

crows or blackbirds, otherwise both their ears) cut off by one of us, as is directed by this act; in the whole sum of pounds, which sum we desire you to allow to our town, by paying the same unto A. B., our town treasurer. Dated in A. aforesaid, the day of Anno Domini, 17 .

} Selectmen,
} Town Treasurer,
} or Town Clerk.

To the Province Treasurer.

Inhabitants to
be assessed for
said premium.

[SECT. 4.] And the selectmen or assessors of each town, respectively, shall be and hereby are authorized and impowered to assess the inhabitants of their town, yearly, in due proportion, such sum and sums as they shall judge necessary to answer the payments to be made out of the town stock, as aforesaid, together with other charges of the town, and to cause the same to be collected in manner as is by law directed for the gathering of town rates.

And, whereas some towns within this province may have orders or by-laws now subsisting, whereby persons killing blackbirds, or some other of the creatures beforementioned, are intitled to a reward; wherefore, to prevent the inconvenienc[i]e[s] that may arise, should such orders subsist and be in force together with this act,—

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,

Town by-laws
superseded by
this act.

[SECT. 5.] That all town orders now in force, which give a premium for killing of blackbirds or any other kind of creatures specified in this act, be and they are hereby superseded (as far forth as they relate to those species) and declared null and void.

Limitation.

[SECT. 6.] This act to continue and be in force for the space of five years from the publication thereof, and no longer. [*Passed and published April 10, 1741.*]

CHAPTER 25.

AN ACT FOR ERECTING SUFF[E]I[E]LD EQUIVALENT LANDS, COMMONLY CALLED GLASGOW, IN THE COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE, INTO A TOWNSHIP BY THE NAME OF BLANDFORD.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this court, by the inhabitants of Suff[e]i[e]ld equivalent lands, commonly called Glasgow, in the county of Hampshire, that they labour under great difficulties by reason of their not being incorporated into a township,—

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

A new town
made called
Blandford.

Bounds thereof.

[SECT. 1.] That the lands aforesaid be and hereby are erected into a separate and distinct township by the name of Blandford; the bounds whereof are as followeth; vizt., beginning at a black birch, marked, with stones about it, being the south-east corner, and is near a small brook that runs into Westfield River, and on the west side of a steep, round mountain; from thence, running west, twenty degrees north, one thousand nine hundred and forty-five rods, to a maple-tree, marked; thence north, twenty degrees east, one thousand nine hundred and twenty rods, to a beach-tree, marked, with stones about it; from thence, east, twenty degrees south, one thousand nine hundred and forty-five rods, to a yellow-pine tree, marked, with stones about it; from thence, running south, twenty degrees west, one thousand nine hundred and twenty rods, to the bounds first mentioned.

[SECT. 2.] And that the inhabitants on the land aforesaid be and are hereby vested with all the powers, privile[d]ges and immunities which the inhabitants of other towns are or by law ought to be vested with. [*Passed and published April 10, 1741.*]

CHAPTER 26.

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE EXPORTATION OF PROVISIONS FOR SUPPLYING HIS MAJESTY'S ENEMIES.

WHEREAS, the supplying his majesty's enemies with any provisions whatsoever, may be of dangerous consequence during the present war,—

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

[SECT. 1.] That, from and after the publication of this act, no ship or other vessel be permitted to take on board any wheat or other grain, bread, flower, beef, pork, fish or any other provision of any sort, nature or kind whatsoever, unless bond be first given by the master of such ship or vessel, with one sufficient surety, to the impost officer or his deputy, in the sum of two thousand pounds sterling, for each vessel of or above one hundred tons, and one thousand pounds sterling, for each vessel under that burthen, that all such provisions shall be landed in some place within his majesty's dominions, or delivered to some of his majesty's ships of war, or some of his majesty's officers in the land service (the danger of the seas excepted), and that the master of every ship or vessel already loaden or now taking in their lading, give bond as before expressed; and that a legal certificate of the landing, discharging or delivering said provisions accordingly, shall, within eighteen months from the date hereof, be produced and brought to the said impost officer or his deputy; and, upon such certificate's being produced, said impost officer or his deputy is hereby impowered and directed to cancel such bond. The impost officer's fee for taking such bond shall be four shillings, old tenor bills, and no more.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,

[SECT. 2.] That every master of a ship or other vessel, before clearing at the impost office, shall give in to the commissioners of said office, under his hand, a true manifest of all the provisions of all sorts taken on board for exportation; and shall also make oath that the said manifest contains a just and true accompt, to the best of his knowledge, of all the provisions of any kind or sort whatsoever taken on board said ship or vessel, and that, if he shall know of any more provisions of any sort or kind taken on board, or to be taken on board before his leaving the port, he will add them to said manifest.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,

[SECT. 3.] That, if any person shall presume to take or load any provisions on board any vessel, before he has first given bond, as aforesaid, such provision, together with the said vessel, tackle and appurtenances, shall be forfeited, and may be seized by the governour or commander-in-chief for the time being, or any person or persons by him authorized in that behalf, or by warrant of any justice of the peace (which warrant such justice is hereby impowered and required to give upon request), or by any impost officer, or any person or persons under him or them accompanying, aiding and assisting; and all and every such offence and forfeiture shall and may be prosecuted for and recovered in any court of record in the county where such offence is committed; and such penalties and forfeitures so recovered shall be divided as follows;