

An Act establishing the Salary of the Governor of the Commonwealth. *Chap. 308*

*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 governor of the Commonwealth shall receive for his services, an annual salary of thirty-five hundred dollars. Salary established.

SECT. 2. The said salary shall be paid in quarterly payments, out of the treasury of the Commonwealth, on the first days of January, April, July, and October, in every year, and in the same proportion for any part of a quarter. How paid.

SECT. 3. All laws inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed. Inconsistent acts repealed.

SECT. 4. The salary of the present political year shall be in accordance with the provisions of this act. [*Approved by the Governor, April 15, 1854.*]

An Act concerning the Returns of Banks, made on the requisition of the Governor. *Chap. 309*

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

The annual returns that each bank is now required, by law, to make to the secretary of the Commonwealth, showing the condition of the bank on the first Saturday of such preceding month as the governor shall direct, shall hereafter be made, showing the condition of each bank at seven o'clock in the afternoon of any Saturday that the governor shall designate: *provided, however*, that no distinction between bills of five dollars and upwards and smaller bills shall be required, and none between bills of banks in this State, and bills of the banks of the other New England States. [*Approved by the Governor, April 15, 1854.*] Returns made as governor may direct.

Proviso.

An Act in addition to An Act to incorporate the Saugus Branch Railroad Company. *Chap. 310*

*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 Eastern Railroad Company are hereby authorized to construct and maintain a railroad, commencing at a point in the line of the Saugus Branch Railroad, dis- Extension of railroad.

tant about twenty-five hundred feet from the junction of the Saugus Branch Railroad with the Boston and Maine Railroad, to the Grand Junction and Eastern Railroads, in South Malden; such extension being located westerly of the Burying-Ground and Main Street in said Malden.

When filed and completed.

SECT. 2. If the location of said extension is not filed within one year, and if the same is not constructed within two years from the passage of this act, the same shall be void. [*Approved by the Governor, April 15, 1854.*]

*Chap. 311* An Act for the Protection of the Cranberry Vines on the Province lands, in Provincetown.

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

Penalty for destroying cranberry vines.

SECT. 1. If any person shall pull up, remove or destroy, any of the cranberry vines, the natural growth on the unenclosed Province lands, in the town of Provincetown, in the county of Barnstable, he shall pay the sum of five dollars for the first offence, and the sum of ten dollars for every subsequent offence. And if any person shall pick any cranberries, growing as aforesaid, before the fifth day of October, in any year, he shall pay, for each and every such offence, the sum of two dollars, each of which fines may be recovered, by complaint made to any justice of the peace for said county.

How recovered

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, April 15, 1854.*]

*Chap. 312* An Act to establish a Police Court in the Town of Plymouth.

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

Police Court established.

SECT. 1. A Police Court is hereby established in the town of Plymouth, in the county of Plymouth, to consist of one competent and discreet person, to be appointed and commissioned by the governor, pursuant to the constitution, as standing justice.

Jurisdiction.

SECT. 2. The said court shall have original jurisdiction, and jurisdiction exclusive of other justices of the peace in the county of Plymouth, over all crimes, offences, and misdemeanors committed within the said town of Plymouth whereof justices of the peace now have, or may have, juris-