

estates of the members of each Society, on which side soever of said line the same may be situated shall appertain to the Society to which the owner shall then belong, and shall remain liable to taxation for ministerial & parochial purposes in said Society forever.

in Wrentham, to be taxed for ministerial purposes.

SECT. 5TH. *And be it further Enacted*, that nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect the rights of property of any society or Individual within the Town of Wrentham, or any arrears, or just debts which have become due previous to this incorporation.

Rights of property not to be affected.

SECT. 6TH. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid* that any Justice of the Peace in the County of Norfolk, upon application made to him in writing, by two or more of the Inhabitants of said North Parish be & hereby is authorized to issue his warrant, directed to some suitable Inhabitant within the said North Parish, requiring him to warn the Inhabitants thereof, qualified by law to vote in Parish affairs, to meet at some convenient time & place, to choose such Officers, as Parishes are empowered to choose in the Months of March or April annually, & to transact all matters & things, necessary & lawful to be done in the said Parish. *Approved February 26, 1799.*

Justices of Peace to issue warrants for meetings.

## 1798. — Chapter 62.

[January Session, ch. 29.]

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SAFE KEEPING THE RECORDS OF THE SEVERAL NOTARIES PUBLIC IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

SEC. I. *Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That on the death, resignation or removal from office of any Notary Public within this Commonwealth, the Records of the said Notary Public, together with all the papers relating to the business of the Office, shall be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the same County in which the said Notary Public resided. And any Notary Public, who, on his resignation or removal from Office, shall neglect to deposit such Records & Papers in the Clerk's Office as aforesaid, for the space of three months, shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than Fifty Dollars, nor more than Five hundred Dollars. And if any Executor or Administrator of any deceased Notary Public, shall neglect to lodge said Records or Papers as aforesaid, which

Disposal of records in case of disease, resignation or removal.

Penalties.

shall come into his hands, in the Clerk's Office for the space of three months after his acceptance of that trust, he shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than Fifty Dollars, nor more than Five hundred Dollars. And if any person shall knowingly destroy, deface or conceal any Records or Papers of any Notary Public, he shall forfeit & pay a sum not less than Two hundred Dollars, nor more than One thousand Dollars, & shall be moreover liable to an Action for damages by the party injured.

SEC. II. *And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the several Clerks of the Courts of Common Pleas, to receive and safe keep all the Records and Papers directed by this Act to be deposited in their Offices, and give attested copies of any of said Records or Papers, when required; for which service each clerk shall be allowed the same fees as are or may be allowed by Law to Notaries Public. And copies so given by the said Clerks, are hereby declared to be as valid, as if the same had been given by the said Notaries. And all forfeitures under this Act, shall be one half to the Commonwealth, the other half to him or them who shall sue for the same, to be recovered in an Action of Debt in the County where such Notary Public resided.

*Approved February 26, 1799.*

### 1798. — Chapter 63.

[January Session, ch. 28.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE A SOCIETY BY THE NAME OF THE ROXBURY CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

SECTION 1ST. *Be it enacted by the Senate & House of Representatives in General Court Assembled & by the Authority of the same,* That the Honorable John Lowell, esquire, Mr. William Lambert, Reverend Eliphalet Porter, Honorable John Read esquire, Nathaniel Ruggles Esqr. Deacon Joshua Felton & Mr. John Williams with such others as have associated themselves for this purpose be & they hereby are constituted a Society and Body Politic & Corporate by the name of the Roxbury Charitable Society, & that they and their Successors & such other Persons as shall be legally elected by them shall be & continue a Body Politic & Corporate by that name forever.

SECTION 2D. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Members of said Society shall have power to elect a President & all other necessary officers,

Clerks of Courts  
of Common  
Pleas directed.

Fees allowed.

Appropriation  
of fines.

Persons  
incorporated.

Corporate  
name.

To choose a  
President —  
have a Seal,  
&c.