

easterly, in the south line of said town, one mile and an half; thence, running northerly, in a line parallel with the west line of said town, to the north line of the same"; "and from thence, in the same north line, to the said north-west corner first mentioned": by which it appears that the said district of West Stockbridge is but one mile and an half in width, which is to the great damage of the inhabitants of said district and to others who ought, at that time, to have been incorporated with them; and it being now made evident to this court that it was the intent of the general court, at the time of making and passing the act before mentioned, that the said district should have been two miles and an half in width; wherefore, —

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

Bounds described.

That the lines and limits of the said district of West Stockbridge shall be as follows; that is to say, beginning at the north-west corner of said district, which was the north-west corner of the township of Stockbridge, and, from thence, running southerly, upon the west line of said district, which was the west line of Stockbridge, to the south-west corner of the said district, which was the south-west corner of Stockbridge; thence, running easterly, in the south line of said district, which was the south line of Stockbridge, two miles and an half; thence, running northerly, in a line parallel with the west line before mentioned, to the north line of that tract of land which, before the passing of said act, was the township of Stockbridge, and, from thence, in the north line of that tract of land which was formerly the township of Stockbridge, to the north-west corner first mentioned: and that all the inhabitants now dwelling, or who may hereafter dwell, within the limits and lines last described, shall be intitled to all the privileges, and subjected to all the duties, that the inhabitants of said district, in and by the act aforesaid, are intitled or subjected to. [Passed June 17.

Inhabitants entitled to privileges and subjected to duties.

CHAPTER 5.

AN ACT FOR SUPPLYING THE TREASURY WITH THE SUM OF FOURTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY POUNDS, FOR THE SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENT THE ENSUING YEAR.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is necessary, in order to defrey the charges of government the ensuing year, that provision be made by the general court for the payment of the grants and allowances that have been and may be made, —

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

Treasury supplied with £14,550.

[SECT. 1.] That the treasurer of the province be, and he hereby is, impowered and directed to borrow, from such person or persons as shall be willing to lend the same, from time to time, as he shall have occasion for the money, a sum not exceeding fourteen thousand five hundred and fifty pounds; and the sum so borrowed shall be applied in manner as in this act is hereafter directed. And the treasurer shall give his receipts or obligations, payable the twentieth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, in the form following: —

Form of the treasurer's notes.

Province of Massachusetts Bay, the
Borrowed and received of

day of
the sum of

, A. D. . . .
, for the

use and service of the province of the Massachusetts Bay; and, in behalf of said province, I do hereby promise and oblige myself and successors in the office of treasurer to repay the said _____ or his order, the twentieth day of June, A.D. one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, the aforesaid sum of _____, in Spanish mill'd dollars at six shillings each, or in the several species of coined silver and gold enumerated in an act, made and passed in the twenty-third year of his late majesty King George the Second, intituled "An Act for ascertaining the rates at which coin'd silver and gold, English halfpence and farthings, may pass within the government," and according to the rates therein mentioned, with interest, annually, at the rate of five per cent.

Witness my hand,

H. G., Treasurer.

A. B.,
C. D.,
E. F., } Committee.

1749-50, chap.
19.

[SECT. 2.] And the treasurer, in issuing said receipts or obligations, and the committee chosen to countersign them, shall observe and be governed by the rules and directions given by an act of this province, made in the second year of his present majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to supply the treasury with the sum of twenty-five thousand pounds."

1761-62, chap.
23.

