

any inquiries made of such officers by said commissioners, and to make any returns which may be required by said commissioners.

To make annual report to the legislature.

SECTION 2. The commissioners of savings banks shall annually make report to the legislature of such facts and statements respecting such associations and in such form as the commissioners shall deem that the public interest requires.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 21, 1879.*

*Chap. 130* AN ACT IN RELATION TO CERTAIN FOREIGN INSURANCE COMPANIES.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

Foreign companies restricted to one class of insurance.

SECTION 1. Whenever any insurance company of another state or country, which by its charter or the laws under which it is organized is authorized to transact more than one class or kind of insurance business, makes application for authority to transact business in this Commonwealth, it shall elect and express in such application one class or kind of business which it desires to transact in this Commonwealth, and if such company is subsequently admitted it shall be restricted in its business in this Commonwealth to the class or kind of business so chosen and determined.

To elect and express to commissioner, class of insurance, etc.

SECTION 2. Any such company now doing business in this state shall on or before the first day of July next elect and express to the insurance commissioner one class or kind of insurance to which its business in this Commonwealth shall thereafter be confined.

Not to apply to certain companies.

SECTION 3. This act shall not apply to companies transacting the business of marine insurance in connection with fire insurance, or accident insurance in connection with life insurance.

*Approved March 21, 1879.*

*Chap. 131* AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO APPEALS FROM PROBATE COURTS.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

Appeals from probate courts, when to be claimed and entered.

SECTION 1. Section nine of chapter one hundred and seventeen of the General Statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following words, "or at any previous rule day after the claim and notice of appeal: *provided*, that at least fourteen days' service is made upon the adverse party as provided in section ten of this chapter."

SECTION 2. Whenever an appeal is to be entered at any such previous rule day, it shall be stated in the reasons of appeal at what rule day the appeal is to be entered.

Rule day to be stated in reasons of appeal.

*Approved March 21, 1879.*

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE OF THE ACTS OF THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-ONE, IN RELATION TO THE DISCHARGE OF PERSONS CONFINED AS INSANE.

Chap. 132

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

SECTION 5. Section five of chapter three hundred and twenty-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one is amended by inserting after the word "insane" the words "or that he is not dangerous to himself or to others, and ought not longer to be so confined."

Discharge of persons confined as insane.

*Approved March 21, 1879.*

AN ACT CONCERNING GIFTS TO MARRIED WOMEN FROM THEIR HUSBANDS.

Chap. 133

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

SECTION 1. The wearing apparel and articles of personal ornament of a married woman and articles necessary for her personal use, acquired by gift from her husband, not exceeding two thousand dollars in value, shall be and remain her sole and separate property: *provided, however,* that nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize suits between husband and wife or to make valid any gift or transfer by a husband in fraud of his creditors.

Gifts from husband to wife to be her sole and separate property.

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

*Approved March 21, 1879.*

AN ACT TO EXTEND TO THE CITY OF SALEM THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER NINETEEN OF THE GENERAL STATUTES IN RELATION TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WORDS "MAYOR AND ALDERMEN."

Chap. 134

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

SECTION 1. Section seventeen of chapter nineteen of the General Statutes is amended by striking out the word "city," and inserting instead thereof the word "cities," and by inserting after the word "Boston" the words "and Salem."

Charter of city of Salem, words "mayor and aldermen" construed.

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

*Approved March 21, 1879.*