

CHAPTER 3.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE PRECINCT OF TETICUT, IN THE COUNTY OF PL[I][Y]MOUTH, TO RAISE A SUM, BY LOTTERY, TOWARDS BUILDING A BRIDGE OVER TETICUT RIVER.

WHEREAS the precinct of Teticut have represented to this court the necessity of building a bridge over Teticut River, and prayed this court would enable them to raise a sum, by way of lottery, for that purpose,—

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

That Samuel White, Esq^[r], of Taunton, Israel Washburn of Raynham, Ephraim Keith and James Keith, both of Bridgewater, and David Alden of Middleborough, or any three of them, be and hereby are allowed and impowered to set up and carry on a lottery, amounting to such a sum, as by drawing ten per cent out of each prize, may raise a sum of two hundred and ninety pounds lawful money, and no more; and that the said sum be by them, or any three of them, applied to the building a good, sufficient bridge over the said river, and paying the charges of said lottery; and that the said Samuel White, Israel Washburn, Ephraim Keith, James Keith and David Alden, or any three of them, be the managers of said lottery, and impowered to make all necessary rules for managing thereof, and shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their said trust; and as well the said managers as the said precinct shall be and are hereby declared answerable to the owners of the tickets, in case of any deficiency or misconduct; and if the sum raised thereby shall be more than sufficient, after paying [*of*] the charges of the lottery, to build the said bridge, the surplusage shall be lodged in the hands of the treasurer of the said precinct, to be put at interest, and the interest applied towards the repairs of said bridge.

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Samuel White, Esq., of Taunton, and others, empowered to have a lottery for building, &c., Teticut bridge.

Said managers, with the precinct of Teticut, to be answerable, &c.

CHAPTER 4.

AN ACT FOR SUPPLYING THE TREASURY WITH THE SUM OF FIFTY THOUSAND POUNDS, FOR DISCHARGING THE PUBLICK DEBTS, AND FOR DRAWING THE SAME INTO THE TREASURY.

WHEREAS the provision heretofore made by this court is insufficient to discharge the debts of the government; and whereas there are and will be several demands upon the treasury, which do and will require speedy payment; therefore,—

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

[SECT. 1.] That the treasurer of the province be and hereby is impowered and directed to borrow from such person or persons as shall be willing to lend the same, a sum not exceeding the sum of fifty thousand pounds in mill'd dollars, at six shillings each, or in other silver at six shillings and eightpence per ounce, for a term not exceeding three years; and the sum so borrowed shall be applied in manner as in this act is hereafter directed; and for every sum so borrowed, the treasurer shall give a receipt and obligation in form following:—

Treasurer empowered to borrow £50,000.

representatives serving in the great and general court during the several sessions for the present year.

And whereas there are sometimes contingent and unforeseen charges that demand prompt pay,—

Be it enacted,

[SECT. 6.] That the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, being the remaining part of the aforesaid sum of fifty thousand pounds, be applied to pay such contingent charges, and for no other purpose whatsoever. £150 for contingent charges.

And in order to draw the money into the treasury again, and enable the treasurer effectually to discharge the receipts and obligations (with the interest that may be due thereon), by him given in pursuance of this act,—

Be it enacted,

[SECT. 7.] That there be and hereby is granted to his most excellent majesty a tax of thirty-six thousand pounds, to be levied on polls, and estates real and personal within this province, according to such rules and in such proportion on the several towns and districts within the same as shall be agreed on and ordered by the general court of this province at their session in May, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-six, which sum shall be paid into the treasury on or before the thirty-first day of March next after. Tax of £36,000 granted, in 1756.

[SECT. 8.] And a further sum of fourteen thousand pounds, the remaining part of the aforesaid sum of fifty thousand pounds, to be levied on polls, and estates real and personal within this province, according to such rules and in such proportion on the several towns and districts within the same as shall be agreed on and ordered by the general court of this province at their session in May, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-seven, which sum shall be paid into the treasury on or before the thirty-first day of March next after. Tax of £14,000, in 1757.

And as an additional fund to enable the treasurer to discharge the said notes,—

Be it enacted,

[SECT. 9.] That the duties of impost for the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty-six shall be applied for that purpose, and for no other purpose whatsoever. Fund. 1756-57, chap. 19.

And as a further fund to enable the treasurer to discharge said receipts and obligations by him given in pursuance of this act,—

Be it enacted,

[SECT. 10.] That the duties of excise, or so much of that duty as is not already mortgaged, arising by virtue of an act for granting unto his majesty an excise upon spirits distilled, and wine, and upon limes, lemmons and oranges, for the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty-five, shall be applied for the payment and discharge of the principal and interest that shall become due on said notes, and to no other purposes whatsoever. Further fund. 1755-56, chap. 31.

And as a further fund as aforesaid,—

Be it enacted,

[SECT. 11.] That the duties arising by the act for granting to his majesty several duties upon vellum, parchment and paper, the second year from the commencement of said act, shall be applied for the payment and discharge of the principal and interest that shall be due on said notes, and no other purpose whatsoever. Further fund. 1754-55, chap. 18.

And be it further enacted,

[SECT. 12.] That in case the general court shall not at their sessions in May, and before the thirtieth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-six, and one thousand seven hundred and fifty-seven, agree and conclude upon an act apportioning the sums which by this Rule for apportioning the tax, in case no tax act shall be agreed on.

act are engaged to be, in said years, apportioned, assessed and levied, that then, and in such case, each town and district within this province shall pay, by a tax to be levied on the polls, and estates both real and personal within their districts, the same proportions of the said sums as the said towns and districts were taxed by the general court in the tax act then last preceeding: *saving* what relates to the pay of the representatives, which shall be assessed on the several towns they represent; and the province treasurer is hereby fully impowered and directed, some time in the months of July, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-six, and one thousand seven hundred and fifty-seven, to issue and send forth his warrants, directed to the selectmen or assessors of each town and district within this province, requiring them to assess the polls, and estates both real and personal within their several towns and districts, for their respective part and proportion of the sum before directed and engaged to be assessed, and the assessors, as also persons assessed, shall observe, be governed by and subject to all such rules and directions as have been given in the last preceeding tax act.

And be it further enacted,

The treasurer to conform to the appropriations.

[SECT. 13.] That the treasurer is hereby directed and ordered to pay the sum of fifty thousand pounds out of such appropriations as shall be directed by warrant, and no other; and the secretary to whom it belongs to keep the muster-rolls and accompts of charge, shall lay before the house of representatives, when they direct, such muster-rolls and accompts, after payment thereof: *provided, always,* that the remainder of the sum which shall be brought into the treasury by the duties of impost, excise, and stamp duties before mentioned, and the tax of fifty thousand pounds ordered by this act to be assessed and levied, over and above what shall be sufficient to discharge the notes and obligations aforesaid, shall be and remain as a stock in the treasury, and to be applied as the general court of this province shall hereafter order, and to no other purpose whatsoever; anything in this act to the contrary notwithstanding. [*Passed June 11; published June 12.*]

Proviso.

CHAPTER 5.

AN ACT FOR GRANTING THE SUM OF THIRTEEN HUNDRED POUNDS,
FOR THE SUPPORT OF HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNOUR.

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

That the sum of thirteen hundred pounds be and hereby is granted unto his most excellent majesty, to be paid out of the publick treasury to his excellency William Shirley, Esq^[r]., captain-general and governour-in-chief in and over his majesty's province of the Massachusetts Bay, for his past services, and further to enable him to go on in managing the publick affairs. [*Passed June 10; published June 12.*]