

And in order that such Action or Actions may be supported against a Plantation,

Be it further enacted that each Plantation in the said Commonwealth, from which any State Tax or Taxes now remain due and unassessed, or from which any State or County Tax shall hereafter be requir'd as aforesaid, be and hereby is made a body politic and corporate for the purposes aforesaid, and liable to such Action or Actions with full power to defend the same, in the same manner as Towns by law, may defend Suits against them.

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Be it further enacted that this Act shall continue and be in force for the term of three years from passing the same.

Approved February 26, 1794.

1793. — Chapter 58.

[January Session, ch. 33.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE A RELIGIOUS SOCIETY BY THE NAME OF THE METHODIST SOCIETY IN THE FIRST PARISH OF LYNN IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the Authority of the same that Benjamin Johnson, Micajah Newhall, Enoch Mudge, Henry Hollowell, Moses Goodridge, David Walker, Eleazer C. Richardson, James Newhall junr. John Messervey, Zachariah Atwell, Ezra Allen, John Breeden, Daniel Newhall junr. Daniel Lindsey, Burrell Devereux junr., Holton Johnson, James Sealand, John Newhall, Nathaniel Newhall, Thomas Bowler, William Farrington, Amos Farrington, William Farrington junr. Thomas Farrington, James Williams, Rand Graves, James Nourse, Abijah Ramsdell junr. John D. Atwell, Daniel Parrot, Daniel Gallusha, Samuel Green, Eleazer C. Ingalls, Samuel H. Green, Michajah Burell, Theophilus Bacheller, Benjamin Burell, Abijah Ramsdell, Jonathan Rhodes, Samuel Collins, Samuel Fearn, James Fearn, Daniel Newhall, Henry Burchsted, Theophilus Hollowell, Hanson Newhall, John Ireson, Robert Mansfield, Nathan G. Pratt, Rufus Mansfield, John M. Mansfield, Levi Gowdey, Rufus Mansfield junr. Ezra Brown, Daniel Watts, Allen Newhall, Tomson Burrell, Robert Spinney, James Pratt, Nathan Sargent, Abner Inguls, James Bacheller, Joseph Johnson, Benjamin Johnson junr., Thomas A. Breed, Timothy Johnson, Joseph Johnson junr., Timothy Newhall, Daniel Parrot junr. Joseph Par-

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rott, William P. Kentisbear, Benjamin Parrott, Benjamin Alley junr. Richard Pratt, Benjamin Parrott junr. Rufus Parrott, Ebenezer Kenney, William Lewis, Ebenezer Burrell Nathan Mudge, Timothy Munro, Samuel Bacheller, John L. Johnson, Timothy Newhall junr., Nathaniel Lewis, John Lewis, Edmund Lewis, Benjamin Lewis, Daniel Ingulls, Henry Richards, Joseph Lewis, Jonathan Ingulls, James Lewis, John Ingulls, Joseph Blaney, Daniel Chace, Daniel Fuller, Joseph Fuller, Richard Whitmore, Susannah Burrage, Samuel Burrell, Richard Richards, Joseph Richards, Isaac Proctor, Edmund Clark, Nathaniel Lewis, Eleazer Ingulls, Ephraim Brown, Samuel Ireson, Nathaniel Ingulls, Edmund Ingulls junr. John Ingulls junr. Samuel Ingulls, Amos Starker, James Parrott, Samuel Martin, Shadrach Ramsdell, Henry Ingulls, William Ramsdell, John Nickels, Ebenezer Newhall junr., Thomas Cheever junr., Joseph Breed junr. Raphaël Wheeler, Theophilus Breed, Joel Breed, Nehemiah Ramsdell, Benjamin Spinney, Foster Newhall, Susannah Flagg, Ebenezer Newhall, Benjamin Newhall junr., Ebenezer Mansfield, Ephraim Alley, Jonathan Mansfield, Aaron Newhall Members of a Religious Society in the Town of Lynn in the County of Essex and all others Inhabitants of said Town who shall become Members of said Society by the purchase or other Ownership of a Pew or Seat in their Meeting House or by usually worshipping with such Society, and thereupon obtaining a Vote of admission as a Member by the Society at a legal Meeting for that purpose, shall be, and they and their Successors, hereby are, incorporated, and made a Body Politic, and Corporate, by the name of the Methodist Society in the first Parish of Lynn, and shall have and enjoy, so long as they shall usu[s]ally support and maintain a Public Teacher of Piety, Religion and Morality all and singular the priviledges and immunities, of a Religious Society, and the Powers and Authorities of a Parish for the Assessment and Collection of any Taxes which shall be Voted and agreed to be levied by such Society at a regular Meeting, for the support of their Institution of Public Worship and any uses of Christian Charity. And the said Society if they see cause may assess and levy their Taxes, or any part thereof, upon the Pews or Seats, of their Meeting House, and may agree upon any method of recovering the same by the Sale of such Pew or Seat, which shall be thought just and con-

> Name of the Society.

Empowered to raise taxes.

venient at the time when such Assessment shall be ordered. And the said Society may elect annually, and at any other time in case of vacancy and as they shall agree a Clerk and Treasurer and any other Officers which they shall find necessary for the conduct of their affairs, and may sue, and shall be liable to be sued by their corporate name, and thereby shall pursue answer and defend in any Suit. *Provided* that no person not herein named, shall be considered as a Member of the said Corporation, untill it shall be certified by the Clerk thereof, to the Clerk of the Parish or Town wherein such person is, at the time holden for Parish Taxes, and such Certificate delivered accordingly. *And Provided also* that any member of said Society leaving with the Clerk or Treasurer thereof, a Certificate in writing, of his intention to withdraw therefrom shall not be liable in person or Estate to pay any proportion of any Tax thereafter Voted and assessed by said Society but shall be considered as a member of the Parish in which he resides.

Society may elect Officers.

Proviso.

And be it further enacted, that John Carnes Esqr. be and he is hereby authorized to issue his Warrant, directed to some principal member of said Society, requiring him to warn the first Meeting of the Members qualified to Vote in their Affairs to be holden at some convenient time and place, for the choice of a Clerk and Treasurer, and any other Officers which shall be necessary and to agree upon a method of calling future meetings, and to transact any other matter respecting the affairs of said Corporation which shall be set forth in such Notification.

John Carnes, Esq. to issue warrant.

Approved February 26, 1794.

1793. — Chapter 59.

[January Session, ch. 32.]

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RELIEF AND SUPPORT, EMPLOYMENT AND REMOVAL OF THE POOR, AND FOR REPEALING ALL FORMER LAWS MADE FOR THOSE PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, that every Town and District, within this Commonwealth, shall be holden to relieve and support all poor and indigent persons lawfully settled therein, whenever they shall stand in need thereof; and may vote and raise monies therefor, and for their employment, in the

Towns authorized to support poor —