

judgments have been or hereafter shall be recovered before his majesty's justices of the peace in this province, have removed or hereafter may remove and depart from the county in which such judgments were or shall be recovered, into some other county in this province, without paying or any wise satisfying such judgments; and *whereas* it is often necessary that actions of debt upon judgments heretofore recovered or that hereafter may be recovered before justices of the peace in this province should be brought and prosecuted in the inferior courts of common pleas in this province, for which there is no provision in the law, —

It is therefore hereby further enacted,

Provision, in case of debtors removing from the county, where judgment has been recovered, to another county.

[SECT. 3.] That when it shall happen that any person or persons against whom a judgment has been or shall be had and recovered before any of his majesty's justices of the peace within this province, and the person or persons against whom such judgment has been or shall be recovered as aforesaid, and does and shall dwell and reside in any other county in this province, then and in every such case it shall and may be lawful for the justice before whom such judgment was or shall be recovered as aforesaid, to direct any execution or executions issuing upon such judgments, to the proper officer of such county where such person or persons against whom such judgment has been or shall be recovered as aforesaid, does or shall dwell or reside; and such officer to whom such execution or executions shall be directed as aforesaid, shall be and hereby are fully authorized, empowered and directed to execute and return such writs of execution accordingly.

Action to be recovered in the inferior court, upon judgment recovered before any justice of the peace.

[SECT. 4.] And when it shall be necessary for any person or persons in this province to bring forward and prosecute any action or actions of debt in any of his majesty's inferior courts of common pleas in this province, upon a judgment recovered before any justice of the peace in this province, it shall and may be lawful for such person to prosecute and maintain same actions of debt in said inferior courts; and a copy of such judgment attested under the hand of the justice by whom such judgment has been or shall be rendered, shall be as sufficient evidence of such judgment, and have the same effect, to all intents and purposes, as if the original record of said judgment was then before the same court; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding. [*Passed March 4, 1774.*]

CHAPTER 17.

AN ACT FOR EMPLOYING AND PROVIDING FOR THE POOR IN THE TOWN OF SALEM, AND FOR THE BETTER REGULATING THE WORKHOUSE IN SAID TOWN.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the town of Salem have lately found it necessary to erect a workhouse for the employment of the poor in said town, —

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and House of Representatives,

Overseers of the poor at Salem, to be chosen.

[SECT. 1.] That from and after the tenth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, at the anniversary meeting in March for the choice of town officers, the town of Salem are hereby empowered to chuse five or more overseers of the poor, who shall, once

in every month, assemble themselves together to consult and determine of the most proper methods for the discharge of their office.

And be it further enacted,

[SECT. 2.] That the overseers of the poor of the town of Salem, for the time being, shall have the inspection, ordering and government of the said house, with power of appointing a master or masters, and one or more assistants, for the more immediate care and oversight of the persons received into or employed in said house; which overseers, at their monthly meet[h]ings, shall have power to make orders and by-laws for the better and more decent regulating the said house; which orders and by-laws shall be binding until the next town meeting, to which they shall exhibit them, and, when approved by the said town at a legal meeting, shall be obligatory until revoked by the said town.

Overseers to have the government, to appoint masters, and make by-laws for regulating the workhouse.

And be it further enacted,

[SECT. 3.] That each one of the overseers, aforesaid, shall have power to send any idle and indigent person, or persons, to the said house, for entertainment and [i][e]mployment, for the space of twenty-four hours; or any two of the said overseers shall have power to continue or send to said house such person or persons till discharged by the major part of said overseers, at a monthly meeting; which person or persons the master or masters and assistants are hereby required to receive and employ accordingly.

Overseers to send idle and indigent persons to the workhouse,

And be it further enacted,

[SECT. 4.] That the overseers shall have full power of binding out into good families the children of parents who are unable, or negligent, to provide necessar[y][ie]s for the subsistence and support of their children: *provided*, such parents are not rated for their personal estate or faculty.

— and to bind out the children of such parents as are not rated for personal estate.

And be it further enacted,

[SECT. 5.] That the overseers of the poor in the town of Salem be, and they hereby are, empowered to warn any and all intruders, or others who are not inhabitants, to depart the town; and in case of refusal or neglect, to proceed in the same manner and with as full power as the selectmen, by law, may or can; and the constables of said town are hereby required to observe, and yield ready obedience to the orders and directions of the overseers aforesaid, by virtue and in consequence of this act. [*Passed March 8,* 1774.*]

Overseers to warn intruders out of town.

CHAPTER 18.

AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING THE WEST PART OF THE TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE, INTO A DISTRICT BY THE NAME OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE.

WHEREAS the inhabitants of the west part of the town of Stockbridge, in the county of Berkshire, are desirous to enjoy the privileges that will arise to them by being incorporated into a distinct and separate district,—

Preamble.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and House of Representatives,

[SECT. 1.] That the west part of the said town of Stockbridge,

* Signed March 9, according to the record. The engrossed act was never sealed.