

pealed: *provided*, that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to absolve the said inhabitants from any debts created by the act hereby repealed, but said inhabitants shall have full power, for the term of one year from the passage of this act, to levy and collect taxes for the purpose of discharging their debts which may have been created as aforesaid.

Inhabitants not to be absolved from certain debts.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, March 7, 1840.*]

When to take effect.

An ACT to reduce the Capital Stock of the Andover Bank.

Chap. 22.

*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 President, Directors, and Company of the Andover Bank, are hereby authorized to reduce their present capital stock to the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *provided*, that no dividend of any part of the present capital stock of said bank shall be made, nor shall this act be in force, until the bank commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have certified their opinion in writing, to the governor and council, that the said corporation has sufficient funds for the payment of all notes, bills, deposits, and other demands existing against it, and that after the payment thereof the net sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars will remain in said bank, as capital stock, in funds available for all usual and proper banking purposes.

Stock not to be diminished until filing of certificate of Bank Commissioners.

SECT. 2. To reduce the said capital stock as aforesaid, the said corporation shall extinguish five hundred shares therein, which have been transferred to it in pledge or otherwise, so that each of the remaining twenty-five hundred shares shall be of the par value of one hundred dollars.

Five hundred shares to be extinguished.

SECT. 3. From and after the time when the said certificate of said commissioners shall have been made and delivered, as aforesaid, all the rights, duties and liabilities of said corporation, shall have relation to, and be governed by said reduced capital of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and until said certificate shall have been made and delivered, as aforesaid, the said corporation shall pay into the treasury of this Commonwealth the tax required by law to be paid on the present capital of said bank. [*Approved by the Governor, March 7, 1840.*]

Tax to be paid on present capital until filing of certificate.

An ACT concerning the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace.

Chap. 23.

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

Whenever any complaint in due form of law shall be made to any justice of the peace within this Commonwealth, against any person or persons for a violation of any law regulating the fisheries in the rivers and waters of this Commonwealth, wherein the penalty for such violation may exceed the sum of twenty dollars,—such justice, within his own county, shall have power