S. Moffatt, of Roxbury, may take the name of Antoinette S. Jones; George T. Moffatt, a minor, of Roxbury, may take the name of George Alexander Jones,—all of the county of Norfolk.

Bristol.

Abigail Jucket, of Freetown, may take the name of Julia Palmer; George James Moore, a minor, and an adopted son of Samuel O. Dunbar, of Taunton, may take the name of George James Dunbar; Stephen Cornell, of Westport, may take the name of Stephen B. Cornell; Emily Pullen, Andrew R. Pullen, Bethany B. Pullen, David B. Pullen, and Eliza I. Pullen, of Mansfield, minors, may severally take the surname of Hyer, instead of Pullen; Caroline Wilson Smith, of Taunton, may take the name of Caroline Wilson Farnham; Josiah Gardner Johnson, a minor, and an adopted son of William Samuel Cobb, of New Bedford, may take the name of William Samuel Cobb; Hannah Elizabeth Freeman, of New Bedford, may take the name of Eliza F. Tallman,—all of the county of Bristol.

Plymouth.

Joseph Thomas Sylvester, of Hanover, may take the name of William Thomas Sylvester; James Horace Hammond, a minor, of Rochester, may take the name of John Wilks Hammond; Charles Fayette Loomis, of North Bridgewater, may take the name of La Fayette Charles Loomis; Henry Packard, of North Bridgewater, may take the name of Henry Howe Packard; George Leonard, 3d, of Middleborough, may take the name of George Savery Leonard; James Lloyd Keith, of Plymouth, may take the name of Lloyd Keith; James Otis, of Scituate, may take the name of James Ingham,—all of the county of Plymouth.

Barnstable.

Hannah S. Crocker, a minor, of Barnstable, may take the name of Persis S. Crocker; Joseph Baker, of Dennis, may take the name of Joseph Kelly Baker; Joseph Kelly, of Dennis,

may take the name of Joseph Baker Kelly; Henry Milton Gifford, a minor, of Falmouth, may take the name of Watson Hatch Gifford; Lucy Freeman, of Provincetown, may take the name of Lucy Freeman Cook; Davis Crowell Baker, of Yarmouth, a minor, may take the name of Elihu Davis Baker; Mary Crowell, of Yarmouth, a minor, may take the name of Mary Parker Crowell; Atwood Rich, a minor, of Truro, may take the name of Atwood Franklin Rich,—all of the county of Barnstable.

And the several persons before mentioned, from and after the passing of this act, shall be known and called by the names which, by this act, they are respectively allowed to assume, as aforesaid; and the same shall hereafter be considered as their only proper and legal names. [*Approved by the Governor, March 25, 1845.*]

When to take effect.

An Act in addition to the several Acts concerning Husband and Wife.

Chap 208.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, in manner following, that is to say:

SECT. 1. At any time before a marriage shall be solemnized, the parties may enter into a contract in writing, declaring their consent that, after the marriage shall have been solemnized, the wife shall continue to hold either the whole or any designated part of the real or personal estate, or the right of action, of which she may be seized or possessed, at the time of the marriage, to her sole and separate use, free from the interference and control of her husband. Such contract may limit to the wife an estate for life in the whole or any part of the property, and designate any other limitations not repugnant to the laws of the Commonwealth; and all such limitations shall take effect at the time of the marriage, in like manner as if they had been contained in a deed conveying to the wife the property so limited.

Written contracts for separate property of the wife may be made before marriage.

SECT. 2. There shall be annexed to such contract a schedule of all the property intended to be affected thereby, which schedule shall contain a description of the property, sufficiently clear to enable any creditor of the husband to distinguish it from all other property; and such contract, together with such schedule, shall, either before the marriage, or within ninety days thereafter, be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county in which the husband resides at the time of such record, or, if he be not a resident within this Commonwealth, then in the registry of deeds for the county in which the wife resides at the time of such record, if such record be made before the marriage, or in which she last resided, if made after the marriage; and, if not so recorded, said contract shall be void.

Schedule and description of such property to be recorded with contract in the registry of deeds, &c.