

begin[*n*]ing at a stake and heap of stones in North Yarmouth back line, seven mile[s] and twenty-six rods from the most westerly corner of North Yarmouth, in the most easterly corner of the plantation called New Boston; and from thence, upon North Yarmouth back line, to the extent of it; and the same course continued beyond it—until the measure of four miles and an-half, and thirty-eight rods, in the whole, is compleated—to a beach-tree, mark'd; the co[*u*][*a*]rse, north; thirty-three degrees and forty-five minutes west, with a[*n*] heap of stones about it; also, from said stake and heap of stones, north, forty-five degrees west, seven miles and an-half, by the needle; thence, north, forty-five degrees east, by the needle, until a line, north, thirty-three degrees and forty-five minutes west, from the aforesaid beach-tree, intersects it,—be and hereby is erected into a town by the name of New Gloucester; and that the inhabitants thereof be and hereby are invested with all the powers, privileges and immunities which the inhabitants of towns within this province do, or may, by law, enjoy: *provided, nevertheless*, the proprietors of said plantation shall be subject, and held to pay, all such taxes as have been lawfully assessed on them before the making [*of*] this act, as punctually as tho' the same had not been made.

Erected into a town.

And be it further enacted,

William Allen, Esq., empowered to issue a warrant for calling the first meeting.

[SECT. 2.] That William Allen, Esq[^r], be and hereby is empowered to issue his warrant, directed to some principal inhabitant in said town, to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at such time and place as shall be therein set forth, to chuse all officers that shall be necessary to manage the affairs of said town; at which said first meeting all the then present male inhabitants that shall be arrived at the age of twenty-one years, shall be admitted to vote. [*Passed March 8,* 1774.†*]

CHAPTER 23.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE PROPRIETORS OF THE LANDS IN THE TOWN OF RICHMONT, IN THE COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE, TO INFORCE THE PAYMENT OF SUCH TAXES AS HAVE BEEN AND HEREAFTER SHALL BE GRANTED BY THE PROPRIETORS AFORESAID.†

Preamble.

1763-64, chap. 24, § 1.

Reciting an act of 4th Geo. III.

WHEREAS, by one law of this province, made and passed in the fourth year of his present majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to enable the proprietors of the plantation called Yokun † Town and Mount Ephraim, in the county of Berkshire, to grant taxes on their land, and bring forward the settlement of said plantation," it is enacted, "That the purchasers of said plantation of Yokun Town and Mount Ephraim, shall be and accordingly are incorporated into one distinct propriety, and are vested with the same powers and privileges as, by the law of this province, proprietors in common are vested with, so far as is necessary for the calling meetings, granting taxes upon the lands of said purchasers in said plantation, assessing, collecting and disposing of the moudies so raised, laying out, making and repairing necessary ways, and for carrying forward the settlement of the said plantation agreeable to the order of the general court;"

* Signed March 9, according to the record. † The engrossed act was never sealed.
 ‡ "Yokun." in the act referred to.

and whereas, afterward, the said new plantation was, by another law of this province, incorporated into a town by the name of Richmond, and, by the same law, it was provided and enacted "That all taxes to be raised within said town, for settling a minister, building a meeting-house or meeting-houses, laying out, making or repairing roads, be levied upon the several proprietors of said plantation, according to their interest, agreeable to the act first aforesaid, until the further order of the general court; and whereas, since the making the law last aforesaid, the westerly part of Richmond hath by one law of this province, made in the seventh year of his present majesty's reign, been incorporated into a distinct town by the name of Richmond, and sundry taxes have been agreed upon and assessed, agreeable to the acts aforesaid and for the purposes aforesaid, on the proprietors of the lands in said Richmond, part of which remains uncollected; and whereas, in order to compleat building a meeting-house and settling a minister, in said Richmond, it will be necessary to raise and collect further sums of money upon the proprietors of said Richmond, and the same cannot be collected without the further aid of the general court, —

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

That the lands in said Richmond, of the several proprietors there who have not paid, or hereafter shall not, by the time set and agreed upon by said proprietors, pay their respective proportions of such assessment, which heretofore have been, or hereafter shall be made upon them for the purposes aforesaid, pursuant to the votes of said proprietors, and the laws aforesaid, shall, for the payment thereof, be subject to be sold by the assessors there, or the major part of them, who made or shall make such assessment, in the same manner as the lands of proprietors in new plantations were liable to be sold by virtue of an act, made in the second year of his present majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to subject the unimproved lands within this province to be sold for the payment of taxes assessed on them by order of the general court, and votes and agreements of the proprietors thereof, and to enable proprietors to levy province and county taxes laid on them." [*Passed March 5, 1774.*]

1765-66, chap. 16, § 2.

Reciting an act of 7th * Geo. III.

1766-67, chap. 11.

Delinquent proprietors' lands in Richmond, to be sold by the assessors in the same manner as lands were liable to be sold by virtue of an act of 2d Geo. III.

1761-62, chap. 44.

CHAPTER 24.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO ONE ACT OR LAW OF THIS PROVINCE, MADE AND PASSED IN THE THIRTEENTH YEAR OF HIS PRESENT MAJESTY'S REIGN, INTITLED "AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE ASSESSING THE MONIES UPON THE LANDS OF THE PROPRIETORS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ASHFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE, WHICH ARE DUE FROM THE SAID PROPRIETORS, TO DEFREY THE CHARGES HEREAFTER MENTIONED, AND TO PROVIDE A METHOD FOR THE COLLECTING AND LEVYING OF THE SAME."

WHEREAS, by the preamble of the act intituled "An Act to make provision for the assessing the monies upon the lands of the proprietors in the township of Ashfield, in the county of Hampshire, which are due from the said proprietors, to defrey the charges hereafter mentioned, and to provide a method for the collecting and levying the same," it is evident that it was the intention and design of the

Preamble. 1772-73, chap. 30.

* The act recited was passed in the sixth year of Geo. III.