

persons living within the limits of the same, as belong to, & usually attend Public worship in the Religious Society of the people called Quakers. *Approved March 8, 1803.*

1802. — Chapter 130.

[January Session, ch. 92.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE A NUMBER OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF NEW GLOUCESTER INTO A SEPERATE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY, BY THE NAME OF THE BAPTIST SOCIETY IN NEW GLOUCESTER.

Whereas by an Act passed the twenty third day of June Ao. Di. 1790, the persons of the Religious Denomination called Baptists, in the towns of New Gloucester & Gray, were incorporated into one Society: And Whereas from the increased numbers and ability of said Society, it has become necessary, that they should be divided, and hereafter become distinct Societies. Preamble.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate & House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, that James Allen, John Everton, Richard Tobie, Richard Tobie Junr., William Grocer, Isaac Gross, Bela Hammond, Eliphalet Haskell, Gedion Haskell, Robert Herring, Levi Harsey, Robert Hunneford, David Lincoln, Robert Martin, John Martin, David Nelson, Thomas Penney, Robert Penney, Josiah Smith, James Stanchfield, Jonathan Somes, Samuel Tyler, Daniel Warren, John Warren, Stephen Washburn, Thomas Wharff, Thomas Wharff Junr., Amos Woodman, Joseph Woodman, John Woodman and David Woodman, with their families & estates, together with such others as may hereafter associate with them, & their successors, be and they are hereby incorporated into a distinct Religious Society, by the name of The Baptist Society in New Gloucester, with all the Powers and privileges, rights and immunities to which other Religious Societies are entitled by the Constitution & Laws of this Commonwealth.* Persons incorporated.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, that any person belonging to the said town of New Gloucester, who may at any time hereafter, see cause to leave the Society, with which he or She has been connected, and shall desire to join with another Religious Society in the said town, and shall give in his or her name, to the Clerk of each of the said Religious Societies, that he or she has united with and actually become a member of such other Religious* Corporate name.

Method of separating from or joining the religious societies in New Gloucester.

Society twenty days at least, previous to the annual meeting of each of the said Societies, and shall pay his or her proportion, of all monies assessed in the Society, previous thereto, such person shall thereafter, with his or her Polls and Estate, be considered, as a member of the Society, with which he or she has so united.

Part of former act repealed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, that so much of the aforesaid Act, passed the twenty fourth day of June One thousand seven hundred and Ninety, as is inconsistent with the intention of the present Act, and as far as concerns the town of New Gloucester, be and the same is hereby repealed.

First meeting.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, that Isaac Parsons Esquire or any other Justice of the Peace in the County of Cumberland, be and hereby is authorised to issue a warrant directed to some member of the said Society, requiring him to notify and warn the members of the said Baptist Society in New Gloucester, to meet at such convenient time and place, as shall be expressed in the said Warrant, to choose all such Officers as Parishes are by Law entitled to choose, in the month of March or April annually.

Approved March 8, 1803.

1802. — Chapter 131.

[January Session, ch. 93.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE AN ACADEMY IN THE TOWN OF BLUEHILL, BY THE NAME OF BLUEHILL ACADEMY.

Preamble.

Whereas the encouragement of literature in the rising generation, has ever been considered by the wise and good, as an object worthy of the most serious attention, as the safety & happiness of a free people, ultimately depend upon the advantages arising from a pious, virtuous, & liberal education.

Whereas it appears that John Peters Esqr. & several other Gentlemen, residing chiefly in the town of Bluehill have subscribed to build & support an Academy for the term of ten Years from the time of incorporation.

SEC. 1. *Be it therefore enacted, by the Senate & House of Representatives in General Court assembled & by the authority of the same*, That there be, and hereby is established in the town of Bluehill, in the County of Hancock, an Academy by the name of Bluehill Academy, for the purpose of promoting true piety & virtue, & for the Edu-

Academy to be established.