

*And be it further enacted,*

[SECT. 3.] That those persons, to whom any grant of lands in the above-named plantation of Roadtown were made, on conditions of settlement, who have hitherto neglected to fulfil[1] the conditions of said grants, shall be allowed three years more, to be reckoned from the first of July next, to perform the conditions of their grants, before the said grants shall be forfeited for non-performance of the conditions thereof. [Passed June 30 ; \* published July 11.

Time allowed for fulfilling the condition of grants.

## CHAPTER 9.

AN ACT FOR ERECTING THE NORTH PARISH, OR PRECINCT, IN THE TOWN OF SHEFFIELD, INTO A SEPARATE TOWN BY [BY] THE NAME OF GREAT BARRINGTON.

*Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and House of Representatives,*

[SECT. 1.] That the said north parish, or precinct, be and hereby is erected into a separate and distinct town, by the same limits and boundaries which are now the boundaries of the said parish, by the name of Great Barrington; and that the said town be invested with all the powers, priviledges and immunities that towns in this province do or may, by law, enjoy, that of sending a representative to the general assembly only excepted; and that the said town shall have full liberty and right, from time to time, to join with the town of Sheffield in ch[oo][u]sing a representative to represent them at the general assembly, who may be chosen, indifferently, out of either of the said towns; and that the said town of Great Barrington shall, from time to time, be at their proportionable part of the expence of such representative: and the freeholders and other inhabitants of Great Barrington shall be notified of the time and place of election, with the inhabitants of the town of Sheffield, by a warrant, from the selectmen of Sheffield, directed to the constable of Great Barrington, requiring him to warn them, for that purpose, at the time and place by them assigned; which warrant[s] shall be duly served and seasonably returned by said constable of Great Barrington.

The North Parish of Sheffield erected into a separate town by the name of Great Barrington. 1733-34, chap. 1.

Their powers and priviledges.

*Provided, nevertheless,—*

*And be it further enacted,*

[SECT. 2.] That the said town of Great Barrington shall pay their proportion of all town, county and province taxes, already set[t] on or granted to be raised by said town of Sheffield, as if this act had not been made.

Proviso.

*And be it further enacted,*

[SECT. 3.] That Joseph Dwight, Esquire, be and hereby is empowered to issue his warrant, directed to some principal inhabitant in said town of Great Barrington, requiring him to notify and warn the inhabitants of the same town, qualified, by law, to vote in town meetings, to meet at such time and place as shall be therein set[t] forth, to ch[oo][u]se all town officers which, by law, towns in this province are empowered or enjo[y][i]n[e]d to ch[oo][u]se.

Joseph Dwight, Esq., empowered to issue his warrant for calling a meeting for the choice of town officers.

*And whereas,* in and by an act made and pass[e]d in the first year of his present majesty's reign, erecting and establishing a new county in the westerly part of the county of Hampshire, by the name of Berkshire, it is amongst other things enacted, " that Sheffield, for the pres-

Preamble. 1760-61, chap. 33, §§ 1, 8, and 2.

\* Signed July 11, according to the record.

ent, be the shire town of said county of Berkshire, and that the office of register of deeds be kept in the north parish in said Sheffield, and also, that yearly, and in every year, there shall be held and kept a court of general sessions of the peace, and an inferio[u]r court of common pleas, at the north parish in Sheffield, on the last Tuesday of April, and first Tuesday of September;” now, to prevent any difficulties that may arise,—

*Be it enacted,*

Great Barrington to be the shire town, &c.

[SECT. 4.] That the town of Great Barrington, for the present, shall be the shire town of said county of Berkshire, and the register’s office be there kept; and that the courts of general sessions of the peace and inferiour court of common pleas, appointed to be held and kept at the north parish in Sheffield, aforesaid, be held and kept in the town of Great Barrington, on the last Tuesday of April, and first Tuesday of September, annually; anything in the before recited and mentioned act to the contrary notwithstanding. [*Passed June 30; \* published July 11.*]

## CHAPTER 10.

AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING THE PLANTATION CALLED COLRAIN, INTO A TOWN BY THE NAME OF COLRAIN.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the new plantation of Colrain, lying in the county of Hampshire, is competently filled with inhabitants, and labour under great difficulties and incoveniencies by means of their not being a town; therefore,—

*Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and House of Representatives,*

Plantation called Colrain, erected into a town by the name of Colrain.

[SECT. 1.] That the said new plantation, commonly called and known by the name of Colrain, lying on the north-west of Deerfield, in the county of Hampshire, according to the bounds by which it was established by the general court, be and hereby is erected into a town by the name of Colrain; and that the said town be and hereby is invested with all the powers, priviledges and immunities that any of the towns of this province do or may, by law, enjoy, that of sending a representative to the general court only excepted.

*Provided,*—

Proviso.

[SECT. 2.] That nothing in this act shall be understood, or so construed, as in any manner to supersede or make void any order or orders of this court, now in force, respecting the method of making assessments within said plantation in time past, but that the same shall remain and be as effectual as if this act had not been made.

*And be it further enacted,*

Elijah Williams, Esq., empowered to issue his warrant for calling a meeting for the choice of town officers.

[SECT. 3.] That Elijah Williams, Esq<sup>[1]</sup>, be and hereby is empowered to issue his warrant to some principal inhabitant of the said plantation, requiring him, in his majest[ie][y]’s name, to warn and notify the said inhabitants, qual[1]ified to vote in town affairs, that they meet together, at such time and place, in said plantation, as, by said warrant, shall be appointed, to chuse such officers as may be necessary to manage the affairs of said town; and the inhabitants, being so met, shall be and hereby are empowered to chuse such officers accordingly. [*Passed June 30; \* published July 11.*]

\* Signed July 11, according to the record.