

dustry, shall, within two months after the same shall have been made, be submitted to the City Council; and such rules and orders shall be in force until repealed or altered by said Directors, or until disapproved of by vote of the said City Council.

Limitation of power.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That no rules or orders shall be established for the governing and managing said House of Industry by the Directors thereof, unless at a meeting at which five or more of the said Directors are present.

City Council to choose first Directors.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That the City Council of the City of Boston be, and the same hereby is authorized and empowered, as soon after the passing of this act as they may see fit, to choose nine Directors of said House of Industry, to continue in office until the election of Directors, which may be made, pursuant to this act, in the month of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty four, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

[Approved by the Governor, February 3d, 1823.]

## CHAP. LVII.

An Act to incorporate the Members of the Protestant Episcopal Society of St. Luke's Church, in the Town of Lanesborough.

Persons incorporated.

SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That Laban Lasell and Nehemiah Talcott, Church Wardens, and Ephraim Bradley, Peter B. Curtis, and Sheldon C. Curtis, Vestrymen, of the Episcopal Church of St. Luke, in the Town of Lanesborough, together with such others as have or may hereafter join said parish or society, and their successors, together with their polls and estates, be, and they hereby are incorporated into a society, or body politic, by the name of the Protestant Episcopal Parish

of St. Luke's Church, in Lanesborough; and the said parish are hereby invested with full power and authority to assess and collect of the members belonging to said parish, from time to time, such monies as are, or may be necessary for maintaining the public worship of God therein, and for maintaining an Instructor of piety, religion and morality, and for erecting and keeping in repair a house for public worship, when they may judge the same necessary; and the said Episcopal Parish are hereby vested with all the powers, privileges and immunities of other religious societies, according to the constitution and laws of the Commonwealth.

General powers.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That when any person, or persons, belonging to Lanesborough, or the towns adjoining, may hereafter wish to become members of the said Episcopal Parish in Lanesborough, they shall have a right so to do, by complying with the requisitions contained in the second section of an act, entitled "an act, respecting public worship and religious freedom," passed the eighteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven. And every person, who shall thus become a member of the said Episcopal Parish in Lanesborough, shall be exempt from taxation, for religious purposes, in every other corporation whatsoever, so long as he shall continue a member of the said Episcopal Parish in Lanesborough.

Conditions of membership.

Exemption.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the said Protestant Episcopal Parish, be, and they hereby are empowered to raise and establish a fund, in such way and manner as they may see fit, the annual income or interest of which shall not exceed the sum of two thousand dollars; the said income or interest, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, to be appropriated to the support of a Protestant Episcopal Priest, or Priests, in said parish. And the Wardens and Vestry-Men of the said parish, for the time being, shall be the Trustees of the said fund belonging to said parish, and shall have the care and management thereof, together with all other property, subject to the control and direction of the said parish; and shall have power to sue for, and recover and collect, any monies which may be due and owing to said parish.

Church Fund.

Appropriation of Fund.

Wardens may sue for debts.

First Meeting.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the first meeting of said parish, shall be convened, by a warrant, to be issued by any Justice of the Peace for the County of Berkshire, directed to one of the Wardens or Vestry-Men of said parish, requiring him to notify and warn the members of the said St. Luke's Parish, to meet at such convenient time and place, as shall be appointed in the said warrant; and the members of the said parish, being so met, and duly organized, may agree upon and fix the way and manner of calling future meetings.

[Approved by the Governor, February 3d, 1823.]

## CHAP. LVIII.

An Act to prevent the destruction of Fish in the Hoosick River, within the Towns of Williamstown and Adams.

Fishing nets prohibited.

SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That from and after the first day of May next, it shall not be lawful to take or catch any fish, with nets or seines, in the Hoosick River, within the Towns of Williamstown and Adams; and every person so offending, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this act, upon conviction thereof, before any court of competent jurisdiction, shall pay a fine of two dollars, one half to the complainant, and the other half to the town in which such offence is committed.

Act may be suspended.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the inhabitants of the aforesaid Towns of Williamstown and Adams, may, at their annual March or April meeting, by a concurrent vote, suspend the operation of the prohibitions and restrictions contained in this act, for such term of time, not exceeding one year, as to them shall seem expedient: *Provided, however,* that the foregoing act shall not be so suspended within two years from the passing of the same.

[Approved by the Governor, February 3d, 1823.]