

It is enacted and declared by the Governour, Council and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,

[SECT. 1.] That the several duties, impost, excise and tonnage in the said act mentioned, and in one other additional act for impost and excise, made at the second session of this court, be and hereby are continued and further granted unto their majesties, to the ends and intent aforesaid, from and after the twenty-ninth day of June next coming, unto the twenty-ninth day of June which will be in the year of our Lord God, one thousand six hundred ninety and four, and no longer, to be collected and paid in manner as by said act is directed. And the before said act, entituled, “An Act for Impost, Excise and Tonage of Shipping,” and all and every the branches, articles, clauses and parts thereof, with the additions thereto, are hereby revived and continued, to abide and remain in full force and virtue unto the aforesaid twenty-ninth day of June, one thousand six hundred ninety and four, and not afterwards, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted and declared by the authority aforesaid,

[SECT. 2.] That the governour and council be and hereby are fully impowred to assign and make over all the profits and revenue arising thereby, as security to such person or persons who shall advance and pay down any considerable sum or sums of money for a present supply of the publick occasions, for their being repaid the same with the allowance of seven per cent per annum interest: *provided*, there be not an exceeding, in the former grant and this, the sum of five thousand pounds upon the interest therein exprest: *saving, notwithstanding*, to all persons that formerly lent their bills of credit for supply of the occasions of this government, their discounts by a note from the treasurer for all sums which they shall have to pay by virtue of this act, being *bona fide* for their own account, according to the proviso in the act for making the former bills of credit to pass currant, or by consignments, to be made appear by bills of lading, said discounts to be reckoned and outset in part payment of said loan. [*Passed February 18, 1692-3.*]

CHAPTER 48.

AN ACT FOR THE REGISTRING OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

FOR preventing of great uncertainty and inconvenience that may happen for want of a particular register of births and deaths,—

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

10 Allen, 164.

That every town clerk within this province shall be and is hereby impowred and required to take an account of all persons that shall be born, or shall dye, within each town, respectively, and the precincts thereof, and fairly to register in a book their names and surnames, as also the names and surnames of their parents, with the time of their birth and death. And the clerk shall demand and receive the fee of threepence, and no more, for each birth or death by him so registred, to be paid by the parents or others nextly related to or concerned with the party born or dying. And if any shall refuse or neglect to give notice to the town clerk of the birth or death of any person that they are so related to or concerned for, or to pay for registering as above-said by the space of thirty days next after such birth or death, every person so refusing or neglecting, and being (upon the complaint of any town clerk) thereof convicted before a justice of the peace within the

same county, shall forfeit and pay unto such clerk the sum of five shillings, to be levied by distress and sale of the offender's goods by warrant from such justice, if payment thereof be not made within four days next after conviction as aforesaid. And every town clerk shall give forth from the registry a fair certificate, under his hand, of persons born or dying in the town, to any who shall desire the same; and he shall receive sixpence and no more for every certificate so given. [*Passed February 17, 1692-3.*]