

tioned," made in the fifth year of his present majesty's reign, is near expiring, and having been found useful and beneficial,—

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

That the act aforesaid be continued, with all and every article, clause, matter and thing therein contained, and shall be in force until the last day of the next session of the general court, and no longer. [*Passed June 28; published June 30.*]

The act continued.

CHAPTER 12.

AN ACT FOR BUILDING AND MAINTAINING A BRIDGE OVER THE GREAT RIVER, IN WESTFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE.

WHEREAS a bridge over the great river, in Westfield, in the county of Hampshire, at or near the common fording-place, near the dwelling-house of William Day, upon the great road from Springfield to Westfield, is necessary, as well for the inhabitants of the other towns in said county, as of the said town of Westfield; and the building and maintaining a bridge there would be a burthen too great for the town of Westfield, considering the charges they have already laid out, and must expend, in building and maintaining many other bridges in said town,—

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

That the court of general sessions of the peace, in and for the said county of Hampshire, be and hereby are authorized and impowered to build and maintain a cart-bridge, sixteen feet wide, across the great river, in said Westfield, at or near the fording-place near the dwelling-house of William Day, upon the great road from Springfield to Westfield, at the charge of the said county of Hampshire; and the said court of general sessions of the peace, for said county, are hereby impowered, from time to time, to assess and tax the inhabitants of the several towns and districts, in said county, in such sum and sums of money as the said court shall agree upon and order, for the building, maintaining and repairing the bridge aforesaid; which sum or sums so ordered at any time to be raised for the purpose aforesaid, shall be added to each town and district's county tax, in proportion as they severally pay to the province tax, for the time being, and be paid into and drawn out of the county treasury, for the uses and purposes aforesaid. [*Passed June 30.*]

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1764-65, chap.
23.

Court of general sessions impowered to build and maintain a bridge at Westfield,

—and to tax the several towns in the county for the same.

CHAPTER 13.

AN ACT TO PREVENT A FAILURE OF JUSTICE, BY MEANS OF OFFENDERS, IN ANY OF HIS MAJESTY'S COLONIES ON THIS CONTINENT, ESCAPING INTO THIS PROVINCE, OR FROM ONE COUNTY IN THIS PROVINCE INTO ANOTHER, TO AVOID THE PUNISHMENTS OF THEIR OFFENCES.

WHEREAS it often happens that persons who have committed criminal offences in other of his majesty's colonies, before they can be apprehended, flee into this province, and by that means, thro' [ugh] the difficulty and delay that must generally attend a legal arrest of such offenders and sending them back for a proper tryal, do escape the punishment their offences justly deserves; for preventing whereof, and to

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render the proceedings in such cases more easy, legal and expeditious for the future,—

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

Justices of the peace empowered to issue their warrants against offenders escaping from other colonies :

[SECT. 1.] That when and so often as any criminal offender or offenders in any other of his majesty's colonies, shall make his or their escape from justice, and come into this province, and any proper process shall issue against such person or persons where he or they committed such offence, and he or they shall be pursued, and followed into this province, it shall be in the power of any of his majesty's justices of the peace within this province, in their respective counties, on application to them made, to issue their warrant against such offender or offenders, that they may be brought before them, or some other of his majesty's justices of the peace for said county, to be examined thereon; and if they shall think proper, on such examination, they may and hereby are impowered to commit, or, by warrant under their hands and seals, directed to the sheriff or his deputy, or the constables of the several towns, as may be necessary, to send and convey such offender or offenders to the confines of such colony from whence they have escaped, and there to deliver such offender to some proper officer in such colony, that they may be holden to answer for such offence according to law, there; and, where it shall be necessary, such offender be conveyed thro' [ugh] several counties in this province, in order for his being returned to the colony where he offended as aforesaid, every of his majesty's justices of the peace, in their several and respective counties, shall be and they are hereby impowered, by warrant, as aforesaid, to order and direct the conveyance of such offender thro' [ugh] their several counties, towards the place where he offended.

—may commit or convey such offenders to the confines of another colony.

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And for the furtherance of justice in the most easy and expeditious manner, where such offenders in any one county in this province shall escape into any other county in the same,—

Be it further enacted,

A justice of the peace may act in the same manner, with respect to offenders escaping from another county.

[SECT. 2.] That when and so often as any justice of the peace in any county within this province, on complaint to him made, shall issue his warrant against any criminal offender, for any offence committed in such county, and the said offender shall have escaped into any other county, it shall be in the power of any justice of the peace in such county where such offender is, to proceed in the same method, in apprehending such offender and sending him back for tryal to the county from whence he came, as in the case aforesaid, where the offender shall have come from another colony. [Passed June 30.]

CHAPTER 14.

AN ACT FOR SUPPLYING THE TREASURY WITH ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS, TO BE APPLIED FOR THE REDEMPTION OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES THAT WILL BECOME DUE IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE.

Preamble.
1767-68, chap. 7,
§ 4.

WHEREAS, in and by an act made and passed in the seventh year of his majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for supplying the treasury with the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand eight hundred and fifty pounds, to be applied for the redemption of government securities that will become due in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight," among other things it is enacted that a tax of