

distinct Corporations, for two months next succeeding the twenty-second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven, for the purpose of adjusting their corporate concerns, and for no other purpose.

[Approved by the Governor, March 3, 1827.]

CHAP. CVI.

An act to divide the South Parish in Andover into two Parishes.

SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That that part of the said South Parish, herein described, be, and hereby is formed into a separate and distinct Parish, and shall be called and known by the name of the West Parish in Andover, and shall be bounded as follows—viz : beginning at a stake and stones at the line which divides Tewksbury and Andover, near Aaron Frost's, thence Northerly to a hop kiln near Lieutenant Peter French's, thence Easterly to a white oak tree marked, standing on Land of David Barker, near the road leading from Holts' Bridge to Solomon Holts, thence North Easterly to the corner of the road leading from the Paper Mill to Elijah L. Herricks, thence by said road to the Bridge over Shaushin River, near the paper mill, thence down Shaushin River to the line which divides the North and South Parishes of Andover, thence North Westerly by the North Parish line to Merrimack River, thence up Merrimack River to Tewksbury line, thence Southerly by Tewksbury line to the first mentioned bound.

Boundary, &c.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That all the in-

habitants, within the limits and boundaries aforesaid, shall be considered as belonging to said West Parish, and the said Parish is hereby invested with all the powers, rights, privileges and immunities, with which other parishes in this Commonwealth are invested.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That nothing contained in the provisions of this act, shall be construed in any respect to impair or take away the right which the said inhabitants, or any of them, now have either at law, or in equity, to their proportional part of the ministerial fund of the south Parish in Andover aforesaid, or of the interest and income thereof. Ministerial Fund.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That Samuel Merrill, Esquire, or any other Justice of the Peace for the County of Essex, be, and hereby is empowered, to issue his warrant to some principal inhabitant of said West Parish, requiring him to notify and warn the inhabitants thereof to meet at such time and place, as by said warrant shall be duly specified, and then and there choose such officers as may be necessary to manage the affairs of said Parish; and the inhabitants qualified by law to vote, being so assembled, shall be and hereby are empowered to choose such officers accordingly. Choice of officers, &c.

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CHAP. CVII.

An Act relating to Prosecutions for Libel and to Pleadings in Actions for Libel and Slander.

SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That in every pros-