

*Chap 336.* An Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Middlesex County to exercise certain powers in Chelsea and North Chelsea, in Suffolk County.

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

Certain powers relating to ways and the construction of a bridge in Chelsea, transferred to commissioners of Middlesex County.

SECT. 1. All the powers granted to the court of common pleas in the county of Suffolk by the Revised Statutes, chapter twenty-fourth, section fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth, respecting ways in the town of Chelsea; and by an act passed March eighth, eighteen hundred thirty-eight, to authorize the construction of a bridge over Green's Creek, in said town of Chelsea, are hereby transferred to the county commissioners of the county of Middlesex, and the same powers are to extend to and be exercised over North Chelsea, that being, at the time of the passage of the aforesaid acts, a part of Chelsea.

Same as to North Chelsea.

SECT. 2. The county commissioners aforesaid are hereby further authorized to exercise all the powers and perform all the duties in the towns of Chelsea and North Chelsea, in the county of Suffolk, that they are now authorized to do in the several towns in the county of Middlesex in relation to highways.

Draws may be ordered.

SECT. 3. The commissioners aforesaid are further authorized to cause the owners of any bridge or bridges over Chelsea Creek to make a draw or draws of sufficient width for the passage of vessels having occasion to pass the same: *provided, however,* that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to affect any suit or suits now pending in the courts of this Commonwealth. [*Approved by the Governor, May 24, 1851.*]

*Chap 337.* An Act in relation to the Organization and Powers of the City Council of the City of Boston.

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

No street, lane or alley shall be laid out, altered or discontinued, by mayor and aldermen, without the concurrence of common council.

SECT. 1. Whenever the mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston shall adjudge that the public safety and convenience require that any street, lane or alley, in the said city, shall be laid out, altered or discontinued, the order for such laying out, alteration or discontinuance, together with an estimate of the expense thereof, shall be sent to the common council for their concurrence or rejection; and such order shall not take effect or be in force until the common council shall concur therein.

Refor> the erection, alteration, &c., of any

SECT. 2. No erection, alteration, or repair of any courthouse, jail, house of correction, fire-proof office, or any

other building for the purposes of the county of Suffolk, or city of Boston, shall be made by the mayor and aldermen of the said city, except as herein provided, to wit: whenever the mayor and aldermen shall, by vote, declare that such erection, alteration or repair is necessary or expedient, they shall make and record an estimate of the expense thereof, and if such estimate shall exceed the sum of five thousand dollars, a copy of the said vote and estimate shall be sent to the common council for their concurrence, rejection or amendment.

county buildings, an estimate of expenditure shall be recorded, and if over \$5,000, be concurred in by common council.

SECT. 3. The board of aldermen of the city of Boston shall, commencing with the ensuing municipal year, consist of twelve persons, one alderman and two assistant assessors from and in each ward, to be chosen severally in and by the legal voters of the said ward, in the same form and manner, and at the same time, as now provided by law for the election of members of the common council, and all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are repealed.

Board of aldermen shall consist of one alderman and two assistant assessors from each ward, chosen by legal voters thereof.

SECT. 4. This act shall not go into effect unless it be approved by a majority of the legal voters of the city of Boston, voting thereon by yeas and nays, in their respective wards, at the annual election of state officers in November next; and the mayor and aldermen of the said city shall insert in the warrant, for the aforesaid election, an article submitting the aforesaid question to the decision of the said legal voters of the city of Boston. [*Approved by the Governor, May 24, 1851.*]

This act must first be approved by majority of voters;

an article therefor to be inserted in warrant.

An Act concerning the Wier Bridge in Taunton.

Chap 338.

*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. Within three months after the passage of this act, the town of Taunton shall be and is hereby required to alter, enlarge and reconstruct the bridge over Taunton River, at the Wier Village in said Taunton, in such manner as shall afford not less than twenty-five feet space between the piers by the eastern channel, and not less than the same space by the middle channel, and which shall give not less than two and a half feet additional space between the bridge and water over the eastern channel, and not less than two feet additional space over the middle channel, more than is provided by the present bridge for the passage of vessels and merchandise; and all damage occasioned by such alteration, enlargement or reconstruction, shall be paid and allowed by the order of the county com-

Town of Taunton required to enlarge the Wier bridge.

To what size, &c.