

sued for and recovered by any proprietor of said Beach Meadow or Creeks, before any Justice of the Peace within and for the County aforesaid, by action of debt to the sole use and benefit of the person who shall make complaint thereof & prosecute for the same :

Provided nevertheless, that if any agent or agents appointed by the proprietors aforesaid, shall prosecute, and recover any penalties incurred by this Act, the penalties so recovered shall be for the use and benefit of said Proprietors : *Provided also*, that the proprietors and owners of the said Beach, Meadow and Creeks, and the land adjoining said Beach, shall be held to maintain and keep in usual repair, the fence from *short neck*, so called, to a place called *Mattakessett Bay*.

Provisos.

And whereas the opening a small pond, called the Oyster pond, in the town aforesaid, in certain seasons of the year is found prejudicial to the fisheries in said Creeks;

Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any person or persons whatever from and after the passing this Act shall presume to dig, or make any opening from the said *Oyster pond* into the Sea, from the tenth day of *March* to the twenty fifth day of *April* annually, each, and every person so offending shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than *three pounds*, nor more than *fifteen pounds*, to be sued for and recovered in any Court proper to try the same, in the County aforesaid ; the one moiety thereof for the benefit of the poor of said town, the other moiety for him or them who shall sue for, and recover the same.

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

Term of continuance.

March 7, 1791.

1790. — Chapter 31.

[January Session, ch. 17.]

AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING A NUMBER OF INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF *WINDHAM* IN THE COUNTY OF *CUMBERLAND*, INTO A RELIGIOUS SOCIETY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, that *Ichabod Hanson, Daniel Pettingill, Jacob Elliot, Jacob Elliot Junr., Peter Bolton, Ezekiel Hanson, James Bolton, Joseph Hutchinson, Samuel Hutchinson, John Muckford, Robert Muckford, Eben Proctor, Wil-*

Persons incorporated.

liam Proctor, Richard Shane, Samuel Hanson, William Hanson, Andrew Twombly, Joseph Elder, Ezra Hanson, Charles Elder, Simon Lore, Moses Pattengill, Josiah Webb, Daniel Crockett, Richard Stevens, Robert Millions, Jonathan Stevens, Thomas Millions, John Windship, Richard Windship, Gersham Windship, Thomas Crague, Joshua Windship, Joseph Chesley, Ichabod Hanson junior, Samuel Lord, Stephen Hutchinson, Nicholas Anthoine, Josiah Austin, William Mayberry, Jonathan Robbards & Samuel Robbards the petitioners, together with their families and estates, be & they hereby are incorporated into a religious Society, by the name of the *Baptist Society in the town of Windham*, with all the privileges, powers and immunities which any parish or corporate religious Society in this Commonwealth is intitled to by Law.

Josiah
Thatcher, Esq.
to issue his
warrant.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that *Josiah Thatcher Esqr.* be and he hereby is authorized to issue his warrant, directed to some principal member of said Society, directing him to warn the members thereof to assemble at some suitable time and place in said town, to chuse such Officers as are required by law to be chosen by parishes in the month of *March* or *April* annually, & to transact all such matters and things as may be necessary and can legally be done in said Society.

March 7, 1791.

1790. — Chapter 32.

[January Session, ch. 18.]

AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING A NUMBER OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF GORHAM IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND INTO A DISTINCT SOCIETY.

Persons
incorporated.

Be it enacted by the Senate & House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, that *George Thombs, Enoch Waite, Ebenezer Hamblin, Nathaniel Stevens, Daniel Mann, Samuel Crocket junr., Charles Thombs, Lemuel Hicks, Barnabas Bangs junr. Thomas Bangs, William Burton, Gershom Hamblin, Isaac Elder, Nathaniel Freeman, Samuel Thombs, Andrew Cobb, Barnabas Bangs, William File, Elisha Strout, George Hamblin, Jonathan Freeman, James McCorson, Amos Rich, James Ross, Ebenezer Bangs, Lemuel McCouren, John Ward, Ebenezer Cotton, Joel Sawyer, David Elvil Morton, Ebenezer Morton,*