

*Chap. 41.* AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME WITHIN WHICH THE WORCESTER AND NASHUA RAILROAD COMPANY MAY TAKE LAND AND MATERIALS, AND FILE ITS LOCATION.

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

Time for taking land for an additional track extended.

SECTION 1. The time within which the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company may take land and materials for an additional track, and file a location of the same, as provided in chapter ninety-one of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy, is hereby extended to March seventeenth, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

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

*Approved February 26, 1872.*

*Chap. 42.* AN ACT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF BOOKS AND OTHER PROPERTY BELONGING TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

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

Penalty for defacing books, &c., in public libraries.

SECTION 1. Whoever wilfully and maliciously or wantonly and without cause writes upon, injures, defaces, tears or destroys any book, plate, picture, engraving or statue, belonging to any law, town, city or other public library, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than fifty dollars, or by imprisonment in the jail not exceeding six months for every such offence.

Repeal.

SECTION 2. Chapter sixty-nine of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven is hereby repealed.

*Approved February 26, 1872.*

*Chap. 43.* AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ASSISTANT CLERKS IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON FOR CRIMINAL BUSINESS.

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

Clerk of municipal court of Boston may appoint four assistant clerks subject to approval of the justices, and be removable at his pleasure.

SECTION 1. The clerk of the municipal court of the city of Boston, for the transaction of criminal business may, subject to the approval of the justices of said court or a majority of them, appoint four assistant clerks who shall be removable at his pleasure, and for whose doings he shall be responsible, two of whom shall be styled first assistant clerks, and two second assistant clerks. The first assistant clerks shall receive an annual salary of two thousand dollars each, and the second assistant clerks shall receive an annual salary of eighteen hundred dollars each. The said assistant clerks shall have the same powers and duties, and shall have their salaries paid in the same manner, as now provided by law.

Salaries.

Repeal.

SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

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

*Approved February 27, 1872.*