

1783. — Chapter 47.

[January Session, ch 23.]

Chap. 47 AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SOUTH PARISH IN THE TOWN OF BOLTON, TOGETHER WITH DAVID TAYLOR, SILAS CARLEY, JOB SPAFFORD, AND JOHN BRIGIAM, INHABITANTS OF MARLBORO', WITH THEIR ESTATES, INTO A DISTRICT BY THE NAME OF BERLIN.

Preamble.

Whereas it appears on representation to this Court, that it would be productive of public good, and to the benefit and satisfaction of the inhabitants and proprietors of the South Parish, in the town of Bolton, and the above named inhabitants of the town of Marlboro' should they be incorporated into a distinct district, and that all persons immediately concerned are agreeing thereto:

Boundaries.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the lands hereafter described and included within the following boundaries, with the inhabitants thereof, be, and hereby are, incorporated into a district, by the name of Berlin, beginning at a rock, a corner between the towns of Marlboro', Northboro', and Bolton, and running on Northboro' line two miles and one half and forty four rods to a stake and stones, a corner between Lancaster and Bolton; thence northwardly on Lancaster original line, three miles and one half and sixty-two rods, to a stake and stones; thence east twenty-four degrees south, one mile and a half and forty rods to a heap of stones; thence east thirty-seven degrees south, three miles and forty rods to a heap of stones on Marlboro' town line; thence west thirty-one degrees south, on the said Marlboro' line to a stump and stones, a monument on Bolton line; thence south thirty degrees east, thirty-seven rods to a heap of stones; thence east thirty-one degrees south, twenty-one rods to a stump and stones; thence south thirty-two degrees east, forty-two rods to a heap of stones; thence south forty degrees west, forty-six rods to a black oak; thence west twenty degrees north, twenty-eight rods to a heap of stones; thence west forty-one degrees south, sixty-eight rods to a heap of stones; thence east four degrees south, thirty-six rods to a red oak by the river; thence south twenty degrees east, forty-nine rods to a heap of stones; thence twenty-two rods by a town way; thence twenty rods by the said way; thence

angling six rods; thence south seventeen degrees west, twenty-four rods; thence south forty-four degrees east, thirteen rods to a heap of stones; thence west twenty-seven degrees south, fifty-six rods to a heap of stones; thence north eight degrees west, forty-eight rods to a heap of stones; thence west forty rods to a heap of stones; thence west thirty-five degrees south, fifty-nine rods; thence south thirty-one degrees west, sixteen rods to a red oak, a corner of *Joseph How's* land; thence south twenty-eight degrees west, eighteen rods to a white oak; thence south twenty-nine degrees west, thirty rods to a heap of stones on the east side the river; thence thirty rods on the said river to a heap of stones; thence twelve rods by the said river to a swamp oak; thence south forty degrees west, one hundred and sixteen rods to a pine stump; thence west twenty-eight degrees north, seventy-eight rods to a heap of stones; thence west thirty degrees south, twenty-eight rods to a stake and stones by *Joel Brigham's* meadow; thence north thirty degrees west, one hundred and forty-six rods to the bounds first mentioned. And the said district of *Berlin* shall be, and hereby is, invested with all the privileges and immunities of any district within this Commonwealth.

Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said district of *Berlin* shall be subjected to pay their proportionable part of all public debts owing by the town of *Bolton*, at the time of passing this act, according to the present taxable property of the town of *Bolton* and the district of *Berlin*, exclusive of that part of the said district of *Berlin*, which, before the passing this act, was part of the town of *Marlboro'*.

To pay their proportion of public debts.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said district of *Berlin* shall be at their proportionable part of the expence of supporting the poor belonging to the said town of *Bolton*, previous to the passing this act, to be apportioned in like manner as is expressed in the foregoing proviso; and any poor which in time to come may be turned on the said town of *Bolton*, or shall be received and supported by that town, or by the said district, in which soever such poor had their local situation.

And expence of poor.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said district of *Berlin*, shall have a good right to claim and receive one equal third part of all public stock

To receive their proportion of public stock.

of arms and ammunition, belonging, before the passing this act, to the town of *Bolton*.

To join with
Bolton in choos-
ing a represent-
ative.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,
That the said district of *Berlin* may join with the town of *Bolton* in the choice of a representative, which representative may be an inhabitant of the town of *Bolton*, or of the district of *Berlin*, and shall be paid by the town of *Bolton* and the district of *Berlin*, in the same proportion as they pay other public charges, and the selectmen of *Bolton* shall annually, at the usual time for issuing a warrant for notifying the voters to assemble for coming to the choice of a representative, issue their warrant directed to some constable or constables of the district of *Berlin*, to warn the voters of the said district to assemble with the said town of *Bolton* for that purpose.

Those who
belonged to
Marlboro' to pay
part taxes to
said town.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,
That the inhabitants and proprietors of land, which, before the enacting hereof, belonged to that part of the district of *Berlin*, which was part of the town of *Marlboro'* shall be holden to pay all taxes already assessed on them by the town of *Marlboro'* any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Samuel Baker,
Esq; to call a
meeting.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,
That *Samuel Baker*, Esq; is hereby authorized to issue his warrant directed to some principal inhabitant of the district of *Berlin*, requiring him to notify the inhabitants of the said district, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at such time and place as he therein shall direct, to choose all such officers as districts within this Commonwealth are directed and required by law to choose in the month of *March* annually; and the said district of *Berlin* shall be considered as belonging to the county of *Worcester*, and the easterly boundaries thereof shall be the boundaries between the counties of *Middlesex* and *Worcester*.

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Chap. 48 AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING A NUMBER OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE FIRST PARISH IN *MENDON*, IN THE COUNTY OF *WORCESTER*, INTO A SOCIETY BY THE NAME OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY IN *MENDON*.

Preamble.

Whereas a number of the inhabitants of the first parish in Mendon, in the said county hereinafter named,