

way and manner as shall be agreed on by said Proprietors and after deducting from the sale thereof the said Tax, or Assessment, with the Interest thereon, accruing as aforesaid and the Charges of the Sale; the Overplus (if any) shall be paid to the Person so delinquent.

Members em-  
powered to hold  
and dispose of  
estates.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* that the Members of the said Congregational Society, are hereby Authorized and empowered, to take into possession all the Lands and other Estate and donations that by any means doth belong to the said Society, and to dispose of the Use or Income of the same in any way, for the use of the said Society, as shall by them be judged most conducive to the interest and benefit of the same.

Appropriations  
of monies.

*And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* that the members of the said Society be empowered to collect and improve the whole of the Ministry money which belongs to the first Congregational Society in Sutton, and all other Donations that have been, or may hereafter be made to said Society, for the support of a Congregational Minister in said place; and that the members of said Society be authorized and empowered to receive Members, whenever applications are made therefor; and that the Members and all others, who may hereafter become their Associates, being Inhabitants of the Town of Sutton, and their several estates, shall not be liable to be taxed for the support of public Worship in any other society in the said Town of Sutton.

Solomon Le-  
land, Esq. to  
issue warrant.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* that Solomon Leland Esqr. be, and is hereby empowered and directed to issue his Warrant to some principal Member of said society, requiring him to warn the Members thereof to meet at such time and place as shall be therein set forth, to choose all such officers, as are necessary for transacting the business of said Society.

*Approved June 25, 1794.*

## 1794.—Chapter 19.

[May Session, ch. 19.]

AN ACT INCORPORATING A NUMBER OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF TOPSHAM IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN INTO A DISTINCT & SEPERATE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate & House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the*

same that John Merrill esqr. Stephen Doughty, Actor Patten, Hugh Wilson, Robert Cleaves junr. James Purrinton junr. Ebenr. Farrin William Bragdon John Starboard junr. John Hewey, John Dugan, Joseph Jack, Elnathan Hinckley Alexander Thompson Elijah White Benjamin Wooddard, Moses Hodgkins, John Sandford, John Waire, William Hunter, Saml. Wilson, Calvin Wade, Thomas Smith, John Starboard, Luther Hall, Thomas Ridout, John Reed, William Malcom, Robert Cleaves, John Willson, Joseph Hayley, Humphrey Thompson, William Sears, Moses Owen William Collamore, Nathan Wyman, Hezekiah Wyman, William Wyman and James Purrinton, members of the said religious society, together with their polls and estates be, and they are hereby incorporated by the name of The Baptist religious society in Topsham with all the priviledges, powers and immunities which other parishes in this Commonwealth are by law entitled to.

Persons incorporated.

*And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid* that any, and every person in the town of Topsham aforesaid, who may at any time hereafter actually become a member of and unite in religious worship with said Baptist Society, and give in his or her name to the Clerk of the parish to which he or she belonged with a certificate signed by the minister or Clerk of said Society that he or she hath actually become a member, and united in religious worship with said Baptist religious Society fourteen days previous to the parish meeting therein to be holden in the month of March or April annually shall from and after giving such certificate with his or her polls and estates be considered as a member of said Society.

Members constituted.

*And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid,* that when any member of said Baptist Society shall see cause to leave the same, and unite in religious worship with any other religious Society in the town or parish in which he or she may live, and shall give in his or her name to the Clerk of the said Baptist Religious society, with a Certificate signed by the minister or clerk of the parish or other incorporate religious society fourteen days previous to their annual meeting in March or April, and shall pay his or her proportion of all monies voted in said society to be raised previous thereto, shall from and after giving such certificate with his and her polls and estates be considered as a member of the Society to which he or she hath so united.

Method of leaving the Society and joining another.

Francis Winter,  
Esq. to issue  
warrant.

*And be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid that Francis Winter Esqr. be, and he is hereby authorized to issue his Warrant directed to some principal member of the society requiring him to warn the members of the Society qualified to vote in parish affairs, to assemble at some suitable time and place in said Topsham to chuse such parish Officers as are by law required to be chosen in the month of March or April annually, and to transact all business which other parishes are authorized to transact at their annual meeting.*

*Approved June 26, 1794.*

### 1794. — Chapter 20.

[May Session, ch. 20.]

AN ACT, RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, PROPOSED BY THE TWO HOUSES OF CONGRESS, TO THE LEGISLATURES OF THE SEVERAL STATES.

Article pro-  
posed to be  
amended.

Whereas the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, did on the second day of December, one thousand, seven hundred, and ninety three, Resolve (two thirds of both Houses concurring) “that the following Article be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; which when ratified by three fourths of the said Legislatures, shall be valid as part of the said Constitution;” *viz*; “the Judicial Power of the United States shall not be construed to extend to any Suit in Law, or Equity, commenced or prosecuted, against one of the United States, by Citizens of another State, or by citizens or Subjects of any foreign State.”

Ratified and  
confirmed.

*Be it therefore Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, that the said Amendment be, and it is hereby agreed to, ratified and confirmed on the part of this Commonwealth, to become valid as part of the Constitution of the United States, as soon as the same shall be ratified by three fourths of the Legislatures of the several States.*

*Approved June 26, 1794.*

### 1794. — Chapter 21.

[May Session, ch. 23.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE CERTAIN PERSONS BY THE NAME OF THE NORTH WEST CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY IN NORTH YARMOUTH.

Preamble.

*Whereas a number of the inhabitants of the town of North Yarmouth, have petitioned this Court to be incor-*