

as aforesaid, the amount to be paid in any case shall not exceed the amount received by the Commonwealth thereon.

When to take effect.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, March 21, 1846.*]

Chap 143.

An Act to authorize Nathan Paine to extend his Wharf.

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

Wharf in Wellfleet may be extended, &c.

Nathan Paine is hereby authorized to extend and maintain the wharf now owned by him, and adjoining his land in Wellfleet, into the harbor of said Wellfleet, to the depth of six feet of water at the lowest tides ; and shall have the right to lay vessels at the end and sides of said wharf, and receive dockage and wharfage therefor: *provided*, this act shall not in any manner interfere with the legal rights of any persons whatever. [*Approved by the Governor, March 21, 1846.*]

Provided, &c.

Chap 144.

An Act to change the Name of Daniel Hitchcock.

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

To be named Daniel Townsley Hitchcock.

SECTION 1. Daniel Hitchcock, second of that name, of the town of Warren, in the county of Worcester, may take the name of Daniel Townsley Hitchcock, and shall be hereafter known and called by that name, as his only proper and legal name, to all intents and purposes.

When to take effect.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, March 23, 1846.*]

Chap 145.

An Act to authorize Thomas J. Allen to plant Oysters in Westport River.

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

May plant and dig oysters in Westport, &c.

SECTION 1. Thomas J. Allen, of Westport, in the county of Bristol, his heirs and assigns, are hereby authorized to plant and dig oysters in the waters and flats of Westport River, in said county, from high water mark into said river, on the bar situate on the easterly side of the channel above Hick's Bridge, so called, opposite the land of Frederick Brownell and Cynthia White.

Penalty for planting, digging, &c., within 20 years, without permission of said Allen, &c.

SECTION 2. The said Allen, his heirs and assigns, shall have the exclusive use of the said waters, flats and bar, to the extent aforesaid, for the purpose of planting and digging oysters, for the term of twenty years ; and if any person shall, within said limits, dig for or take any oysters, during the term aforesaid, without leave of said Allen, his heirs or assigns, he shall forfeit and pay a fine not exceed-

ing five dollars, for each offence, to be recovered in any court proper to try the same. [*Approved by the Governor, March 23, 1846.*]

An Act to establish the Hancock Free Bridge Corporation.

Chap 146.

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

SECTION 1. Isaac Livermore, Charles Valentine, William Reed, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation, by the name of the Hancock Free Bridge Corporation, for the purpose of erecting a bridge across Charles River, and for other purposes herein specified; and the said corporation shall have all the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities, set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

Persons incorporated.

SECTION. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to locate and construct a bridge across Charles River, beginning at a point, at or near the north westerly end of Allen street, in the city of Boston, and extending thence to the opposite shore of said river in Cambridge, at some convenient point between the West Boston Bridge and Canal Bridge, together with a suitable road or way to connect said bridge with Allen street, aforesaid, and with the main street, or road, in said Cambridge, and for that purpose to take a quantity of land extending the whole length of said bridge and ways, and not exceeding sixty feet in width, except for the erection of piers near the draw, and for such other piers as shall be necessary for the support of the bridge, said land to be used only for the purpose of a bridge and ways aforesaid; said bridge shall have a good and sufficient draw, as wide as the draw of the present West Boston Bridge, which draw shall be located by commissioners, to be appointed by the governor, with the advice of the council, at the expense of said corporation; and the said corporation shall construct a pier wharf near said draw, on each side of said bridge, for the accommodation of vessels passing through the same, of such form and dimensions, and extending in such direction, as said commissioners shall direct and appoint; said draw and wharves to be planked on the inside from the top of low water to the top of said draw and wharves, together with such other facilities and accommodations for the passage of vessels, through said bridge, as such commissioners shall direct to be made. Said bridge, draw and wharves, shall be built of good and sufficient materials, the bridge to be not less than forty-four feet in width, from outside to outside, with a good footway on each side thereof.

Location and construction of bridge.

SECTION 3. Said corporation shall be held liable to keep said bridge and draw in good repair, and to raise the draw,

Repairs, lights, &c.