

and shall include the results of all examinations made by said commissioners during the year preceding that date.

Repeal.

SECTION 2. So much of the first section of the fourth chapter, and of the eighth section of the fifty-seventh chapter of the General Statutes, as is inconsistent with this act, is hereby repealed. *Approved March 14, 1864.*

Chap. 95.

AN ACT CONCERNING BANK BILLS.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

General plates used in common.

SECTION 1. The operation of section seven, chapter two hundred and nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty, is hereby suspended until the first day of April, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 16, 1864.

Chap. 96.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PERKINS INSTITUTION AND MASSACHUSETTS ASYLUM FOR THE BLIND.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

Governor to appoint trustees.

SECTION 1. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall annually, as soon as may be after the first Wednesday in February, appoint four trustees of the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind, who shall hold their offices for one year, or until the appointment of their successors; and in case of the occurring of any vacancy by death or resignation among the trustees so appointed, the governor may, with the advice and consent of the council, fill such vacancy.

Tenure.

Vacancies.

Repeal.

SECTION 2. So much of the one hundred and thirteenth chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and twenty-eight, as authorizes the appointment of trustees of said asylum, by a board of visitors thereof, is hereby repealed.

Act when to take effect.

SECTION 3. This act shall not take effect until it has been accepted by the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind, at a meeting of the corporation specially called for the purpose. *Approved March 16, 1864.*

Chap. 97.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TOWN OF GOSNOLD.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

Territory incorporated.

SECTION 1. All that portion of the territory of the town of Chilmark known as the Elizabeth Islands, situated on the south-east side of Buzzard's Bay, and forming the north-westerly side of Vineyard Sound, is hereby incorporated into a separate town by the name of Gosnold; and the said town of Gosnold is hereby vested with all the powers and privileges, rights and immunities, and shall be subject to all the duties and requisitions to which other towns are entitled

Power and duties.

and subjected by the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth.

SECTION 2. The inhabitants and tax-payers of said town of Gosnold shall be held to pay to the collector of the town of Chilmark, all arrearages of taxes legally assessed upon them before the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-four; and also their proportion of such state and county taxes as may be assessed upon them before the taking of the next state valuation, said proportion to be ascertained and determined by the last state valuation of said town of Chilmark; and said town of Gosnold shall be holden to pay its just proportion according to its present assessed valuation, of the debts due and owing from the town of Chilmark at the time of the passage of this act, and shall be entitled to receive its just proportion according to said assessed valuation of all the real and personal property and assets owned by, or due to said town of Chilmark; and said town of Gosnold shall be held to refund to said town of Chilmark its just proportion of the surplus revenue when the same shall be called for according to the provisions of law, such proportion to be ascertained by the decennial state valuation next preceding such call.

Taxes, town, state and county.

Assumption of debt and property.

Surplus revenue.

SECTION 3. The said towns of Chilmark and Gosnold shall be respectively liable for the support and maintenance of all persons who are now receiving relief from Chilmark as paupers, according to the last decennial valuation of property within their respective limits; and the said towns of Chilmark and Gosnold shall be respectively liable for the support of all persons who may hereafter stand in need of relief as paupers, whose settlement was gained by or derived from a settlement gained or derived within their respective limits.

Maintenance of paupers.

SECTION 4. The said town of Gosnold shall remain in the same congressional, councillor, senatorial and representative districts, until a new apportionment of representatives in congress, and councillors and senators and representatives in the general court shall be made.

Election districts.

SECTION 5. Any justice of the peace for Dukes County may issue his warrant directed to any principal inhabitant of said town of Gosnold, requiring him to notify the inhabitants thereof, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place therein appointed, for the purpose of choosing all such town officers as towns are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meetings; and said warrant shall be served by posting up one copy thereof, attested by the person to whom the same is directed, in some proper

Warrant for election of town officers, justice peace may issue.

Voting lists,
selectmen of
Chilmark to
prepare.

place where most of the inhabitants are located, on each of the following named islands, to wit: Naushon, Nashawena, Penikese, Cuttyhunk and Pasque, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting. The selectmen of Chilmark shall, before said meeting, prepare a list of voters in said town of Gosnold qualified to vote in said meeting, and shall deliver the same, or cause the same to be delivered to the person presiding at said meeting before the choice of moderator thereof.

Approved March 17, 1864.

Chap. 98. AN ACT TO RATIFY CERTAIN ACTS OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL, AND TO INCREASE THE UNION FUND.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

Acts under au-
thority of chap.
216, 1861, con-
firmed.

SECTION 1. All contracts, obligations, expenditures and payments made, and acts done, by the governor and council, in the execution of the powers conferred by the two hundred and sixteenth chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one, are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

Union Fund in-
creased \$100,000.

SECTION 2. The sum of one hundred thousand dollars is hereby added to the amount of the Union fund, created by the fifth section of the said chapter, and by chapter one hundred and forty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two; and further issues of scrip, not exceeding that amount, may be made under the provisions of said chapter, the proceeds of which are hereby appropriated to fund the debts heretofore incurred in the execution of the powers aforesaid, beyond the amounts realized from the scrip originally authorized by the said chapters.

Issue of scrip.

Appropriation.

Sale of scrip, how
directed.

SECTION 3. The scrip authorized to be raised by this act shall be sold at public auction, in the city of Boston, at such times, and upon such previous notice, and in such amounts, as the governor and council shall deem expedient.

Laws relative to
Fund to apply to
increase.

SECTION 4. All provisions of law relative to the said Union fund, except so far as they are inconsistent with this act, including the provisions of the two hundred and ninth chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one, creating a sinking fund, shall in like manner apply to the increase thereof hereby directed.

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

Approved March 17, 1864.

Chap. 99. AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPENSATION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND THE AGENT OR AGENTS OF SAID BOARD.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

Salaries.
Secretary.

SECTION 1. The secretary of the board of education shall receive an annual salary of twenty-four hundred dollars, in