

ownership thereon until the amount of said verdict and costs and expenses shall have been actually paid as aforesaid; and *provided, also*, that all the charges of said application and appraisal shall be paid by the United States. Proviso.

SECTION 3. The three hundred and fourteenth chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven is hereby repealed. Repeal.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved June 4, 1868.*

AN ACT RELATING TO DEERFIELD RIVER BRIDGE.

*Chap. 294*

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

SECTION 1. The bridge over Deerfield River in the town of Deerfield, belonging to the Proprietors of Deerfield River Bridge, is hereby laid out as a public highway; and the collection of tolls thereon shall cease on the fourteenth day of November next. To be laid out as highway.

SECTION 2. The said bridge shall be maintained and kept in repair by the town of Deerfield. To be kept in repair by Deerfield.

SECTION 3. Nothing in this act contained shall be construed to release the Proprietors of Deerfield River Bridge from their liability to keep the said bridge in good, safe and passable repair up to the said fourteenth day of November next; and if the said bridge shall not be in such repair on said date, an information shall be filed in the supreme judicial court in behalf of the Commonwealth by the attorney-general, at the relation of the selectmen of Deerfield, against said corporation and its officers, to compel said corporation to put the said bridge in good, safe and passable repair. Proprietors to keep in repair until Nov. 14, 1868.

And full power and authority is hereby given to said court, as a court of chancery, to hear and determine said cause, and to make and enforce all necessary orders and decrees therein. S. J. C. may compel repairs to be made.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on the fourteenth day of November next. When to take effect.

*Approved June 4, 1868.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MECHANICS' MILLS TO CONSTRUCT A WHARF IN FALL RIVER.

*Chap. 295*

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

SECTION 1. License is hereby given to the Mechanics' Mills to construct and extend a wharf from a lot of land now owned by said corporation in the city of Fall River; said wharf not to exceed the width of said lot of land, and not to extend beyond the channel of the river: *provided*, that all things done under this act shall be subject to the determination and approval of the board of harbor commissioners, as provided by section four of chapter one hundred Mechanics' Mills may build wharf in Fall River.

Subject to approval of harbor commissioners.

Provisos. and forty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six; and *provided*, that this license shall in no wise impair the legal rights of any person; and *provided, further*, that this license may be revoked at any time, and shall expire at the end of five years from its taking effect, except so far as valuable structures may have been actually and in good faith built under the same.

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

*Approved June 4, 1868.*

**Chap. 296** AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE JOHN RUSSELL MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

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

Corporators. SECTION 1. John Russell, Matthew Chapman, Charles W. Russell, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the John Russell Manufacturing Company, for the purpose of manufacturing cutlery and hardware in Deerfield, or any other town in the county of Franklin; and for this purpose shall have all the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in all general laws which now are or hereafter may be in force relating to manufacturing corporations.

Name and purpose. Powers and duties. Real estate, \$300,000. SECTION 2. Said corporation may hold for the purpose aforesaid, real estate necessary and convenient for its business, to an amount not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars; and the whole capital stock shall not exceed six hundred thousand dollars, divided into shares of one hundred dollars each: *provided, however*, that said corporation shall not go into operation until one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars of its capital stock is paid in cash.

Capital stock and shares. Proviso. SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved June 4, 1868.*

**Chap. 297** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PARSONAGE LANDS IN THE TOWN OF HULL.

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

Parsonage lands in Hull may be sold. SECTION 1. The lands lying within the limits of the town of Hull, known as and called the parsonage lands, may be sold and conveyed in fee simple in the manner hereinafter provided.

Application to be made to judge of probate for leave to sell. SECTION 2. If at any legal town meeting, the citizens of Hull shall so vote, the selectmen or any other person or persons authorized by the town so to do, may apply to the judge of probate for the county of Plymouth, for leave to sell said lands; the said judge of probate shall upon such notice as he may deem necessary, order the lands aforesaid