

CHAPTER 2.

AN ACT FOR TAKING AFFIDAVITS OUT OF COURT, IN CERTAIN CASES
NOT ALREADY PROVIDED FOR.

WHEREAS no provision is made for taking affidavits out of court, where the persons whose testimonies are wanted are inlisted in the service of this or the United States,—

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

[SECT. 1.] That in such cases, affidavits may be taken and used in like manner, and with the same restrictions, as the depositions of persons bound to sea may, by law, be taken and used.

[SECT. 2.] This act to continue and be in force for the space of two years, and no longer. [Passed June 11.]

Preamble.

Persons who are enlisted into service of this or the United States may have the affidavits taken out of court.

CHAPTER 3.

AN ACT TO IMPOWER THE PROPRIETORS OF A NEW TOWNSHIP IN
THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, CALLED PEARSONTOWN, TO LAY A
YEARLY TAX, NOT EXCEEDING A PENNY PER ACRE, FOR THE TERM
OF FIVE YEARS, UPON THE UNIMPROVED LANDS THERE, AND TO
SUBJECT THE LANDS OF SUCH AS SHALL REFUSE OR NEGLECT TO
PAY THE SAME, TO BE SOLD FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

WHEREAS the proprietors of a new township called Pearsontown, in the county of Cumberland, have petitioned this court, shewing that they have occasion to raise monies, for the support of the gospel, making and repairing roads and bridges, running and marking the lines of their lot[t]s, and other necessary charges of completing the settlement of that township, but that by reason of their having divided most of their lands there into lot[t]s, and drawn the same, their former method, by law prescribed, of laying taxes on their several rights, is inconvenient, and, where the same right is owned by different persons, in several lotts, may, in many cases, work injustice; and therefore praying that they may be impowered to lay a tax upon every unimproved lot[t] there, for a certain time, for the purposes aforesaid,—

Preamble.

1753-54, chap. 1.

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

[SECT. 1.] That the proprietors of said township be, and they hereby are, impowered, some time in the present year, 1778, and once in every year for the term of four years next succeeding the present, at a meeting called and held in the method already last agreed on by them for calling their meetings, to lay a tax, not exceeding one penny per acre, upon every thirty-acre lot[t] and every hundred-acre lot[t] there (except such lot[t]s as belong to the minister there, or are appropriated for the use of the ministry, or support of schools, and except every other lot[t], of which five acres shall be cleared and brought

Proprietors of the town of Pearsontown, for the space of five years, empowered to lay a tax, not exceeding one penny per acre, upon the unimproved land.