

or otherwise, at or before the time of the advancing of money, as aforesaid, or giving such securities, that such person is not the actual and *bona fide* owner thereof, and provided also, that the merchandise so shipped was in lawful possession of the shipper at the time of shipment.

Factor, &c., to be deemed the true owner of merchandise for the purpose of sale thereof; provided, &c.

SECT. 2. Every factor or other agent, entrusted with the possession of any merchandise for the purpose of sale, or any bill of lading consigning the same to such factor or agent for that purpose, shall be deemed to be the true owner thereof, so far as to give validity to any *bona fide* contract made by such factor or agent with any other person, for the sale of the whole or any part of such merchandise. [Approved by the Governor, March 25, 1845.]

Chap 194.

An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of Howard Hall in Lowell.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

Persons incorporated to afford mutual relief.

SECT. 1. Ithamar W. Beard, Hargreaves Lord, Levi B. Stevens, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation, by the name of the Proprietors of Howard Hall in Lowell, for the purpose of affording mutual charitable relief, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities, set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

Estate not to exceed \$25,000.

SECT. 2. The said corporation may hold real and personal estate, for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars. [Approved by the Governor, March 25, 1845.]

Chap 195.

An Act to authorize the Western Rail-road Corporation to enter upon and use the Boston and Worcester Rail-road.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

Place of entrance.

SECT. 1. The Western Rail-road Corporation is hereby authorized to enter, with their rail-road, by proper turn-outs and switches, upon the Boston and Worcester Rail-road, at or near the place of the present junction of said road, in the town of Worcester : and may use said Boston and Worcester Rail-road, or any part thereof, paying therefor such rate of toll or compensation as the Legislature may, from time to time, prescribe, or that may be fixed under any general law of this Commonwealth, and complying with such reasonable rules and regulations as may be established by said Boston and Worcester Rail-road Corporation.

Rate of compensation for use of road, &c.

When to take effect.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [Approved by the Governor, March 25, 1845.]