

such offenders are triable; and as there is not by the laws of this province, sufficient provision made for remedying the inconvenienc[*i*]es aforesaid,—

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governour, Council and House of Representatives,

Governor and council empowered to call a special court of assize, &c.

[SECT. 1.] That the governour or commander-in-chief, for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of the council, may, upon such occasions, by precept, directed to the justices of the superiour court of judicature, court of assize and general goal delivery, order and appoint them to hold a superiour court of judicature, court of assize and general goal delivery for inquiring of, hearing and determining all such felonies, on certain days and places by them to be appointed in the county where such offence by law is triable; and that the justices aforesaid, upon the receipt of such precept, shall cause process to issue for summoning grand jurors and petit jurors out of the several towns,—as is usual for the stated courts,—to attend such special court at the time and place appointed by the justices thereof for holding the same, and make out all other necessary process; and do whatever else is or may be requisite to be done for the holding such court, inquiring of such felonies, hearing and determining the same, giving judgment and awarding execution thereon, as fully as the superiour court of judicature, court of assize and general goal delivery might or could do at a time by law appointed for holding such court.

And be it further enacted,

How the court may be adjourned.

[SECT. 2.] That if any such special court can't be held on the day appointed therefor, any one of the justices thereof may adjourn the same from time to time until[1] such court can be held. [*Passed February 11**; *published February 16, 1750-51.*]

CHAPTER 14.

AN ACT FOR RAISING THE SUM OF TWELVE HUNDRED POUNDS BY LOTTERY, FOR BUILDING AND MAINTAINING A BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER PARKER, IN THE TOWN OF NEWBURY, AT THE PLACE CALLED OLDTOWN FERRY.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the building a bridge over the river Parker, in the town of Newbury, in the county of Essex, at the place called Oldtown Ferry, will be of publick service; and *whereas* the town of Newbury have, by Mr. Daniel Farn[a][u]m, their agent, applied to this court for liberty to raise the sum of twelve hundred pounds, by lottery, for building and maintaining a bridge over the said river, at the ferry-place aforesaid, under the direction of persons to be appointed by this government,—

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governour, Council and House of Representatives,

A lottery to be set up in Newbury for building a bridge over the river Parker.

That Thomas Berry, John Greenleaf, Joseph Gerrish and Joseph Atkins, Esquires, and the said Daniel Farn[a][u]m, or any three of them, be and hereby are allowed and impow[*e*]red to set up and carry on a lottery, within the said town of Newbury, amounting to such a sum as, by drawing ten per cent out of each prize, they may thereby raise the sum of twelve hundred pounds; to be applied, by them or any three of them, towards building and maintaining a good and sufficient bridge at the place aforesaid, and for defraying the necessary charges of the lottery aforesaid; and that the said Thomas Berry, John Green-

* According to the memorandum on the engrossment, the bill was signed February 9; but the record has been followed above.

leaf, Joseph Gerrish, Joseph Atkins and Daniel Farn[a][u]m, or any three of them, be and hereby are impow[e]red to make all necessary rules for the regular proceeding therein, and shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their trust aforesaid, and be answerable to the purchasers and drawers of the ticket[t]s for any deficiency or misconduct; and that the money so raised shall be applied to the uses and purposes aforesaid. [*Passed January 29; published February 16, 1750-51.*]

CHAPTER 15.

AN ACT FOR SUPPLYING THE TREASURY WITH TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED MILL'D DOLLARS.

WHEREAS the payment of the publick debts of this government requires a speedy and further supply of the treasury; and as the circumstances of the several towns in the province are so alter'd since the last valuation was taken, as that a just and equal tax can't be levied; therefore,—

Preamble.

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governour, Council and House of Representatives,

[SECT. 1.] That any person or persons may adventure, advance and pay to the managers or directors hereinafter named, three mill'd dollars, and as many times that number of such dollars as they please; and that every adventurer, for every three such dollars so advanced, shall have such right and interest in the lottery hereby established as is hereafter provided.

Persons allowed to take out tickets.

And be it further enacted,

[SECT. 2.] That Samuel Watts, Esq., Thomas Hutchinson, Esq., Joseph Richards, Esq., Mr. Harrison Gray and Mr. James Russel, or any three of them, shall be managers or directors for preparing and delivering out tickets, and to oversee the drawing of lots, and to order, do and perform such other matters and things as are hereafter, in and by this act, directed and appointed by such managers or directors to be done and performed; and that such managers and directors shall meet together, from time to time, for the execution of the powers and trusts in them reposed by this act; and they shall cause books to be prepared, in which every leaf shall be divided into three columns, and upon the innermost of said three columns, there shall be printed eight thousand nine hundred tickets, numbered one, two, three, and so on, progressively, 'till they arrive to the number of eight thousand nine hundred; and upon the middle column, in every of the said books, shall be printed eight thousand nine hundred tickets, of the same breadth and form, and numbered in like manner; and in the extreme column of the said books, there shall be printed a third rank of* series of tickets, of the same number of those of the other two columns: which tickets shall severally be of an oblong figure, and, in the said books, shall be joined with oblique lines, flourishes or devices, in such manner as the said managers and directors, or the major part of them, shall think most safe and convenient, and that every ticket in the third or extreme column of the said books, shall have written or printed thereupon, besides the number of such ticket and the present year of our Lord, these words, "MAS-SACHUSETTS GOVERNMENT LOTTERY."

Names of the managers or directors.

Number of tickets and form.

And it is further enacted,

[SECT. 3.] That the said managers and directors shall, upon payment of three dollars, as aforesaid, for a ticket, from any person or

How tickets are to be delivered.