

hereby made a corporation by the name of the Boston and Kennebec Steam-boat Company, for the purpose of engaging in the business of transporting passengers and freight between Boston and Bath, Gardiner, and other ports in Maine; with all the rights and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities and restrictions in all general laws which now are, or may hereafter be in force applicable to such corporations.

**Purpose.**

**Privileges and restrictions.**

**May own, use and sell vessels.**

**Capital stock and shares.**

**Proviso: condition of liability.**

SECTION 2. Said company are hereby authorized and empowered to build, purchase, sell and convey, hire and employ such steam vessels, with such apparatus and appendages as may be found necessary for steam navigation and the transportation of freight and passengers as aforesaid.

SECTION 3. The capital stock of said corporation shall be fixed at five hundred thousand dollars, with power to increase the same to one million dollars, and shall be divided into shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each: *provided*, that said corporation shall incur no liability till one hundred thousand dollars of its capital stock has been paid in.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 6, 1867.*

### Chap. 220

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE COURTS IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

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

**County commissioners may sell county property in Concord to town.**

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of Middlesex county are hereby authorized to sell and convey to the town of Concord, for nominal considerations, the court-house, jail and real estate connected therewith, belonging to said county and situate in said town.

**Upon transfer and notice, courts to be held at Cambridge.**

SECTION 2. After such conveyance, of which the commissioners shall give notice in one or more newspapers published in said county, the courts now required to be held at Concord, shall be held at the same times at Cambridge in said county; and all appeals, recognizances and processes, which, before the publication of such notice, may be made returnable to any court at Concord, shall be returned to such court held at the same time at Cambridge.

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

*Approved May 7, 1867.*

### Chap. 221

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAMES OF CERTAIN CORPORATIONS IN THE TOWN OF WEST CAMBRIDGE.

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

**"Arlington" substituted for West Cambridge in corporate titles.**

SECTION 1. The West Cambridge Gas-Light Company shall take the name of the Arlington Gas-Light Company. The West Cambridge Horse Railroad Company shall take the name of the Arlington Horse Railroad Company. The

West Cambridge Five Cents Savings Bank shall take the name of the Arlington Five Cents Savings Bank. The Lexington and West Cambridge Railroad Company shall take the name of the Lexington and Arlington Railroad Company. The Spy Pond Water Company shall take the name of the Arlington Lake Water Company.

SECTION 2. Each of the parishes and religious societies in the town of West Cambridge is hereby authorized to change its corporate name by substituting Arlington wherever West Cambridge occurs in the same. Such change may be made by a vote of the members of such parish or religious society at any legal meeting thereof.

Parishes and religious societies may substitute same.

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

*Approved May 7, 1867.*

AN ACT CONCERNING PRACTICE IN DIVORCE CASES.

*Chap. 222*

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

SECTION 1. Decrees for divorce from the bonds of matrimony may in the first instance be decrees *nisi*, to become absolute after the expiration of such time, not being less than six months from the entry thereof, as the court shall, by general or special orders direct. At the expiration of the time assigned, on motion of the party in whose favor the decree was rendered, which motion may be entertained by any judge in term or vacation, the decree shall be made absolute, if the party moving shall have complied with the orders of the court, and no sufficient cause to the contrary shall appear.

Decree may be *nisi* for not less than six months.

Party then moving, same may be made absolute.

SECTION 2. The court, by special order in each case, or in pursuance of rules established, shall require the party in whose behalf a decree *nisi* of divorce is entered, to cause the fact of the entry of such decree together with its terms, to be published in some one or more newspapers to be designated by the court, one of which shall be published in the county in which the case is pending with such other notice as the court may require; the form of the notice, the time of publication and mode of proof of the publication to be fixed by the court; or the court may require such party to deposit with the clerk of the court, before such decree shall be entered, a sum of money sufficient to pay for the publication of such notice by the clerk, with reasonable compensation to him therefor; and may, in any case, authorize the clerk to cause such publication to be made, and his certificate shall be proof that the same has been made.

Court shall order notice of decree *nisi* to be published by party moving, or may require deposit of money for with clerk.

Clerk may certify as proof.

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

*Approved May 9, 1867.*