

ACTS

PASSED AT THE SESSION BEGUN AND HELD AT CAMBRIDGE,* ON THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF NOVEMBER, A. D. 1752.

CHAPTER 9.

AN ACT FOR DIVIDING THE TOWN OF GROTON, AND MAKING A DISTRICT BY THE NAME OF SHIRLEY.

WHEREAS the inhabitants of the southwest[ward][er]ly part of the town of Groton, by reason of the difficulties they labour under, being remote from the place of the publick worship of God, have addressed this court to be set off a separte district, whereunto the inhabitants of said town have manifested their consent,—

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

[SECT. 1.] That the southwestwardly part of the town of Groton, comprehended within the following boundaries; viz^l, beginning at the mouth of Squanacook River, where it runs into Lancaster River; from thence up said Lancaster [River], till it comes to land belonging to the township of Stow; thence westwardly, bounding southwardly, to said Stow land, till it comes to the southwest corner of the township of Groton; thence northwardly, bounding westwardly, to Lunenburgh and Townsend, to Squanacook River aforesaid; thence down said river, and jo[y][i]ning thereto, to the mouth thereof; being the first bound,—be and hereby is set off from the said town of Groton, and erected into a separate and distinct district, by the name of Shirley; and that the inhabitants thereof be and hereby are vested with all the powers, privile[d]ges and immunities which the inhabitants of any town within this province do, or, by law, ought to enjoy: *excepting* only the privile[d]ge of choosing a representative to represent them in the great and general court, in chusing of whom the inhabitants of said district shall jo[y][i]n with the inhabitants of the town of Groton, as heretofore has been usual, and also in paying said representative.

Provided, nevertheless,—

[SECT. 2.] The said district shall pay their proportionable part of all such town, county, parish and province charges as are already assessed upon the town of Groton, in like manner as though this act had never been made.

And be it further enacted,

[SECT. 3.] That Mr. John Whitney be and hereby is impowered to issue his warrant, directed to some principal inhabitant in said district, requiring him to notify and warn the inhabitants of said district qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at such time and place as

* Adjourned, the next day, to Boston, where the remainder of the session was held.

shall be therein set forth, to chuse all such officers as shall be necessary to manage the affairs of said district. [*Passed January 5; published January 6, 1753.*]

CHAPTER 10.

AN ACT FOR ERECTING THE SECOND PRECINCT IN THE TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON, INTO A SEPERATE DISTRICT, BY THE NAME OF SOUTHAMPTON.

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

Second precinct in Northampton made a separate district.

Bounds thereof.

Privileges, &c., granted said district.

[SECT. 1.] That the said second precinct in Northampton, bounding north on the Long Division, so called, of common lands in said Northampton; easterly, on the country road, until[1] it comes to the south end of the Mountain Division of Commons; then east on that division, until[1] it comes to Springfield North Line; then on Springfield North Line aforesaid, until[1] it comes to the southeast corner of Northampton bounds; and south on the town of Westfield, and west on the lands, some time since country land, now belonging to David Ingersol[*e*], Esq[*r*], of Sheffield's Equivalent Land, so called,—be and hereby is erected into a seperate and distinct district, by the name of Southampton; and that the said district be invested with all the powers, privile[*d*]ges and immunities that towns in this province, by law, do or may enjoy, that of sending a representative to the general assembly only excepted; and that the said district shall have full liberty and right, from time to time, to join with the town of Northampton in chosing a representative to represent them at the general assembly; and that the district shall, from time to time, be at their proportionable part of the expence of such representative; and that the town of Northampton, as often as they shall call a meeting for the choice of representatives, shall, from time to time, give seasonable notice to the clerk of said district for the time being, of the time and place of holding said meeting, to the end that said district may jo[y][*i*]n them therein; and the clerk of said district shall set up, in some publick place in said district, a notification thereof accordingly.

Provided, nevertheless,—

And be it further enacted,

Proviso.

[SECT. 2.] That the said district shall pay their proportion of all town, county and province taxes, already set on, or granted to be raised by, said town, as if this act had not been made.

And be it further enacted,

Joseph Hawley, Esq., empowered to call the first meeting.

[SECT. 3.] That Joseph Hawley, Esq[*r*], be and hereby is empowered to issue his warrant, directed to some principal inhabitant in said district, requiring him to notify and warn the inhabitants of said district, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at such time and place as shall be therein set forth, to ch[o][*u*]se all such officers as shall be necessary to manage the affairs of said district. [*Passed January 5; published January 6, 1753.*]