

- city of Worcester, in the county of Worcester, for the purpose of making insurance against loss by fire, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities, set forth in the thirty-seventh and forty-fourth chapters of the Revised Statutes.
- Fire insurance. Powers and duties.**
R. S. ch. 37, 44.
- Estate.**
Proviso. **SECT. 2.** Said corporation may hold any estate, real or personal, for the use of said company: *provided*, that the real estate shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars in value, excepting such as may be taken for debt, or held as collateral security for money due to said company.
- Capital stock.**
Proviso. **SECT. 3.** The capital stock of said company shall be fifty thousand dollars, with liberty to increase it to an amount not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *provided*, that not less than fifty thousand dollars shall be paid in as capital within one year, fifty thousand dollars more in two years, and fifty thousand dollars more within three years from the passage of this act. [*Approved by the Governor, April 21, 1849.*]

Chap 131.

An Act relating to Railroad Plans and Profiles.

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

1848, ch. 327,
sec. 1, repealed.

SECT. 1. The first section of an act, entitled "An Act relating to railroad plans and profiles," passed the tenth day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, be, and the same is, hereby repealed.

Description of
map to accom-
pany petitions
for railroads.

SECT. 2. No petition for the establishment of any railroad shall be acted upon, unless the same is accompanied with a map of the proposed route, projected upon an appropriate scale; and also, with a profile of said route, projected with a vertical scale, comparing with the horizontal scale, in the proportion of ten to one. [*Approved by the Governor, April 23, 1849.*]

Chap 132.

An Act to extend the Jurisdiction of Police Courts in certain cases.

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

Concurrent ju-
risdiction with
municipal court
of city of Bos-
ton and the
court of com-
mon pleas in
certain cases.

SECT. 1. The several police courts of this Commonwealth shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the municipal court of the city of Boston and the court of common pleas, of all cases of assault and battery committed upon any constable, police officer, or watchman, while in the discharge of his duty as such officer, except in cases where such assault and battery shall be committed with a dangerous or deadly weapon, or with intent to kill, or when life is

endangered. And, for such assault and battery, said police courts may punish by fine, not exceeding thirty dollars, or by improvement in the house of correction, not exceeding six months. Punishment.

SECT. 2. The said police courts shall have concurrent jurisdiction with said municipal court and court of common pleas, of all larcenies mentioned in the seventeenth section of the one hundred and twenty-sixth chapter of the Revised Statutes, when the money, or other property stolen, shall not be alledged to exceed the value of twenty-five dollars; in all which cases, the punishment shall be by fine not exceeding thirty dollars, or by confinement in the house of correction, not more than six months. Farther concurrent jurisdiction of larcenies under R. S. ch. 126, § 17.
Punishment.

SECT. 3. The said police courts shall have concurrent jurisdiction with said municipal court and court of common pleas, of all cases arising under the fifth section of the one hundred and thirtieth chapter of the Revised Statutes, in which cases the punishment shall be by imprisonment in the county jail, not more than three months, or by fine not exceeding thirty dollars. Also in all cases under R. S. ch. 130, § 5.
Punishment.

SECT. 4. Any person, convicted under the provisions of this act, may appeal to the municipal court or court of common pleas; and the appeal shall be allowed on the same terms, and the proceedings therein conducted in all respects as provided in the one hundred and thirty-eighth chapter of the Revised Statutes respecting appeals from justices of the peace. Appeals.

SECT. 5. All provisions of law, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed, [*Approved by the Governor, April 23, 1849.*]

An Act concerning Sidewalks in Unaccepted Streets in the City of Boston.

Chap 133.

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. When any street or way, which now is, or hereafter shall be opened, in the city of Boston, over any private land, by the owners thereof, and dedicated to, or permitted to be used by, the public, before such street shall have been accepted, and laid out, according to law, it shall be the duty of the owners of lots abutting thereon, to construct convenient sidewalks on each side of such street or way, at their own expense, in such manner as the safety and convenience of the public shall, in the opinion of the mayor and aldermen of said city, require; and, if the owners of such abutting lots shall, after reasonable notice given by the said mayor and aldermen, neglect or refuse to con- Sidewalks, how to be constructed in streets over private land.
Expenses.
On neglect or refusal of mayor and aldermen to construct walk and assess the abutters.