

measured, by the act of April thirtieth, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty, entitled an act regulating the measurement of cranberries and other berries.

When to take effect.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after the first day of August next. [*Approved by the Governor, May 23, 1851.*]

Chap 239.

An Act to authorize the Auditor of Accounts to employ a Clerk.

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

Expense not to exceed \$600 per annum.

The auditor of accounts is hereby authorized to employ a clerk, at such times as he shall think it necessary, at an expense not to exceed six hundred dollars a year, to be paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth. [*Approved by the Governor, May 23, 1851.*]

Chap 240.

An Act to incorporate the Agricultural and Mechanics Hall Association.

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

Corporators.

SECT. 1. James M. Crooks, Walter H. Bowdoin, Sable Rogers, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation, by the name of the Agricultural and Mechanic Hall Association, in the town of Springfield, for the purpose of erecting and maintaining, in said Springfield, an edifice, to contain library and lecture rooms, and halls suitable and convenient for the exhibition and sale of articles connected with agricultural, horticultural and mechanical science and industry, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities and restrictions, set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

Springfield.
Purpose.

Powers, &c. R. S. ch. 44.

May hold real and personal estate, \$35,000.

SECT. 2. The said corporation, for the purpose aforesaid, may hold real and personal estate, not exceeding in amount thirty-five thousand dollars. [*Approved by the Governor, May 23, 1851.*]

Chap 241.

An Act concerning the Mount Pleasant Branch Railroad Company.

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

Time of location, &c. extended.

SECT. 1. The times within which the Mount Pleasant Branch Railroad Company may respectively locate and construct its road are hereby extended one year beyond the times now fixed by law.

Shall file a certificate, &c. before commencing.

SECT. 2. The said company shall not commence the construction of its road until a certificate shall have been

filed in the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth, subscribed and sworn to by the president of the said company, and a majority of the directors thereof, stating that all the stock named in its charter has been subscribed for by responsible parties, and that twenty per cent. of the par value of each and every share has been actually paid into the treasury of the said company. [*Approved by the Governor, May 23, 1851.*]

An Act to incorporate the North Beverly Branch Railroad Company.

Chap 242.

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. John T. Baker, Stephen Upton, H. C. Tucker, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation, by the name of the North Beverly Branch Railroad Company, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities and restrictions, set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes, and in that part of the thirty-ninth chapter thereof relating to railroad corporations, and in all other general laws which have been or shall be hereafter passed relating to railroad corporations.

Powers, &c. R.
S. ch. 44, &c.

SECT. 2. The said corporation is hereby authorized to locate, construct and maintain a branch railroad, with one or more tracks, commencing at a point on the Eastern Railroad, about sixty rods south of the North Beverly depot, in the town of Beverly; thence running by a curve, north-westerly, three hundred feet; thence in a straight line, still north-westerly, across the county road, about ninety-five rods to Wenham Pond.

Location and
construction.

SECT. 3. The said corporation is further authorized to enter upon and use said Eastern Railroad, according to law.

May enter East-
ern Railroad.

SECT. 4. The said branch railroad shall cross the said county road at a grade, or on a level therewith.

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SECT. 5. The whole capital stock of the said corporation shall consist of four hundred shares, of one hundred dollars each, and no assessment shall be laid thereon of a greater amount in the whole than one hundred dollars on each share, and no shares in the capital stock of the said corporation shall be issued for a less sum or amount, to be actually paid in on each, than the par value of the shares which shall be first issued. And the said corporation may invest and hold such part of their capital as may be convenient, in such real and personal estate as may be necessary and convenient for the purposes of their corporation.

Capital stock,
400 shares,
\$100; not to be
issued at less
than par.

May hold per-
sonal and real
estate.

SECT. 6. If the location of the said branch railroad be

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