

1801. — Chapter 80.

[January Session, ch. 56.]

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT, ENABLING PROPRIETORS OF PRIVATE WAYS & BRIDGES TO REPAIR THEM IN EQUAL PROPORTIONS.

Preamble.

Whereas inconveniences have arisen because proprietors aforesaid by said Act, to which this is an addition, are not empowered to raise money and contract with any person or persons to make and keep in repair private ways and Bridges.

Contracts authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the Authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for said proprietors and the rightful occupants of private ways and Bridges, at any meeting legally assembled for that purpose to authorise their Surveyor or any other person or persons to contract by the year, or for a longer or a shorter time, for the making & keeping in repair any private way or ways, bridge or bridges; and at any such meeting may vote to raise any sum or sums of Money they may deem necessary for carrying such contracts into Effect; and may choose assessors who shall assess all sums of money so raised on each proprietor's or Occupant's proportion therein, and shall also deliver true lists of said assessments to the said Surveyor with warrants of distress in form as to substance as is prescribed by law for collecting town and district taxes, and every such Surveyor is hereby authorised & empowered to levy & collect all taxes or assessments for the purposes aforesaid in the same way and manner as Surveyors of Highways are impowered to Collect town Highway taxes, in and by a law "Authorising towns to empower Surveyors or any other persons to enter into contract for the purpose of making and repairing town ways." And if any such Surveyor shall neglect or refuse to pay over the monies so collected to such person or persons as he in his Warrant of distress, shall be required, when demanded; he shall be liable to the same penalties, as in and by the said law is provided in case of Surveyors failing to pay over monies to the town Treasurer in the like Case.

Surveyors to collect assessments.

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