

CHAPTER 21.

AN ACT FOR ERECTING A TRACT OF LAND OF EIGHT MILES SQUARE CALLED PHILLIPSTOWN, JOINING UPON THE NORTH-WEST END OF THE TOWN OF WELLS, IN THE COUNTY OF YORK, INTO A TOWN BY THE NAME OF SANFORD.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the erecting of that tract of land called Phillipstown, into a town, will greatly contribute to the growth thereof, and remedy many inconveniences to which the inhabitants and proprietors may be otherwise subject,—

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

Bounds of the town of Sanford.

[SECT. 1.] That the tract aforesaid, bounded as followeth; viz^[t]., lying on the north-west end of the town of Wells, west of Kennebunk River, east of the town of Berwick; and north, by province grants, in part, and in part by unappropriated lands,—be and hereby is erected into a town by the name of Sanford; and that the inhabitants thereof be and hereby are invested with all powers, privileges and immunities which the inhabitants of the towns within this province do enjoy.

And be it further enacted,

Benjamin Chadburne, Esq., to call a meeting of the inhabitants.

[SECT. 2.] That Benjamin Chadburne, Esq^[t]., be and hereby is empowered to issue his warrant, directed to some principal inhabitant of said town, requiring him to warn the inhabitants of said town who have an estate of freehold according to charter, 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. [Passed February 27; published March 5, 1768.]

CHAPTER 22.

AN ACT FOR BUILDING AND MAINTAINING A LIGHTHOUSE ON THE EAST END OF THE GURNET, AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE HARBOUR OF PLYMOUTH.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the South Shore, so called, from Point Alderton to Cape Cod, is very dangerous, by reason of many rocks and shoals at a distance from the land, and there being no safe harbour, all along that coast, but that of Plymouth, and it being generally thought that a lighthouse erected on the east end of the Gurnet would be very serviceable to the navigation and commerce of this province, and be a means of preserving the lives and estates of a great number of his majesty's subjects, by directing the distressed, in stormy and tempestuous weather, into the aforesaid harbour; therefore,—

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

A lighthouse ordered to be erected on the east end of the Gurnet.

[SECT. 1.] That there be a lighthouse erected, at the charge of the province, on the east end of the Gurnet, to be kept lighted from sun-s[i][e]tting to sun-rising; that from and after the building of the said lighthouse, and kindling a light in it useful for shipping coming into or going out of the harbour of Plymouth, or other harbour within the Massachuset[t]s Bay, there shall be paid to the receiver of impost, by the master[s] of all ships and vessels going in or belonging to the port of Plymouth (coasters excepted), which have hitherto been ex-

Inhabitants of Plymouth, &c., to pay light-money.

empted from paying light-money, by the general court, the like duty or light-money as is paid, by every other ship or vessel coming in or going out of the harbour of Boston, agre[e]able to an act of this province passed in the first year of King George the First, [i][e]ntitled "An Act for building and maintaining a lighthouse upon the Great Br[u][ew]ster, called Bacon Island, at the entrance of the harbour of Boston."

1715-16, chap. 4.

And be it enacted,

[SECT. 2.] That the commissioner or receiver of impost be and hereby is impowered, by himself, or his deputy by him appointed, to receive the said duties, and to recover the same and give a certificate therefor in the same way and manner as by the aforesaid act is provided.

Impost officer to receive the light-money.

And be it further enacted,

[SECT. 3.] That no ship or vessel belonging to the port of Plymouth (coasters excepted), shall be cleared by the naval officer, until a certificate be produced that the duty of the lighthouse be paid; and the ship or vessel, with the master, shall stand charged with the duty thereof, till paid to the commissioner of impost.

Plymouth vessels not to be cleared without a certificate of payment.

And be it further enacted,

[SECT. 4.] That the person appointed by this court to keep the said lighthouse, shall be under the same rules and directions with respect to his duty, and also under the same penalty for neglecting the same, and the fines shall be recovered in the same way and manner, as in and by the aforesaid act is provided.

Keeper of the lighthouse to observe rules, on penalty.

And be it further enacted,

[SECT. 5.] That a committee of this court be appointed to build the said lighthouse, of such dimensions, and in such manner, as they may be directed by the said court. [*Passed February 27; published March 5, 1768.*]

Committee to build.

CHAPTER 23.

AN ACT TO IMPOWER COMMISSARIES TO SETTLE A LINE OF JURISDICTION BETWEEN THIS PROVINCE AND THE PROVINCE OF NEW YORK.

WHEREAS a controversy has long subsisted between this province and the province of New York, concerning their boundaries and the extent of their jurisdiction, to the great detriment of both; and the contests arising therefrom have been attended with great confusion and disorders, and are likely to be productive of further most mischievous consequences; to prevent which, and to remove the cause of future disputes, it appears necessary that a line of jurisdiction between this province and the province of New York should be settled by the mutual consent and authority of the legislatures of both governments, agre[e]able to his majesty's most gracious designs and permission, signified by the right hon[ora]ble the Earl of Shelburne; and whereas great doubts arose in the minds of the commissaries of New York, on the conference at New Haven, whether the commissaries on the part of this province were sufficiently authorized, by a resolve of the court only, to treat with the commissaries on the part of New York, and settle the line of jurisdiction between the said provinces; for the removal of such doubts, and to the intent that his majesty's gracious recommendation of an amicable settlement may, if possible, be complied with,—

Preamble.