Fire Department.

rimack rivers, against the lines first and lastly herein mentioned, which belonged to the said town of Tewksbury, together with all the inhabitants on the lands herein described, be, and the same hereby are set off and separated from said Tewksbury, and annexed to, and made a part of said town of Lowell, and that the same land and the inhabitants thereon shall be deemed and considered as annexed to, and constituting a part of said town of Lowell: Provided, however, that said tract of land and the inhabitants thereon, set off as aforesaid, shall be held to pay all such taxes as are already assessed or ordered to be assessed on them, by said town of Tewksbury, in the same manner as they would have been liable if this act had not been passed.

Sect. 2. Be it further enacted, That the inhabitants of the land set off as aforesaid, shall be holden to pay to said town of Tewksbury their proportion of the debt now due and owing by said Tewksbury, after deducting therefrom all the property and estate owned by or belonging to said town, to be ascertained, appraised and estimated by the county commissioners for the county of Middlesex; which proportion of debt, that may be found due as aforesaid, shall be assessed upon said inhabitants, and collected in the same way and manner, as taxes are by law required to be assessed and collected.

Sect. 3. Be it further enacted, That of all the state and county taxes which shall be required of the town of Tewksbury, previous to a new valuation, the town of Lowell shall pay one third part thereof. [March 29, 1834.]

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE TOWN OF LOWELL.

SPECIAL LAWS—CHAP. 36,—1829.

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 fire department of the town of Lowell shall hereafter consist of a chief engineer, and as many engineers and fire wardens, not exceeding twelve in number, as the selectmen of said town shall annually, on the first Wednesday of April, appoint, who shall hold their office for the term of one year from the first day of May next, succeeding their appointment; also of as many engine men, hose men, hook and ladder men, as said selectmen shall annually, on said first Wednesday in April, or as soon after as may be, appoint: provided, that the number of firemen so appointed shall not exceed fifty men to each and every hydraulion, thirty-five men to each and every

Inhabitants to pay taxes assessed or granted.

Inhabitants to pay their proportion of town debt.

State and county taxes.

Number of officers and men of fire department.
common engine, and five men to each and every hose carriage, and that the number of hook and ladder men shall not exceed fifty, and that the number of hose men shall not exceed fifty.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the selectmen of said Lowell shall have power to fill any vacancy which may occur at any time in said fire department, give certificates of all their appointments, and fix and ordain, from time to time, the powers and duties of the chief engineer and engineers and fire wardens respectively, in relation to fire engines and all other fire apparatus belonging to or used in said town; and also to fix and ordain, from time to time, such rules and regulations as may be deemed expedient for the conduct of said fire department, and of the citizens present at fires; and to annex penalties for the breach of any rules or regulations they may so fix and ordain, not exceeding twenty dollars.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That the chief engineer and engineers and fire wardens, so appointed, shall have the same powers and authorities, relative to the pulling down and demolishing any house or other building to prevent the spreading of fires, and also relative to all other matters and things affecting the extinguishment and prevention of fires, as fire wardens now by law have. And the said town of Lowell shall be liable to pay all such reasonable compensation for damage done by, or consequent upon the directions or acts of said chief engineer, engineers and fire wardens, as other towns in this Commonwealth are liable to pay in like cases, for like acts and directions done or given by their fire wardens: and all fines and forfeitures arising within the said town of Lowell, under the laws of this Commonwealth, relative to the extinguishment of, or proceedings at fires, shall be distributed in such way and manner, and applied to such uses, as said town of Lowell shall ordain and determine, any thing in said laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That each and every member of said fire department shall be exempted from military duty and service in the militia of this Commonwealth, so long as he shall continue a member of said fire department: and every person so exempted shall be holden to produce, within thirty days after he shall have been appointed a member of said department, and annually in the month of April, then after, to the commanding officer of the militia company within whose bounds he may reside, a certificate from one of the selectmen of said town of Lowell, setting forth that he is a member of said fire department.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That from and after the organization of a fire department in said town of Lowell, agreeably to the provisions of this act, and notice of the same being given in the Lowell Journal, published in said Lowell, by the selectmen thereof, all the laws of this Commonwealth relating
Fire Department.

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 fire department of the town of Lowell shall hereafter consist of one or more fire companies, as the selectmen of said town shall judge expedient, in addition to the officers and members of said fire department, authorized to be appointed by the act to which this is in addition; and the members of said fire companies shall be appointed in the same manner and for the same term of time, as the other members of said fire department are now authorized by law to be appointed; and the number of members to be attached to each fire company shall be regulated by the selectmen, who shall prescribe the duties to be by them performed. [March 6, 1834.]

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE TOWN OF LOWELL.

Special Laws—Chap. 59,—1834.

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 fire department of the town of Lowell shall hereafter consist of one or more fire companies, as the selectmen of said town shall judge expedient, in addition to the officers and members of said fire department, authorized to be appointed by the act to which this is in addition; and the members of said fire companies shall be appointed in the same manner and for the same term of time, as the other members of said fire department are now authorized by law to be appointed; and the number of members to be attached to each fire company shall be regulated by the selectmen, who shall prescribe the duties to be by them performed. [March 6, 1834.]

AN ACT REGULATING THE STORAGE, SAFE KEEPING AND SELLING OF GUNPOWDER, IN THE TOWN OF LOWELL.

Special Laws—Chap. 129,—1833.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That no person, except on military duty in the public service of the United States, or of this Commonwealth, shall keep, have or possess in any building, or in any place within two hundred yards of any dwelling-house, in the town of Lowell, gunpowder in any quantity exceeding one pound, in any way or manner, other than by this act, and by the rules and regulations herein after mentioned, may be allowed.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to sell any gunpowder, in any quanti-