

1798. — Chapter 15.

[May Session, ch. 14.]

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT REGULATING THE TAKING OF THE FISH CALLED ALEWIVES IN THE TOWN-BROOK SO CALLED IN THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH," PASSED THE TWENTIETH DAY OF JUNE, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY NINE.

Fresh Pond
Brook included.

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, to which this is an addition, and all parts, clauses and provisions thereof, shall extend to include one other Brook in said Town of Plymouth, known by the name of Fresh Pond Brook, in the second Precinct of said Town; and the taking of the Fish aforesaid in said Fresh Pond Brook, is hereby authorized in the same manner and under the same rules regulations and restrictions in every respect, as the same is authorized in and by the Act to which this is an addition, in the aforesaid Town Brook, and no otherwise, — any thing in said former Act notwithstanding. *Provided nevertheless,* that the Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth may, at their annual meeting in March or April, fix and determine at what place in Fresh Pond Brook said fish may be taken.

Proviso.

Approved June 25, 1798.

1798. — Chapter 16.

[May Session, ch. 19.]

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO THE SEVERAL ACTS RESPECTING THE PROPRIETORS OF MIDDLESEX CANAL.

Preamble.

Whereas by An Act passed on the twenty eighth day of February, in the Year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred and ninety five, it is provided and Enacted, That the Corporation of the Middlesex Canal shall have power to receive and hold real estate, as appendant to the same Canal, and for the purpose of facilitating the business of the same, to the value of Thirty Thousand Pounds, over and above the value of the Canal itself: And the Proprietors of said Canal having expressed their doubts whether, in virtue of said Act, they may erect & hold Mills on the same Canal, and on the waters with which it is or shall be connected;

Be it therefore Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the Corporation of the Middlesex Canal, or the Proprietors of the said Canal, in their Corporate capacity, shall have power to purchase and hold any Mill-seats on the waters connected with the same Canal, and Lands to accomodate the same, and thereon to erect Mills; and that all such Lands, or Mill-seats, so held by the said Corporation, shall be liable to be taxed as Real estate in the Towns where the same shall be, according to the Laws in being, for assessing taxes.

May hold mill-seats, &c.

Provided nevertheless, That nothing herein shall be construed to repeal or annul the restrictions under which the said Proprietors and Corporation are laid by former Acts respecting the waters of Shawshine river, or the ponds, brooks, or streams emptying their waters into the same: *And provided also,* That all the Mill-seats and land purchased or received by the said Corporation, shall not exceed the sum of One hundred & thirty thousand Dollars.

Proviso.

Approved June 25, 1798.

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[May Session, ch. 17.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE CERTAIN PERSONS TRUSTEES TO MANAGE THE FUNDS FOR THE PERMANENT SUPPORT OF A PÆDO-BAPTIST CONGREGATIONAL MINISTER, THAT MAY OFFICIATE IN THE MEETING HOUSE NEAR THE FOUR CORNERS, IN THE SOUTHERLY PART OF DIGHTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BRISTOL.

Whereas two tracts of land have been conveyed by deeds of the late Sylvester Richmond Esqr. and Joseph Atwood to certain persons as feoffees in trust to & for the use of the congregation usually assembling at the Meeting house aforesaid; & a fund of about one thousand Dollars having been raised by the sale of the Wood growing on these lands, and otherways, for the support of such officiating minister; & the present feoffees in trust having petitioned the Legislature for an Act of incorporation for the better management thereof, & the lands so conveyed.

Preamble.

SECT. 1ST. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, & by the Authority of the same,* That William Baylies, Sylvester Richmond, John Hathaway, Hodijah Baylies, Joseph Atwood, Silvester Atwood Junr. David Andrews, George Ware,

Persons incorporated.