

rules and regulations already made, or which shall be made, by this colony for other captures.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,

Wages of seamen and mariners, to be paid out of the proceeds of the prize.

[SECT. 3.] Than when any merchant ship or vessel shall be taken by virtue of said resolve, the wages of seamen and mariners who shall be taken on board the same, shall be paid out of the proceeds of the prize, up to the time of condemnation. [Passed May 8, 1776.]

CHAPTER 28.

AN ACT TO SUPPLY THE TREASURY WITH FIFTY THOUSAND POUNDS, AND FOR DRAWING THE SAME OUT AGAIN.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is necessary, in order to support the public credit of this colony, that the treasurer thereof shou[ld] be impower[ed] to borrow a sum not exceeding fifty thousand pounds.—

Be it therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,

Treasurer empowered to borrow £50,000.

[SECT. 1.] That the treasurer[s] of this colony be, and he hereby is, impowered, on the credit thereof, to borrow, from such person or persons as shall be willing to lend the same, a sum not exceeding fifty thousand pounds; which sum the said treasurer is [e][i]mpowered to give his receipts or obligation for in form following; viz., —

Form of the note to be by him given.

Colony of the Massachusetts Bay, the day of , A. D. 1776.
Borrowed and received of , the sum of , for the use of the said colony of the Massachusetts Bay; and, in behalf of said colony, I do hereby promise and oblige myself and successors in said office of treasurer, to repay the said , or his order, the said sum of , upon the twentieth day of June, A. D. 1777, with interest at five per cent per annum.

Witness my hand,

H. G., Treasurer.

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

— which form shall be printed upon the best paper that can be had for the purpose, and a suitable border round the same.

And be it further enacted,

Committee to countersign the same.

[SECT. 2.] That Abraham Fuller and Jonathan Brown, Esqrs., be a committee to sign blank notes, at the left hand, as by the form aforesaid is prescribed, before the treasurer fill them up; of which notes a counterpart, indented, shall be kept by the treasurer.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,

What shall be a fund for the redemption of the same

[SECT. 3.] That the money now due to this colony from the United Colonies, for the support of the present war, shall be a fund for the redemption of all such receipts and obligations as the said treasurer shall give for the aforesaid sum of fifty thousand pounds, or any part thereof, and shall be appropriated to that use.

And be it further enacted,

How to be appropriated.

[SECT. 4.] That the said sum of fifty thousand pounds, and each part thereof, shall be, when so borrowed, appropriated to the payment of such warrants as the council shall, from time to time, draw on the said treasurer for defreying the charges of the war and government agreeable to the grants of the general assembly. [Passed May 8, 1776.]