

Proviso. appurtenant to the same, not exceeding in value the sum of twenty thousand dollars: *provided*, the income thereof be appropriated exclusively to parochial purposes. [*Approved by the Governor, April 18, 1855.*]

Chap. 211 An Act in addition to an Act to incorporate the American Manufacturing Company.

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

\$25,000 for certain purposes.

SECT. 1. The American Manufacturing Company may become interested in, and hold patent rights for, inventions, to an amount not exceeding the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, April 18, 1855.*]

Chap. 212 An Act to authorize the construction of a Fish Weir in the Town of Yarmouth.

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

Fish weir in Yarmouth.

SECT. 1. George Weaver and his associates are hereby authorized to construct a fish weir in the tide-waters of Lewis Bay, so called, in the town of Yarmouth 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.

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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 for each offence, to be recovered in any court competent to try the same, for the benefit 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 18, 1855.*]

Chap. 213 An Act to prevent the Sale or Disposition of Collateral Security.

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

Penalty for selling, etc., without authority, \$500 fine and imprisonment.

SECT. 1. If any person who shall hold any collateral security, deposited with him for the payment of any debt which may be due him, shall, before such debt shall become