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SECTION 4. So much of chapter one hundred and seventy-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy as is inconsistent with the provisions of this act is hereby repealed; and said act is so amended that any corporation duly authorized to increase its capital stock may sell its shares at public auction for the benefit of the corporation: *provided*, that no share shall be sold or issued for a less sum to be actually paid in cash than the par value thereof.

Repeal of inconsistent provisions in 1870, 179.

Amendment.

Proviso.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect on the first of August next.

*Approved May 26, 1871.*

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOUR OF THE ACTS OF THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-ONE, RELATIVE TO THE DISTRICT COURTS OF NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE.

*Chap. 393*

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

Section one of chapter two hundred and sixty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one is hereby amended by striking out from the fourth and fifth lines the words, "the judgment of the court" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "the amount claimed in the writ."

Amendment to 1871, 264, § 1.

*Approved May 26, 1871.*

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A BETTER SYSTEM OF POLICE.

*Chap. 394*

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

SECTION 1. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint three police commissioners, to hold office, one for one year, one for two years and one for three years from the first day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, and annually after said first day of July shall appoint one such commissioner, who shall hold office for the term of three years, and whenever a vacancy occurs the governor and council shall fill the unexpired term.

Three police commissioners to be appointed by governor and council.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the said commissioners to appoint constables of the Commonwealth, not exceeding seventy, as in their judgment may be required to faithfully execute the criminal laws of the Commonwealth. And said commissioners shall see to it that these officers are vigilant and faithful in the discharge of their duties. They shall listen to any complaints that may be made to them against said constables as to their maladministration or neglect of duty, give them a speedy hearing and continue or revoke their commissions, as in their judgment justice and equity may require. They shall have power to make all

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