

Repeal.

SECTION 3. Chapter sixty-two of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six is hereby repealed.

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

*Approved May 10, 1866.*

**Chap. 232**

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE STILES RESERVOIR COMPANY.

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

Corporators.

SECTION 1. Francis Stiles, junior, George Hodges, Edwin Bartlett, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation, by the name of the Stiles Reservoir Company, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a reservoir of water on Cedar Meadow Brook, in the town of Leicester, or in the town of Spencer, for the supply of mills situated on French River, of which said Cedar Meadow Brook is a tributary; with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in all general laws which now are or may hereafter be in force applicable to such corporations.

Purpose.

Powers and duties.

Estate, capital and shares.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may hold real and personal estate necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, and its whole capital stock shall not exceed thirty-five thousand dollars, which shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 10, 1866.*

**Chap. 233**

AN ACT IN RELATION TO SUITS BY AND IN BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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

May be in defendant's county or in Suffolk.

SECTION 1. Any civil action in which the Commonwealth is plaintiff, or which is brought to recover money due to the Commonwealth, may be brought in the county in which the defendant lives or has his usual place of business, or in the county of Suffolk.

Action, by whom brought.

SECTION 2. All civil actions to recover money for the benefit and to the use of the Commonwealth may be brought by the attorney-general or a district-attorney, in the name of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 15, 1866.*

**Chap. 234**

AN ACT RELATIVE TO STATE PAUPERS.

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

Support of husband to be in place of wife's settlement.

SECTION 1. When the operation of any provisions of law in relation to poor and indigent persons might cause a separation of husband and wife, by reason of the wife having a legal settlement in some place in the Commonwealth, the

husband being a state pauper, both parties shall be supported by the place where the wife has a legal settlement.

SECTION 2. The expense of thus supporting the person who is such state pauper shall be paid by the Commonwealth, reference being had to the expense of supporting such person at the state almshouse, if there committed. State to pay expense.

SECTION 3. Chapter ninety-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one is hereby repealed. Repeal.

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

*Approved May 15, 1866.*

AN ACT CONCERNING VAGRANTS AND VAGABONDS.

*Chap. 235*

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

SECTION 1. All idle persons who, not having visible means of support, live without lawful employment; all persons wandering abroad and visiting tippling shops or houses of ill-fame, or lodging in groceries, out-houses, market places, sheds, barns or in the open air, and not giving a good account of themselves; all persons wandering abroad and begging, or who go about from door to door, or place themselves in the streets, highways, passages or other public places to beg or receive arms, shall be deemed vagrants. Enumeration of persons who shall be deemed vagrants.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of sheriffs, constables and police officers, acting on the request of any person or upon their own information or belief, to arrest and carry such vagrant before a trial justice or police court within the town or district where such vagrant may be, for the purpose of an examination, and shall then and there make a complaint against such vagrant in due form of law. Officers to arrest and enter complaints against.

SECTION 3. Whoever shall be convicted upon his own confession, or by other competent evidence, of being a vagrant within the meaning of this act, shall be committed for a term not exceeding six months to the house of correction for the county, or the house of industry or work-house where the conviction is had. Sentence of vagrant.

SECTION 4. Any person known to be a pickpocket, thief or burglar, either by his own confession or otherwise, or by his having been convicted of either of said offences, and having no visible or lawful means of support, when found prowling around any steam-boat landing, railroad depot, banking institution, broker's office, place of public amusement, auction room, store, shop, crowded thoroughfare, car or omnibus, or at any public gathering or assembly in any town or city, shall be deemed a vagabond, and shall be taken into custody by any sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable or police officer; and the officer making the arrest shall, within twenty-four hours Known pickpocket, thief or burglar, when to be deemed vagabond and arrested.

Officer arresting to bring before court.