

## CHAPTER 6.

AN ACT FOR THE FURTHER ESTABLISHING THE TOWN OF RUTLAND, AND IMPOWERING THEM TO CHUSE ALL PROPER OFFICERS, AND FOR IMPOWERING THEM TO RAISE AND COLLECT MONEYS FOR THE DEFRAIDING THE NECESSARY CHARGES OF THE SAID TOWN.

FORASMUCH as it appears that the proprietors of the township of Rutland have performed the conditions of the grant made thereof by the great and general assembly of this province, 1713,—

*Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Govern<sup>r</sup>, Council and Represent<sup>ves</sup> in Gen<sup>l</sup> Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,*

That the inhabitants and freeholders of the s<sup>d</sup> town of Rutland be invested with and forever hereafter enjoy all the powers, privileges and immunities that other towns within this province by law have and usually enjoy; and that they be and hereby are enabled to levy, assess and collect threepence per acre *per annum*, for the space of two years and an half from the first day of July last past (the time that the minister began to officiate as a minister there), on all the lands, both improved and unimproved, whether divided or undivided, contained within the lines of the contents of six miles square, as is already laid out, and within which the present inhabitants are settled; and that the said land be subjected and made liable to the payment of the same, to defray the charge of building the meeting-house and paying the minister's settle<sup>mt</sup> and salary: *except* only the present minister's lott and ministry lott, with their divisions, also the school lott, and also one thous<sup>d</sup> acres of land appertaining to Samuel Sewall, Esq<sup>r</sup>. (the comm<sup>tee</sup> of Rutland having agreed, for a certain consideration, with the said Sam<sup>l</sup> Sewall, Esq<sup>r</sup>.), and five hundred acres of land appertaining to the artillery company of this province, and eighty acres of land on and near Buck Brook, and one hundred and forty acres of land about Mill Brook (being part of Benj<sup>a</sup> Willard's nine hundred acres laid out there to promote a mill), w<sup>ch</sup> said land shall be freed from the said tax or assessm<sup>nt</sup>; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding. [*Passed June 18.*]

## CHAPTER 7.

AN ACT FOR GRANTING UNTO HIS MAJESTY SEVERAL RATES AND DUTYS OF IMPOST AND TUNNAGE OF SHIPPING.

WE, his maj<sup>ty</sup>s most loyal and dutiful subjects, the representatives of his maj<sup>ty</sup>s province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, considering the necessity of calling in the sum of sixteen thousand pounds, granted to his present majesty, by bills emitted at the several sessions, *annis* 1715, 1717 and 1718, to be levied and collected in this present year, have cheerfully and unanimously given and granted, and do hereby give and grant unto his most excellent majesty, to the ends, use and intent afores<sup>d</sup>, and for no other use, the several dutys of impost upon wines, liquors, goods, wares and merchandise that shall be imported into this province, and tunnage of shipping hereafter mentioned and expressed, for calling in the sum of twenty-five hundred pounds, part of the said sum of sixteen thousand pounds abovementioned; and pray that it may be enacted;—