

CHAPTER 25.

AN ACT FOR REPEALING AND MAKING VOID AN ACT INTIT[U]LED "AN ACT FOR DISCONTINUING TWO OF THE COURTS, AND FOR ALTERING THE TIME OF HOLDING ONE OF THE COURTS OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE AND INFERIOR COURTS OF COMMON PLEAS, WITHIN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE," MADE AND PASSED IN THE SEVENTH YEAR OF HIS MAJESTY'S REIGN; AND FOR ALTERING THE TIME OF HOLDING THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE AND INFERIOR COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, IN SAID COUNTY; AND FOR ESTABLISHING TWO MORE COURTS OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE AND INFERIOR COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, WITHIN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE, FOR THE FUTURE.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the holding and keeping, within the county of Berkshire, yearly, and in every year, two courts of general sessions of the peace and inferior court of common pleas, and no more, is, by experience, found inconvenient, and much time, travel and expence is unnecessarily incurred thereby; for remedy whereof, —

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

Act repealed.
1766-67, chap. 14.

[SECT. 1.] That the said act, made and passed in the seventh year of his present majesty's reign, and every article therein contained, shall be and hereby is repealed, determined, made void, and of none effect, forever.

And be it further enacted,

Places and
times for hold-
ing courts in the
county of Berk-
shire.

[SECT. 2.] That, from and after the last day of August next ensuing, there shall be held and kept, within the said county of Berkshire, yearly, and in every year, until the further order of this court, four courts of general sessions of the peace, and inferior courts of common pleas; viz., two at Great Barrington, on the third Tuesday of August and third Tuesday of May; and two at Pittsfield; viz., on the last Tuesday of November, and last Tuesday of February. [*Passed April 24; published April 26, 1771.*]

CHAPTER 26.

AN ACT FOR SETTING OF* JOHN HOLBROOK AND OTHERS, OF UXBRIDGE, WITH THEIR LANDS, TO THE SOUTH PRECINCT IN MENDON.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this court that the lands of John Holbrook, Silvanus Holbrook, James Blake, Ephraim Kimpton, Micah Holbrook, Lydia Holbrook, John Kimpton, John Holbrook, jun'r, and Joseph Blake, inhabitants of the south-easterly part of the town of Uxbridge, in the county of Worcester, together with their dwelling-houses, are situated and ly much nearer to the place of public[k] worship in the south precinct in Mendon than to the place of public worship in the town of Uxbridge, and, in all respects, will be better accommodated to be set off from the said town of Uxbridge and annex[ed] to the south precinct in Mendon, in precinct affairs only; and the said town of Uxbridge have consented thereto, —

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

John Holbrook
and others, with

[SECT. 1.] That the said inhabitants, with their lands and estates lying in Uxbridge aforesaid, be and are hereby set off and annexed to

the south precinct in Mendon aforesaid; and that the said inhabitants be and hereby are enabled to join with the inhabitants of the said south precinct in Mendon in all precinct affairs, and are hereby invested with all the powers and privileges, and subjected to all duties that the said precinct, by law, are invested with and subjected to

their estates, annexed to the south precinct in Mendon.

Provided, nevertheless,

[SECT. 2.] That the said inhabitants set off to the said south precinct in Mendon as aforesaid, shall, and are hereby held to, pay all ministerial rates and charges which have been heretofore lawfully assessed upon them by the said town of Uxbridge, anything in this act to the contrary notwithstanding. [*Passed April 24; published April 26.*]

Proviso, respecting ministerial rates and charges.

CHAPTER 27.

AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, INTO A TOWNSHIP BY THE NAME OF HALLOWELL.

WHEREAS the inhabitants of a certain tract of land lying on the east and west sides of Kennebeck River, in the county of Lincoln, are desirous of enjoying the privileges that will arise to them by being incorporated into a town, —

Preamble.

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

[SECT. 1.] That the tract of land aforesaid, butted and bounded as follows; viz^{ed}, begin[n]ing on the east side of Kennebeck River, at the north line of James Winslow's land, lying within a thirty-two-hundred-acre lot, number twelve, and to run, east-south-east, five miles from said river; from thence, to run, northerly, about nine miles, more or less, on such a course as that it may meet the easterly end of a line run[n]ing, east-south-east, five miles from Kennebeck River, along the northerly side of the lot number fifty; then, to run west-north-west, on the last-mentioned line, to Kennebeck River; and to run, on the same west-north-west course, across said river, to the end of five miles on the west side thereof; from thence, to run, southerly, such a course as to strike the most easterly part of the northerly end of Cobbeseconte Great Pond; from thence, to run, on the easterly side of said pond, to the stream issuing out of the same, called Cobbeseconte Stream; from thence, to run, southerly, on the easterly side of said stream, till it meets a west-north-west line run[n]ing from Kennebeck River, along the southerly line of Mr. William Bowman's land, — which is the northerly half of a thirty-two-hundred-acre lot, number twenty; from thence, to run, east-south-east, on the last-mentioned line, to Kennebeck River; and, over said river, to the first-mentioned bound, — be and hereby is erected into a township by the name of Hallowell: and that the inhabitants thereof be and hereby are invested with all the powers, privileges and immunities which the inhabitants of any of the towns within this province, respectively, do, or by law ought to, enjoy.

Bounds of the town of Hallowell.

And be it further enacted,

[SECT. 2.] That James Howard, Esq^{re}, be, and he hereby is, empowered to issue his warrant, directed to some principal inhabitant in said town, requiring him to notify and warn the inhabitants in [the] said town, qualified, by law, to vote in town affairs, to meet, at such time and place as shall be therein set forth, to ch[oo]se all such officers as shall be necessary to manage the affairs of said town.

James Howard, Esq., empowered to call the first meeting of the inhabitants.