

for the time being, and to each railroad corporation applying for the same.

Each corporation to pay treasurer, annually, ten dollars.

SECTION 3. Each railroad corporation required to make returns, shall pay annually into the treasury of the Commonwealth the sum of ten dollars, which money shall be appropriated to the payment of the expenses incurred in the printing and binding of the reports as aforesaid.

*Approved April 25, 1862.*

**Chap. 136**

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE WRENTHAM BRANCH RAILROAD.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows:*

Corporators.

SECTION 1. W. Fox Richardson, Daniel A. Cook, Artemas Aldrich, Thomas Proctor, Hervey E. Clap, O. S. Sanford, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation, by the name of the Wrentham Branch Railroad Corporation, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities and restrictions, set forth in the sixty-third and sixty-eighth chapters of the General Statutes, and all other general laws which have been or shall hereafter be passed, relative to railroad corporations.

Powers and duties.

Location and construction authorized, and route defined.

SECTION 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to locate, construct and maintain a railroad with one or more tracks from some convenient point in or near the Plainville village in Wrentham, through or near the central village in said Wrentham to some convenient point on the Norfolk County Railroad, or Midland Railroad, and to enter with its railroad, by proper turnouts and switches, upon the Norfolk County Railroad, or Midland Railroad at the point aforesaid, and to use the same, or any part thereof, according to the provisions of law.

Capital: limitation of shares.

SECTION 3. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed five hundred and fifty shares, the number of which shall be determined from time to time by the directors of said corporation; and no assessment shall be laid thereon of a greater amount in the whole, than one hundred dollars on each share; and the said corporation may purchase and hold such real estate as may be necessary for the purposes of its incorporation.

Real estate.

Limitations of time for filing location and constructing.

SECTION 4. If the location of this road be not filed within two years, and if said railroad be not constructed within three years from the passage of this act, then this act shall be void.

Disposition of franchise authorized.

SECTION 5. Said corporation is hereby authorized to dispose of its franchise, with all its rights under this act, to the Norfolk County Railroad Company, or to the Midland Railroad Company, on such terms as shall be agreed upon

by said corporations respectively; and if said Wrentham Branch Railroad Corporation shall thus transfer its franchise and rights to the Norfolk County Railroad Company, or to the Midland Railroad Company, the corporation purchasing such franchise is hereby authorized to increase its capital stock by the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars.

In case of transfer increase of capital authorized.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AN ACT RELATING TO FEES RECEIVED AND ACCOUNTS RENDERED BY REGISTERES OF INSOLVENCY.

*Chap. 137*

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows:*

The register of the court of insolvency in each county, shall keep a cash docket of all cases in court, which shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of the public; and the judge shall audit the register's quarterly accounts, and direct what sums shall be paid over to the treasurer of the Commonwealth.

Cash docket to be kept by register, and audited by judge.

*Approved April 25, 1862.*

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT CONCERNING CONTAGIOUS DISEASES AMONG CATTLE.

*Chap. 138*

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The commissioners on contagious diseases among cattle are hereby authorized to examine under oath, in the several cities and towns of this Commonwealth, all persons possessing, or believed to possess knowledge of any material facts concerning the existence, or dissemination, or danger of dissemination of diseases among cattle: and for this purpose shall have and exercise all the powers vested in justices of the peace to take depositions, and to compel the attendance and the testifying of witnesses, by the one hundred and thirty-first chapter of the General Statutes, and any other laws concerning the taking of depositions. And all costs and expenses incurred in procuring the attendance of such witnesses shall be allowed and paid to the said commissioners from the treasury of the Commonwealth, upon the same being certified to the governor and council, and approved by him. And the governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant therefor upon the treasury, the same to be paid out of any appropriation lawfully applicable to that purpose.

Commissioners may require testimony under oath.

Costs and expenses, how allowed.

SECTION 2. Whenever cattle exposed to contagious diseases are killed by order of the commissioners, and upon a post mortem examination shall be found to have been entirely free from disease, it shall be the duty of the commissioners to cause the same to be sold under their direction, first giving to the purchaser notice of the fact; and if the said

Slaughtered cattle may be sold by direction of commissioners, and proceeds applied in payment of value.