

An Act to provide for the Government and Management of Houses of Correction in certain cases.

Chap. 11.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever any house of correction shall be united in one and the same building or establishment with the jail in any county, except Suffolk, the sheriff of such county shall have the custody, rule and charge of the same, and of all prisoners therein, and shall keep the same himself, or by his deputy or jailer, for whom he shall be responsible; and the powers and duties of such keeper shall be the same as those of a master of a house of correction by law now are.

When houses of correction are united with jails, the sheriff to have charge and custody, &c., except in Suffolk.

SECTION 2. The county commissioners in such county, shall have the same authority to appoint overseers of houses of correction, so situated, as by law they now have; and the powers and duties of said overseers shall be the same as by law they now are: *provided*, that they shall make no contracts for the labor of prisoners, to be performed without the yards of said house, or whereby the safe-keeping of any prisoner may be endangered, unless the sheriff consent to the same.

Powers and duties of county commissioners and of overseers, in the premises.

Sheriff's consent necessary to contracts for labor, &c.

SECTION 3. The said commissioners, in such county or counties, shall, in the months of May and November, in each year, make an allowance to the said keeper, of a reasonable sum, for his services, and for the support of the prisoners under his charge, and other necessary expenses; and in case the said commissioners shall neglect or refuse to make such allowance, or the said keeper shall be dissatisfied with the amount thereof, he may present his petition, showing the facts, to the court of common pleas next to be holden in and for said county, who shall cause notice thereof to be given the chairman of said commissioners, and, after hearing the matter of said petition, may determine the amount of such allowance, and pass such further order in the premises as law and justice may require.

Allowances to keepers;

who may appeal to Court of Common Pleas, &c.

SECTION 4. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed. [*Approved by the Governor, Feb. 4, 1846.*]

Repeal of inconsistent provisions.

An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the Ames Manufacturing Company.

Chap. 12.

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

The Ames Manufacturing Company are hereby authorized to increase their capital stock, by adding thereto an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, and to invest such portion thereof in real estate, as may be necessary and convenient for carrying on the business of said corporation. [*Approved by the Governor, Feb. 4, 1846.*]

Capital stock may be increased by adding \$100,000, which may be invested in real estate.