And be it further enacted,

[SECT. 3.] That the sum of fourteen thousand five hundred and fifty pounds, when received into the treasury, shall be applied by the treasurer for the discharge of such orders as shall be drawn on him by the governor, with the advice of council, to be paid out of the following appropriations; that is to say, the sum of five thousand seven hundred pounds, part of the aforesaid sum of fourteen thousand five hundred and fifty pounds, shall be applied for the payment of grants made and which shall be made by this court; and the further sum of five thousand pounds, part of the aforesaid sum of fourteen thousand five hundred and fifty pounds, shall be applied for the discharge of debts owing from this province to persons who have served and shall serve them, by order of this court, in such matters and things where there is no establishment nor any certain sum assigned for that purpose, and for writing, printing and paper for this court, and such repairs of the publick buildings belonging to this province as shall be made by order of the general assembly; and the further sum of two thousand seven hundred pounds, part of the aforesaid sum of fourteen thousand five hundred and fifty pounds, shall be applied for the payment of his majesty's council and the members of the house of representatives serving in the great and general court during the several sessions of the present year; and the further sum of seven hundred pounds, part of the aforesaid sum of fourteen thousand five hundred and fifty pounds, shall be applied for the payment of the expences in maintaining the garrison at Fort Pownall the present year; and the further sum of four hundred pounds, part of the aforesaid sum of fourteen thousand five hundred and fifty pounds, shall be applied for the purchasing provisions and the commissary's disbursements for Fort Pownall; and the further sum of fifty pounds, part of the aforesaid sum of fourteen thousand five hundred and fifty pounds, shall be applied to pay such contingent charges as may arise, and for no other purpose whatever.

How appropri-
ated.

And, as a fund to enable the treasurer effectually to discharge the receipts and obligations by him given, with the interest thereon, in pursuance of this act,—

Be it further enacted,

[SECT. 4.] That the tax granted to his most excellent majesty

this session, of ten thousand three hundred and twelve pounds ten shillings, to be levied on polls and estates, when received into the treasury, be and hereby is appropriated for that purpose and no other.

And, as a further fund to enable the treasurer to discharge said receipts and obligations,—

Be it enacted,

Fund for the redemption of the notes.

[SECT. 5.] That the monies arising upon impost duties for the years one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four and one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, be appropriated for that purpose. [Passed June 17.]

CHAPTER 6.

AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE PEOPLE CALLED QUAKERS, AND ANTIPE-DOBAPTISTS, FROM PAYING TAXES FOR THE SUPPORT OF MINISTERS SETTLED BY THE LAWS OF THIS PROVINCE, AND FOR THE BUILDING AND REPAIRING [OF] MEETING-HOUSES OR PLACES OF PUBLIC[K] WORSHIP.

Preamble.
1770-71, chap.
10.

WHEREAS the act for exempting persons called Quakers, and Antipedobaptists, within this province, from paying ministerial taxes, is expired, —

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

Who to be exempted from paying taxes towards the support of ministers, &c.

[SECT. 1.] That none of the persons who are either of the persuasion of the people called Quakers, or Antipedobaptists, who alledge a scruple of conscience as the reason of their refusal to pay any part or proportion of such taxes as are, from time to time, assessed for the support of the minister or ministers of any church settled by the laws of this province, shall have their polls, or estate real or personal, in their own hand and under their actual improvement, taxed or assessed in any tax or assessment hereafter made for the raising any monies toward[s] the settlement or support of such minister or ministers, nor for building or repairing any meeting-house or place of public[k] worship, or be obliged to collect any taxes granted for the purposes aforesaid.

And, to the intent that it may be better known who are to be exempted by this act, —

Be it enacted,

Proviso.

[SECT. 2.] That no person in any town, district or precinct in this province, shall for the future be esteemed or taken to be of the persuasion of the people called Quakers, or Antipedobaptists, so as to have his, her, or their, poll or polls, or any estate to him, her, or them, belonging, exempted, by virtue of this act, from paying a proportionable part of the ministerial or other taxes in this act mentioned, but such whose names shall be contained in a list or lists, taken and signed by three members of some Quaker, or Antipedobaptist, society or congregation, who shall be chosen by said society or congregation for that purpose (one whereof to be the minister, where there is any) ; who shall therein certify, for substance, with respect to the people called Quakers, in the form following ; viz^[1]. —

Form of certificate.

We, the subscribers, being chosen a committee by the society of the people called Quakers, who meet together for religious worship on the Lord's Day