

said corporation, signifying their intention to become members thereof.

Justice to issue warrant. SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That any Justice of the Peace for the county of Cumberland, upon application therefor, is hereby empowered to issue a warrant, directed to one of the inhabitants of the said island of Sebasco-degan, requiring him to notify and warn a meeting of the said Harpswell Gurnet Bridge Corporation, at such convenient time and place as shall be appointed in the said warrant, to organize the said corporation.

[Approved by the Governor, February 22, 1814.]

CHAP. CXLIX.

An Act establishing The Nobscusset Point Pier Company.

Persons incorporated. SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That Daniel Howes, Henry Hall, Zenas Howes, John Howes, Jun. and Oran Howes, and all such persons as are, or shall be associated with them, and their successors, shall be a corporation, by the name of The Nobscusset Point Pier Company, and shall by that name sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and shall and may appear, prosecute, and defend in all actions or suits, for or against them, till final judgment, execution and satisfaction; and they shall have a common seal, and shall be capable in law, to take by purchase or otherwise, and to hold, and convey real estate: *Provided*, That the whole real estate which the company may at any one time hold, or possess, in their corporate capacity, shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars in value.

Proviso.

Here to set Pier.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Pier shall be erected upon the easterly side of Nobscusset Point, (so called) in the town of Dennis, in the county of Barnstable, to be built of stone and timber, and to commence at a sufficient distance from high water mark, at said point, and to run easterly six hundred feet, more or less.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Daniel Howes, Henry Hall, and Zenas Howes, or any two of them, may call a meeting of said corporation, by giving notice

in posting up an advertisement at Dennis north meeting-house in said town, at least ten days before the time of meeting; and at that or any other legal meeting, the said corporation may agree on the mode of calling and warning future meetings, and may elect a President, Trustees, Clerk, or such other officers as they may judge fit for the orderly conducting of their affairs, and the prudent management of their estate; and such officers, at their pleasure may change or remove, and at all their meetings, the proprietors present may vote according to their interest in said property, allowing one vote to each share: *Provided* however, that no person shall have more than five votes, and absent proprietors may vote by proxy, authorised in writing; and the proprietors of said corporation may, at any legal meeting, adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations, as shall be necessary and convenient for the management of their affairs: *Provided*, the same are not repugnant to the laws or constitution of this Commonwealth.

May call a meeting.

Proviso.

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SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the shares of any person in said Pier Company, may be attached on mesne process, or taken and sold on execution, in the manner pointed out by an act, entitled "An act directing the mode of attaching on mesne process, and selling by execution, shares of debtors in incorporated companies."

Attachment of property.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the shares of each proprietor in said corporate property shall be, and be considered in all respects personal estate, and shall be transferred in such manner, as the proprietors by their laws shall provide and direct.

Personal estate.

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CHAP. CL.

An Act for the encouragement of Literature, Piety and Morality, and the useful Arts and Sciences.

SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That the tax which the President, Directors and Company of the Massachusetts Bank, are, and shall be liable to pay to the Commonwealth, shall be,