

viz.: The counties of Worcester, Norfolk and Hampden, shall send all State paupers that are not above assigned to the State pauper school, to the State almshouse at Bridgewater, and the counties of Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire, shall send all State paupers not assigned to said State pauper school, to the State almshouse at Tewksbury. And it shall be the duty of the inspectors and superintendents of the respective State almshouses to see the provisions of this act carried into effect on or before the twenty-ninth day of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty-five. [*Approved by the Governor, May 19, 1855.*]

*Chap. 413* An Act in relation to the Houses of Correction in the County of Essex.

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

Relating to houses of correction.

SECT. 1. The fifth section of the one hundred and fifty-fourth chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-six is hereby repealed; and the provisions of the eleventh chapter of the acts of said year are hereby revived, in their effect upon the said county of Essex.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

SECT. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, May 19, 1855.*]

*Chap. 414*

An Act to secure General Vaccination.

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

Vaccination of children.

SECT. 1. Parents and guardians of youth, shall cause the children under their care to be vaccinated before they attain the age of two years.

Duty of school committees.

SECT. 2. The school committee of the several towns and cities, shall not allow any child to be admitted to, or connected with the public schools, who has not been duly vaccinated.

Selectmen, etc., shall enforce vaccination.

SECT. 3. The selectmen of the several towns, and the mayor and aldermen of every city, shall enforce the vaccination of all the inhabitants of said towns and cities; and every parent or guardian of youth who shall not cause his or her child or ward to be vaccinated, (the said child or ward being more than two years of age,) shall be liable to

Fine for neglect.

a fine of five dollars for each and every year's neglect, to be recovered on complaint of the selectmen of the town, or of the mayor and aldermen of the city, for the benefit and use of said town or city.

SECT. 4. The selectmen of the several towns, and the mayor and aldermen of every city, shall enforce re-vaccination whenever they shall judge the public health requires the same: *provided*, that none shall be required to be re-vaccinated who shall prove, to the satisfaction of said selectmen, or mayor and aldermen, that they have been successfully vaccinated, or re-vaccinated, within five years next preceding; and any neglect of such requirement of the selectmen, or of the mayor and aldermen, shall render the person or persons guilty of such neglect, liable to a fine as above, to be recovered as aforesaid, for the use of said town or city.

Re-vaccination to be enforced.

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SECT. 5. It shall be the duty of all incorporated manufacturing companies, of all the superintendents of almshouses, State reform schools, lunatic hospitals, and of all other places where the poor or sick are received, and of masters of houses of correction, jailers, or keepers of prisons, the warden of the State Prison, and of the superintendents or officers of all other institutions supported wholly or in part by the State, to cause all the inmates of the above-named institutions to be properly vaccinated. And all persons hereafter received into such institutions shall be vaccinated immediately on their entrance, unless such persons can show sufficient evidence of previous vaccination within the term of five years.

Inmates of certain institutions to be vaccinated.

SECT. 6. The towns and cities shall be at the expense of furnishing the means of vaccination to such of their own citizens as may be unable to meet the same. All public institutions and incorporated manufacturing companies, named in section five, shall provide the means of vaccination at the expense of said institutions and corporations.

Expenses, etc.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect on and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, May 19, 1855.*]

An Act to incorporate the Cambridgeport Railroad Company.

Chap. 415

*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. Hiram Brooks, Josiah Burrage, Jr., James C. Fiske, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Cambridgeport Railroad

Corporators.