

*And be it further enacted,*

Inhabitants to  
vote for register  
of deeds, and  
treasurer, for the  
county of Lin-  
coln.

[SECT. 3.] That the freeholders of the said town shall be and hereby are empowered, at their first meeting, to proceed to bring in their votes for a register of deeds, and also for a treasurer, for the said county of Lincoln, qualified according to law; and the votes for such register and treasurer shall be, at the same time, sealed up by a constable of said town (who may then be chosen and sworn), and by him returned unto the court of general sessions of the peace, to be holden in June next, at Pownalborough, for said county, in the same manner as is provided by law in like cases for other towns within this province; which court is hereby authorized and required to receive the said votes; which votes, with the votes of the other towns of the said county, shall be opened, sorted and counted, as the law directs for the determining the choice of such register and treasurer: and such choice shall be to all intents and purposes valid and effectual in law.

*And be it further enacted,*

William Cush-  
ing, Esq., em-  
powered, in  
case, etc.

[SECT. 4.] That if by reason of sickness, or any other means, the said James Howard, Esq<sup>[1]</sup>, shall be prevented from performing the business, or any part thereof, to which he is appointed by this act, then, in that case, William Cushing, Esq<sup>[1]</sup>, shall be and hereby is empowered to transact the whole, or any part of said business, as fully and effectually as the said James Howard, Esq<sup>[1]</sup>, is, by the several clauses of this act, empowered to transact the same. [*Passed and published April 26, 1771.*]

## CHAPTER 28.

AN ACT TO [E][1]MPPOWER THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF DARTMOUTH TO REGULATE THE TAKING OF FISH, WITHIN THE HARBOURS AND COVES OF SAID TOWNSHIP OF DARTMOUTH.

Preamble.

WHEREAS there are sundry harbours and coves within the said township which have contained great numbers of various kinds of fish, but, by the drawing of seines under no regulation or restriction, the fish have been greatly diminished therein, to the great inconvenience of said inhabitants and injury of the poor; wherefore,—

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

Inhabitants em-  
powered to  
regulate.

[SECT. 1.] That the inhabitants of the said town of Dartmouth are and they accordingly shall be hereby fully empowered, at a meeting or meetings to be called for that purpose, to regulate, order and direct the taking of fish, by seining, in any coves or harbours within the limits of said township, in such manner as to them or the major part of them shall seem meet.

*And be it further enacted,*

Penalty on  
taking fish  
otherwise.

[SECT. 2.] That if any person or persons, during the continuance of this act, shall take any fish, by a seine or seines, within any harbour or cove in said township of Dartmouth, in any other way or manner than what shall be allowed and approved of by the inhabitants of said town, at a meeting for that purpose legally called, such person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds for each offence, to be recovered, with costs of prosecution, in any court of record proper to try the same; the one moiety thereof to be to the use of the poor of said town of Dartmouth, the other moiety to him or them who shall sue for the same.

[SECT. 3.] This act to continue and be in force for the space of three years from and after the first day of May, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-one, and no longer. *[Passed and published April 26, 1771.]* Continuation.

## CHAPTER 29.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE PROPRIETORS OF THE GREAT BRIDGE OVER YORK RIVER, IN THE FIRST PARISH IN SAID TOWN, TO TAKE TOLL FOR THE REPAIR AND AMENDMENT THEREOF.

WHEREAS the great bridge over York River, in the first parish in said town, built in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty-one, appears to be of general use and publick utility; and whereas the proprietors of the said bridge have represented that the same is now in great want of repair and amendment, and will very soon, without it, become useless, and have petitioned this court for liberty to take a reasonable toll of such persons as may have occasion to pass and repass the said bridge, for the repair and amendment thereof,—

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

[SECT. 1.] That the said proprietors shall, and hereby are authorized and empowered to, demand and receive the several rates and fees hereafter expressed, which every passenger is required to pay before they have liberty to pass; viz<sup>[1]</sup>, for every footman who shall pass the said bridge, two-thirds of a penny; for every man and horse, twopence; for every two-wheel chaise, chair or sleigh, and horse, with the travellers therewith, the sum of fourpence; for every four-wheel carriage, including the passengers, sixpence; for every man with team, cart or sled, the sum of twopence; for all horse-kind, or neat cattle, two-thirds of a penny; for sheep or swine fourpence a dozen, and so in proportion for a greater or lesser number.

*And be it further enacted,*

[SECT. 2.] That the said proprietors be and hereby are empowered to appoint some suitable person to receive said toll, from time to time, as there shall be occasion, who shall be approved of by the court of general sessions of the peace for the county of York, and who shall give such security as the said court shall, from time to time, order and direct; and the person so appointed and approved, as aforesaid, shall faithfully and diligently attend upon his duty, and at all times, between the hours of five in the morning and nine in the evening, be ready to admit any person to pass the said bridge, upon the penalty of twenty shillings for any neglect; and in case he shall not be present to admit persons to pass the bridge, between the hours of nine in the evening and five in [the] morning, he shall leave the passage free and open. And the person so appointed and approved as aforesaid, shall, from time to time, as often as the said proprietor[s] shall order and direct, exhibit an account of the monies he shall receive as aforesaid, on oath, if required, to the said proprietors, or their treasurer, duly by them appointed, and shall pay the said sum to him or them accordingly; to be applied by the said proprietors for the repair and amendment of said bridge, as they, or the major part of them, shall order and direct.

*And be it further enacted,*

[SECT. 3.] That the passage of said bridge shall be kept open and free for the governor, the lieutenant-governor, and speaker of the

Preamble.

Rates established.

Toll-gatherer appointed.

Governor, &c., exempted.