

- be disposed of. moiety thereof to him or them that shall inform or sue for the same, the other moiety to be paid into the province treasury, to be recovered in any court proper to try the same.
- Limitation. [SECT. 4.] This act to continue and be in force five years from the first day of May next, and no longer. [*Passed February 13; published February 14, 1760.*]

CHAPTER 22.

AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING CERTAIN LANDS LYING WEST OF SHEFFIELD INTO A SEPARATE DISTRICT BY THE NAME OF EGREMONT.

- Preamble. WHEREAS it is represented to this court that the inhabitants of the lands west of Sheffield labour under great difficulties and inconvenienc[*i*]es by means of their not being invested with the priviledge of a district; therefore,—
Be it enacted by the Governour, Council and House of Representatives,
- Lands west of Sheffield erected into a district. [SECT. 1.] That the whole tract of land beginning at Sheffield west line, at the south-east corner of Ebenezer Olds' land, then running west, nine degrees north, four miles and an-half and thirty-seven rods; thence running north, twenty-two degrees east, five miles and three-quarters; thence running east, nine degrees south, on the south line of Peter Sharp's land, to Sheffield line; thence running on Sheffield line, to the first bounds; be and hereby is erected into a distinct and separate district by the name of Egremont; and that the said district be and hereby is invested with all the priviledges, powers and immunities that towns in this province do and by law 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 Sheffield in the choice of a representative, in which choice they shall enjoy all the priviledges which by law they would have been [e][*i*]ntit[*u*]led to if this act had not been made; and that the said district shall, from time to time, pay their proportionable part of the expence of such representative according to their respective proportions of the province tax; and that the said town of Sheffield, as often as they shall call a meeting for the choice of a representative, shall give seasonable notice to the clerk of said district, for the time being, of the time and place of holding such meeting, to the end that the said district may join them therein; and the clerk of said district shall set up, in some public[k] place in said district, a notification thereof accordingly.
Provided, nevertheless,—
And be it further enacted,
- Bounds thereof. [SECT. 2.] That the said district shall pay their proportion of all such province taxes or county taxes as have been duly assessed on them by the town of Sheffield, and their proportion of the ministerial taxes hitherto granted to be raised in said second parish of Sheffield.
[And be it further] enacted,*
- Privileges, &c., granted said district. [SECT. 3.] That the inhabitants on said tract of land be exempted from the payment of the two last taxes, made in the said second parish of Sheffield, for finishing of the meeting-house in said parish.
And be it further enacted,
- Proviso. [SECT. 4.] That John Ashley, Esq^[*r*], be and hereby is impow-
- Exemption.
- John Ashley,

* Four words not in the engrossment.

[e]red to issue his warrant 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.

Esq., empowered to issue his warrant for assembling the inhabitants.

Provided, nevertheless,—

[SECT. 5.] That nothing in this act shall be construed to convey any right or title the province hath or ought to have in any part or parcels of the lands included within the district abovesaid, but that every part and parcel thereof remain as tho' this act had not been made and passed. [*Passed February 13; published February 14, 1760.*]

Proviso.

CHAPTER 23.

AN ACT FOR ERECTING THE NEW PLANTATION CALLED FRANKFORT, LYING UPON THE EAST SIDE OF THE RIVER KENNEBECK, IN THE COUNTY OF YORK, INTO A TOWNSHIP BY THE NAME OF POWNALBOROUGH.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this court by the proprietors of the Kennebeck purchase from the late colony of New Plymouth that the erecting the new plantation called Fran[c][k]fort, lying upon the east side of the river Kennebeck, in the county of York, into a township, will greatly contribute to the growth thereof,—

Preamble.

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

[SECT. 1.] That the plantation aforesaid, bounded as follows; viz^[1], beginning upon Kennebeck River, two miles and one hundred rods to the northward of the blockhouse within said plantation, and from thence running an east-south-east course, to Sheepscut River; thence to run southerly, down said Sheepscut River, to the mouth of Monsweag River; then northerly, up said Monsweag River, to the northern boundary line of the district of Woolwich; then to run a west-north-west course, along said northern boundary line of Woolwich, to the river Kennebeck; thence northerly, up said river Kennebeck, to the bounds first mentioned,— and to include Swan Island and all other islands, in said river Kennebeck, lying within the northern and southern boundary lines of said plantation,— be and hereby is erected into a township by the name of Pownalborough; and that the inhabitants thereof be and hereby are invested with all the powers, priviledges and immunities which the inhabitants of the towns within this province do or by law ought to enjoy, that of sending a representative to the general assembly only excepted.

New plantation called Frankfort, erected into a township.

Bounds thereof.

Priviledges, &c., granted said town.

And be it further enacted.

[SECT. 2.] That Samuel Denny, Esq^[1], be and hereby is impowered to issue his warrant, directed to some principal inhabitant in said township, to notify and warn the inhabitants in said township, 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 township. [*Passed February 13; published February 14, 1760.*]

Samuel Denny, Esq., empowered to issue his warrant for assembling the inhabitants.