

the time appointed for such meeting, signifying the time, place, and business thereof; and the major part of the proprietors, and rightful occupants, so assembled, shall have full power to determine by a major Vote, on any other way of calling meetings in future, and to chuse a Clerk and Surveyor, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their respective trusts, as Town Officers are, and to determine what repairs on the said way or ways, bridge or bridges are necessary, and also each proprietor's and occupant's proportion of labor, and materials necessary for repairing the said way or ways, bridge or bridges; and such Surveyor so chosen and sworn, shall have the same power with respect to such ways or bridges, as the Surveyors of highways are by law invested with, and shall be governed by the same rules as are prescribed by law for their direction; and in case of neglect or refusal of any proprietor or occupant, in attending the said work, by himself or other sufficient person in his stead, or furnishing materials when required by the said Surveyor, necessary for the repair of the said ways or bridges, agreeably to the determination of the said proprietors, he or she shall be subject to the same fines and penalties as are provided in case of town highways, and to be recovered in the same manner.

A surveyor, &c. shall be chosen.

And be it further enacted, That if any Surveyor, chosen as is provided by this Act, shall refuse or neglect to accept that trust, and take the oath aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of *twenty shillings*, to be recovered in manner aforesaid: And all fines and forfeitures incurred by breach of this Act shall be applied for the use of the propriety for repairing the said ways or bridges.

Penalty if any Surveyor neglects to accept that trust.

November 12, 1787.

1787. — Chapter 18.

[October Session, ch. 7.]

AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING A NUMBER OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF WORCESTER, IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER, INTO A SEPERATE PARISH.

Chap. 18

Whereas a number of the inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, belonging to the religious society, whereof the Reverend Aaron Bancroft, is pastor, have petitioned this Court, to be incorporated, for the reasons expressed in their

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petition, and it appearing to this Court reasonable that the prayer be granted:

Incorporated &
invested with
powers.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Senate, and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That Levi Lincoln, Timothy Paine, David Bigelow, Joseph Allen, Palmer Goulding, Benjamin Flagg, John Peirce, John Stowers, John Barnard, Jedediah Healy, William Treadwell, Abel Stowell, Phineas Heywood, Eli Chapin, Cornelius Stowell, Thaddeus Mc'Carty, Samuel Chandler, Abraham Lincoln, Samuel Flagg, Ephraim Mower, John Stanten, Timothy Bigelow, Clark Chandler, John Smith, Samuel Allen, Ignatius Goulding, Daniel Goulding, Edward Bangs, Samuel Bridge, John Goodwin, Jacob Snow, Samuel Brazer, Nathan Heard, Nathaniel Paine, David Bigelow, Nahum Willard, Joel How, Oliver Peirce, Josiah Peirce, Isaiah Thomas, Samuel Fullerton, John Walker, David Chadwick, Ellis Gray Blake, Micah Johnson, Benjamin Andrews, Lemuel Rice, Charles Chandler, Andrew Tufts, Daniel Clap, Benjamin Green, Joseph Torry, William Gates, Samuel Warden, Winthrop Chandler, William Johnson, William Jenneson, Anthony Paine, John Paine, Elias Mann, Peter Stowell, Thomas Stowell, Benjamin Butman, the petitioners, & members of the said religious society, together with their polls and estates be, and hereby are incorporated into a parish by the name of the second parish in the town of Worcester, with all the privileges, powers and immunities which other parishes in this Commonwealth, are intitled to, by law.

Inhabitants at
liberty to join
either parish.

Proviso.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that any of the Inhabitants of the said Town, shall at all times hereafter have full liberty to join themselves with their families to either of the parishes in the said Town: Provided they shall signify in writing under their hands to the Clerk of the said Town, their determination of being considered as belonging to the parish to which they may join themselves as aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the members of each respective parish, & their families, shall be deemed and considered as continuing members of their respective parishes, with their Estates, for the time being, until they shall signify their determination to the contrary, as above expressed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,

that *Levi Lincoln*, Esq; be, and hereby is authorized, to issue his Warrant, directed to some principal member of the said parish, requiring him to warn the members of the said parish, qualified to vote in parish affairs, to assemble at some suitable time and place in the said Town, to choose such Officers, as parishes are by law required to choose in the month of *March* or *April* annually, & to transact all matters and things necessary to be done in the said parish.

Levi Lincoln,
Esq. to call a
meeting.

November 13, 1787.

1787. — Chapter 19.

[October Session, ch. 8.]

AN ACT FOR THE FURTHER REGULATING THE ASSIZE OF BARREL BEEF AND PORK.

Chap. 19

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing this Act, every barrel of Beef salted for sale or exportation, shall contain at the least, two hundred pounds weight of beef; and every half barrel, one hundred pounds weight of Beef, consisting of a due proportion of the best as well as the poorest part of each quarter respectively, without having any part culled out; to be packed in good sound full bound Casks: and from and after the first day of *August* next, every barrel and half barrel of Beef, so packed, shall be in white oak Casks, clear of sap, and full bound. And from and after the passing this Act, every barrel of Pork salted for sale or exportation, shall contain at the least two hundred pounds weight of Pork, and every half barrel one hundred pounds weight of Pork; consisting of a due proportion of the best as well as the poorest part of each Hog, without having any part culled out; and each barrel containing not more than three half heads, and six legs, to be packed in good sound white oak full bound Casks: And from and after the first day of *August* next, every barrel of Pork so packed, shall be in white oak Casks, clear of sap and full bound. And the several Packers of salted beef and pork within this Commonwealth, are hereby directed to govern themselves accordingly, under the same penalties as are already in such cases by law provided.—And for the more effectually carrying into execution the provisions of this Act:

Quantity each
barrel &c. shall
contain, & how
packed.