

the place in which said business is done, as provided in the preceding section, in the clerk's office of the city or town in which said business is done; but if no such certificate shall be filed by the said married woman, as provided in the preceding section, or by her husband, as provided in this section, the husband shall be liable upon all contracts lawfully made in the prosecution of such business, in the same manner and to the same extent as if the same had been made by himself.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of July next. Act, when in force.

*Approved April 30, 1862.*

AN ACT CONCERNING PERSONS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN OFFENCES IN THE COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY. Chap. 199

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

SECTION 1. Whenever any person shall be convicted of any offence in the county of Dukes County, the punishment for which may be imprisonment or confinement in a house of correction, such convict may be sentenced to imprisonment or confinement in the house of correction in the city of New Bedford, in the county of Bristol; and the keeper of said house of correction shall be required to receive and hold such convict in the same manner as if such convict had been sentenced by any court sitting in the county of Bristol, and the warrant of commitment shall be executed by the sheriff of the county of Dukes County, or any of his deputies. Convicts may be sentenced to house of correction at New Bedford.

SECTION 2. There shall be paid to the county of Bristol, by the county of Dukes County, for the support of such convict, such sum per week as shall be agreed upon by the county commissioners of said counties respectively; and in case said commissioners shall not be able to agree upon the amount to be paid, representation of such disagreement shall be made to the superior court sitting in either of said counties, and the amount to be paid shall be determined by said court. Dukes Co. shall pay support.

*Approved April 30, 1862.*

AN ACT TO RATIFY CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS OF THE UNION STEAMSHIP COMPANY, AND GRANTING A LICENSE TO THE SAME. Chap. 200

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

SECTION 1. All charters or contracts heretofore made by the Union Steamship Company, with the United States, for the use of any steamship or steamships of the said company, are hereby ratified and approved, and shall not be taken to have been in violation of its charter, or of the act in addition thereto, or as exposing said company to any forfeiture or penalty on account thereof. Proceedings legalized.

Authorized to act in government service.

SECTION 2. Permission is hereby given to said company to let, to freight, or to charter any steamship or steamships now owned, or which may hereafter be owned by said company, by virtue of its charter, to the United States, for the use or service thereof.

May charter ships to states, corporations or persons during limitation prescribed.

SECTION 3. Permission is hereby given to said company during the existence of the rebellion, and for the term of six months after the termination thereof, to use its steamships, or either of them, or to let, to freight or to charter the same to any state, corporation, or person, for any trade or purpose authorized for the employment of vessels, by the treaties and laws of the United States, excepting, that the same shall not ply between the ports of Boston, and the ports of Philadelphia, Baltimore or Charleston, or either of them, excepting when in the service of the United States as provided for in the second section.

Proviso.

Revocation of powers authorized.

SECTION 4. The legislature or governor and council, may revoke the permission granted in the second and third sections at its pleasure, upon reasonable notice to said company.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 30, 1862.*

**Chap. 201** AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME OF LOCATING THE NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH BRANCH RAILROAD.

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

Act incorporating revived.

The time within which the North Attleborough Branch Railroad Company shall file its location, is hereby extended to the first day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three; and the act incorporating said company, being chapter eighteen of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty, is hereby revived.

*Approved April 30, 1862.*

**Chap. 202** AN ACT FOR THE PROTECTION OF FISH IN LITTLE QUITTICUS POND IN THE TOWNS OF LAKEVILLE AND ROCHESTER.

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

Taking for six years prohibited.

Whoever takes or catches any fish in Little Quitticus Pond, so called, lying in the towns of Lakeville and Rochester and county of Plymouth, for a term of six years after the passage of this act, shall forfeit one dollar for every fish so taken.

*Approved April 30, 1862.*

**Chap. 203** AN ACT RELATING TO THE LOCATION AND ALTERATION OF HIGHWAYS.

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

Possession to be taken or damages tendered within two years.

SECTION 1. The laying out or alteration of any highway, town way or private way shall be void as against the owner of any land over which the same shall be located, unless