

oath, to collect and receive the excise aforesaid, which shall become due in such county, and pay in the same to such farmer; which deputy or deputies shall have, use and exercise all such powers and authorities as in and by this act are given or committed to the farmers for the better collecting the duties aforesaid, or prosecuting of offenders against this act.

And be it further enacted, anything hereinbefore contained to the contrary notwithstanding,

[SECT. 16.] That it shall and may be lawful[l] to and for the said farmers, and every of them, to compound and agree with any retailer or innholder within their respective divisions, from time to time, for his or her excise for the whole year, in one entire sum, as they in their discretion shall think fit to agree for, without making any entry thereof as is before directed; and all and every person or persons, to whom the said excise or any part thereof shall be let or farmed, by themselves or their lawful substitutes, may and hereby are impow[er]ed to sue for and recover, in any of his majesty's courts of record (or before a justice of the peace where the matter is not above his cognizance), any sum or sums that shall grow due f[rom][or] any of the aforesaid duties of excise, where the party or parties f[or][rom] whom the same is or [or] shall become due shall refuse or neglect to pay the same.

Farmers may compound with any retailer or innholder.

And be it further enacted,

[SECT. 17.] That in case any person farming the excise as aforesaid, or his deputy, shall, at any time during their continuance in said office, wittingly and willingly connive at, or allow, any person or persons within their respective divisions, not licensed by the court of general sessions of the peace, their selling any brandy, wines, rum or other liquo[ur]s by this act forbidden, such farmer or deputy, for every such offence, shall forfeit the sum of fifty pounds and cost[s] of prosecution; one half of the penalty aforesaid to be to his majesty for the use of the province, the other half to him or them that shall inform and sue for the same, and shall thenceforward be forever disabled from serving in said office.

Penalty for farmers or their deputies offending.

And be it further enacted,

[SECT. 18.] That in case of the death of the farmers of excise in any county, the executors or administrators of such farmer shall, upon their taking such trust of executor or administrator upon them, have and enjoy all the powers, and be subject to all the duties, the farmer had or might enjoy or was subject to by force of this act. [Passed June 4*; published June 16.]

Provision in case of death, &c.

CHAPTER 4.

AN ACT FOR GRANTING THE SUM OF THREE HUNDRED POUNDS FOR THE SUPPORT OF HIS HONOUR THE, LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOUR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

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

That the sum of three hundred pounds be and hereby is granted unto his most excell[en]t majesty, to be paid out of the publick treasury to his honour Spencer Phip[p]s, Esq^[t], lieutenant-governour and com-

Governor's grant.

* So entered on the engrossment; but on the record it appears to have been signed June 3.

mander-in-chief in and over his majesty's province of Massachuset[t]s Bay, for his past services, and further to enable him to manage the publick affairs of the province. [*Passed June 4 ; published June 16.*]

CHAPTER 5.

AN ACT FOR ALTERING THE TIMES FOR HOLDING THE SUPERIOUR COURT OF JUDICATURE, COURT OF ASSIZE AND GENERAL GOAL DELIVERY, NEXT TO BE HOLDEN WITHIN AND FOR THE COUNT[Y][LE]S OF WORCESTER AND HAM[P]SHIRE.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by reason of there being but nineteen days in the month of September next, the superiour court of judicature, court of assize and general goal delivery, cannot this year be held in and for the county of Ham[p]shire, at the time by law appointed for holding the same, nor can the said court this year be holden in and for the county of Worcester at the time by law appointed for holding the same, without great inconvenience to the justices thereof.—

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

Alteration of the times for holding the superior court in the counties of Worcester and Hampshire, 1742-43, chap. 32, § 2.

That the superiour court of judicature, court of assize and general goal delivery, which by law was appointed to be holden yearly at Worcester, in and for the county of Worcester, on the third Tuesday of September, and at Springfield in and for the county of Ham[p]shire, on the fourth Tuesday of the same month, shall this year be holden at Worcester, in and for the county of Worcester, on the second Tuesday of September next, and at Springfield, in and for the county of Ham[p]shire, on the third Tuesday of the same month ; and all appeals made, and all writ[t]s, recognizances, and process returnable to the said court at either of the times heretofore by law appointed for holding the same, shall be returned to, and heard and tryed by the said court at the respective times by this act appointed for holding the same ; and all persons bound by recognizance, or otherwise, to appear at the said court, at either of the times by law heretofore appointed for holding said court, shall in like manner be held and obliged to appear at the said court, at the respective times by this act appointed for holding the same, and abide by and perform the judgment that shall be then given by the said court thereon. [*Passed June 5 ; published June 16.*]

CHAPTER 6.

✓ AN ACT ENABLING THE ASSESSORS OF THE TOWN OF STOUGHTON, FOR THE YEAR 1751, AS ALSO THE ASSESSORS OF THE FIRST AND THIRD PARISHES IN SAID TOWN, TO ASSESS THE INHABITANTS OF SAID TOWN AND PARISHES FOR THE SEVERAL TAXES FOR SAID YEAR; AS ALSO THE CONSTABLES OR COLLECTORS FOR SAID YEAR, TO COLLECT THE SAME.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the assessors of the town of Stoughton, for the year [1751] [*one thousand seven hundred fifty-one*], in making their assessments for said year, assessed the pol[e][t]s at five shillings only, without proportioning the additional sum paid the representative on the pol[e][t]s,