

## ACTS

PASSED AT THE SESSION BEGUN AND HELD AT BOSTON,  
ON THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, A. D. 1777.

## CHAPTER 14.

AN ACT FOR PROLONGING THE TIME FOR CALLING IN THE BILLS OF  
CREDIT OF THIS STATE, NOT ON INTEREST.

WHEREAS it appears to this court that the time limited by a late act for calling in the bills of credit of this state, and issuing treasury notes therefor, is not sufficient for that purpose, —

Preamble.  
1777-78, chap. 7

*Be it therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,*

That the time for calling in said bills, and exchanging them for treasurer's notes, be prolonged to the first day of April next, and that the treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to exchange said bills accordingly, any law to the contrary notwithstanding. [*Passed December 13.*]

## CHAPTER 15.

AN ACT TO SET OFF SAMUEL TAYLOR OF DUNSTABLE, WITH HIS  
ESTATE, FROM THE FIRST PARISH IN DUNSTABLE, TO THE SECOND  
PARISH IN SAID TOWN.

WHEREAS it appears to this court that Samuel Taylor of Dunstable, in the county of Middlesex, labours under many difficulties and inconvenienc[*i*]es by being held to pay taxes and do duty in the first parish in said town, which will be remedied by annexing him and his estate to the second parish in said town, —

Preamble.

*Be it therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,*

That said Samuel Taylor, with the estate now in his possession, be and hereby is set[t] off from the first parish in the town of Dunstable, to the second parish in said town; and that he in future be held to pay taxes and do duty in the said second parish of said Dun-

Person, with his  
estate, set off,  
etc.

stable, and be intitled to receive priv[e][i][d][e]ges therein as one of the said second parish: *provided, always*, that the said Samuel and his estate aforesaid, shall be liable for all such rates and taxès that are or may be assess[e]’d thereon by the assessors of the said first parish, on or before the first day of Jan[uar]y, 1778, in the same way and manner as if this act had never been made. [*Passed December 15.*]

## CHAPTER 16.

AN ACT TO ENABLE TOWNS TO RAISE SUCH SUMS OF MONEY AS THEY INCLINE TO DO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF LESS[E]NING THEIR PROPORTION OF THE PUBLIC DEBT.

Preamble.  
1776-77, chap. 41.  
1777-78, chap. 7.

WHEREAS divers towns within this state have, by their petitions to the general court, set forth their reluctance to have the bills of credit of this state called in by loan, and manifested their desire to have the same sunk by a tax; and this court being apprehensive that a tax so large as to supply the treasury, and at the same time to sink the bills of credit issued by this state, might exceed the abilities of many towns to pay, and also desirous that those towns who are of sufficient ability, and willing, to do the same, might be impowered to raise taxes for the purposes aforesaid; therefore, —

*Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,*

Towns empow-  
ered to raise  
money.

That the majority of voters present at any town meeting legally warned for that purpose, may and hereby are impowered to vote any sum of money they may think proper, to be raised on the polls and estates within such towns; and the assessors of such town are hereby impowered to assess the same, on the polls and estates within such town, in the same manner as is directed by the last tax act, and to commit the same, together with their warrant for collecting thereof, unto the constable[s] or collectors within such towns, who are hereby authori[z][s]ed and directed to collect the tax in the same manner as other town taxes; which said taxes may be paid in Continental bills, or bills of credit issued by this state; which sums, when raised, the said towns are hereby impowered to put into the public treasury of this state; and the treasurer thereof is hereby directed to receive the same, and to give his note therefor, on interest, in behalf of this state, payable at the same time, and in the same manner, as the notes which are ordered to be issued for loaning the bills of credit of this state; which said notes, and interest due thereon, shall, at any time hereafter, be received by the treasurer of this state for any tax or demand he may have against said town, after the said notes shall become due and payable, so far as the same shall go: *provided, nevertheless*, that all bills of credit that may be received by virtue of any tax made agreeable to the foregoing act, shall be paid to the treasurer of this state on or before the first day of April next. [*Passed December 15.*]

To the constable  
or collectors  
within such  
towns who are  
empowered to  
collect.

To be paid in  
Continental bills,  
or bills of credit,  
emitted by this  
state, etc., to be  
put into the  
treasury,

—on or before  
the 1st day of  
April next.