

vote in Parish affairs to assemble at some suitable time & place in said Town of Clinton to choose such officers as parishes are by law required to choose in the Months of March or April annually, and to transact all other matters & things necessary to be done in said Society.

*Approved June 22, 1799.*

**1799. — Chapter 26.**

[May Session, ch. 26.]

AN ACT, IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED, "AN ACT TO PREVENT FRAUD IN FIRE-WOOD, BARK OR COAL, EXPOSED TO SALE," MADE AND PASSED MARCH SEVENTH, ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY SEVEN.

SEC. I. *Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That all Cord-wood brought in by water into any Town or District for sale, shall be measured by a Measurer duly appointed and sworn, as directed in said Act; & in order thereto, the Wood, so brought in, shall be corded and piled by itself upon the wharf or land whereon the same shall be landed, in ranges, making up in height what shall be wanting in length; at which time it shall be so measured and a Ticket given to the purchaser, who shall be obliged to pay the stated fees or allowance for such service as appointed by the Selectmen.

Wood to be measured on the wharves.

SEC. II. *Be it further Enacted,* That every Wharf-inger, Carter or Driver that shall cart or carry any Fire-Wood from any Wharf or landing-place in any Town or District, shall be furnished by the Owner or Seller of such wood, with a Ticket certifying the quantity the Load contains, and the name of the Driver. And if any Fire-wood shall be carted or carried as aforesaid, without such Ticket accompanying the same; or if any Driver shall refuse to produce and shew such Ticket on demand, to any Measurer duly sworn as aforesaid, or his consent to have the same measured; or if such Tickets shall certify a greater quantity of Wood than the Load contains in the opinion of the Measurer aforesaid, after measuring the same, such Wood shall be forfeited and seized, two thirds to the use of the poor of the Town where offered for sale, & the other one third to the Measurer, or whoever shall prosecute for the same; to be recovered as the other forfeitures in said Act are directed to be recovered. *Pro-*

Carters to be furnished with tickets, and to shew them, when demanded.

Penalty.

Proviso.

*vided nevertheless*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any person or persons who shall transport or cart, or cause to be transported or carted, from any Wharf or Landing-place, to his or their own Dwelling houses or Stores, any Cord-Wood, which he or they shall have purchased on such Wharf or Landing place, or shall have landed thereon upon his or their own account.

Part of a former law repealed.

SEC. III. *Be it further Enacted*, That the proviso in the third Section, and the Proviso in the sixth Section, in said Act, be and they hereby are repealed.

*Approved June 22, 1799.*

### 1799. — Chapter 27.

[May Session, ch. 29.]

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE WILLIAMSTOWN TURNPIKE CORPORATION.

*Be it enacted by the Senate & House of Representatives in General Court Assembled & by the Authority of the same*, that when the Turnpike road provided for, in the Act, to which this is an addition shall be allowed and Approved by the Justices of the Court of Sessions of the County of Berkshire at any term thereof, Then the said Corporation shall be authorized to erect two turnpike Gates on the same in such manner & at such places as the said Court shall direct, And that at each of said Gates the Corporation shall be entitled to receive from each traveller and passenger the same rate of Toll as is provided in the Act aforesaid.

*Approved June 22, 1799.*

Two turnpike gates allowed, with toll.

### 1799. — Chapter 28.

[May Session, ch. 27.]

AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COTTON MILL IN THE TOWN OF REHOBOTH.

*Whereas Samuel Slater has petitioned this Legislature stating his intention to establish a Cotton Mill in the Town of Rehoboth in this Commonwealth and praying an exemption from taxation for a certain time.*

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same:* That all buildings, which may be erected in said Town for the purpose of a Cotton Mill, together with

Mill exempted from taxes.