

Estate subject to taxation.

dred thousand dollars: *provided, however*, that this corporation shall not avail itself of the exemption from taxation, provided in the fifth section of the seventh chapter of the Revised Statutes. [*Approved by the Governor, March 20, 1845.*]

**Chap 170.** An Act authorizing the Northampton and Springfield Rail-road Corporation to change their Location.

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

Location of road.

SECT. 1. The Northampton and Springfield Rail-road Corporation may construct, and open for use, a branch rail-road, from the main track of their road, in the village of Cabotville, to and near the mills in said village, passing up the south bank of Chicopee river, near the same, and thence extending up said river, into the Chicopee Falls village; *provided, however*, that the location of that part of their branch extending to the mills in said Cabotville, shall be filed with the county commissioners of the county of Hampden, within one year from the passage of this act; and for that part of their branch extending from said Cabotville mills, into said Chicopee Falls village, the location shall be filed with the said county commissioners, in five years from the passage of this act.

Location of parts of the road to be filed in 1 year, and in 5 years, from March 21, 1845.

Road may be located agreeably to the act of 1842, chap. 41.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may construct, and open for use, their road, commencing at a point in Northampton, defined in the act to which this act is in addition, passing down on the west side of the Connecticut river, and near the same, through a part of Hadley, Easthampton, Northampton South Farms, so called, and West Springfield, and crossing said river at or near the village of Willimansett, in the town of Springfield, to a line designated in the act to which this act is in addition.

Powers and liabilities of the corporation.

SECT. 3. The said corporation, in the construction of their rail-road and branch, as designated in the foregoing sections, may exercise all the powers and privileges, and shall be subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities, set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes, and in that part of the thirty-ninth chapter of the Revised States, which relates to rail-road corporations, and in the several statutes subsequently passed relating to such corporations.

May construct a bridge, &c.

SECT. 4. The said Northampton and Springfield Rail-road Corporation may construct and maintain a bridge at Willimansett Falls, across Connecticut river, and across the canal and works of "The Proprietors of Locks and Canal on Connecticut river, at South Hadley;" and the Court of Common Pleas may, upon the request of said proprietors, appoint commissioners, who, after hearing the parties, shall

award a gross sum to be paid to said proprietors, which shall be in full satisfaction for all claim which they may make for the damage done to their property and works, and for the legal liability, if any, of the proprietors, to persons navigating said river, or canal, for injuries occasioned to them by the construction and maintenance of said bridge.

Damages may be assessed by commissioners, appointed by the court of common pleas.

SECT. 5. The time for filing the location of said Northampton and Springfield Rail-road, with the county commissioners of the counties of Hampden and Hampshire, from Northampton to its junction with the Western Rail-road, and with the Hartford and Springfield Rail-road, in Springfield, is hereby extended to the first day of July next; and the location thus filed, as herein provided, shall be as valid and effectual, as if filed within the time or times prescribed in the act to which this act is in addition.

Extension of time for filing location, to July 1, 1845.

SECT. 6. Said corporation may divert the course of Mill river, in Northampton, near its mouth, so far as may be necessary to conduct it into the main channel of the Connecticut river, at a point east of said rail-road.

Mill river may be diverted, &c.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, March 21, 1845.*]

When to take effect.

An Act to obtain Statistical Information in relation to certain Branches of Industry.

Chap 171.

*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 assessors of each city and town in the Commonwealth shall, between the first day of May and the first day of October next, make return to the Secretary of the Commonwealth of the facts as they exist in each city or town, on the first day of April next, in relation to the following matters, to wit :

Assessors, between May 1 and October 1, 1845, to make return of certain facts to the Secretary.

The number of cotton mills in the town. The whole number of cotton spindles. The quantity of cotton consumed during the year ending the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five. The number of yards of cotton cloth manufactured during said year, with a description of the same. Gross value of cotton cloth manufactured. The number of pounds and the description of cotton yarn manufactured, and not made into cloth. Gross value of cotton yarn manufactured. The quantity of cotton thread manufactured. Value of cotton thread. Quantity of cotton batting manufactured. Value of cotton batting. Quantity of pelisse wadding manufactured. Value of pelisse wadding. Number of yards of cotton flannel manufactured. Value of the cotton flannel. The amount of capital invested in the manufacture of cotton. The number of males employed in said businees. Number of females employed in same. The number of calico manu-

Concerning cotton mills and goods, &c.