

# LAWS

PASSED AT THE SESSION, COMMENCED ON THE  
THIRTY-FIRST OF MAY,

ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINE.

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## CHAP. I.

An Act incorporating the First Congregational Society in  
the town of Tyrringham.

SECT. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of  
Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the au-  
thority of the same, That Adonijah Bidwell, Azariah Persons incor-  
Orton, Eli Picket, John Rewce, John Jackson, Ebenezer porated,  
ezer Jackson, Ebenezer Chadwick, Benjamin Griffin,  
Ebenezer Rewce, John Heath, Elisha Taylor, Alvan Tay-  
lor, Lystra Taylor, Elijah Fowler, Zadock Rewce, Jo-  
siah Brewer, jun. Roswell Richards, Miller Peck, Ben-  
jamin Warren, jun. Isaac Brewer, Jonas Brewer, Joseph  
Chapin, Josiah Hale, Nathan Hale, Lemuel Townshend,  
Josiah Brewer, Daniel Brewer, Nathan Merriam, Joshua  
Brewer, John Brewer, John Langdon, Amasa Curtis,  
Darius Stebbens, Charles Jackson, Jesse Langdon, Zebi-  
na Curtis, Salathiel Hale, Isaac Harison, Noah Allen, Ab-  
igail Hale, Amasa Curtis, jun. Thankful Brewer, Amos  
Langdon, Moses Bradley, Joseph Avery, Elisha Gar-  
field, Daniel Garfield, Sanford Gleason, Manasseh Fair-  
banks, Stephen Brookins, Penuel Hobbs, Samuel Town-  
shend, Asa Bigelow, Samuel Tibbals, John Bentley,  
Jedidiah Chapin, and Elijah Walter, be, and hereby are  
incorporated into a Society, by the name of The First  
Congregational Society, in the town of Tyrringham,  
subject to the duties and obligations herein after men-  
tioned, and vested with the powers, privileges and im-  
munities hereinafter specified, and all others which are  
common to other religious societies.

Corporation  
empowered to  
hold real estate.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the said Corporation may take and hold real and personal estate, not exceeding at any time the value of Ten Thousand Dollars in the whole, the income of which shall be applied to the support of a Congregational Teacher of piety, religion and morality, in the south part of said town of Tyringham, forever; and if it shall be more than sufficient for that purpose, the surplus shall be applicable to repairs of their meeting house, or such other pious uses as the said society shall direct, but the Trustees thereof shall not receive any compensation, to be paid out of said fund for their services.

Clerk & Treas-  
urer.

To be sworn.

Trustees.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the said society may at their first meeting, to be called in the manner hereinafter provided for, and at their annual meeting to be holden on the first Monday of January, every year, appoint a Clerk and a Treasurer, to be sworn to a faithful discharge of the duties of their respective offices, and any number of Trustees not exceeding seven, whose duty it shall be to manage the fund, and the prudential concerns of said Society; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to prosecute or defend any action in the name and behalf of said Society; and at any future meeting, lawfully called and warned for that purpose, the said society may dismiss any of their said officers and supply any vacancy, occasioned by such dismissal, or by death, or otherwise, and may also appoint any other officers which they shall judge necessary or proper to effectuate the purposes of their incorporation.

Powers of the  
Corporation.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the said society be, and hereby are empowered, to recover and receive the sums of money respectively subscribed for the use of said society, before this act of incorporation, by the several persons hereby incorporated, according to the terms of the subscription, and to take security, either real or personal, for the same, conditioned that if the interest be paid annually on or before the first Monday of January every year, the principal shall not be called for within fifteen years, except at the request of a surety, or when in the judgment of the Trustees the security shall be insufficient, in which cases the principal may be demanded and collected at any time; and the principal as well as interest shall be received whenever tendered to the Treasurer of said Society.

SECT.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the said society may obtain and receive further subscriptions and donations, provided their whole fund shall not exceed the aforesaid amount of Ten Thousand Dollars, and may by vote admit other subscribers and the heirs of subscribers to be members of the said society.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That each member of the said Society, and no other person, shall be entitled to vote in their meetings.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That any three of the persons, hereby incorporated, may call a meeting of the said Society, to be holden at such time within three months, and at such place within said town of Tyringham, as they may judge most convenient, by posting up notifications of the time, place and purposes of said meeting, in two or more publick places in said town, fourteen days at least before the time of holding the same, at which meeting the said society may establish the mode of calling and warning future meetings.

Three persons may call meeting.

SECT. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That the books of record and of account of the said society, shall be laid before them at their meetings on the first Monday of January annually, by the Clerk and Treasurer, and shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Legislature, or any Committee appointed for that purpose by the Legislature, as well as of the Trustees or Committee of said Society.

Records subject to inspection of the Legislature.

[This act passed June 16, 1809.]

## CHAP. II.

An Act to incorporate the Plantation numbered Five, in the County of Washington, into a Town by the name of Calais.

SECT. I. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That the township numbered Five, bounding on Schoodick river in the County of Washington, as described within the following bounds, be and hereby is incorporated and established as a town by the name of Calais, viz.—Beginning at a spruce tree, and heap of stones, being the north-east corner of township

Boundaries.

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