

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.

Approved April 25, 1862.

AN ACT RELATING TO FEES RECEIVED AND ACCOUNTS RENDERED BY
REGISTERS 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.