

*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,*

Moses Marcy,  
Esq., to issue  
his warrants.

[SECT. 3.] That Moses Marcy, Esq., be and hereby is impowered to issue his warrants, 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 chuse all such officers as shall be necessary to manage the affairs of said district. [*Passed November 21.*]

## CHAPTER 15.

AN ACT DECLARING IN WHAT MANNER THE DECREES AND ORDERS OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL, IN CONTROVERSIES CONCERNING MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE, SHALL BE CARRIED INTO EXECUTION.

Preamble.

1692-3, chap. 25,  
§ 4.

WHEREAS in and by an act of this province, made and pass'd in the fourth year of the reign of King William and Queen Mary, it is among other things enacted and declared, that all controversies concerning marriage and divorce shall be heard and determined by the governour and council, but no express provision has been made by the laws of this province for carrying the decrees and orders of the governour and council in such cases into execution,—

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

Persons refusing  
to conform to  
any legal decree  
of governor and  
council, liable to  
be imprisoned.

That if any person shall refuse or neglect to observe and conform to any legal decree or order, whether interlocutory or final, made, or that shall hereafter be made, by the governour and council in any controversy concerning marriage and divorce, every such person shall be and is hereby declared liable to suffer the pains of imprisonment; and it shall and may be lawful for the secretary of the province to issue a warrant, under his hand and seal, by order of the governour and council, directed to any sheriff or his deputy, requiring him forthwith to arrest the body of such person so refusing or neglecting, and him to commit unto his majesty's goal, there to remain without bail or mainprize, until[1] he shall comply with such decree or order made as aforesaid. [*Passed January 8; published January 13, 1755.*]

## CHAPTER 16.

AN ACT FOR GRANTING UNTO HIS MAJESTY AN EXCISE UPON SPIRITS DISTILLED AND WINE, AND UPON LIMES, LEMMONS AND ORANGES.

Preamble.

WE, his majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the representatives of the province of the Massachusetts Bay, in general court assembled, being desirous to lessen the present debt of the province, have cheerfully and unanimously granted, and do hereby give and grant unto his most excellent majesty, for the ends and uses above mentioned, and for no other uses, an excise upon all rum and other spirits distilled, and