

Ch. 267.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO INQUESTS IN CASES OF FIRE.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

Fees and expenses at fire inquests to be paid by city or town.

SECTION 1. The fees of the magistrate and the expenses of any inquisition hereafter held under the provisions of chapter three hundred and three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, shall be returned to the mayor and aldermen or selectmen of the city or town where the property was destroyed, and being audited and certified by them shall be paid by such city or town.

Amendment to 1867, 303, § 1, and 1873, 253.

SECTION 2. Section one of chapter three hundred and three of the acts of eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, as amended by chapter two hundred and eighty-three of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, is further amended by striking therefrom the limitation of time within which complaints may be subscribed and sworn to.

Repeal of 1867, 303, § 7.

SECTION 3. Section seven of chapter three hundred and three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven is repealed.

*Approved May 26, 1874.***Ch. 268.**

AN ACT FIXING THE SALARY OF THE CLERK OF THE COURTS FOR THE COUNTY OF FRANKLIN.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

Salary fixed at \$1,500 a year.

SECTION 1. The clerk of the courts for the county of Franklin may, from and after the first day of January last, retain for his annual salary, out of the fees for which he is to account, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars instead of twelve hundred dollars as now provided by law.

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

*Approved May 26, 1874.***Ch. 269.**

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN JUDGES AND REGISTERS OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

Salaries of judges and registers of probate and insolvency.

SECTION 1. The judges and registers of probate and insolvency for the following named counties shall receive from the treasury of the Commonwealth annual salaries, as follows :—

Bristol.

For the county of Bristol, the judge, eighteen hundred dollars, and the register eighteen hundred dollars.

Plymouth.

For the county of Plymouth, the judge fifteen hundred dollars, and the register, fifteen hundred dollars.

Barnstable.

For the county of Barnstable, the judge, one thousand dollars, and the register, one thousand dollars.

And all such salaries shall be paid from the first day of January last. To be paid from January 1, 1874.

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

Approved May 26, 1874.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE OLD SOUTH SOCIETY IN BOSTON.

Ch. 270.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

In any suit in equity brought before the supreme judicial court to obtain the sanction of the said court to a sale or lease or other transfer or disposition of the Old South Meeting-House and the land under and adjacent to the same, the said court shall possess and exercise the same powers and be governed by the same principles of equity law as if the said land had not been the subject of any special legislation concerning power to lease the same.

Sale, &c., of Old South meeting-house in Boston to be determined by S. J. C.

The meeting-house shall not be leased or sold or in any way disturbed until authority therefor shall be obtained from said court; but this shall not prevent the restoration of the pews and other changes by the United States according to the terms of the existing lease.

Not to be sold until authorized by the court.

Approved May 26, 1874.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE MUNICIPAL COURTS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Ch. 271.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

SECTION 1. The criminal and civil jurisdiction of the municipal court of the city of Boston shall embrace the district and territory now included in wards two, three, four, five, six, ward seven westerly of Fort Point Channel, and wards eight, nine, ten and eleven of the said city of Boston.

Jurisdiction of municipal court in Boston.

SECTION 2. The criminal and civil jurisdiction of the municipal court for the southern district of the city of Boston shall embrace the district and territory now included in wards thirteen, fourteen and fifteen of the city of Boston; and said court shall hereafter be known and described as the municipal court of the Highland district.

Jurisdiction of municipal court for the southern district.

SECTION 3. The criminal and civil jurisdiction of the municipal court of the Dorchester district shall embrace the district and territory now included in ward sixteen of said city of Boston.

Jurisdiction of court of Dorchester district.

SECTION 4. The criminal and civil jurisdiction of the municipal court for the Charlestown district of the city of Boston shall embrace the district and territory now included in wards twenty, twenty-one and twenty-two of the

Jurisdiction of court for Charlestown district.