

Chap. 221 AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE PASSAGE OF VESSELS THROUGH DRAWS IN RAILROAD BRIDGES OVER FORT POINT CHANNEL AND CHARLES RIVER.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

Steamboats not to be delayed in passage through draws of railroad bridges over Charles River and Fort Point Channel.

On Charles River and Fort Point Channel, no vessel propelled by steam, or towed by a vessel propelled by steam, shall be delayed in its passage through the draw of a railroad bridge except so far as shall be necessary to permit a railroad train approaching such draw, and in sight from the stopping-place of the train at such draw, to cross the same: *provided*, that such draw need not be opened within five minutes before the time, by the time-table, for an outgoing train to start.

Penalty for violation.

Any railroad corporation, or any person or persons operating a railroad that shall, in violation of this act delay in its passage any such vessel by a failure to open a draw in a bridge of such corporation, person or persons, shall incur a penalty of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than a hundred dollars for each offence.

Approved April 18, 1872.

Chap. 222 AN ACT FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE NEW BEDFORD WATER WORKS.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

Storing reservoir of New Bedford water works not to be entered upon or fished in, without permission of water board, under penalty.

SECTION 1. Any person who enters upon the storing reservoir of the water works of the city of New Bedford, or upon any lands of said city on the margin of said reservoir, or who launches or puts any boat or raft into the waters thereof, or who fishes for or takes any fish in said waters, or who throws, conducts or places any substance or thing in said waters, without the permission of the water board of said city, shall, on conviction, pay a fine of not less than one dollar nor more than twenty dollars for each offence, and the costs of prosecution, which may be either by complaint or indictment: *provided*, that nothing in this act shall interfere with any right of way, which the water commissioners of New Bedford may have granted, in acquiring the title of the lands of said reservoir.

Proviso.

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

Approved April 20, 1872.

Chap. 223 AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH COVE CORPORATION.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

May hold and convey lands and flats not exceeding sixty acres.

SECTION 1. The South Cove Corporation shall have authority to hold, purchase, improve and convey lands and flats, not exceeding in all sixty acres, including therein the lands conveyed by Francis Jackson to Uriel Crocker, Ellis

Gray Loring and Benjamin W. Nichols by deed dated November twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and recorded with Suffolk deeds, book seven hundred and ninety-five, page one, lying within the territory situated between Dover Street, Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, Cottage and Franklin Streets, Norfolk Avenue, Hampden and Albany Streets.

SECTION 2. The South Cove Corporation shall continue to be a corporation for ten years after the expiration of its present charter, for the purposes named in its act of incorporation, and in the first section of this act, with the same powers and privileges, and subject to the same duties, liabilities and restrictions as are provided by general laws applicable to such corporations.

To continue to be a corporation for ten years after expiration of present charter.

SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall be so construed as to affect the ownership of the Commonwealth in any lands or flats within the limits defined by the first section of this act; nor shall any right or authority of the Commonwealth in relation to the harbor or to harbor lines, be affected or waived, nor any existing law relating to compensation for tide-water displaced, be repealed or modified by this act; nor shall the acceptance of this act by the South Cove Corporation, modify or affect the title, or the right in law to maintain such title, of the South Cove Corporation to any lands or flats which have been subjected by excavation to the flow of tide-water.

Ownership of Commonwealth in lands and flats not to be affected.

SECTION 4. The stock of this corporation shall be divided into shares of a par value of one hundred dollars each.

Shares of par value of one hundred dollars.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved April 20, 1872.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE NEW LONDON NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY.

Chap. 224

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECTION 1. None of the provisions of chapter two hundred and ninety-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, or of chapter three hundred and eighty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one, shall be construed to invalidate the contract made by the New London Northern Railroad Company on the twenty-first day of November, eighteen hundred and seventy-one for the operation of its railroad: *provided*, that nothing herein contained shall invalidate or affect any existing lease or contract between said New London Northern Railroad Company and the Ware River Railroad Company.

Contract made by New London Northern R. R. not invalidated by provisions of 1867, 298, and 1871, 389.

Proviso.

SECTION 2: This act shall take effect upon its passage,

Act may be amended or an-