

the date of said filing shall be deemed the commencement of the proceeding.

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

*Approved May 19, 1875.*

*Chap. 224* AN ACT CONFIRMING A VOTE OF THE TOWN OF WESTBOROUGH, PASSED NOVEMBER FOURTH, EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX.

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

Vote of town confirmed.

The vote of the town of Westborough passed November fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, "To discontinue one-half a rod on Davis and Bullard's land, and thence to land of R. G. Holmes to a point," passed upon an article contained in the warrant for the town meeting as follows: "To see if the town will discontinue any part of the road recently located from the Common to Cottage Street, or act anything thereon," is hereby made valid and confirmed to the same extent as if said town had authority in that manner to alter the width of the way; and said way is hereby laid out one rod and a half wide on that part, in accordance with the said vote and the plan on file in the town clerk's office of said town.

*Approved May 19, 1875.*

*Chap. 225* AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOUR OF THE ACTS OF THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY, CONCERNING MANUFACTURING AND OTHER CORPORATIONS.

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

Amendment to 1870, 224, § 8.

So much of section eight of chapter two hundred and twenty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy as requires a corporation organized for the purpose of carrying on the business of a common carrier of persons under the provisions of said chapter, and of chapter one hundred and seventy-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, to assume as part of the name of such corporation the word "express," is hereby repealed.

*Approved May 19, 1875.*

*Chap. 226* AN ACT RELATING TO DIVORCE.

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

Divorce from the bonds of matrimony.

SECTION 1. When a divorce from bed and board, or a divorce *nisi* has been decreed, and the parties have lived separately for three consecutive years next after the decree, a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed upon the petition of the party in whose favor the decree was granted; and when the parties have lived separately for five consecutive years next after the decree,

a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed in favor of either party.

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

*Approved May 19, 1875.*

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONERS ON PUBLIC LANDS TO RELEASE A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND, IN EAST BOSTON.

*Chap. 227*

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

Section one of chapter one hundred and fifty-five of the acts of the present year is hereby amended by striking out the word "heirs" in the third line and inserting instead thereof the words "devisee under the will."

Amendment to 1875, 155, § 1.

*Approved May 19, 1875.*

AN ACT TO PRESERVE THE PURITY OF THE WATER OF LAKE COCHITUATE.

*Chap. 228*

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

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for the supreme judicial court, upon the application of the city of Boston, to grant an injunction against the discharge of any drainage or sewage matter, or pollution of any kind into Lake Cochituate, or Pegan Brook, or any waters flowing into said lake or brook : *provided*, that this shall not be held to destroy the prescriptive right of any person or persons to discharge such matter into said lake or brook.

S. J. C. may restrain discharge of drainage, etc., into waters of Lake Cochituate.

Proviso.

SECTION 2. The town of Natick shall have the right to divert the waters of any brook, rivulet or stream now running into Lake Cochituate, into which the sewerage or drainage of Natick now empties : *provided*, that nothing in this act shall be construed so as to give any right to said town to divert such brook, rivulet or stream into Charles River.

Sewerage in Natick.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 19, 1875.*

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY OF THE ACTS OF THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR, CONCERNING THE MASSACHUSETTS VOLUNTEER MILITIA.

*Chap. 229*

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

SECTION 1. The adjutant and assistant-surgeon of companies of cavalry and artillery, when attached to brigades as provided in section eighteen of chapter three hundred and twenty, of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, shall receive the same compensation as is allowed to other commissioned staff officers. Adjutants of such commands shall also be allowed the same sum

Compensation of adjutant and ass't-surgeon of companies of cavalry, etc., when attached to brigades.