

SECT. 4. The treasurer, under the direction of the governor and council, may borrow, in anticipation of the issue of any of the scrip authorized as above, such sums as may be necessary for the purposes of this act: *provided*, that the whole amount borrowed by authority hereof, and remaining unpaid, shall at no time exceed the amount of seventy thousand dollars.

Treasurer may borrow money.

Provided.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, April 27, 1853.*]

An Act to extend the Jurisdiction of Police Courts in Cases of Assault and Battery. *Chap. 196*

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 several police courts of this commonwealth, in addition to the jurisdiction now exercised by them in cases of assault and battery, shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the municipal court of Boston, and the court of common pleas in the several counties of the state, of all cases of assault and battery, except where such assault and battery shall be committed with intent to commit some other offence, or with a weapon dangerous to life, or where the life of the person assaulted is endangered, or where the person assaulted is maimed. And for such assault and battery, said courts may punish by fine not exceeding thirty dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail or house of correction, not exceeding six months.

Police courts to have concurrent jurisdiction in certain cases.

SECT. 2. Said police courts may, in their discretion, decline to take final jurisdiction of any case of aggravated assault and battery, and may send the same, as now, to the court of common pleas, or to the municipal court of Boston for trial. And any person convicted under the provisions of this act, shall have the right of appeal in the same manner that is now possessed by persons convicted of assault before a police court. [*Approved by the Governor, April 27, 1853.*]

Police courts may decline final jurisdiction.

And persons convicted may appeal.

An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the Hampshire Manufacturers Bank. *Chap. 197*

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 Hampshire Manufacturers Bank, in Ware, are hereby authorized to increase their present capital stock by an addition thereto of fifty thousand dollars, in shares of one hundred dollars

\$50,000 additional capital.

each, which shall be paid in such instalments as the president and directors may determine : *provided*, that the whole amount shall be paid in before the first day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

Proviso.

Remonstrances to be made in writing.

SECT. 2. If any of the stockholders of said bank remonstrate against the acceptance of the additional capital herein provided, the said remonstrance shall be made in writing to the cashier of the bank, on or before the first day of July next ; and if the persons so objecting legally represent one-fourth part of the present capital stock of said corporation, it shall not be entitled to the benefit of this act.

Additional capital subject to same restrictions as original stock.

SECT. 3. The additional stock aforesaid, when paid into said bank, shall be subject to the like tax, regulations, restrictions and provisions, to which the present capital stock of said bank is now subject.

Certificate of payment, etc., to be returned to secretary of state.

SECT. 4. Before said corporation shall proceed to do business on said additional capital, a certificate signed by the president and directors, and attested by the cashier, under oath, that the same has actually been paid into said bank, shall be returned into the office of the secretary of the commonwealth.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, April 28, 1853.*]

Chap. 198 An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the Taunton Bank, in Taunton.

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

\$50,000 additional capital.

SECT. 1. The president, directors and company of the Taunton Bank in Taunton, are hereby authorized to increase their present capital stock by an addition thereto of fifty thousand dollars, which may be so added to their present shares, whose par value is eighty dollars each, as to make them one hundred dollars each, which shall be paid in such instalments as the president and directors may determine : *provided*, that the whole amount shall be paid in before the first day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

Proviso.

Remonstrance to be made in writing.

SECT. 2. If any of the stockholders of said bank remonstrate against the acceptance of the additional capital herein provided, the said remonstrance shall be made in writing to the cashier, on or before the first day of July next ; and if the persons so objecting, legally represent one-fourth part of the present capital stock of said corporation, it shall not be entitled to the benefit of this act.

Additional capital subject to

SECT. 3. The additional stock aforesaid, when paid into said bank, shall be subject to the like tax, regulations, restric-