

on such loans, subject to such forfeiture, and right of redemption, as is by law provided.

Corporation  
to loan  
money to Com-  
monwealth if  
required.

SEC. 13TH. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever the Legislature shall require it, the said Corporation shall loan to the Commonwealth any sum of money not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars reimburseable at five annual instalments, or at any shorter period, at the election of the Commonwealth, with the annual payment of interest, at a rate not exceeding five per centum per annum. *Provided however*, that the Commonwealth shall never, at any one time, stand indebted to the said Corporation, without their consent, for a larger sum than fifteen thousand dollars.

*Approved March 1, 1803.*

### 1802. — Chapter 96.

[January Session, ch. 58.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE A NUMBER OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF DIGHTON IN THE COUNTY OF BRISTOL, INTO A RELIGIOUS SOCIETY BY THE NAME OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY IN DIGHTON.

Persons incor-  
porated.

SEC. 1ST. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same*, That Gideon Babbit, Thomas S. Baylies, Edward Briggs, Mathew Briggs, Abner Briggs, James Briggs, Zebedee Briggs, the widow Sarah Briggs, Eliakim Briggs, Eliakim Briggs the second, Samuel Briggs the second, Samuel Briggs the third, John Butler, John Davis, Isaac Hathaway, Nathan Ide, Jonathan Jones, Thomas Pierce, Ephraim Phillips, Darius Phillips, Abiezer Phillips, Abiezer Phillips Junr., Seth Read, Z. Leonard Read, Ebenezer Ræd, Simeon Reed, Simeon Reed Junr., Josiah Richmond, Abraham Shaw, John Stephens, John Stephens Junr., Josiah Talbut, Snow Trafton, Benjamin Trafton, Benjamin Trafton Junr., Ebenezer Walker, Elijah Walker, Nathaniel Walker, William Walker junr., Jonathan Walker junr., Jonathan Williams, Simeon Williams, Joshua Williams, George Williams, Gershom Williams, Zebedee Williams, Jared Williams, David Williams and David Williams Junr., together with their polls and estates be, and they are hereby incorporated into a Society by the name of The first congregational Society in Dighton; with all the powers, privileges and immunities to which parishes are by law entitled, in this Commonwealth.

Corporate  
name.

SEC. 2D. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Society be, and hereby is authorized and empowered to sell or lease the pews in the meeting house in said Dighton, known by the name of The Buck plain meeting house, and to give valid titles to the same; And the monies or other profits or emoluments arising therefrom, shall be applied exclusively to the support of religious worship in the said meeting house: *provided however*, that nothing herein contained, shall be construed to deprive the inhabitants of said town of the right to assemble in said meeting house, in town meetings for the transaction of town affairs.

Pews to be sold or leased.

SEC. 3D. *And be it further enacted*, that any other person in the said town of Dighton, who shall actually become a member of and unite in religious worship with the said First congregational Society, by giving in his or her name to the town clerk of said Dighton with a certificate signed by the minister or clerk of said Society, that he or she has actually become a member of, and united in religious worship with the said First Society in Dighton, fourteen days previous to the town meeting therein, to be held in the month of March or April annually, untill the year one thousand eight hundred and five, shall from and after giving such certificate, with his or her polls and estates, be considered as a member of the said Society.

Method of joining the society.

SEC. 4TH. *And be it further enacted*, That when any member of the said First Society in Dighton, 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 such other Society and obtain a certificate signed by the minister or clerk of such other religious Society with which he or she may so unite, that he or she has actually become a member of, and united in religious worship with such other parish or religious Society, fourteen days previous to their meeting in March or April, within the time aforementioned, and shall previously pay his or her proportion of all money assessed in said Society; and also the amount due from him or her respectively, on any agreement signed by him or her for the support of a minister, such person shall from and after the date of such certificate, with his or her polls and estates be considered as a member of the Society to which he or she has so united.

Method of leaving the society.

SEC. 5TH. *And be it further enacted*, That Thomas Baylies Richmond Esqr. be, and hereby is authorized to

First meeting.

issue his Warrant directed to some member of the said First congregational Society in Dighton, requiring him to notify the members thereof, qualified to vote in parish affairs, to assemble at such convenient time and place as shall be expressed in the said Warrant, to choose such officers, as parishes are by law required to choose in the month of March or April annually, and to transact all other matters and things necessary to be done for the well being of the said Society.

*Approved March 1, 1803.*

### 1802. — Chapter 97.

[January Session, ch. 59.]

AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING CERTAIN PERSONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF LAYING OUT AND MAKING A TURNPIKE ROAD FROM BEVERLY TO NEWBURYPORT; FOR BUILDING THE NECESSARY BRIDGES ON THE SAID ROAD, AND FOR SUPPORTING THE SAME.

Preamble.

*Whereas the making the said road and bridges will be of great public utility, and John Heard Esqr. and others have petitioned this Court for an Act of incorporation to empower them to lay out and make said Road and erect said Bridges, and have subscribed to a fund for that purpose — Therefore —*

Persons incorporated.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, that John Heard, Stephen Choate, William Gray Junr., Jacob Ashton, Asa Andrews, Joseph Swasey, Israel Thorndike, Nathan Dane, William Bartlet and James Prince Esquires, and all such persons as are, or shall be, associated with them, and interested in said fund, and their successors shall be a corporation, by the name of The Ipswich Turnpike — And by that name shall sue, and be sued; and shall have a common Seal, and enjoy all the privileges and powers which are by law incident to a Corporation, for the purpose of laying out and making a Turnpike road from said Beverly over Ipswich Stone Bridge to Newbury port, and for building the bridges aforesaid, and keeping the same in repair, that is to say, a road beginning near the Blacksmith's Shop in Beverly of Nathaniel Batchelder, and from thence to be continued on a Strait line as near as the ground will allow to the highway in Hamilton near Nathan Brown's — thence keeping the Old Road to said Ipswich bridge*

Corporate name.

Course of the road.