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CONTAINED IN THE TENTH ANNUAL REPORT (REV. ED.) OF THE SECRETARY OF THE  
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CHAPTER 41.

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SECTION

1. Blank forms of inquiry, &c., to be  
sent to the clerks of towns, &c.

SECTION

2. Stat. 1849, ch. 65, § 1, repealed.

SECT. 1. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Board of Education to send the blank Forms of Inquiry, the School Registers, the Abstract of School Returns, and the Annual Report of the Board of Education, and that of its Secretary, to the clerks of the several towns and cities of the Commonwealth, as soon as may be after they are ready for distribution.

SECT. 2. The first section of the act to which this is in addition, approved by the Governor, March 30, 1849, is hereby repealed. [February 25, 1850.]

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CHAPTER 24.

RESOLVE CONCERNING THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOLS.

Grant of \$1000, which, with appropriations of 1847 and of 1849, shall be in full to January 1, 1853.

*Resolved,* That the sum of one thousand dollars be appropriated for the support of the State Normal Schools, under the direction of the Board of Education, which, together with the

sums appropriated for that object by former resolves, viz., the eighty-second chapter of the resolves of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and the eighty-ninth chapter of the resolves of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, shall be in full therefor to the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three; the said sum to be deducted from the proceeds of sales of the public lands, or the school fund, according to the provisions of the act of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, chapter two hundred and nineteen, entitled "an act to designate the fund for the payment of the salary of the land agent, and of appropriations for educational purposes;" and his excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, is authorized to draw his warrant accordingly. [March 5, 1850.]

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#### CHAPTER 26.

##### RESOLVE AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPOINT AGENTS.

Two or more to visit the towns and school districts.

*Resolved*, That the Board of Education be and they are hereby authorized to appoint two or more suitable agents, to visit the town and school districts in such parts of the Commonwealth as may seem expedient to the Board, for the purpose of inquiring into the condition of the schools, lecturing upon subjects connected with education, and, in general, of giving and receiving information, in the same manner as the Secretary of the Board would do if he were present; and that, to defray the expense of the same, his excellency the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, is authorized to draw his warrant for a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, to be charged upon the income of the school fund. [March 6, 1850.]

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##### AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

###### SECTION

1. Empowered to hold any grant or devise of lands, and any donation or bequest of money in trust, for educa-

###### SECTION

tional purposes.  
2. When to take effect.

SECT. 1. The Board of Education, for the time being, shall have power to take and hold, to them and their successors, in trust for the Commonwealth, any grant or devise of lands, and



any donation or bequest of money, or other personal property, which has been, or may hereafter be, made to them for educational purposes; and shall forthwith pay over to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, for safe-keeping and investment, all moneys and other personal property so received; and the said Treasurer shall, from time to time, receive from said Board all such sums of money, and other personal property, and invest all moneys in the name of the Commonwealth, and shall pay to said Board, on the warrant of the Governor, the income or principal thereof, as they shall, from time to time, require; and for the faithful management of all such property, so received by the Treasurer, he shall be responsible, upon his bond, to the Commonwealth, as for other funds received by him in his official capacity; *provided*, that nothing in this act contained shall authorize any disposition of any devise, donation or bequest, inconsistent with the conditions or terms thereof.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from the date of its passage. [March 18, 1850.]

## CHAPTER 112.

### AN ACT ADDITIONAL TO AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE STATE REFORM SCHOOL.

#### SECTION

1. Trustees empowered to bind out boys.
2. Construction of stat. 1847, ch. 165, § 14.

#### SECTION

3. Stat. 1847, ch. 155, § 8, repealed.
4. When to take effect.

SECT. 1. The trustees of the State Reform School shall have power to bind out all boys committed to their charge, for any term of time during the period for which they shall have been committed, as apprentices or servants; and the said trustees, and master or mistress, apprentice or servant, shall, respectively, have all the rights and privileges, and be subject to all the duties, set forth in the eightieth chapter of the Revised Statutes, in the same manner as if said binding or apprenticing were made by overseers of the poor.

SECT. 2. The fourteenth section of the act to establish the State Reform School shall not be so construed as to prevent the Governor and Council from re-appointing, if they see fit, any of the trustees of said school, when the term for which they were previously appointed shall have expired.

SECT. 3. The eighth section of the act to establish the State Reform School, is hereby repealed.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [March 23, 1850.]

## CHAPTER 115.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE QUALIFICATIONS OF SCHOOL  
TEACHERS.

The duplicate certificate of the school committee to be deposited with the selectmen.

The duplicate certificate of the school committee of the qualifications of teachers, required, by the fourteenth section of the twenty-third chapter of the Revised Statutes, to be furnished to the treasurer, shall hereafter be deposited with the selectmen of the several towns of the Commonwealth. [March 23, 1850.]

## CHAPTER 50.

## RESOLVE RELATING TO METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

The Governor authorized to fix upon stations.

*Resolved,* That his excellency the Governor be authorized and requested to fix upon suitable stations, not exceeding twelve in number, in which shall be included the three Normal Schools and the three Colleges in this Commonwealth, where shall be deposited the instruments necessary for making systematic observations in meteorology, according to the plan recommended by the Smithsonian Institute, at an expense not exceeding one hundred dollars for each station, to be defrayed from the school fund, and that he be authorized to draw his warrant therefor accordingly. [March 25, 1850.]

## CHAPTER 179.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF SCHOOL  
COMMITTEES.

Returns to state the amount received from the school fund, and its appropriation.

In addition to the returns required of school committees, by the twenty-third chapter of the Revised Statutes, such committees shall hereafter be required to state the sum or sums of money received from the school fund, by their several towns and cities respectively; and also to specify the purposes to which such sums may have been appropriated. [April 9, 1850.]

## CHAPTER 182.

## AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE STATE LIBRARY.

## SECTION

1. To be under the control of trustees.
2. Their authority.

## SECTION

3. Inconsistent provisions repealed.

SECT. 1. The State Library shall hereafter be under the management and control of three trustees, who shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, and who shall hold their offices for three years, unless sooner removed; and the said trustees shall exercise all the powers, and perform all the duties, in regard to the said library, as are now exercised and performed by the joint standing committee of the Legislature upon the library; and the said trustees shall also have the general supervision and control of the system of international exchanges.

SECT. 2. The said trustees are hereby authorized to sell, or otherwise dispose of, such books, now belonging to the said library, as they may deem unsuitable for its purposes, and supply their places with others; and they shall have the same power in regard to the books which have been, or may hereafter be received, by virtue of the said system of international exchanges.

SECT. 3. All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed. [April 9, 1850.]

## CHAPTER 65.

## RESOLVE CONCERNING TEACHERS' INSTITUTES.

Grant of \$500, in addition. When to take effect.

*Resolved,* That to meet the expenses of Teachers' Institutes, formed and held under the provisions of the ninety-ninth chapter of the statutes of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and the acts in addition thereto, the Governor is hereby authorized annually to draw his warrant upon the treasurer for a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, in addition to the sum authorized by the act aforesaid, to be taken from the school fund, according to the provisions of the two hundred and nineteenth chapter of the statutes of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and to remain in the treasury, and subject to the drafts of the Board of Education, or their Secretary, for the purpose aforesaid.

*Resolved,* That this Resolve shall take effect from and after its passage. [April 9, 1850.]

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