

portion upon the several towns and districts within the same, as shall be agreed on and ordered by this court at their session in May, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-six, and paid into the treasury on or before the last day of December then next after. [*Passed February 2; published February 3, 1731-32.*]

CHAPTER 17.

AN ACT FOR MAKING A NEW TOWN IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER BY THE NAME OF DUDLEY.

Preamble.

WHEREAS there are many inhabitants already settled on a tract of land lying between the towns of Woodstock and Oxford, in the county of Worcester, who, together with others lately settled on the south-west part of Oxford and very remote from any place of the publick worship of God, are very conveniently situated for a township and have petitioned this court to be erected into a separate township accordingly,—

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

A new town made in the county of Worcester, called Dudley. Bounds of the town.

[SECT. 1.] That all the lands lying within the bounds following; viz., the colony or patent line and the township of Woodstock, on the south; the grant made to Medfield, on the west; the land of Mr. Pappillon, on the north, unto the farm belonging to Paul Dudley, Esq^r; and by the same partly on the east, until it comes to Stony River; and by the said river till it comes to the brook coming out of Chabunagungmaug Pond; and by the pond, to the colony or patent line; be and hereby are set off and constituted a distinct and separate township by the name of [*Dudley*]: and that the inhabitants of the said township be vested with the powers, privileges and immunities that the inhabitants of any of the towns of this province by law are or ought to be vested with.

Provided,—

And be it further enacted,

Proviso.

[SECT. 2.] That nothing in this act contained shall excuse or free any of the lands or inhabitants that have been taxed by the town of Oxford, according to the order of this court, for paying all past dues; but that they and their lands be subjected to pay their town, county and ministerial rates and taxes in the same manner as they would have been if this act had never been made. [*Passed February 2; published February 3, 1731-32.*]

CHAPTER 18.

AN ACT FOR GRANTING UNTO HIS MAJESTY SEVERAL RATES AND DUT[IE][Y]S OF IMPOST AND TUNNAGE OF SHIP[P]ING.

Preamble.

WE, his majesty's most loyal and dut[i][y]ful[1] subjects, the representatives of his majesty's province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, considering the necessity of calling in the sum of twenty-one thousand pounds granted to his late majesty, King George the First, by bills emitted at the several[1] sessions in the years one thousand seven hundred and twenty-one, one thousand seven hundred and twenty-five, and one thousand seven hundred and twenty-six, to be