

Duties, etc., of mayor and aldermen.

SECT. 3. The mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston shall have and exercise all the powers and duties in relation to the officers and policemen mentioned in the second section, which by the laws now in force, they may have and exercise in relation to the watch and watchmen and the police of the city of Boston.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

SECT. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

Act to be void unless, etc.

SECT. 5. This act shall be void, unless accepted by the city council of the city of Boston within sixty days after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, May 21, 1853.*]

Chap. 355 An Act to exempt the Personal Property of Widows and Unmarried Females from Taxation, 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 :*

Personal property of widows, etc., exempt from taxation.

No tax shall hereafter be assessed upon the personal property of any widow or unmarried female, or female minor (whose father is deceased) which was not received by gift, legacy, devise or inheritance, *provided*, that the whole estate, real or personal, of such persons, whose personal property is so exempted from taxation, does not exceed in value the sum of five hundred dollars, exclusive of property exempted from taxation by existing laws of this state. [*Approved by the Governor, May 21, 1853.*]

Provided.

Chap. 356

An Act in relation to Central Bridge.

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

Lowell and Dracut may purchase central bridge.

SECT. 1. The city of Lowell, and the town of Dracut, are hereby authorized to purchase from the proprietors, the bridge over Merrimack River, in Lowell, called the Central Bridge, upon such terms as may be agreed upon between the parties.

When purchased to be opened free of toll.

SECT. 2. The city of Lowell and the town of Dracut, are authorized to receive and collect subscriptions in aid of the purchase of the bridge aforesaid, and whenever they purchase the same of the proprietors, it shall be opened free of toll to all persons ; and shall then be maintained and kept in repair, upon such terms and in such a manner as may be agreed upon between the city of Lowell and the town of Dracut.

Lowell may lay out bridge as a townway.

SECT. 3. The city of Lowell are hereby authorized to enter upon, take and lay out the Central Bridge aforesaid, as, and for a townway or street, in the manner now provided by

law for laying out townways or streets, in the city of Lowell ; and they shall pay to the proprietors of Central Bridge, and to all other persons injured by such taking or laying out, the damages sustained by them, to be assessed and paid in the same manner as is now provided by law for the assessment and payment of damages occasioned by the laying out of townways or streets in the city of Lowell.

Damages, how to be assessed and paid.

SECT. 4. Nothing in this act shall affect or impair any of the rights which the town of Dracut, or the city of Lowell now have in relation to Central Bridge. [*Approved by the Governor, May 21, 1853.*]

Rights not to be impaired.

An Act to incorporate the Rockport Savings Bank.

Chap. 357

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

J. R. Gott, E. Eames, James Haskell, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation, by the name of the Rockport Savings Bank, to be established in the town of Rockport ; with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities and restrictions, set forth in the thirty-sixth chapter of the Revised Statutes, and in all other laws of this commonwealth, relating to institutions for savings. [*Approved by the Governor, May 21, 1853.*]

Corporators.

Name.

Powers, duties, etc.

An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the Mahaiwe Bank.

Chap. 358

*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 president, directors and company of the Mahaiwe Bank, in Great Barrington, are hereby authorized to increase their present capital stock by an addition thereto of fifty thousand dollars, in shares of one hundred dollars each, which shall be paid in such instalments as the president and directors may determine : *provided*, the whole amount shall be paid in before the first day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

\$50,000 additional capital.

Proviso.

SECT. 2. If any of the stockholders of said bank remonstrate against the acceptance of the additional capital herein provided, the said remonstrance shall be made in writing to the cashier of the bank on or before the first day of July next ; and if the persons so objecting, legally represent one fourth part of the present capital stock of said corporation it shall not be entitled to the benefit of this act.

Remonstrance to be in writing.