

tioned," made in the fifth year of his present majesty's reign, is near expiring, and having been found useful and beneficial,—

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

That the act aforesaid be continued, with all and every article, clause, matter and thing therein contained, and shall be in force until the last day of the next session of the general court, and no longer. [*Passed June 28; published June 30.*]

The act continued.

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## CHAPTER 12.

AN ACT FOR BUILDING AND MAINTAINING A BRIDGE OVER THE GREAT RIVER, IN WESTFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE.

WHEREAS a bridge over the great river, in Westfield, in the county of Hampshire, at or near the common fording-place, near the dwelling-house of William Day, upon the great road from Springfield to Westfield, is necessary, as well for the inhabitants of the other towns in said county, as of the said town of Westfield; and the building and maintaining a bridge there would be a burthen too great for the town of Westfield, considering the charges they have already laid out, and must expend, in building and maintaining many other bridges in said town,—

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

That the court of general sessions of the peace, in and for the said county of Hampshire, be and hereby are authorized and impowered to build and maintain a cart-bridge, sixteen feet wide, across the great river, in said Westfield, at or near the fording-place near the dwelling-house of William Day, upon the great road from Springfield to Westfield, at the charge of the said county of Hampshire; and the said court of general sessions of the peace, for said county, are hereby impowered, from time to time, to assess and tax the inhabitants of the several towns and districts, in said county, in such sum and sums of money as the said court shall agree upon and order, for the building, maintaining and repairing the bridge aforesaid; which sum or sums so ordered at any time to be raised for the purpose aforesaid, shall be added to each town and district's county tax, in proportion as they severally pay to the province tax, for the time being, and be paid into and drawn out of the county treasury, for the uses and purposes aforesaid. [*Passed June 30.*]

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Court of general sessions impowered to build and maintain a bridge at Westfield,

—and to tax the several towns in the county for the same.

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## CHAPTER 13.

AN ACT TO PREVENT A FAILURE OF JUSTICE, BY MEANS OF OFFENDERS, IN ANY OF HIS MAJESTY'S COLONIES ON THIS CONTINENT, ESCAPING INTO THIS PROVINCE, OR FROM ONE COUNTY IN THIS PROVINCE INTO ANOTHER, TO AVOID THE PUNISHMENTS OF THEIR OFFENCES.

WHEREAS it often happens that persons who have committed criminal offences in other of his majesty's colonies, before they can be apprehended, flee into this province, and by that means, thro' [ugh] the difficulty and delay that must generally attend a legal arrest of such offenders and sending them back for a proper tryal, do escape the punishment their offences justly deserves; for preventing whereof, and to

Preamble.