

in Newburyport, and after applying so much of the proceeds of such sale as may be necessary to the payment of the debts of the society, shall pay over the remainder to the treasurer of the Baptist society in Newburyport.

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

Approved April 30, 1873.

Ch. 252. AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

Claims against an insolvent estate may be examined and allowed by the court.

SECTION 1. When it appears to the probate court from the representation of an executor or administrator that the estate of the deceased will be insufficient for the payment of debts, the court may, instead of appointing two or more commissioners as provided in chapter ninety-nine of the General Statutes, receive and examine all claims of creditors against the estate, allow such as should be legally allowed, and cause a list of all claims presented for proof, with the amount allowed or disallowed, to be made and certified by the register of said court.

Notice to be given when and where claims will be examined.

SECTION 2. The court shall require the executor or administrator to give written notice to all known creditors of the estate, of the times when and places where their claims will be examined, in the same manner as commissioners are now required to do.

Acts to be done by court in thirty days from time allowed for proof of claims.

SECTION 3. Any act which the provisions of law require to be done in thirty days from the report of said commissioners shall be done by the court in thirty days from the expiration of the time allowed by the court for the proof of claims.

Provisions of law in respect to appeals, &c., to be applicable to the court.

SECTION 4. All the provisions of law in respect to appeals from the allowance of any claim and all other provisions of law respecting the settlement of the insolvent estates of deceased persons, shall be applicable to the court conducting the proceedings in place of said commissioners, except as above provided, and except such provisions as are made unnecessary by the court acting instead of said commissioners. *Approved April 30, 1873.*

Ch. 253. AN ACT TO RELIEVE PARTIES AFFECTED BY THE ACTS OF EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, GUARDIANS AND TRUSTEES, IRREGULARLY APPOINTED OR LICENSED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

When appointment of executor, &c., is de-

SECTION 1. Whenever an appointment of an executor, administrator, guardian or trustee, by any probate