

ACTS

PASSED AT THE SESSION BEGUN AND HELD AT BOSTON,
ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 1766.

CHAPTER 26.

AN ACT FOR ERECTING THE NORTH PRECINCT IN THE TOWN OF WESTBOROUGH, IN THE COUNTY OF [WORCESTER*], INTO A SEP[E][A]RATE DISTRICT BY THE NAME OF NORTHBOROUGH.

WHEREAS the inhabitants of the north precinct in Westborough, in the county of Worcester, labour u[nder*] many and great difficulties by reason of their not being a distinct and sep[e][a]rate district; therefore,—

Preamble.

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

[SECT. 1.] That the north precinct in Westborough, in the county of Worcester, according to its present known bounds, be and hereby is erected into a district by the name of Northborough; and that the said district be and hereby is invested with all the privileges, powers and immunities that towns in this province, by law, do or may enjoy, that of sending a representative to the general assembly excepted; and that the inhabitants of the said district shall have full power, from time to time, to join, with the town of Westborough, in the choice of a representative or representatives, which representatives may be chosen indifferently from said town or district; and that the selectmen of the town of Westborough, 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 said meeting, to the end that the said district may join them therein; and the clerk of said district shall set up, in some publick place in the said district, a notification thereof, accordingly; and the pay and allowance of said representative to be borne by said town and district.

Northborough made a district by certain bounds.

To join with Westborough in the choice of representatives.

And be it further enacted,

[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.

To pay a proportion of the taxes.

Provided, nevertheless,—

[SECT. 3.] That the inhabitants of the said district shall retain and enjoy the same right and share to all the ministerial lands, and the improvements and profits thereof, as they would have had if this act had not been made.

To have right and share to the ministerial lands:

Provided, also,—

And be it further enacted,

[SECT. 4.] That of all [the] monies, arms and ammunition, weights and measures, belonging to said town, the inhabitants of the said district shall have and enjoy a proportion thereof, equal to the proportion they paid of the charges of said town, according to their last town tax.

—and a proportion of moneys, arms, weights, &c.

* Parchment mutilated.

And be it further enacted,

First meeting,
how to be
notified.

[SECT. 5.] That Francis Whipple, Esq^[r]. be and hereby is [e][n]powered to issue a warrant, directed to some principal inhabitant in said district, requiring him to warn the inhabitants of the said district, qualified, by law, to vote in town affairs, to meet at such time and place as shall be therein set forth, to choose all such officers as shall be necessary to manage the affairs of said district. [*Passed January 24, 1766.*]

CHAPTER 27.

AN ACT FOR ALTERING THE TIME APPOINTED FOR HOLDING THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE AND INFERIOR COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, WHICH, BY LAW, ARE NOW ESTABLISHED TO BE HELD AT CHARLESTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF MARCH.

Preamble,
1764-65, chap.
20.

WHEREAS it appears inconvenient that the said court of general sessions of the peace, and inferior court of common pleas for the said county, should be held on the said first Tuesday of March,—

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

Time of holding
court of ses-
sions, &c., at
Charlestown.

[SECT. 1.] That the said court of general sessions of the peace, and inferior court of common pleas, shall be henceforth held on the third Tuesday of March, annually, and all officers and other persons concerned are required to conform themselves accordingly.

And be it further enacted,

Writs, &c., re-
turnable.

[SECT. 2.] That all writs, suits, complaints, processes, appeals, reviews, recognizances, warrants, or other matters or things whatsoever, which now are, or at any time before the said third Tuesday of March, shall be, issued, taken or depending in the said county of Middlesex, which were to have been returned, or proceeded on, on the said first Tuesday of March, as by law appointed, shall be good and valid, and stand good, to all intents and purposes, in the law, and shall be returned and proceeded on—and said courts shall be held on—the said third Tuesday of March, annually. [*Passed February 15, 1766.*]

CHAPTER 28.

[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 of less[e]ning the present debt of the province, have cheerfully and unanimously granted, and do hereby give and grant unto his most excellent majesty, for the end and use above mentioned, and for no other use, an excise upon all rum, and other distilled spirits, and upon all wines whatsoever, and upon lemmons, limes and oranges, to be raised, levied and collected, and paid in manner and form following:—

And be it accordingly enacted by the Governor, Council and House of Representatives,

Time of this
act's contin-
uance.

[SECT. 1.] That from and after the twenty-fifth day of March, one

* Parchment mutilated.