SPECIAL LAWS

RELATING TO

THE TOWN OF LOWELL,

AND TO THE

LOCKS & CANALS ON MERRIMACK RIVER.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TOWN OF LOWELL.

SPECIAL LAWS—CHAP. 112,—1825.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the northeasterly part of the town of Chelmsford, in the county of Middlesex, lying easterly and northerly of a line drawn as follows, viz: beginning at Merrimack river, at a stone post, about two hundred rods above the mouth of Patucket canal, so called, thence running southerly, in a straight course, until it strikes the Middlesex canal, at a point ten rods above the canal bridge, near the dwelling-house of Henry Coburn; thence southerly, on said canal, twenty rods, thence a due east course to a stone post at Concord river, be, and hereby is, incorporated into a town, by the name of Lowell, and the inhabitants of said town of Lowell are hereby invested with all the powers and privileges, and shall also be subject to the duties and requisitions of other incorporate towns, according to the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, That the inhabitants of said town of Lowell shall be holden to pay all arrears of taxes which have been assessed upon them by the town of Chelmsford, before the passing of this act; and the said town of Lowell shall be holden to pay two-fifth parts of the balance or residue of all debts due and owing from said town of Chelmsford, on the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, after deducting therefrom the sum of twenty-seven hundred and twenty-six dollars; and after applying to the payment of said debts all the money belonging to said town, and all the taxes assessed by said town of Chelmsford, before the passing of this act.

Section 3. Be it further enacted, That the said towns of Chelmsford and Lowell shall, hereafter, be liable for the support of all persons who now do, or hereafter shall, stand in need of relief, as paupers, whose settlement was gained or derived from a settlement gained or derived within their respect-
Annexation of Belvidere.

In all cases hereafter, wherein the settlement of a pauper was gained or derived from a settlement gained or derived, before the passing of this act, partly within the limits of both of said towns; or wherein it shall not be proved within the limits of which of said towns such settlement was gained, the said towns of Chelmsford and Lowell shall be equally liable for the support of said pauper.

Section 4. Be it further enacted, That until a new valuation is taken by the Commonwealth, the state and county taxes, and any reimbursements required by the Commonwealth, for the payment of the representative of the present and past years, of said town of Chelmsford, which may be called for from said towns of Chelmsford and Lowell, shall be paid jointly, by said towns, and in the proportion of three-fifths for said Chelmsford, and two-fifths for said town of Lowell.

Section 5. Be it further enacted, That any justice of the peace, in the county of Middlesex be, and hereby is, authorized to issue his warrant to any principal inhabitant of the town of Lowell, requiring him to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Lowell to assemble and meet at some convenient time and place, in said town, to choose all such officers as towns are required to choose, in the months of March and April, and to do and transact any other lawful business, relative to the affairs of said town. [March 1, 1826.]

AN ACT TO SET OFF A PART OF THE TOWN OF TEWKS-BURY, AND ANNEX THE SAME TO THE TOWN OF LOWELL.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That all that part of the town of Tewksbury, in the county of Middlesex, lying within the following lines and bounds, namely, beginning at the mouth of Concord river, at its confluence with the Merrimack river, thence running easterly on said Merrimack river, two hundred and twenty-nine rods, to a large rock in said river, about two rods from the shore, embracing all that part of the Merrimack river against said line which is in the town of Tewksbury; thence running south seventeen degrees and one quarter west, four hundred and four rods to said Concord river, by the mouth of a small brook emptying into the same; thence running northerly on said Concord river five hundred and fifty-three rods, to the bound first mentioned, including all of said Concord and Mer-