

leading to *Amherst*, and the other to *Granby*; and from thence to continue strait forward the same Point of Compass to *Hadley* Bounds.

*And whereas by the present running of the Dividing Line between said Towns, some Persons or their Estates may not fall into the Town where it will be most convenient and agreeable to such Persons:*

*Be it further enacted,* That each of the Persons living in said Towns, shall have their Liberty and Choice of belonging to either of said Towns as will be most agreeable to them, together with their respective Estates.

Persons living in said Town to have their choice.

*Provided,* The Person so chusing to remove himself or his Estate from the Town where he inhabits, or where his Estate lays, to the other Town, shall make a Return of his Name or the Estate so to be removed, into the Secretary's Office, on or before the First Day of *January* next, therein particularly mentioning the Quantity of his Land, with the Boundaries of such Land, and the Name of the Town to which he would have the same annexed, which Person or his Estate, so described, as aforesaid, shall from and after the said First Day of *January* next, be considered to all Intents and Purposes as belonging to the Town to which the same is subscribed; such Person or Estate being included within the Limits of the other Town notwithstanding.

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*And be it further enacted,* That nothing in this Act shall extend to any Alteration in the assessing or collecting any Rates or Taxes that are now laid on either of said Towns, but that the same shall be assessed and collected in the same Manner as they ought to have been before the making of this Act.

No alteration to be made in the assessing or collecting taxes laid on either of said Towns.

*June 28, 1781.*

## 1781. — Chapter 6.

[May Session, ch. 7.]

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SECURITY AND PAYMENT OF THE BALANCES DUE TO THE OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS LINE OF THE ARMY. *Chap. 6*

*Whereas it is necessary to impower the Treasurer of this Commonwealth to pay the Officers and Soldiers who now belong to the Massachusetts Line of the Army, or who have heretofore belonged to the said Line, and have died, or been regularly discharged therefrom, the Balances that shall appear on Settlement of their Accounts to have*

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been due to them on the First Day of January, one Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty-one, agreeable to the Resolutions of the General Court:

Treasurer empowered to issue Notes to Officers and Soldiers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the Treasurer of this Commonwealth be, and he hereby is impowered and directed to issue his Notes on the Credit of the said Commonwealth, to said Officers and Soldiers, in the Form following :

Form of the Note.

No.            Commonwealth of *Massachusetts*.    A. D.             
Borrowed and received of                            the Sum of             
which Sum I promise for Myself and Successors in the Office of Treasurer of this Commonwealth, to pay to the said                            or Bearer, on or before the            Day of            A. D.            with Interest at *Six per Cent. per annum*, the Interest to be paid Annually; and both Principal and Interest to be paid in Gold and Silver, or in Bills of Credit emitted by the Continental Congress, or by this Commonwealth, at the current Value thereof, compared with Silver and Gold; which current Value shall be determined in the Manner provided in the Supply Bill for Loaning Money on *Four per Cent.* Bounty.  
Witness my Hand,

H. G. Treasurer.

A. B. } Committee.

Which Form shall be procured by the Treasurer, and printed on good Paper, and having been formed into Books, shall be cut out indentwise therefrom.

Committee appointed to sign said Notes.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That *Richard Cranch*, Esq; *Thomas Dawes*, Esq; or either of them be a Committee to sign and number said Notes in the Form prescribed, before they are filled up by the Treasurer.

Treasurer directed to issue three Notes in equal Sums for Balances due for the Year 1780 payable at certain Periods, and to be received for Taxes.

And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer be, and he hereby is directed to issue to each of said Officers and Soldiers, three Notes in equal Sums, as near as may be, for the respective Balances due to them for their Services for the Year one Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty, also on Account of the delay of Payment of their Wages, and for the Bounties which have been deducted from the Balance due to said Soldiers, and the additional pay to the Staff, payable as follows — One on the First Day of *January*, A. D. one Thousand seven

Hundred and Eighty-Four. One other on the First Day of *January*, A. D. one Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty-five. One other on the First Day of *January*, A. D. one Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty-six; both Principal and Interest to be received for Taxes in the several Years in which said Notes are payable.

