

Chap. 249 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF WOOD AND TIMBER STANDING ON LAND HELD IN DOWER AND OTHERWISE.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

Probate court may appoint trustee to cut and sell wood and timber from land held in dower or for life.

SECTION 1. The probate court, when it appears that the wood and timber standing on land held in dower, or on land the use and improvement of which belongs, for life or otherwise, to any person other than the owner of the fee therein, has ceased to improve by growth, or for any cause ought to be cut, may appoint a trustee, and authorize and empower him to sell and convey said wood and timber, in the way and manner provided by law for the sale of real estate by guardians, to be cut and carried away within the time to be limited in the order of sale, and to hold and invest the proceeds thereof, after paying the expenses of such sale therefrom, and pay over the income, above the taxes and other expenses of the trust, to the person entitled to such dower, or right to the use and improvement, while the same continues; and at the expiration of such dower or right to the use and improvement, to pay the principal sum to the owner of such land. When said wood and timber has been cut off, as aforesaid, no more wood or timber shall be cut on such land by the person entitled to such dower, or use and improvement, without permission from said court.

Proceeds of sale, how to be disposed of.

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

Approved May 10, 1869.

Chap. 250 AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT CONCERNING DOGS.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

Unexpended moneys received for taxes on dogs to be applied for benefit of public libraries or schools.

SECTION 1. Moneys received by the treasurer of any county under the provisions of chapter one hundred and thirty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and not expended in the payment of damages done by dogs, in accordance with the provisions of said act, shall be paid back to the treasurers of the several cities and towns of said county, in the month of January of each year, in proportion to the amount paid by said city or town to said county treasurer; and the money so refunded shall be expended for the support of public libraries or schools, in addition to the amount annually appropriated by said city or town for those purposes. In the county of Suffolk, moneys received by any treasurer of a city or town under the provisions of said act, and not expended in accordance with the provisions of the same, shall be appropriated by the school committee of said city or town for the support of the public schools therein established.

In Suffolk County, how disposed of.

SECTION 2. The last clause of section twelve of chapter one hundred and thirty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, is hereby repealed.

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

Approved May 10, 1869.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER SEVENTY-ONE OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, RELATING TO ALIEN PASSENGERS.

Chap. 251

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECTION 1. Vessels bringing passengers to any port in this Commonwealth shall be under the supervision of the general agent of state charities, acting as superintendent of alien passengers for the port of Boston, who shall enforce in regard to such vessels and the passengers brought therein all the provisions of law concerning the introduction of strangers and aliens by sea into this Commonwealth; and for this purpose the officers authorized by section eleven of chapter seventy-one of the General Statutes, shall be appointed and commissioned by the general agent of state charities, and shall be deemed his deputies, and each deputy shall receive a compensation for his services, to be fixed by said agent, such compensation not to exceed the amount of alien passenger money received by such deputy.

Alien passengers, &c. to be under supervision of general agent of board of state charities.

Deputies, appointment and compensation.

SECTION 2. The deputies shall, at the close of each month, make a detailed report to the board of state charities, through its general agent, giving the name of each vessel arriving, the number, names and description of the passengers brought, the numbers respectively for whom commutation was accepted or refused, and such other information in relation thereto, as may be required by him, and they shall further give bond for the faithful performance of their duties, in such sum as he may require. The compensation of the said deputies shall be paid from the appropriation of the general agent, and all fees for commutation collected by them shall be paid over monthly to the said agent, who shall account for the same to the treasurer in the manner now provided by law.

Deputies to make monthly reports.

—to be paid from appropriation of general agent.

SECTION 3. The general agent shall institute prosecutions for the violation of any provisions of the laws concerning the introduction of aliens and strangers by sea into this Commonwealth, and for this purpose may employ counsel when necessary; but whenever such violation shall appear to him to have occurred without intent, he may commute the forfeiture for a sum not less than fifty dollars, the attorney-general advising thereto.

General agent to make prosecutions, and may employ counsel.

—may commute forfeitures, with advice of attorney-general.

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

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