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shall have the right to lay vessels at the sides and end of the said wharf, and to receive wharfage and dockage therefor: *provided*, that the same shall not obstruct the safe anchorage of vessels in the harbor, and shall not interfere with the legal rights of any person. [*Approved by the Governor, May 15, 1851.*]

Chap 165.

An Act relating to Insurance on Lives.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Life insurance
companies to
pay a share of
profits to Mas-
sachusetts Gen-
eral Hospital.

Whenever any person or corporation shall be empowered to make insurance on lives upon land, the right so to do shall be deemed subject to the same obligations, for the payment of a certain share of the profits accruing therefrom to the Massachusetts General Hospital, as are imposed on the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company by the laws now in force, unless express provision to the contrary shall be made in the act or acts empowering such person or corporation to make such insurance on lives as aforesaid. [*Approved by the Governor, May 15, 1851.*]

Chap 166. An Act to authorize Payne G. Atwood and others to extend their Wharf.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

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When to take
effect.

SECT. 1. Payne G. Atwood, owner of three fourths, and the members of the Central Trading Company, a mercantile partnership, owners of one fourth, of a wharf in Wellfleet, situated near the head of Mayo's Beach, and known as Payne G. Atwood's wharf, are hereby authorized to extend and maintain the same to the channel in the harbor of Wellfleet, and they shall have the right to lay vessels at the end and sides of the said wharf, and to receive dockage and wharfage therefor: *provided*, that this grant shall in no wise impair the legal rights of any person.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, May 15, 1851.*]

Chap 167.

An Act concerning Vacancies in Ward Offices.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

When wards
are divided, its
officers shall
continue to act
in same numeri-
cal wards till

SECT. 1. At the first election held after a new division of wards, in any city in this Commonwealth, the respective ward officers chosen under the preceding organization shall officiate in the same numerical ward for which they were

chosen respectively, and shall continue to act there until others shall be chosen and qualified in their stead. others are chosen.

SECT. 2. All officers chosen at any meeting called by the mayor and aldermen of any city, after such new division into wards, shall hold their offices until the next annual meeting, and until others shall be chosen and qualified in their stead. *[Approved by the Governor, May 15, 1851.]* Officers elected after division, shall hold on till next annual meeting, &c.

An Act to incorporate the Massachusetts Universalist Home Missionary Society. Chap 168.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

SECT. 1. Hosea Ballou, B. B. Mussey, A. Tompkins, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation, by the name of the Massachusetts Universalist Home Missionary Society, for the purpose of giving and disseminating religious instruction, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities and restrictions, set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes. Corporators.
Purpose.
Duties, &c. R. S. ch. 44.

SECT. 2. The said corporation may hold real estate to the amount of twenty thousand dollars, and personal estate to an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, to be devoted exclusively to the purposes of religious and moral instruction and improvement. *[Approved by the Governor, May 17, 1851.]* May hold \$20,000 real, and \$25,000 personal estate.

An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the Bank of Commerce. Chap 169.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

SECT. 1. The president, directors and company of the Bank of Commerce, in Boston, are hereby authorized to increase their present capital stock by an addition thereto of seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in shares of one hundred dollars each, which shall be paid in such instalments as the president and directors of the said bank may determine: *provided*, that the whole amount shall be paid in on or before the last day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two. Addition, \$750,000.
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SECT. 2. The additional stock aforesaid, when paid into the said bank, shall be subject to the like tax, regulations, restrictions and provisions to which the present capital stock of said corporation is now subject. Additional stock subject to tax, &c.

SECT. 3. Before the said corporation shall proceed to do business on the said additional capital, a certificate, signed by the president and directors, and attested by the cashier Certificate to be lodged with secretary of Commonwealth.