

Concerning by-laws and officers.

Law Library Association for the county in which it is formed, and may adopt by-laws for that purpose: *provided*, the same shall be approved by the justices of the court of common pleas; and the officers of such associations shall be a clerk, treasurer and librarian, whose duties shall be defined by the by-laws, which shall be adopted and approved as aforesaid.

Provision for calling first meeting of corporation, &c.

SECT. 2. The clerks of the several courts shall, within sixty days after this law shall take effect, call and notify the first meeting of the corporations in their respective counties, by posting up notifications thereof in some conspicuous place in the court-house of such county, to be held during the term of the court of common pleas, which shall be held next after ten days from the time of posting up such notification, at which meetings said clerks shall preside until a clerk of such association shall be chosen: *provided*, that any inhabitant of the county shall have the right to use the books in said library, subject to such regulations as shall be prescribed by the associations, with the approval of the court of common pleas.

Power to amend, &c., reserved.

SECT. 3. This act may be altered, amended or repealed by any future legislature of this Commonwealth. [*Approved by the Governor, March 3, 1842.*]

*Chap. 95.* An Act relating to the Registry and Returns of Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

Returns to be made annually of births, deaths, &c.

SECT. 1. The clerks of the several towns and cities in the Commonwealth shall, annually, in the month of May, transmit to the secretary of the Commonwealth a certified copy of their record of the births, marriages and deaths of all persons within their respective towns and cities, which may come to their knowledge; shall state the number of births and marriages, and the number of deaths, with the name, sex, age, (and if an adult male, the occupation,) and the names of the diseases of which all persons have died, or are supposed to have died, together with the cause or causes of the death of all such deceased persons, so far as they may be able to obtain a knowledge of the same from physicians or others; and any clerk who shall neglect to make such return, shall be liable to a penalty of ten dollars, to be recovered for the use of any town or city where such neglect shall be proved to have existed.

Provision for furnishing blanks, preparing abstracts, &c.

SECT. 2. The secretary of the Commonwealth shall prepare and furnish to the clerks of the several towns and cities in this Commonwealth, blank forms of returns, as herein before specified, and shall accompany the same with such instructions and explanations as may be necessary and useful; and he shall receive said returns, and prepare therefrom such tabular results as will render them of prac-

tical utility, and shall make report thereof annually to the legislature, and generally shall do whatever may be required to carry into effect the objects of this act, and of the several provisions of the Revised Statutes not inconsistent with this act. [*Approved by the Governor, March 3, 1842.*]

Annual report to be made to legislature, &c.

An Act concerning the State Lunatic Hospital.

Chap. 96.

*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. That the trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital, for the time being, shall be a corporation by the name of the Trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital, for the purpose of taking and holding, to them and their successors, in trust for the Commonwealth, any grant or devise of lands, and any donation or bequest of money, or other personal property which has been, or may hereafter be, made for the use of said institution, and for the purpose of preserving and investing the proceeds of any such grant, devise, donation or bequest, in notes or bonds secured by good and sufficient mortgages, or in other securities, with all the powers necessary to carry into effect the purposes aforesaid.

Trustees of the hospital to be a corporation for a certain purpose.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, March 3, 1842.*]

An Act to repeal the Charter of the Newburyport Bank.

Chap. 97.

*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. An act entitled an act to incorporate the Newburyport Bank, passed April the ninth, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, is hereby repealed: *provided*, that nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to release or absolve the said corporation, or any director or stockholder thereof, from any liability created by any provisions of the act hereby repealed.

Repeal of charter of bank.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, March 3, 1842.*]

An Act concerning an Allowance of Interest by Banks to the city of Boston.

Chap. 98.

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

It shall be lawful for the city of Boston to contract with any bank or banks, for the receipt and payment of interest, at a rate not exceeding that established by law, upon an account current of moneys deposited with and drawn from such bank or banks by the said city; any thing contained in the fifty-seventh section of the thirty-sixth chapter of the Revised Statutes, or elsewhere, to the contrary notwithstanding. [*Approved by the Governor, March 3, 1842.*]

Interest authorized upon accounts current of Boston with banks.