

each drift horse, four cents; neat cattle, three cents each; sheep and swine, one cent each; no other toll shall be taken at said bridge than is hereby authorized.

Teams not to carry more than 3 tons weight.

SECT. 2. No team shall be allowed to carry more than three tons weight at any one time across said bridge. [*Approved by the Governor, March 11, 1844.*]

**Chap. 86.** An Act in addition to an Act incorporating the Bedford Commercial Insurance Company.

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

Six per cent. of profits to be divided among stockholders, and excess over six per cent. among stockholders and persons insured.

Provided, &c.

SECT. 1. The Bedford Commercial Insurance Company may divide among their stockholders and the persons insured by them, in proportion to the stock owned and the premiums paid on risks terminated, all their clear profits over and above the amount of six per cent. per annum, which six per cent. shall be divided among the stockholders alone: *provided*, that no such division among the stockholders and the persons insured jointly, shall be made until all arrearages which may hereafter occur in the six per centum, payable to the stockholders, shall have been paid to the stockholders; and said company shall have all the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties, liabilities and restrictions, set forth in the thirty-seventh and forty-fourth chapters of the Revised Statutes, and in the thirty-fifth and one hundred and seventy-eighth chapters of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.

Stockholders may withdraw their interest, the same to be determined by arbitrators, &c.

SECT. 2. Any stockholder may withdraw his proportion of the assets of the company, the value of which shall forthwith be ascertained by arbitration before the acceptance of this act, and any deficiency thus created in the capital stock, shall be made up by new subscribers before this act shall go into operation. The arbitrators herein provided for, shall be appointed, one by the president of the company, and one by the claiming stockholder; and in case the two persons so appointed are unable to agree as to the value of the assets, they shall appoint a third arbitrator to act with them. [*Approved by the Governor, March 12, 1844.*]

**Chap. 87.** An Act relating to the Statistics of Crime.

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

Time and subjects of reports from the attorney for Suffolk,

SECT. 1. The Commonwealth's attorney for the county of Suffolk, and the district attorneys, shall severally, on or before the fifteenth day of January in each year, make re-

ports to the secretary of the Commonwealth, setting forth particularly the amount and kind of official business done by them respectively in each county, during the year ending on the last day of the preceding month of December; the number of persons prosecuted; the crimes, offences, or misdemeanors, for which such prosecutions were had, the results thereof, the punishments against any person convicted thereon, and the amount of the bill of costs in each case; abstracts of which reports the secretary of the Commonwealth shall make and submit to the Legislature annually, as early in the month of February as may be practicable.

and the district attorneys to the secretary.

Who shall make abstracts of the same for the Legislature.

SECT. 2. All provisions of law inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Repeal of former laws.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, March 12, 1844.*]

When to take effect.

An Act respecting the Appropriation of the Property of Minors to their Maintenance and Education.

Chap. 88.

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

SECT. 1. The provisions of the second section of the seventy-eighth chapter of the Revised Statutes shall be extended to the principal as well as to the income of the property of minors therein described; and if such property consists of real estate, the guardian of any such minor may apply to any proper court, for a license to sell the same; and when sold, may appropriate the principal and income of the proceeds of such sale to the maintenance and education of any such minor, according to the provisions of said second section.

Principal as well as income of property of minors to be applied to their use.

Guardians may sell real estate under license of court.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, March 12, 1844.*]

When to take effect.

An Act to establish the Providence and Worcester Rail-road Company.

Chap. 89.

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

SECT. 1. Samuel Wood, Paul Whitin, and John W. Lincoln, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Providence and Worcester Rail-road Company, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities, and provisions, contained in that part of the thirty-ninth chapter of the Revised Statutes, which relates to rail-road corporations, and in the several statutes, subsequently passed, relating to such corporations, and in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes; and the said corporation is hereby empowered and authorized to locate, construct, and fully com-

Persons incorporated.