

An Act concerning Bail in Criminal Cases.

Chap 272.

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

That bail, in criminal cases, may surrender their principals, and exonerate themselves, as bail in civil actions may now do, under the provisions of the ninety-first chapter of the Revised Statutes. [Approved by the Governor, May 3, 1850.]

May surrender principal.

An Act in further addition to "An Act to incorporate William Gray, junior, and others, for the purpose of bringing Fresh Water into the towns of Salem and Danvers, by subterranean pipes."

Chap 273.

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. The said corporation are hereby empowered to conduct by subterranean pipes, into their own land in Salem and Danvers, the waters of Spring pond and Brown's pond, so called, and also the waters of the brook in the towns of Danvers and Salem, now dammed by said aqueduct corporation, which they now have, or may acquire the right to take and use, for the purposes granted; and for said purposes may construct, lay down, and maintain any dam or dams, pipes, fountains, or reservoirs, whatsoever, upon and over any land whatsoever, subject to the following provisions hereinafter continued.

Whence water may be brought.

Powers, &c.

SECT. 2. If any person or corporation shall suffer damage by the taking the water aforesaid, in the manner and for the purposes aforesaid, such injured party shall be entitled, for remedy against said corporation, to the process by petition to the supreme judicial court, provided by the second section of the statute of eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, chapter one hundred and fourteen.

Damages, how recovered.

SECT. 3. To obtain the funds required to carry into effect the extension and improvement of their works, for the increased supply of water, which the said corporation is hereby empowered to construct and maintain, they are hereby authorized to create as many new shares in their capital stock as may be necessary, not exceeding in value two hundred thousand dollars: *provided*, that no shares in the capital stock shall be issued for a less sum or amount, to be actually paid in on each, than the par value of the shares which shall be first issued.

New shares.

Proriso as to value.

SECT. 4. The corporation shall lay a six-inch iron pipe, from the square in South Danvers, through the main street,

to Salem, for the supply of water to the inhabitants on said street. [*Approved by the Governor, May 3, 1850.*]

Chap 274.

An Act concerning Schools.

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

Towns of 500 families, and less than 8000 inhabitants, to keep two or more schools for instruction in the branches named in R. S., ch. 23, § 5.

SECT. 1. Towns coming within the requirements of the fifth section of the twenty-third chapter of the Revised Statutes, but of less than eight thousand inhabitants by the next preceding decennial census, may be exempt from said requirements: *provided*, that they maintain, in each year, two or more schools, in such districts as the school committee shall approve, for terms of time that shall, together, be equivalent to twelve months, and for the benefit of all the inhabitants, kept by masters who, in addition to the branches of instruction enumerated in the first section of said chapter, shall be competent to give instruction in the history of the United States, book-keeping, surveying, geometry, and algebra, and also, in towns containing four thousand inhabitants, in the Latin and Greek languages, general history, rhetoric, and logic: *provided, also*, that no one of said schools shall be kept for a less term than three months. [*Approved by the Governor, May 3, 1850.*]

If 4000 inhabitants, Greek, Latin, &c., to taught.

These schools to be kept at least three months.

Chap 275.

An Act in addition to an Act to prevent Obstructions in the Streets of Cities, and to regulate Hackney Coaches and other Vehicles.

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

Fee for license to set up hackney coach, &c., in any city.

SECT. 1. The mayor and aldermen of any city in this Commonwealth are hereby authorized to demand and receive the sum of one dollar, and no more, for a license to any person to set up and use within such city, any carriage or vehicle mentioned in the act to which this is an addition, passed on the twenty-third day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

1847, ch. 224.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, May 3, 1850.*]

Chap 276.

An Act concerning the Assessment of Taxes.

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

To fix the place where a taxable person shall be taxed on the 1st of May.

Whenever any taxable person, being in any town of this Commonwealth on the first day of May in each year, shall, when called upon by the assessors of said town, deny his