*And be it further enacted*, That the Committee for settling with the Army, be, and they hereby are directed to certify to the Governor and Council, the Balances respectively due to said Officers and Soldiers; and the Governor with Advice of Council is hereby requested to grant his Warrant on the Treasurer for the same, who is directed to issue his Note as aforesaid.

*And be it further enacted*, That there be and hereby is granted a Tax of *One Hundred and Eleven Thousand Pounds*, to be levied on the Polls and Estates within this Commonwealth, One-Third Part of which to be paid into the Treasury of the said Commonwealth, on or before the First Day of *October* in each of the Years, one Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty-three, one Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty-four, and one Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty-five, each of said Sums to be levied according to such Rules and Proportions as shall be agreed on by the General Court, at their Sessions in *June* in each of the Years last mentioned. And the Sums so granted shall be applied for the Payment of the Notes issued by Virtue of this Act.

*And be it further enacted*, That if the General Court shall not sometime before the First Day of *August*, in each of the Years last mentioned, agree and conclude upon a Tax Act apportioning the Sum to be paid in each of said Years respectively, then and in such Case the Treasurer of this Commonwealth is hereby empowered and directed, sometime in the Month of *September* in each of said Years, to issue and send forth his Warrants, directed to the Selectmen or Assessors of such Town or other incorporated Place as was taxed by the General Court in the Tax Act next preceeding, or to some suitable Persons in such Places as are not incorporated, requiring them to assess the Polls and Estates within their Limits respectively for their full Parts and Proportions of the Sums before directed and engaged to be assessed, to be paid into the Treasury on or before the First Day of *October* in such Years respectively: And the Assessors

Committee for settling with the army to certify the respective Balances due.

A Tax to be levied on Polls and estates for £111,000.

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and other Persons shall observe, be governed by, and subject to all such Rules and Directions as shall be given in the next preceeding Tax Act.

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*Provided nevertheless*, That in all Cases where the Balance due to said Officers and Soldiers for their Services for the Year one Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty, also on Account of the Delay of Payment and the Bounties which have been deducted from the Balances due to the said Soldiers shall not exceed *Five Pounds*, one Note only is to be given payable the First Day of *January*, one Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty-five; and if the Balance is *Ten Pounds*, then two Notes; and if *Fifteen Pounds*, then three Notes, payable as aforesaid. And the Treasurer shall add at the Rate of *Four per Cent.* as a Bounty to each Note.

July 5, 1781.

### 1781. — Chapter 7.

[May Session, ch. 8.]

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE INTEREST ON THE NEW BILLS OF CREDIT, AND FIXING THE RATE AT WHICH THEY SHALL BE RECEIVED INTO THE TREASURY; FOR SUSPENDING THE MAKING UP JUDGMENT IN CIVIL CAUSES FOR A LIMITED TIME; AND REPEALING ALL THE LAWS HERETOFORE PASSED FOR MAKING SAID BILLS A TENDER.

Preamble.

*Whereas by a Resolution of the General Court of this Commonwealth, passed the Second Day of December, one Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty, the Interest on the new Bills of Credit issued on the Funds of the State of the Massachusetts Bay, according to an Act of the Legislature of said State, of the Fifth Day of May, one Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty, is to be computed from the First Day of August last, and it is necessary for supporting the Credit of said Bills, that the Interest due on them should be punctually paid:*

*Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Treasurer of this Commonwealth be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the Possessors of any of the Bills issued as aforesaid, one Year's Interest, which will become due the First Day of August next, out of the hard Money Tax at the Rate of Five per Cent. any other Law or Appropriation to the contrary notwithstanding. And in Case a sufficiency of*

Treasurer directed to pay the Interest one Year on the new Emission Bills.

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