

1802. — Chapter 137.

[January Session, ch. 99.]

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

SEC. 1ST. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That Caleb Pearce, Jesse Aldrich, Nathaniel Fisk, Shadrich Haskins, George Haskins, William Walker, James Shaw, William Berry, Gregory Ellis, Henry Haskins, Shadrich Hoar Junr., Joseph Childs, Peter Atkins, Chipman Shaw, Shadrich Hoar, Abe Fisk, Samuel Upton, Simeon Pearce, Elihu Hoar, David Hunt, Ebenezer Vaughan, Abiether Walker, John Eddy, Timothy Upton Junr., Luke Haskins, Amos Thomas, Amos Thomas Junr. Peleg Aldrich, Jesse Pearce, Thomas Vaughan, Isaac Upton, John Lawless, Joshua Wyart, Hab Lyndsey, Barnabas Sears and James Ashley, together with their polls and estates be, and they hereby are incorporated by the name of The Baptist Society in New Salem, with all the priviledges powers and immunities which parishes in this Commonwealth by law enjoy.

Persons incorporated.

Corporate name.

SEC. 2D. *Be it further enacted,* That any person in said town of New Salem who may at any time hereafter actually become a member of and unite in religious worship with said baptist Society, and give in his or her name to the Clerk of the parish to which he or she did heretofore belong, with a certificate signed by the minister or Clerk of said Society that he or she hath actually become a member of and united in religious worship with said baptist society fourteen days previous to the parish meeting therein to be held in the month of March or April annually, shall from and after giving such certificate, with his or her polls and estate be considered as a member of said Society. *Provided however,* That such person shall be held to pay his or her proportion of all monies assessed or voted in the parish to which he or she belonged previous to that time.

Method of joining the society.

SEC. 3D. *Be it further enacted,* That when any member of said Society shall see cause to leave the same, and unite in religious worship with any other religious Society in the town or parish in which he or she may live, and

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shall give in his or her name to the Clerk of the baptist Society aforesaid, signed by the minister or clerk of the parish or other incorporate Society with which he or she may unite, that he or she hath actually become a member of and united in religious worship with such other parish, or other incorporate religious Society, fourteen days previous to their annual meeting in March or April, and shall pay his or her proportion of all monies voted in said Society to be raised previous thereto, shall from and after giving such certificate, with his or her polls and estate be considered as a member of the Society to which he or she may so unite.

First meeting.

SEC. 4TH. *And be it further enacted,* That Varney Pearce Esqr. be and he is hereby authorized to issue his Warrant, directed to some suitable member of said Society, requiring him to warn the members of said Society qualified to vote in parish affairs, to assemble at some suitable time and place in said town of New Salem, to choose such parish Officers as are by law required to be chosen in the months of March or April annually, and to transact all other matters and things necessary to be done in said Society.

Approved March 8, 1803.

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AN ACT FOR FIXING THE TIMES & PLACES OF HOLDING THE COURTS OF PROBATE WITHIN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That the Courts of Probate within and for the County of Middlesex, shall, from and after the first day of April next, be holden at the several times and places hereafter mentioned, that is to say — at Cambridge on the first Tuesdays of January, March, May, July and September, and on the fourth Tuesday of October annually; — at Concord, on the first Tuesdays in February, June August, October and December, and on the Second Tuesday in April annually; — at Framingham, on the third Tuesday in January, and the second Tuesday in June annually; — at Woburn, on the third Tuesday in September, and the fourth Tuesday in April annually; — and at Groton, on the third Tuesday in April and the third Tuesday in October annually.