

receiving such transfer shall thereupon have and hold the portion or property so transferred, with all the rights and privileges, and subject to the same restrictions and provisions, as were applicable to this corporation.

SECTION 15. The existence of said corporation is hereby limited to the period of fifty years from the passage of this act: *provided, nevertheless*, that the legislature may, at any time, repeal this act, or limit and restrict the powers herein granted. [*Approved May 30, 1857.*]

Duration.

Provided, nevertheless.

AN ACT concerning the Charlestown Water Works.

Chap. 286

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

The Charlestown Water Works are hereby authorized to contract with any other corporation or person, for a supply of water for the purposes for which said water works were incorporated. [*Approved May 30, 1857.*]

May contract for supply of water.

AN ACT in relation to the Powers of County Commissioners in laying out Ways across Railroads.

Chap. 287

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

SECTION 1. If, after the laying out and making of any railroad already granted, or which may be hereafter granted, the public convenience and necessity shall require any turnpike road, or other way, to be so laid out as to cross said railroad, the said turnpike road, or other way, may be so laid out and established across said railroad whenever the county commissioners of the county in which such crossing is situated shall so authorize and direct.

County commissioners may authorize the laying out of ways across railroads.

SECTION 2. The said commissioners, before laying out any way across a railroad, shall cause due notice to be given to the corporation to which said railroad belongs, that they may be heard in the premises; and after hearing said corporation, and any other parties interested who may wish to be heard, they may lay out a way across said railroad, but they shall require said way to be so constructed as to pass under or over the same, and not upon the same level therewith, except in cases hereinafter provided for; and said way shall, in all cases, be so made as not to obstruct or injure such railroad.

Notice to railroad corporations.

SECTION 3. The selectmen of any town, or the mayor and aldermen of any city, before laying out any way across a railroad, shall make application to the county commissioners of the county in which such town or city is situated, for permission so to do; and the said commissioners shall cause due notice of such application to be given to the corporation,

Application to county commissioners.