

Proviso.      lars: *provided*, the income thereof shall be applied to parochial purposes, except so much of said income as may be needed to pay the principal and interest of any sums of money which may be hired on mortgage of the real estate of said society, or otherwise.

Acts confirmed and made valid.

SECT. 3. All acts and things done by the said South Congregational Society of Woburn, under the name of the Winchester Congregational Society, which would have been valid and legal, if done in their rightful corporate name, are hereby confirmed and made valid.

Acceptance of act.

SECT. 4. The meeting of said society for the purpose of acting upon the acceptance of this act shall be called agreeably to the provisions of the twentieth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, February 9, 1856.*]

*Chap. 12.* AN ACT to continue in force an Act to incorporate the Haverhill Mutual Fire 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 :*

Act extended.

The statute of the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, chapter fifty, incorporating the Haverhill Mutual Fire Insurance Company, passed February nineteenth, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, shall be continued and remain in full force for the term of twenty years from and after the nineteenth day of February eighteen hundred and fifty-nine: *provided*, that said company shall be subject to all the duties, liabilities and obligations, and entitled to all the privileges set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes, the four hundred and fifty-third chapter of the statutes of eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and all other general laws which may be hereafter enacted relating to mutual fire insurance companies. [*Approved by the Governor, February 9, 1856.*]

Duration.

Powers, duties, &c.

*Chap. 13.* AN ACT in addition to an Act to establish a Police Court in the Town of Chicopee.

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

Justice may retain fees, &c.

SECT. 1. The justice of said court shall be allowed to retain to his own use, for his services in criminal prosecutions, all fees by him received for said services: *provided*,

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that he shall not retain for said services a sum exceeding six hundred dollars annually, and all fees received by him over and above that sum for services in criminal prosecutions, he shall pay over to the county treasurer.

SECT. 2. That portion of section fifth, chapter four hundred and sixty-three of statutes of eighteen hundred and fifty-five, which is inconsistent with the first section of this act, is hereby repealed. Part of act repealed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, February 13, 1856.*]

AN ACT to Protect the Fisheries in Ipswich River.

Chap. 14.

*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 inhabitants of the town of Ipswich, in Essex county, may, at any time between the first day of April and the first day of June, (Sundays excepted,) take alewives from Ipswich River in said town, with dip nets, and at no other time. Fishing with dip nets limited.

SECT. 2. No person shall, between the first day of April and the first day of June, set, draw or stretch any seine or drag net, in any of the waters in Ipswich River, within the limits of said town. Seine fishing prohibited.

SECT. 3. Any person who shall offend against the provisions of either of the foregoing sections of this act, shall, for each and every offence, forfeit the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, one-half thereof to the use of the complainant, and the other half to the use of the town. Forfeit for violating, &c.

SECT. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed. Inconsistent acts repealed.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, February 13, 1856.*]

AN ACT to extend the time for constructing a Highway across Mystic River. Chap. 15.

*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 time in which the county commissioners for the county of Middlesex, may construct a road and bridge across Mystic River in the town of Medford, according to an act passed April twelfth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, authorizing and empowering them so to do, is hereby extended two years from Time for constructing road extended