

*Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, & by the authority of the same,* That in all such cases the widow shall be entitled to her apparel, and such other allowance out of the personal estate as the Judge of Probate shall determine necessary, according to her quality and degree, in like manner as the Widow is entitled by virtue of the said act in cases where the personal estate is insufficient to pay the Debts.

Widow entitled to her apparel, &c.

*Approved February 28, 1803.*

**1802. — Chapter 94.**

[January Session, ch. 56.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE, AND ESTABLISH A SOCIETY BY THE NAME OF THE WESTERN SOCIETY OF MIDDLESEX HUSBANDMEN.

SEC. 1ST. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same,* that Ebenezer Bridge, Joseph B. Varnum, Phineas Whitney, Jonathan Newell, Solomon Aiken, John Bullard, Daniel Chafin, Edmund Foster, John Pitts, Parker Varnum, Samuel Pitts, Henry Woods, Timothy Bigelow, Abel Fletcher, Oliver Crosby, Thomas Clarke, Joshua Longley, Ebenezer Bancroft, Timothy Jones, Oliver Prescott junr., Sampson Tuttle, Zachens Wright, Abijah Wyman, Jonathan Fletcher, John Farwell, Francis Kidder, Cornelius Waters, William Tuttle, Benjamin Osgood, Benjamin Fletcher, Benjamin Bowers, Paul Howard, John Wood, John Egerton, Samuel Stone, David Lawrence, Samuel Fletcher, Samuel Lawrence, Jonathan Bancroft, Ephraim Russell, Jonathan Lawrence, Ebenezer Bancroft jun. and Thomas Russell, together with such others who shall become members thereof, be, and they are hereby incorporated into, and made a Body Politic & Corporate by the name of the Western Society of Middlesex Husbandmen.

Persons incorporated.

Corporate name.

SEC. 2D. *Be it further enacted,* that the said Corporation shall be capable of taking and holding in fee simple, or any less estate by gift, grant, devise or otherwise, any estate, real, or personal, the annual income whereof shall not exceed one thousand Dollars, and they may sell, or dispose thereof at pleasure, not using the same in trade.

Allowed to hold real estate.

SEC. 3D. *Be it further enacted,* that the said Corporation may have and use a common Seal, and the same may

Liable to be sued, &c.

alter or change at pleasure, and shall be capable of suing, or being sued in any actions real, personal or mixed in any court proper to try the same.

Laws and regulations may be established.

SEC. 4TH. *Be it further enacted*, that said Corporation may establish and put in execution such bye laws and rules for the Government thereof, as they may think proper, not repugnant to the laws of this Commonwealth: And they may appoint such officers, as they think proper, who shall be capable of exercising such power for the well governing of said Corporation as shall be authorized by the bye laws thereof: And furthermore said Corporation may from time to time admit new Members thereunto when, and in what manner, they may think best: *Provided however*, that every person being a Member of the Massachusetts Society for promoting Agriculture shall be considered as an honorary member of the Western Society of Middlesex Husbandmen, and shall have a right to assemble and vote at all meetings thereof.

Design of the institution.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, that the end and design of the institution hereby incorporated is to promote useful improvements in Agriculture.

First meeting.

SEC. 6TH. *Be it further enacted*, that Ebenezer Bridge Esqr. be, and he hereby is authorized to appoint the time and place for holding the first meeting of said Society, and to notify the Members thereof, by publishing the same in one or more Newspapers printed in Boston, fourteen days at least before the time of such meeting.

*Approved February 28, 1803.*

## 1802. — Chapter 95.

[January Session, ch. 57.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE SUNDRY PERSONS BY THE NAME OF THE PRESIDENT, DIRECTORS AND COMPANY OF THE NORTHAMPTON BANK.

Persons incorporated.

SEC. 1ST. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, that Levi Shepard, Ebenezer Hunt, Jonathan Dwight, Quartus Pomeroy, Ebenezer Lane, Asahel Pomeroy, Jotham Cushman, Edward Upham, John Breck, Oliver Wilkinson, Ebenezer Parsons, Oliver Smith, Samuel Ware junr., Benjamin Smith, Edward Houghton, Thomas Sanderson, Lemuel Dickinson, Charles Phelps, William Porter, Lemuel Pomeroy, Samuel Porter, Jonathan Edwards Porter, Benjamin Prescott, Benjamin