

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.*]