

such person shall be held to pay his proportion of all money assessed in the Town or Parish to which he or she belonged previous to that time.

SECT. 3D. *Be it further Enacted* 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, 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 with which he or she may unite, that he or she has actually become a member of & united in religious worship with such other parish or other incorporate religious Society fourteen days previous to their meeting in March or April & shall pay his or her proportion of all money assessed in said Society previous thereto, such person shall from & after giving such certificate with his or her Polls & Estates be considered as members of the Society to which he or she has so united.

How to leave Society.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted* that Francis Winter Esq. be & he hereby is authorised to issue his warrant directed to some principal member of said Society requiring him to notify all the members thereof qualified to vote in parish affairs to assemble at some suitable time & place in said Town of Bowdoinham to choose such parish officers as parishes are by law required to choose, in the Month of March or April annually, & to transact all other matters & things necessary to be done in said Society.

First meeting.

Approved June 20, 1797.

1797. — Chapter 12.

[May Session, ch. 12.]

AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING A NUMBER OF THE INHABITANTS OF NORTH YARMOUTH AND FREEPORT IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND INTO A DISTINCT AND SEPERATE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY, BY THE NAME OF THE BAPTIST RELIGIOUS SOCIETY IN NORTH YARMOUTH AND FREEPORT.

SECT. 1. *Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled & by the authority of the same,* that Ebenezer Collis, John Thomas, John Merril, Samuel Stubbs, Nathan Wesson, Oliver Byram, John Drinkwater, James Field, Samuel York, Sherbi Pratt, Hezekiah Corlis, Joshua Corlis, Winthrop Boston, David Drinkwater, William True, Thomas Chace, John Millikin, Joseph Banks, David True, Jacob Brown,

Persons incorporated.

Samuel Thompson, William Mitchell, Josiah Cummings, Thomas Wentworth, Seth Mitchell junr. Comfort Videto, Stephen Blasdell, Alexander Mills, Jeremiah Stubbs John Sargent, Nathl. Gooch, Hiram Hatch, William Chace junr. Samuel Merrill, Samuel Larrabée, John Brown, Moses Merrill, Lemuel Tuck, Joseph Videto, Enoch Harvey, Israel True, Members of the said Religious Society, with their polls and Estates be and they are hereby incorporated by the name of the Baptist Religious Society in North Yarmouth & Freeport, with all the Privileges, Powers & Immunities which other Parishes or Religious Societies in this Commonwealth are by law entitled to.

Corporate name.

How to become a member.

SECT. 2. *And be it further Enacted*, that any person who may hereafter actually become a Member of & unite in Religious Worship with the said Baptist Society, and give in his or her name to the Clerk of either of the Parishes in said Towns of North Yarmouth or Freeport, to which he or she may belong, with a Certificate signed by the Minister or Clerk of the said Baptist Society, that he or she hath actually become a member of and united in Religious Worship with said Baptist Society, fourteen days previous to the Parish Meeting to be holden in the Month of March or April annually, shall from and after giving such Certificate, be considered with his or their polls and estates, as Members of, & belonging to said Baptist Society: *Provided however*, that all such Persons shall be holden to pay their proportion of all monies assessed in the Parish to which they belonged previous to that time.

How to leave Society.

SECT. 3. *Be it further Enacted*, that when any Member of said Baptist Society shall see cause or be inclined to leave said Society and join in Religious Worship with any other Society in either of the Towns of North Yarmouth or Freeport aforesaid, and shall leave a Certificate with the Clerk of the Baptist Society aforesaid, signed by the Minister or Clerk of either of the Parishes, that he or she hath actually become a Member of and united in Religious Worship with said parish or Religious Society, fourteen Days previous to their annual Meeting holden in the month of March or April, and shall pay his or her proportion of all monies voted in said Baptist Society, to be raised previous thereto, such person, shall, from and after giving such Certificate, with his or her polls and estate, be considered as a Member of the Society to which he or she hath so united.

SECT. 4. *And be it further Enacted* that William Martin Esqr. be, and he is hereby authorized to issue his Warrant, directed to some principal Member of the said Baptist Society, requiring him to notify all the members thereof qualified to Vote in parish Affairs, to assemble at some suitable time and place mentioned in said Warrant, to choose all such Officers as Parishes by Law are required to choose in the Month of March or April annually.

First meeting.

Approved June 20, 1797.

1797. — Chapter 13.

[May Session, ch. 13.]

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT FOR REGULATING PILOTAGE IN SEVERAL PORTS IN THIS COMMONWEALTH AND FOR OTHERWAYS REGULATING THE PILOTAGE OF THE PORT OF BOSTON."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, that the penalties incurred by any breach of said Act may be recovered in an Action of Debt to be brought in any Court proper to try the same, by any Person who shall first sue for the recovery thereof to his own use.

Penalties, how recoverable.

Approved June 21, 1797.

1797. — Chapter 14.

[May Session, ch. 14.]

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE TREASURER OF THIS COMMONWEALTH, AND THE TREASURERS OF COUNTIES, TOWNS, AND OTHER CORPORATIONS, FOR THE TIME BEING TO COMMENCE & PROSECUTE SUITS AT LAW UPON SECURITIES GIVEN TO THEIR PREDECESSORS.

Be it enacted by the Senate & House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, that the Treasurer of this Commonwealth, the Treasurers of Counties, Towns Parishes and other Corporations for the time being, be & hereby are authorised & impowered, in their own names and Capacities, respectively, to commence & prosecute to final Judgment and execution, any suit or suits at Law upon any bonds, notes or other securities which have been or shall be given to them or their predecessors in said capacity; & to prosecute to final Judgment & execution any suits which have

Treasurers authorized to prosecute suits on bonds, &c. given to, and suits commenced by, their predecessors.