

Penalty for dis-
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from the duty re-
quired of him.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any person in public or private discourse or conversation, or by any ways or means, shall dissuade or endeavour to prevent any military Officer from performing the duty required of him by this Act, or any person or persons detached or ordered to march for the purposes aforesaid, from marching to the place of rendezvous, or from continuing in the service until regularly discharged, each person so offending, being convicted thereof as aforesaid, shall pay a fine to the use of the Commonwealth, not exceeding *fifty pounds*, and shall recognize for his good behaviour for a term not exceeding three years.

Compensation
shall be made to
the militia.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that compensation shall be made to such part of the militia, as may at any time hereafter be detached or employed agreeably to, and for the purposes mentioned in this Act.

February 20, 1787.

1786. — Chapter 60.

[January Session, ch. 10.]

Chap. 60 AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING THE EASTERLY PART OF THE TOWN OF *DARTMOUTH*, IN THE COUNTY OF *BRISTOL*, INTO A SEPERATE TOWN, BY THE NAME OF *NEW BEDFORD*.

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, *to wit*, beginning at a Bridge lying across a stream that runs through the beach, by a place called *Clark's Cove*, thence running northerly as the main branch of the stream runs, till it comes to a little Bridge lying across the Country road, at the foot of a hill about twenty rods to the eastward of the dwelling house, where *James Peckman*, deceased, last dwelt; thence northerly on a streight line to *Nathaniel Spooner's* Saw Mill; from thence northerly on the west side of *Bolton's* cedar Swamp, till it comes to the dividing line between *Dartmouth* and *Freetown*, near the place called *Aaron's* causeway; thence east twenty two degrees and one half north, in the dividing line between said towns, to a Rock, known by the name of *Peaked Rock*; thence southerly by the Country road that leads from *Dartmouth* to *Boston*, one hundred and eight rods, to the south-west corner of *Ebenezer Lewis's* homestead farm; thence east about three hundred rods in the dividing line,

between *Rochester* and *Dartmouth*, to a large white-pine tree, marked on three sides; thence south six degrees and one half east, in the dividing line, between *Dartmouth* and *Rochester*, to a heap of Stones by the sea; thence westerly, to the first mentioned bounds; with all the Islands heretofore known to be a part of *Acquashnot* village, with the inhabitants dwelling on the lands above described, be, and they are hereby incorporated into a Town by the name of *New Bedford*: and the said Town is hereby invested with all the powers, priviledges and immunities, to which Towns within this Commonwealth are, or may be intitled, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the said Commonwealth.

Vested with powers, &c.

Provided nevertheless, And be it further Enacted, that any of the inhabitants now dwelling on the above described lands, who are or may be still desirous of belonging to the Town of *Dartmouth*, shall at any time, within two years from the passing this Act, by returning their names into the Secretary's Office, and signifying their desire of belonging to said *Dartmouth*, have that priviledge; and shall with their polls and estates belong to, and be a part of the said *Dartmouth*; they paying their proportion of all taxes, which shall have been laid on the said Village of *Acquashnot*, or town of *New Bedford*, previously to their thus returning their names, as they would by law have been holden to pay, had they continued, and been a part of the Town of *New-Bedford*.

Proviso.

Be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the inhabitants of the said town of *New Bedford*, shall pay all the arrears of taxes, which have been assessed upon them, and their proportionable part of what remains unpaid of the Beef tax, so called, together with their proportion of all debts, that are now due from the said Town of *Dartmouth*, and shall support their own poor.

Inhabitants shall pay all arrears of taxes, &c.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the public lands, and the buildings standing thereon, also the town's stock of Powder, and other Town's property, shall be estimated and divided in the same proportion, that each Village paid in the last State Tax, by Committees to be appointed for that purpose, at their annual town meeting in *March* or *April* next: and whatever sum shall be found due to the town of *Dartmouth*, in consequence of the Work house, standing within the line of *New Bedford*, as shall be reported by said Committees, the inhabitants of

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said *New Bedford*, shall pay to the said Town of *Dartmouth*.

Elisha May,
Esq; to call a
meeting.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that Elisha May, Esqr; be, and he hereby is empowered, to issue his Warrant, directed to some principal Inhabitant, requiring him to warn and give notice to the inhabitants of the said Town of New Bedford, to assemble and meet at some suitable place, in the said town, to choose all such Town Officers, as Towns are required to choose at their annual Town meetings, in the month of March or April, annually.
February 23, 1787.

1786. — Chapter 61.

[January Session, ch. 17.]

Chap. 61 AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING A CERTAIN PLANTATION IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, CALLED MAJORBIGWADUCE, OR NUMBER THREE, INTO A TOWN BY THE NAME OF PENOBSCOT.

Preamble.

Whereas the inhabitants of the said Plantation, labor under many difficulties and inconveniencies, for want of being incorporated into a Town: Therefore,

Boundaries.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, that all the lands lying within the following limits, with the inhabitants thereon, viz. beginning at Buck harbour, so called, on the dividing line between Number three and Number four, and from thence running northeasterly, on the westerly line of Number four, Number five, and Number six, to the southerly corner of Number two; thence westerly, on the southerly line of Number two, to Penobscot River; thence southerly, down the same River, and Penobscot Bay, to the southwestermost part of Cape Rozier; thence easterly, including Spectacle Island, to Buck harbour aforesaid, the place of beginning, be, and hereby are incorporated into a Town, by the name of Penobscot; and the said Town is hereby invested with all the powers, priviledges and immunities, that the Towns in this Commonwealth are intituled to, according to law.

Incorporated &
invested with
powers.

Joseph Hibbert,
Esq; to call a
meeting.

And be it further Enacted, That Joseph Hibbert, Esqr. be, and he hereby is empowered, to issue his Warrant, to some principal inhabitant of said Town, to warn the inhabitants thereof to assemble, at such time and place in