

## CHAPTER 13.

AN ACT FOR MAKING AN ADDITION TO THE SECOND PRECINCT IN THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER, AND DIVIDING THE FIRST PRECINCT IN SAID TOWN INTO TWO PRECINCTS.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is made evident to this court that the annexing some of the inhabitants of the first precinct in the town of Brookfield, with their lands, to the second precinct in said town, and the dividing the remainder of said first precinct into two precincts, would serve very much to remove many difficulties and inconvenienc[*e*]s which divers of the inhabitants of said first precinct at present labour under, and also very much to accomodate the greatest part of the inhabitants of said first precinct,—

*Be it therefore enacted by the Governour, Council and House of Represent[at]ives,*

Bounds of the second precinct in Brookfield.

[SECT. 1.] That all the lands in the present first precinct in said town lying northward of a line beginning at the northeast corner of George H[*a*][*e*]rrington's lands upon Spencer line, and running westward by his the said George's lands to Five-Mile River Bridge at the country road; from thence, westerly, on the most southwardly parts and lines of the lands of Thomas Slayton, Captain Nathaniel Woolcot, Thomas Moor, Ebenezer Jennings, John Jennings, Obadiah Rice, William Parks, Josiah Converse, Francis Dodge, Paul Dealand, the heirs of John Green, deceased, Stephen Green and Joseph Ranger, Junr.; and from said Ranger's southwest corner to the southwest corner of William Ayre's meadow, on Coy's Brook, so called, near the place where the old schoolhouse stood; and from thence, northward, on the most eastward parts and lines of the land of John Tuff and Josiah Gilbert, and on the most westward parts and lines of the land of Jeremiah Woodbury and John Hill, to Abner Tyler's land; and from thence, on the most eastward part and lines of the lands of Jacob Abbot and Joshua Dodge and Joshua Dodge, Junr., to the center line of said town; and from thence, all the lands eastward of that part of said center line which is northward of the place where the above-described line meets with the said center line, to New-Braintr[y][*ee*] District, be and hereby are annexed to the second precinct in said town of Brookfield; and that all those persons that now are or hereafter may be inhabitants on said lands, be and hereby are incorporated with the second precinct, and shall be always hereafter obliged to do all precinct duties, and shall receive all precinct privile[*d*]ges, in the said second precinct.

*And be it further enacted,*

Remainder of the lands in Brookfield divided into two precincts.

[SECT. 2.] That the remainder of the lands in the said first precinct in said town of Brookfield be divided into two precincts in manner following; viz<sup>t</sup>, the dividing line shall begin at the southeast corner of Paul Dealand's land, and shall run from thence to the country road in said Brookfield, so as to take in and include all John Rich's land, where he dwells, into the West Precinct or division; and from said country road, said dividing line shall run, in the midst of the town road that leads southward from said country road to the river called Quaboag River, to the southeast corner of Ephraim Bartlet's land; and from thence, westward, southward of all Ephraim Bartlet's and Obadiah Wright's land, to Quaboag River; and from thence the said river shall be the dividing line down said river to the mouth of Salmon Brook; and from thence the dividing line shall run str[eigh][*ai*]t to a large white-oak tree standing in the northeast corner of a tract of land called the Mile-

Bounds of the first precinct.

Square; said tree being a boundary between the townships of Brookfield and Western; and that the lands lying in the said town of Brookfield (and not included in the second precinct), westward of the above dividing line, be and hereby are made a precinct by the name of The First Precinct in the Town of Brookfield; and that the inhabitants of said lands westward of the said dividing line above described, be and hereby are invested with all the powers and priviledges, and subjected to all the duties, that precincts in this province by law are invested with and subjected to; and that the lands lying in the said town of Brookfield (and not included in the second precinct), eastward of the above dividing line, be and hereby are made a separate precinct by the name of The Third Precinct in the Town of Brookfield; and that the inhabitants of the said lands eastward of the said dividing line above described, be and hereby are invested with all the powers and priviledges, and subjected to all the duties, that precincts in this province by law are invested with and subjected to.

Bounds of the third precinct.

*And be it further enacted,*

[SECT. 3.] That all the inhabitants of the lands which by this act are made the first precinct, and all the inhabitants of those lands which by this act are annexed to the said second precinct, be and hereby are and shall forever hereafter be exempted from paying or contributing any part towards the charges and debts that have already arisen or may hereafter arise by reason of the building the new meeting-house, which has lately been erected in said town on the lands by this act made the third precinct in said town, any of the votes of the late first precinct notwithstanding; and that all the materials of the old meeting-house, which was lately standing in said town, now taken down, be equally divided between the said three precincts; and that all the ministerial revenues arising from all and any lands lying in any part of the said town of Brookfield heretofore sequestred to the use of the ministry in said town, shall be always hereafter equally divided between the said three precincts; and that the charge of the committee who were appointed by this court in April, one thousand seven hundred and [fifty][sixty]-four, to view the said town, be born and paid by the inhabitants of said town. [*Passed November 8,\* 1754; published January 23, 1755.*]

Inhabitants of the first and second precincts exempted from all charges of the new meeting-house lately erected.

## CHAPTER 14.

AN ACT FOR SETTING OFF THE INHABITANTS, AS ALSO THE ESTATES, OF THE WESTERLY PART OF OXFORD INTO A SEPERATE DISTRICT, BY THE NAME OF CHARLTON.

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

[SECT. 1.] That the inhabitants, with their lands, on the westerly part of Oxford, beginning on the south side of Oxford, one mile west of the Village line, so called, thence running north, paralel with said Village line to Oxford north line, be and hereby is set off and erected into a separate district, by the name of Charlton; and that said district be invested with all the powers, priviledges 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 inhabitants of said district shall have full power and right, from time to time, to join with the said town of Oxford in the choice of a representative or representatives, who may be chosen either in the town or district, in which choice they shall enjoy all the priviledges which by law they would have been intitled to if this act had not been made.

Bounds of Charlton district.

\* November 7, according to the record.