

**Chap. 116** AN ACT ceding Jurisdiction over certain Lands on Billingsgate Island to the United States.

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

Jurisdiction  
ceded.

SECTION 1. Jurisdiction is hereby ceded and granted to the United States of America, over such lot of land, not exceeding six acres, as may be selected for the construction of a light-house and keeper's dwelling, to replace that destroyed on Billingsgate Island, in this Commonwealth, during the winter of 1856-1857: *provided*, that this Commonwealth shall retain, and does retain, concurrent jurisdiction with the United States, in and over the said lot of land, so far that all civil and criminal processes issued under the authority of this Commonwealth, or any officer thereof, may be executed on any part of said lot of land, or in any building which may be erected thereon, in the same way and manner as if jurisdiction had not been granted as aforesaid.

Proviso.

Act void, unless,  
&c.

SECTION 2. This act shall be void, unless a suitable plan of said lot of land mentioned in the first section, shall be made and filed by the United States, in the office of the secretary of this Commonwealth, within one year from the purchase of the said land by the United States.

When to take ef-  
fect.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect from and after the purchase of the said land by the United States. [*Approved May 4, 1857.*]

**Chap. 117** AN ACT to authorize Charles Friend and Nathaniel Friend to extend their Wharf, in Gloucester.

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

May extend  
wharf.

SECTION 1. Charles Friend and Nathaniel Friend are hereby authorized to extend their wharf, in the harbor of Gloucester, a distance not exceeding sixty feet, in a south-easterly direction towards the channel: *provided*, that this grant shall in no wise impair the legal rights of any person or corporation.

Proviso.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved May 4, 1857.*]

**Chap. 118** AN ACT to amend the Charter of Westfield Academy.

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

Partial repeal—  
relative to resi-  
dence of trustees.

SECTION 1. So much of the act entitled, "An Act for establishing an academy in the town of Westfield, in the county of Hampshire, by the name of Westfield Academy," passed June seventeenth, seventeen hundred and ninety-three, as requires that a major part of the trustees of said academy shall consist of men who are not inhabitants of said town of Westfield, is hereby repealed.