

and every Clause and Paragraph therein, except so far as it may respect any Actions already commenced, or offences committed.

This Act to continue & be in force, for the term of *ten* Limitation. years from the passing thereof, and no longer.

June 12, 1788.

1788. — Chapter 3.

[May Session, ch. 3.]

AN ACT FOR SETTING OFF A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND, BELONGING TO THE TOWN OF *BELCHERTOWN*, IN THE COUNTY OF *HAMPSHIRE*, AND FOR ANNEXING THE SAME TO THE TOWN OF *PELHAM*.

Whereas a number of the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, have petitioned this Court, to be set off from said Belchertown, and annexed to the Town of Pelham, and it appearing to this Court, to be reasonable, that the prayer of said petition should be granted. Preamble.

Be it therefore enacted by the Senate & House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same; That the land belonging to Belchertown, with the inhabitants thereon, contained within the boundaries hereafter mentioned and described, to wit, beginning at a stake and stones upon Pelham south line, at Paul Thusten's north east corner, then running southwardly, upon the east side of said Paul Thusten's, Thomas Thusten's & Francis Stratton's land, until it comes to said Francis Stratton's south east corner, then westwardly on the south line of said Stratton, John Glass, Elisha Munsel & John Peso, until it comes to said John Peso's southwest corner, then running northerly a parallel line with the east line to Pelham south line, then east on Pelham south line, to the first mentioned corner or bound, be, and hereby are set off from the town of Belchertown, and annexed to the Town of Pelham, and shall forever hereafter, be considered as belonging to, and making part of the said Town of Pelham: Boundaries.

Provided nevertheless, that nothing in this act, shall in any manner affect or discharge the taxes already assessed or ordered to be assessed, in the Town of Belchertown, but the inhabitants aforesaid, shall be considered as held to pay all such taxes, which remain due and unpaid, from the said inhabitants respectively: Reserving however, the Proviso.

right of the Town of *Belchertown*, of taxing the inhabitants aforementioned, their proportionable part of all public taxes, that shall be ordered to be assessed on the Town of *Belchertown*, until a new valuation shall take place in this Commonwealth, & no longer. *June 16, 1788.*

1788. — Chapter 4.

[May Session, ch. 4.]

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT INTITLED, "AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING A NUMBER OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF *AMHERST*, IN THE COUNTY OF *HAMPSHIRE*, INTO A SEPARATE PARISH, BY THE NAME OF THE SECOND PARISH, IN THE TOWN OF *AMHERST*."

Preamble.

Whereas further provision is necessary for the support of public worship, in the said town of Amherst, and to promote the peace & mutual good will of the inhabitants thereof.

Inhabitants considered as belonging to that parish where they attend public worship, &c.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Senate & House of Representatives in General Court assembled, & by the authority of the same, that the inhabitants of the said town of *Amherst*, shall be taken and considered as belonging to that Parish, in the said town, where they have usually attended public worship for the term of one year, next before the passing of this Act, and that in future the inhabitants of the said town, with their heirs and successors, shall have liberty to attend public worship at that Parish in the said town, which they shall prefer, and shall pay parochial taxes where they shall so attend, they producing to the respective Assessors, a Certificate from the minister of the Parish to which they shall remove, or from the Parish Clerk, in case there be no minister, that they have generally attended public worship there, for the space of one whole year together, next preceeding the date of such Certificate; and previous to such removal, entering their names, expressing their intention, with the Clerk of the Parish from which they shall remove.

Taxes already assessed, how collected.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all taxes or arrears of taxes, which have been assessed in consequence of, and agreeably to the incorporation Act of the said second Parish, shall be collected in the same manner, as if this Act had not been made: Provided that the sons of the inhabitants of the second Parish, that have been taxed by the first Parish, and those who have re-