

CHAPTER 12.

AN ACT FOR THE BETTER REGULATING DISTRICTS WITHIN THIS PROVINCE.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it has been found expedient to erect districts within this province, invested with the powers, priviledges and immunities of towns (the privileged of sending a representative to the general assembly only excepted), and it being necessary that all such districts should be subjected to all the duties which towns, by law, are subjected to, and liable to all such penalties, for neglect thereof, as towns, by law, are liable to,—

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

Districts sub-
jected to the
duties which
towns, by law,
are subjected to.

That each and every the districts within this province shall be and hereby are subjected to all the duties which towns, by law, are subjected to, and made liable to all the penalties, for neglect or failure therein, which towns, by law, are liable to, and shall, to all intents and purposes, be considered as towns, the privileged and duty of sending a representative to the general assembly only excepted. [*Passed July 3; published July 11.*]

CHAPTER 13.

AN ACT MAKING SPECIAL PROVISION FOR THE SETTLEMENT AND SUPPORT OF THE GOSPEL MINISTRY IN THE TOWN OF SUDBURY.

Preamble.

WHEREAS there are two distinct societies for religious worship, of the profession of the churches in general of this province, in the town of Sudbury, and each of the said societies being desirous of being authorized and impowered to contract with and proceed to the settlement of a gospel minister, when and so often as it shall be necessary, as fully as, by law, they might do if they were distinct parishes,—

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

Inhabitants of
the town of Sud-
bury incorporat-
ed into distinct
societies, as to
the call and set-
tlement of a gos-
pel minister for
each society, &c.

[SECT. 1.] That such of the inhabitants of the town of Sudbury as usually attend the public[k] worship on the east side of the river, in said town, and also such of the inhabitants of said town as usually attend the public[k] worship on the west side of [the] said river, qualified to vote in parish affairs, be and hereby are so far incorporated into distinct and seperate societies as to be enabled, from time to time, in concurrence with the act of the church in such societies, respectively, to call, contract with, and settle a gospel minister, or ministers, for each society, respectively, in manner and form as the ministers of the churches of this province are called, contracted with, and settled; and such calls, contracts and settlements shall be as valid and effectual, to all intents and purposes, as if such societies had been erected into distinct and seperate parishes.

And be it further enacted,

Provision when
either church is
destitute of a
gospel minister.

[SECT. 2.] That when and so often as the East Church and congregation, or the West Church and congregation, shall be destitute of a gospel minister, the deacons of the church so destitute may and shall notify the inhabitants qualified, by law, to vote in parish affairs where such destitute church shall be, to meet on some certain day, and at some certain place; and said inhabitants, so notified and convened, are here-