

made & passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty four, are not such as were expected, and that the benevolent views in instituting said Society will be greatly promoted should the said Act be repealed & some alterations be made in the said Act of incorporation:

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled & by the authority of the same, that the said Act made and passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty four intituled “An Act in addition to an Act for incorporating *Jonathan Gardner junior* & others therein named into a Society, by the name of the Marine-Society at *Salem* in the County of *Essex* in the Province of the *Massachusetts Bay* in *New England*,” be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Additional act repealed.

And be it further Enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that the said Marine Society may & shall have as full power and authority, at each of the monthly meetings of said Society for the purpose of electing & admitting Members, as they have by said Act of incorporation, at their annual meeting on the last Thursday of *October*, Provided that no person shall be elected & admitted as a Member thereof at any other meeting of said Marine-Society than the said annual meeting on the last Thursday of *October*, unless two thirds of the Members present at such meeting vote & be in favour of such admission.

Society invested with power.

Proviso.

February 8, 1790.

1789. — Chapter 33.

[January Session, ch. 7.]

AN ACT TO EMPOWER THE PROPRIETORS OF THE SOUTH MEETING HOUSE IN SALEM, WHERE THE REVEREND DANIEL HOPKINS OFFICIATES, TO RAISE MONEY TO DEFREY MINISTERIAL AND OTHER NECESSARY CHARGES.

Whereas application has been made to this Court by the Proprietors of the South Meeting House in Salem, desiring that they may be empowered to raise money by an assessment or tax on the Pews & seats in the said Meeting House, to defrey Ministerial & other necessary charges —

Preamble.

Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, that the proprietors of the said Meeting House be and hereby are authorized & impowered to raise

Proprietors impowered to levy a tax.

by an assessment or tax on the Pews and seats in said Meeting House, such sum or sums as shall be agreed upon by the Proprietors, or the major part of such of them as shall be assembled at any legal Meeting called for that purpose, for the defreying the ministerial and other incidental charges; and at such Meetings to chuse all officers necessary to manage and transact all the business of the said propriety.

And to the intent that such tax or assessment may be equitably made and duly collected,

— To value
pews, &c.

Be it further Enacted that the Proprietors of the said Meeting House be & hereby are empowered to cause the Pews and Seats in the said Meeting House to be valued according to the convenience of said Pews & Seats & their situation, and to put a new estimate on the Pews & Seats from time to time as shall be found necessary, & to determine how much each Pew and seat or part of a Pew or seat shall pay towards defreying the charges aforesaid, and the time and manner in which the same shall be paid, and appoint a Collector or Collectors to collect the sum or sums so agreed to be raised, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his or their said trust; and if any Proprietor or owner of a pew or seat in the said Meeting House shall neglect or refuse to pay the sum or sums assessed thereon, after having twenty days notice thereof, given him by the Collector or Collectors, the Proprietors of the said Meeting House shall be and hereby are empowered by themselves or by their Committee, to sell or dispose of the Pew or seat of such delinquent, according to the valuation thereof as aforesaid; and with the money raised by such sale to pay the Assessment or tax on said Pew or seat remaining unpaid, together with the charges arising on the sale; the overplus, if any there be, to be returned to the owner thereof—

— To choose
Collectors.

— To dispose
of pews, in case.

Proviso.

Provided nevertheless, that when the owner of any Pew or Seat shall make a tender of the same to the proprietors or to their Committee at the valuation aforesaid, and they shall refuse or neglect to accept the same, no sum shall be deducted out of the sale of said Pews or seat, but such only as shall have become due before the making of such tender.

Richard Ward,
Esq; to issue
his Warrant.

And be it further enacted that *Richard Ward* Esqr. be and he hereby is empowered to issue his warrant to some principal proprietor of said Meeting House, requiring him

to warn the proprietors thereof to assemble and meet at such time and place as by said warrant shall be appointed to chuse all such necessary Officers as by law are required to be chosen in the month of *March* or *April* annually.

February 15, 1790.

1789. — Chapter 34.

[January Session, ch. 8.]

AN ACT REPEALING AN ACT PASSED IN *JULY* IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND FORTY ONE, ENTITLED “AN ACT TO PREVENT UNNECESSARY PETITIONS TO THE GREAT AND GENERAL COURT.”

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, that the said Act, entitled “An Act to prevent unnecessary Petitions to the Great and General Court” be, and hereby is repealed & made void.

Law repealed.

February 17, 1790.

1789. — Chapter 35.

[January Session, ch. 9.]

AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING THAT PART OF THE TOWN OF *SWANZEY* KNOWN BY THE NAME OF *SHEWAMET* IN THE COUNTY OF *BRISTOL* INTO A SEPERATE TOWN BY THE NAME OF *SOMERSET*.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, & by the authority of the same, that the lands hereafter described and bounded as follows *Viz* — Northerly partly on *Dighton* & partly on the antient *Swanzey* line, eastwardly on *Taunton great river* so called, southerly on *Lee's river* so called, westerly, partly on *Lee's river* and partly on the antient line of *Swanzey* including all the lands formerly known by the *Shewamet* purchase however otherwise the same may be bounded, with all the inhabitants thereon be & hereby are incorporated into a town by the name of *Somerset*; and the said town is hereby invested with all the powers privileges and immunities to which towns within this Commonwealth are or may be intituled, agreably to the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth —

Boundaries.

Somerset incorporated.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the inhabitants of the said town of *Somerset*, shall pay all

To pay their proportion of just debts.