

hereafter keep or cause to be kept a register of all changes in the holding of the land of the Plantation.

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

*Approved April 30, 1862.*

AN ACT RELATING TO THE DISCHARGE OF LIENS ON SHIPS AND VESSELS.

*Chap. 185*

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

Whenever a contractor or sub-contractor shall unreasonably neglect or refuse to pay for labor by him procured to be performed in constructing, repairing or launching any ship or vessel upon which a lien shall exist therefor, the owner or other person who made the agreement with such contractor or sub-contractor, may pay the debt secured by said lien, and have the same claim against such contractor or sub-contractor as if the said lien had been enforced by judgment of court.

Upon neglect of contractors to pay for labor, owner authorized.

*Approved April 30, 1862.*

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PUTNAM HALL ASSOCIATION IN CAMBRIDGE.

*Chap. 186*

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

SECTION 1. Knowlton S. Chaffee, George S. Mitchell, John H. Leighton, Augustus P. Griffing, and James M. Price, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Putnam Hall Association in Cambridge, for the purpose of providing and maintaining a building in said Cambridge, which shall contain a hall or halls, and other rooms.

Corporators.

Title.

Purpose.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may, for the purposes aforesaid, hold real estate, not exceeding in value, twenty thousand dollars, and shall be subject to all the duties, liabilities and restrictions, set forth in the sixty-eighth chapter of the General Statutes.

Real estate.

Privileges and restrictions.

*Approved April 30, 1862.*

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE INVESTMENTS AND SECURITIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

*Chap. 187*

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

SECTION 1. All moneys belonging to funds over which the Commonwealth has exclusive control, shall hereafter be invested in securities of said Commonwealth, or in the notes or bonds of the several counties, cities and towns thereof, or in the scrip or bonds of the several New England States, of the state of New York, or of the United States ; and said investments shall be made by the treasurer of the Commonwealth, with the approval of the governor and council.

Trust funds, how invested.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the governor annually, in the month of August, to appoint a committee of the

Council to examine securities.

Governor and council may direct treasurer.

council who shall examine into the value of the notes and securities in charge of the treasurer of the Commonwealth, and report thereupon to the governor and council, who may, if they find good and sufficient cause, direct said treasurer to make sale of, or collect by due course of law, any such notes or securities, over which the Commonwealth has exclusive control, and invest the proceeds according to section first.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 30, 1862.*

*Chap.* 188 AN ACT CONCERNING ACTIONS BY OR AGAINST PERSONS IN THE MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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

Absence not to affect rights.

SECTION 1. The time of the absence from the Commonwealth, of any person heretofore or hereafter duly mustered or entered into the military or naval service of the United States, under any act of congress making provision to suppress the existing insurrection and enforce the laws, shall not be taken as part of the period limited for the prosecution of actions by such person: *provided*, that nothing herein contained shall have the effect to extend said period more than six months after such person shall have been discharged from the service of the United States.

Proviso.

Defendant when defaulted may sue out writ of review.

SECTION 2. When judgment shall have been rendered upon the default of any defendant absent from the Commonwealth in the military or naval service of the United States as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for such defendant at any time within six months after his discharge from such service, to sue, as of right, a writ of review out of the court in which the judgment was rendered, in manner and form as provided by the General Statutes.

Defendant absent court may continue or suspend suit.

SECTION 3. Whenever in any suit it shall be made to appear to the court that the defendant is absent from the Commonwealth in the military or naval service of the United States, as aforesaid, the court may in its discretion order the suit to be continued without costs to either party; and if in such suit any person be summoned as trustee of such defendant, so absent as aforesaid, or the person summoned in any suit as trustee be so absent in the military or naval service of the United States as aforesaid, the court may also in its discretion suspend the proceedings against the alleged trustee without costs to either party: *provided*, that no such continuance shall be allowed beyond the period of six months after the discharge of such principal defendant or alleged trustee from the service of the United States.

Proviso.