

## CHAPTER 16.

AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING INTO A TOWN THE LANDS, IN THE COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE, CALLED YOKUN AND MOUNT EPHRAIM, BY THE NAME OF RICHMONT.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this court that the erecting the plantation called Yokun Town and Mount Ephraim into a township, will greatly contribute to the growth thereof, and remedy many inconvenienc[*i*]es to which the inhabitants and proprietors may otherwise be subjected,—

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

[SECT. 1.] That the new plantation called Yokun Town and Mount Ephraim, lying in the county of Berkshire, bounded as follows: westerly, on the province line; northerly, in part on Pittsfield, and in part on province land, so called; easterly, on Housatunnock River; and southerly, in part on Stockbridge north line, and part on the minister's grant,—be and hereby is incorporated into a town by the name of Richmond, with all the powers, privile[d]ges and immunities that towns in this government have and do enjoy.

Preamble.

Richmont incorporated a town, by certain bounds.

*And be it further enacted,*

[SECT. 2.] That all taxes to be raised within said town for settling a minister, building a meeting-house or meeting-houses, laying out, making and repairing roads, be levied upon the several proprietors of said plantation, according to their interest, agreeable to an act of the province made to enable the proprietors of said plantation to raise taxes on said lands, until the further order of this court.

Taxes to be levied on proprietors, for certain services, until further orders. 1763-64, chap. 24.

*And be it further enacted,*

[SECT. 3.] That Timothy Woodbridge, Esq<sup>[1]</sup>, be and hereby is empowered to issue a warrant to some principal inhabitant of said plantation, requiring him to call a meeting of said inhabitants, in order to chuse such officers as, by law, towns are empowered to chuse in the month of March, annually. [Passed June 21.]

The first meeting, how to be notified.

## CHAPTER 17.

AN ACT FOR ERECTING THE NEW PLANTATION CALLED NUMBER FOUR, IN THE COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE, INTO A TOWN BY THE NAME OF BECKET.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this court that the erecting the plantation called Number Four, into a town, will greatly contribute to the growth thereof, and remedy many inconveniences to which the inhabitants and proprietors may be otherwise subject,—

Preamble.

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

[SECT. 1.] That the plantation called Number Four, bounded as follows; viz<sup>[1]</sup>. south, partly on equivalent lands, and partly on the land belonging to Andrew Belcher, Esq<sup>[1]</sup>, and partly on unappropriated lands; east, on a township called Number Nine; north, on a township called Hartwood; and west, partly on Tyringham, and partly on unappropriated lands belonging to this province,—be and hereby is erected into a town by the name of Becket; and that the inhabitants thereof be and hereby are invested with all the powers, privile[d]ges and immunities which the inhabitants of the towns within this province do enjoy.

Becket erected into a town, by certain bounds.

*And be it further enacted,*

The first meeting, how to be notified.

[SECT. 2.] That William Williams, Esq<sup>[1]</sup>, be and hereby is empowered to issue a warrant, directed to some principal inhabitant in said town, to notify and warn the inhabitants in said town, 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 are or shall be required by law to manage the affairs of said town.

*And be it further enacted,*

Taxes to be levied on proprietors, for certain services, until further orders.

[SECT. 3.] That all the taxes that have been heretofore agreed upon by the proprietors of said township, and all taxes to be raised within said town for settling a minister, building a meeting-house, clearing and repa[*i*]ring roads, be levied upon the several proprietors of said plantation, according to their interest, until the further order of this court; and that said inhabitants proceed by the same rules, in levying and collecting said taxes, as proprietors in new plantations are by law obliged to observe, anything in the before-recited act to the contrary notwithstanding. [*Passed June 21.*]

## CHAPTER 18.

AN ACT FOR APPORTIONING AND ASSESSING A TAX OF FIFTY THOUSAND POUNDS; AND ALSO FOR APPORTIONING AND ASSESSING A TAX OF TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND TWELVE POUNDS NINETEEN SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE, PAID THE REPRESENTATIVES FOR THEIR TRAVEL, SERVICE AND ATTENDANCE IN THE GENERAL COURT, IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOUR; ALSO FOR APPORTIONING AND ASSESSING A TAX OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHT POUNDS THREE SHILLINGS, FOR FINES LAID UPON TOWNS THAT HAVE NOT SENT ANY PERSONS TO REPRESENT THEM IN THE GENERAL COURT THE PRESENT YEAR; AND ALSO FOR ASSESSING THE TOWN OF HANOVER THE SUM OF SIXTEEN POUNDS, PAID OUT OF THE PROVINCE TREASURY TO SYLVANUS WING; AND ALSO FOR ASSESSING THE SUM OF TEN POUNDS THREE SHILLINGS AND FIVEPENCE ON THE TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD; AND THE SUM OF TWO POUNDS ONE SHILLING AND EIGHTPENCE ON WILBRAHAM; AND THE SUM OF TWELVE POUNDS FIVE SHILLINGS AND ONE PENNY ON NORTHAMPTON; AND THE SUM OF TWELVE POUNDS AND ELEVENPENCE ON WESTFIELD; AND THE SUM OF TWELVE POUNDS FIVE SHILLINGS AND ONE PENNY ON HATFIELD; AND THE SUM OF EIGHT POUNDS THREE SHILLINGS AND TWOPENCE ON BRIMFIELD; AND THE SUM OF THREE POUNDS SEVENTEEN SHILLINGS AND NINEPENCE ON SOUTH BRIMFIELD; AND THE SUM OF TWELVE POUNDS AND ELEVENPENCE ON DEERFIELD; AND THE SUM OF SIX POUNDS AND SEVENPENCE ON GREENFIELD; AND THE SUM OF TWO POUNDS NINETEEN SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE ON MONSON,—MAKING THE SUM OF EIGHTY-ONE POUNDS EIGHTEEN SHILLINGS AND ONE PENNY, BEING THE TAX REMITTED TO BERNARDSTON FOR TWO YEARS LAST PAST, AND THE TAX REMITTED TO HUNTSTOWN FOR THREE YEARS LAST PAST, AND ORDERED TO BE ADDED TO THE PRESENT YEAR'S TAX OF THE SEVERAL TOWNS AFORESAID, AND IN THE MANNER AFORESAID; WHICH TAXES ARE TO BE OVER AND ABOVE THEIR PROPORTION OF WHAT WAS LAID ON THE SAID TOWNS; WHICH SUMS AMOUNT TO FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE POUNDS AND SEVENPENCE.

1762-63, chap. 16, § 4.

WHEREAS the great and general court or assembly of this province, by an act made and passed at their session in January, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-three, agreed upon and ordered a tax of fifty-