

of said selectmen and mayor and aldermen, respectively; and such taking up and removal shall be at the expense of said railroad corporation.

SECTION 12. The towns of Andover, North Andover and Methuen, and the city of Lawrence, or either of them may, at any time after the expiration of ten years from the opening of any part of said road for use, purchase of said corporation all the franchise, property, rights and furniture of said corporation, by paying therefor such a sum as will reimburse to each person, who shall then be a stockholder therein, the par value of his stock, together with a net profit of ten per centum per annum from the time of the transfer of said stock to him on the books of the corporation, deducting the dividends received by said stockholder thereon; said towns and city having the right to purchase only that part of the corporate property which relates to and lies within the limits of their own jurisdictions respectively, and paying therefor a proportionate sum on the basis above mentioned, to be ascertained and fixed by commissioners to be appointed by the supreme judicial court.

SECTION 13. This act shall be void so far as relates to the right to construct said road in either of said towns or city, unless the same shall be accepted by the selectmen of such towns, or the city council of said city, respectively, and unless the same shall be accepted by said corporation; and unless said road shall be constructed within two years after the passage of this act.

SECTION 14. Said corporation shall be subject to all existing provisions of law for the assessment and payment of damages for land outside of the streets and highways taken by them for their tracks.

SECTION 15. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 29, 1863.*

AN ACT TO CONFIRM CERTAIN ACTS DONE BY PETER C. BACON AS A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

*Chap. 208*

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

SECTION 1. All acts done by Peter C. Bacon, of Worcester, in the county of Worcester, as a justice of the peace within and for said county, between the tenth day of October, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and the twentieth day of April, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three, are hereby made valid, and confirmed to the same extent as they would have been valid, had he been during that period duly commissioned and qualified to discharge the duties of said office.

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

*Approved April 29, 1863.*