

the amount of damages to be paid for such taking, the owner or owners of any such land, may apply for a jury to assess such damages by petition to the superior court for Suffolk County, at any time within two years after such taking. Such petition may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, who shall thereupon issue a summons returnable at the next term of the court, if in vacation, or if in term time, on such a day as the court may order. Such summons shall be served by copy on the president of the Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation, at least fourteen days before the return day, and the cause shall thereupon proceed like other civil causes in said court.

Approved April 15, 1874.

Ch. 177. AN ACT RELATING TO TRUSTEES OF METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCHES.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

Amendment to
G. S. 31, § 1.

Section one of chapter thirty-one of the General Statutes is amended by inserting after the word societies the words "and trustees of the Methodist Episcopal churches appointed according to the discipline and usages thereof," and also in the fourth section of the same chapter after the word vestry the words "or if made by the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church without the consent of the quarterly conference."

Approved April 15, 1874.

Ch. 178. AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BASS RIVER SAVINGS BANK.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

Corporators.

SECTION 1. David K. Akin, Russell D. Farris, David Kelley, Hiram Loring, their associates and successors, are made a corporation by the name of the Bass River Savings Bank, to be located in South Yarmouth, with the powers and privileges, and subject to the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in the general laws which now are, or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations.

Powers and
duties.

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

Approved April 15, 1874.

Ch. 179. AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE BOSTON WATER BOARD.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

Boston Water
Board may be
established by
city council.

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Boston may establish, by ordinance, a water board, to be known as the Boston Water Board, consisting of three able and discreet persons, to be appointed by the mayor, with the advice and consent of the city council, and to receive such compensation as the city council may from time to time determine. The said board may be empowered by said city