

1703-4, chap. 8.

Inferior court  
at Ipswich.  
1699-1700, ch. 2.  
Inferior court  
at Cambridge.

within the county of Essex; as by the law for establishing a superiour court of judicature, court of assize and general goal delivery within this province is directed and appointed, any act or law since made to the contrary notwithstanding, which is hereby repealed.

*And be it further declared,*

[SECT. 6.] That the inferiour court of common pleas appointed to be held at Ipswich on the last Tuesday in March, be removed and held upon the third Tuesday in March, yearly; and the inferiour court in Cambridge, appointed to be held at Cambridge on the second Tuesday in September, be altered and removed to be held on the last Tuesday in August, yearly. [*Passed June 12; published June 16.*]

## CHAPTER 4.

### AN ACT FOR RAYSING A NEW TOWN, BY THE NAME OF NORTON, WITHIN THE COUNTY OF BRISTOL.

WHEREAS the tract of land commonly called and known by the name of the North Purchase, lying situate within the township of Tanton, in the county of Bristol, circumscribed within the lines and boundaries prescribed by a committee sometime since appointed by the general assembly, as follows; vizt., beginning at the line between the two late colonies of the Massachusetts and Plymouth, in the line of the said North Purchase, and Attleborough; from thence running southward to Rehoboth, north-east corner; and from thence eastward, on the North Purchase line, to Taunton bounds; thence eastward to the mouth of the brooke called Burt's Brooke, and extending from the mouth of Burt's Brooke over the Mill River, near William Witherels; and from thence north-eastward to the North Purchase line; and from the North Purchase line, the road that leads from the said bridge towards Boston to be the bounds, till it come to the line betwixt the two late colonies aforesaid; which line to be the bounds to Attleborough aforesaid,—was set off from Tanton, by and with the consent of that town, and, by an order of the general assembly, pass'd at their session in March, 1710, made a distinct and seperate town from Tanton, containing a sufficient quantity of land and a competent number of inhabitants for that purpose, and named Norton, the full perfecting of the said grant being adjourned and referred to this present court; in pursuance, therefore, of the afore-recited order and grant, and for the compleating and perfecting of the same,—

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

That the aforesaid tract of land, commonly called the North Purchase, circumscribed and bounded as above expressed, be and is granted to be a township distinct and seperate from Tanton, the town to be named Norton, and the inhabitants thereof to have, use, exercise and enjoy all such immunities, powers and privileges as other towns within this province have and do, by law, use, exercise and enjoy; so that said inhabitants settle an able, learned, orthodox minister in said town, and from time to time allow him a comfortable support: *provided, nevertheless,* that the inhabitants in the east end of the said North Purchase shall have one-halfe of the said purchase, as their precinct, when they are able to maintain a minister, and this court judge them so. [*Passed June 12.*]