

immunities which the inhabitants of any of the towns within this province do, or by law ought to, enjoy.

*And be it further enacted,*

[SECT. 2.] That James Howard, Esq<sup>[r]</sup>., be and hereby is [e][i]m-  
powered to issue his warrant, directed to some principal inhabitant in  
said township, requiring him to notify and warn the inhabitants in said  
township, qualified, by law, to vote in town affairs, to meet at such time  
and place as shall be therein set forth, to chuse all such officers as  
shall be necessary to manage the affairs of the said township.

James Howard,  
Esq., empow-  
ered to call the  
first meeting of  
the inhabitants.

*And be it further enacted,*

[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 the 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 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.

Inhabitants to  
vote for register  
of deeds, and  
treasurer, for  
the county of  
Lincoln.

*And be it further enacted,*

[SECT. 4.] That if, by reason of sickness, or any other means, the  
said James Howard, Esq<sup>[r]</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>[r]</sup>., shall be and hereby is em-  
powered to transact the whole or any part of said business as fully  
and effectually as the said James Howard [Esq.] is by the several  
clauses of this act empowered to transact the same. [*Passed and  
published April 26, 1771.*]

William Cush-  
ing, Esq., em-  
powered, in  
case, &c.

## CHAPTER 31.

AN ACT FOR CHARGING THE COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE WITH THE COST  
AND EXPENCE OF ERECTING AND MAINTAINING A BRIDGE, OVER  
WARE RIVER, IN THE ROAD IN THE DISTRICT OF WARE, IN THE  
SAID COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE, LATELY LAID OUT, LEADING FROM  
THE GREAT ROAD IN THE SAID WARE, CALLED THE BAY ROAD, TO  
THE GREAT ROAD IN WESTERN, IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER,  
CALLED THE POST ROAD FROM SPRINGFIELD TO BOSTON; THE SAID  
ROAD, LATELY LAID OUT, BEING PARTLY IN THE SAID COUNTY OF  
HAMPSHIRE, AND PARTLY IN THE SAID COUNTY OF WORCESTER.

WHEREAS, by order of the justices of the court of general sessions Preamble.  
of the peace for the said county of Hampshire, and by order of the  
justices of the court of general sessions of the peace for the said  
county of Worcester, a road has been lately laid out and established,  
communicating with the great roads above mentioned, whereby the  
steep, long and very difficult hill, called Coy's Hill, in the said great  
road, called the Bay Road, is avoided,—which will very much facilitate

the travelling from Hadley to Boston, especially with carriages ; but as that part of the said road, lately laid out as aforesaid, which lies in the said district of Ware, in the said county of Hampshire, crosses Ware River, which river, where the said road crosses the same, cannot be forded in many seasons of the year, and therefore a bridge, over the said river, in that part thereof, is absolutely necessary for obtaining the great advantages to the public which were proposed by the laying out the said road ; and as the inhabitants of the said district of Ware, by reason of their extrem and well-known poverty, are altogether unable either to erect or maintain such a bridge, —

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

Expense of building a bridge over Ware River, to be paid by the county of Hampshire.

That from and after the last day of May in this present year, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-one, the erecting, maintaining and upholding of a cart-bridge, over Ware River, in the said road lately laid out, as aforesaid, in the district of Ware aforesaid, shall be and hereby is made a proper county charge of the said county of Hampshire ; and the justices of the court of general sessions of the peace for the said county of Hampshire are hereby impowered and required, in their general sessions, from time to time, to make such orders as shall be necessary and sufficient for the erecting, maintaining and upholding such bridge, and to order the assessing the charges and costs thereof on the inhabitants of the said county of Hampshire, and levying the same, in like manner as, by law, they may other proper and lawful county charges. [*Passed and published April 26, 1771.*]

## CHAPTER 32.

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE TAKING OF THE FISH CALLED BASS, IN THE RIVER PARKER, IN THE TOWN OF NEWBURY, IN A CERTAIN SEASON OF THE YEAR.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it has been found that the taking and destroying the fish called bass, in the river Parker, in the town of Newbury, in the winter season, hath been very injurious to the inhabitants of said town and the adjacent towns, and almost destroyed that sort of fish in said river ; wherefore, —

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

Penalty, for destroying fish.

[SECT. 1.] That if any person or persons shall at any time hereafter, during the continuance of this act, between the fifteenth day of November and the fifteenth day of April, annually, take or destroy any of the fish called bass, within the said river Parker, he or they shall forfeit and pay the sum of thirty shillings for each offence, to be recovered, with costs of prosecution, before any of his majesty's justices of the peace for the county of Essex ; the one half of such forfeiture to be applied to and for the use of the person or persons who shall sue for the same, and the other half to the use of the poor of the said town of Newbury.

Continuation.

[SECT. 2.] This act to continue and be in force five 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.*]