

SECTION 3. This act shall be void unless the plans aforesaid shall have been perfected and approved as herein provided within two years and shall have been executed within five years after the passage of this act.

Plans to be perfected within two years, and executed within five years.

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

*Approved June 16, 1886.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF MALDEN TO ISSUE ADDITIONAL WATER FUND BONDS.

*Chap. 293*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city of Malden for the purposes mentioned in section three of chapter one hundred and sixty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy may issue scrip, notes or certificates of debt to be denominated on the face thereof Malden Water Fund Bonds to an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars in addition to the amounts heretofore authorized by law to be issued by said city for the same purposes; said scrip, notes or certificates of debt to be issued upon the same terms and conditions and with the same powers as are provided in said act for the issue of the Malden water fund bonds by said city, provided that the whole amount of such scrip, notes or certificates of debt issued by said city together with those heretofore issued by said city for the same purposes shall not in any event exceed the amount of three hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

City of Malden may issue additional water bonds.

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

*Approved June 16, 1886.*

AN ACT TO CREATE THE BENNINGTON MONUMENT FUND.

*Chap. 294*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Whenever the treasurer and receiver-general of the Commonwealth shall have received from the Bennington Battle Monument Association, a corporation established under the laws of the state of Vermont, or from any other source, in aid of said corporation, the sum of five thousand dollars, and shall have so certified in writing to the governor, it shall be the duty of the governor to direct that the sum of ten thousand dollars authorized by chapter twenty-two of the resolves of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six, for the benefit of the Bennington Battle Monument Association, to aid in the erection of a monument commemorating the battle of Ben-

Fund for benefit of the Bennington Battle Monument Association.

nington in the state of Vermont, which occurred on the sixteenth day of August in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, together with the five thousand dollars as aforesaid, be set apart to be known as the Bennington monument fund. The said fund, together with its accumulations of interest, shall be invested as is now or may be provided by law for the investment of sinking funds, and shall be held for the benefit of said association, subject to the restrictions contained in chapter twenty-two of the resolves of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six.

Treasurer to receive money paid in, and invest the same.

SECTION 2. The treasurer shall at all times receive all moneys paid in for the benefit of this association, and shall invest the same in the manner provided for in section one of this act, causing the same with the investments thereof to constitute a part of said fund.

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

*Approved June 16, 1886.*

### Chap.295

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF AUDITOR IN TOWNS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Auditors may be elected in towns.

SECTION 1. Any town may, at its annual meeting, elect one or more auditors who shall be sworn and shall not hold any other town office.

To examine books and accounts.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of auditors, chosen under the provisions of this act, or already chosen by any town to examine the books and accounts of all officers and committees of their respective towns entrusted with the receipt, custody or expenditure of money, and all original bills and vouchers on which moneys have been or may be paid from the treasuries of their respective towns. They shall have free access to the said books, accounts, bills and vouchers at all reasonable times, and may make examination thereof as often as they may deem necessary, but shall examine the same at least once a year, and shall annually report in writing, to their respective towns, as to their correctness.

To make annual report.

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

*Approved June 16, 1886.*

### Chap.296

AN ACT FOR THE BETTER PROTECTION OF FORESTS FROM FIRES.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Fire not to be set upon lands of another under penalty.

SECTION 1. Whoever wilfully or without reasonable care sets a fire upon the lands of another by means whereof the property of another is injured, or negligently or wil-