

Duties, liabilities,
etc.

such of their number as from time to time may be removed by death; with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities and restrictions, set forth in the thirty-seventh and forty-fourth chapters of the Revised Statutes.

Real and personal
estate not to ex-
ceed \$20,000.

SECT. 2. For the purposes named in the first section of this act the said corporation may hold either real or personal estate, or both, to an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars. [*Approved by the Governor, April 10, 1855.*]

Chap. 171

An Act to protect the Fisheries in Ipswich River.

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

Inhabitants may
fish with nets, etc

SECT. 1. The inhabitants of the town of Ipswich and vicinity, in the county of Essex, may at all times take fish from Ipswich River in said town, with dip nets, Sundays excepted.

Penalty for sein-
ing, etc.

SECT. 2. No person shall set, draw or stretch any seine or drag net in any of the waters in Ipswich River, within the limits of said town, under a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars, to be recovered in any court competent to try the same, for the use of said town.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, April 10, 1855.*]

Chap. 172

An Act in addition to the Acts relating to State Almshouses and the Support of Paupers.

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

Certain paupers
committed to
town almshouses
at State expense.

SECT. 1. Whenever the operation of the existing provisions of law in relation to poor and indigent persons may cause a separation of husband and wife by reason of one of the parties having a legal settlement in some town in the Commonwealth, the other not having a settlement in the Commonwealth, both parties may be supported at the town almshouse where such pauper has a legal settlement, and the expense of the person chargeable to the State shall be paid by the State.

Accounts, how
audited.

SECT. 2. The account for such expenses shall be audited by the inspectors of the State almshouse to which such pauper would otherwise belong, and shall be allowed by them,

reference being had to the expense of supporting such person at the State almshouse, if there committed. [*Approved by the Governor, April 10, 1855.*]

An Act to authorize William W. Eldridge, Jonathan Eldridge, and Warren N. Rogers to construct a Fish Weir. *Chap. 173*

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. William W. Eldridge, Jonathan Eldridge and Warren N. Rogers, are hereby authorized to construct a fish weir in the tide waters near Clam Point, so called, in the easterly part of the town of Harwich, in the county of Barnstable, for the purpose of taking fish: *provided*, said weir shall cause no obstruction to navigation or encroach on the rights of others. Fish weir in Harwich. Proviso.

SECT. 2. All persons unlawfully taking fish from said weir, or causing obstructions to the passage of fish to said weir, or causing damage thereto, shall be liable to a penalty of twenty dollars, to be recovered in any court competent to try the same, for the use of the person who shall prosecute therefor. Penalty for unlawful fishing, etc.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, April 10, 1855.*]

An Act in addition to "An Act to incorporate the Ladies' Collegiate Institute." *Chap. 174*

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 first section of chapter three hundred and forty-two of the acts of eighteen hundred and fifty-four, is so amended that the said Ladies' Collegiate Institute may be located "in the town of Amherst in the county of Hampshire," or in such other town or city in this Commonwealth as may be selected by said corporation. Location changed

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, April 14, 1855.*]

An Act to prohibit Seining in Apponigansett River and Creeks. *Chap. 175*

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. No person shall set, draw, or use any seine for taking fish in Apponigansett River, in the town of Dart- Seining, etc., prohibited.