

the place in which said business is done, as provided in the preceding section, in the clerk's office of the city or town in which said business is done; but if no such certificate shall be filed by the said married woman, as provided in the preceding section, or by her husband, as provided in this section, the husband shall be liable upon all contracts lawfully made in the prosecution of such business, in the same manner and to the same extent as if the same had been made by himself.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of July next. Act, when in force.

*Approved April 30, 1862.*

AN ACT CONCERNING PERSONS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN OFFENCES IN THE COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY. Chap. 199

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

SECTION 1. Whenever any person shall be convicted of any offence in the county of Dukes County, the punishment for which may be imprisonment or confinement in a house of correction, such convict may be sentenced to imprisonment or confinement in the house of correction in the city of New Bedford, in the county of Bristol; and the keeper of said house of correction shall be required to receive and hold such convict in the same manner as if such convict had been sentenced by any court sitting in the county of Bristol, and the warrant of commitment shall be executed by the sheriff of the county of Dukes County, or any of his deputies. Convicts may be sentenced to house of correction at New Bedford.

SECTION 2. There shall be paid to the county of Bristol, by the county of Dukes County, for the support of such convict, such sum per week as shall be agreed upon by the county commissioners of said counties respectively; and in case said commissioners shall not be able to agree upon the amount to be paid, representation of such disagreement shall be made to the superior court sitting in either of said counties, and the amount to be paid shall be determined by said court. Dukes Co. shall pay support.

*Approved April 30, 1862.*

AN ACT TO RATIFY CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS OF THE UNION STEAMSHIP COMPANY, AND GRANTING A LICENSE TO THE SAME. Chap. 200

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

SECTION 1. All charters or contracts heretofore made by the Union Steamship Company, with the United States, for the use of any steamship or steamships of the said company, are hereby ratified and approved, and shall not be taken to have been in violation of its charter, or of the act in addition thereto, or as exposing said company to any forfeiture or penalty on account thereof. Proceedings legalized.