

Writs, to be paid by the party against whom sentence may be given.

Proviso.

*Provided nevertheless*, that whenever the Selectmen or Overseers of the poor, of the District of *Berlin*, shall dispute their being holden to respond as aforesaid, they shall give notice thereof, to the Selectmen or Overseers of the poor, of *Bolton*, in forty eight hours after notice given to them as aforesaid, in which case the Court or Justice aforesaid, shall have full power to determine the same dispute, if in the course of the process it may be necessary to be determined; and any removal or adjudication touching the same, shall be had agreeably to the same determination. And the District of *Berlin* are hereby authorized, to commence, prosecute and defend any suit, process or complaint, respecting any poor person or persons, their wives or descendants, whose last remove from *Bolton*, previous to the said incorporation, was from that part thereof, which is now *Berlin*, in the same manner they might have done, had they been a corporation before such removal.

Clause respecting poor persons who removed previous to the incorporation.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, that if any person or persons, their wives or descendants, whose last remove from *Bolton*, previous to the same incorporation, was from that part of *Bolton*, which is now *Berlin*, and was not an inhabitant of *Bolton*, at the said time of incorporation, shall become poor, that in every such case the Town of *Bolton*, may proceed against, and charge the said District with the support and maintainance of such poor person or persons, their wives or descendants, in the same manner, as they might have done, if *Berlin* had been incorporated at the time of the removal last mentioned.

March 26, 1788.

### 1787. — Chapter 53.

[February Session, ch. 22.]

*Chap. 53* AN ACT FOR REVIVING AND CONTINUING IN FORCE TWO LAWS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH, ONE PASSED IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX, ENTITLED, "AN ACT FOR SUSPENDING THE LAWS FOR THE COLLECTION OF PRIVATE DEBTS, UNDER CERTAIN LIMITATIONS," THE OTHER PASSED IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN, ENTITLED, "AN ACT FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF AND IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED, AN ACT FOR SUSPENDING THE LAWS FOR THE COLLECTING OF PRIVATE DEBTS UNDER CERTAIN LIMITATIONS."

Preamble.

*Whereas it is judged expedient that the two afore-recited acts, should be revived and continued in force:*

*Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* that the two afore recited acts and each and every clause thereof, be and hereby are revived, and shall continue in force until the third Wednesday of June next, and no longer. Enacting clause.

*Provided notwithstanding, And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* that this Act shall not be construed to extend to any debts which shall be contracted after the passing of this Act. Proviso.  
*March 26, 1788.*

### 1787. — Chapter 54.

[February Session, ch. 21.]

AN ACT FOR SUPPRESSING AND PUNISHING OF ROGUES, VAGABONDS, COMMON BEGGARS, AND OTHER IDLE, DISORDERLY AND LEWD PERSONS. Chap. 54

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* that there shall be erected, built or otherwise provided by the Court of general sessions of the Peace, in every County within this Commonwealth, at the charge of such County, a fit & convenient house or houses of correction (where such house is not already provided) with convenient accomodations thereunto adjoining and belonging; to be used & employed, for the keeping, correcting & setting to work of rogues, vagabonds, common beggars, & other idle, disorderly & lewd persons. Houses of correction to be provided.

And until such house or houses of correction be erected, built, or otherwise provided, the common prison in each County, may be made use of for that purpose.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* that the Court of general sessions of the Peace in each County, may nominate and appoint at their will & pleasure, a suitable person to be master of such house of correction And also to make, ordain & establish such rules & orders as may be necessary, (not repugnant to the Laws of this Commonwealth) for the ruling, governing & punishing of such persons as may be there committed; & such rules and orders by them made, shall be in force & put in execution. And any Justice of the peace, as well as the Court of Sessions, may send & commit unto the said house, to be kept & governed according to the rules Court of Sessions to appoint masters of such houses, and establish rules, &c.