

be had in the assessment and collection thereof: *provided*, that nothing herein contained shall affect the right of said district to its distributive share of the money raised by said town for the support of schools. District not to be deprived of share of town money.

SECT. 2. The inhabitants of said village school district may, at a meeting duly called for that purpose, in March or April, annually, elect by ballot as many persons as they shall deem proper, who, together with the prudential committee of said district, shall constitute a board of overseers of the schools in said district, and shall have the general superintendence thereof. Overseers of schools to be chosen.

SECT. 3. This act shall not take effect until it shall have been accepted by a majority of the legal voters of said district, at a meeting duly called for that purpose, and unless it shall be approved by a vote of a majority of the legal voters of the town, at a meeting called for the purpose. [April 8, 1839.] Conditions concerning the act going into effect.

An ACT to incorporate the New England Mutual Marine 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 :

Chap 129.

SECT. 1. John A. McGaw, Nathaniel Hamlen, Edward Cabot, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation, by the name of the New England Mutual Marine Insurance Company, to be established in the city of Boston, for the purpose of making maritime loans and insurance against maritime losses, on the principle of a mutual insurance company ; with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in the thirty-seventh and forty-fourth chapters of the Revised Statutes, so far as the same are applicable to the corporation hereby created ; to continue for the term of twenty years.

Persons incorporated.

SECT. 2. The said company may hold real estate to the amount of thirty thousand dollars, and personal estate to the amount of ten thousand dollars, for the use thereof.

Estate.

SECT. 3. No marine policy shall be issued by said company until application shall be made for marine insurance for the sum of five hundred thousand dollars ; and no division of any funds, received by or remaining in the hands of said company, shall be made among the stockholders thereof, until the expiration of their charter ; but such funds shall be invested in securities and stocks, as are required by law of insurance companies now incorporated. [April 8, 1839.]

Division of funds not to be made until expiration of charter.

An ACT to incorporate the Prison Discipline Society.

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

Chap 130.

SECT. 1. Amos Lawrence, Samuel T. Armstrong, Louis Dwight, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation, by the name of the Prison Discipline Society, for the purpose of improving prisons ; with all the powers and privi-

Persons incorporated.

leges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

Estate. SECT. 2. The said society may hold real estate not exceeding the value of fifty thousand dollars, and personal estate not exceeding the value of fifty thousand dollars.

Corporation to continue thirty years. SECT. 3. The said corporation shall continue for the term of thirty years. [April 8, 1839.]

Chap 131.

An ACT to establish the Boston Lunatic Hospital.

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

City council authorized to erect hospital. SECT. 1. The city council of the city of Boston are hereby authorized to erect and maintain a hospital, for the reception of insane persons not furiously mad ; and provision shall be made for the comfortable support of all persons confined therein.

May appoint a resident superintendent. SECT. 2. The said city council shall appoint a superintendent, who shall be a physician, and constantly reside at said hospital.

May pass ordinances as to the business and officers of the hospital. SECT. 3. The said council shall have power to pass such ordinances as they may deem expedient for conducting, in a proper manner, the business of the institution, and for appointing such other officers as, in their opinion, may be necessary.

Who shall be inspectors, and their duties. SECT. 4. The inspectors of prisons for the county of Suffolk shall be inspectors of said hospital, and shall perform the like duties in relation to it that they are now by law required to perform in relation to the prisons in said county.

Provision for commitments by judge of municipal court. SECT. 5. Whenever it shall be made to appear, on application in writing to the judge of the municipal court in the city of Boston, that any person is insane, not being furiously mad, the said judge is hereby authorized to order the confinement of such person in the said hospital: *provided*, that, upon the request of such person, the question of his sanity shall be tried by a jury in said court. Such sum per week shall be allowed and paid,

Support of inmates. for the support of every such person confined as aforesaid, as the mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston shall direct ; and if, in any case, there shall be no parent, kindred, master, guardian, town or city, obliged by law to maintain the person so confined, and if he have no means of supporting himself, the same sum shall be paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth, for his support, as may be allowed for other lunatic or insane state paupers ; and any person, committed as aforesaid by said judge, may at any time be discharged, when, in his opinion, such discharge would be for the benefit of the person so confined, or when, in his opinion, such person would be comfortably supported by any parent, kindred, friends, master or guardian, or by any town or city in which such person may have a legal settlement ; and the said judge, jury, and other officers, and all witnesses, shall receive the same fees and compensation for services performed, and for attendance and travel, as are allowed

Discharge thereof.