

the third section by adding thereto the words, "on giving up a copy of the superseded book in condition fit to be used."

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

*Approved February 21, 1877.*

AN ACT TO CONFIRM CERTAIN ACTS OF THE TOWN OF METHUEN.

*Chap. 25.*

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

SECTION 1. The action of the town of Methuen, at a meeting thereof held on the third day of July and by adjournment on the seventeenth day of July in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six, in voting to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars for the purpose of defraying the expense of the celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its incorporation as a town, and the one hundredth anniversary of the national existence on the seventh day of September in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six, is hereby authorized, ratified and made valid; and the said town is hereby authorized to raise the said sum by taxation for the purpose aforesaid.

Action of the town confirmed.

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

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AN ACT TO PRESERVE THE EEL FISHERIES IN MUSQUASHUIT CREEK AND ITS TRIBUTARIES IN THE TOWNS OF SCITUATE AND COHASSET.

*Chap. 26.*

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

SECTION 1. Whoever takes, catches or destroys any eels in Musquashuit Creek or its tributaries, in the towns of Scituate and Cohasset, in the counties of Plymouth and Norfolk, in any other manner than by spear, or hook and line, shall forfeit for every eel so taken, not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars, one-half of said fine to be paid to the complainant.

Eel fisheries regulated.

SECTION. 2. Whoever wilfully places any obstruction, or otherwise interferes with the free passage of eels in said creek or tributaries, shall forfeit a sum not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars for each offence.

Penalty for obstructing free passage of eels.

SECTION 3. All fines or penalties for violating this act, with costs, may be recovered in any court competent to try the same.

Recovery of fines.

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

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