

of which shall be paid by said Proprietors if such Jury shall find a Verdict for a larger sum than was awarded by such Committee.

Shares to be liable to attachment.

4. *And be it further enacted* that any share or shares in said property shall be liable to attachment on *mesne* process, & such attachment shall be made by leaving an attested Copy of such process with the proprietor's Clerk at the time of such attachment, & such share or shares may be sold on execution in the same manner as is or may be provided for the sale of personal property by execution, the Officer making the sale leaving a Copy of the execution & of his return on the same with the clerk of the proprietors, within ten days after such sale.

Penalty for injuring Aqueduct.

5. *Be it further enacted* that any person wilfully injuring said aqueduct shall be subject to the same penalties as are provided in the second section of the Act intituled, "An Act for the more effectually preventing of trespasses in divers cases," passed the twenty third day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & Eighty five, & shall also be liable to make good all damages so done, to the said proprietors.

Approved June 17, 1796.

1796. — Chapter 23.

[May Session, ch. 21.]

AN ACT SPECIALLY PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF POOR PERSONS FROM THE DISTRICT OF MARSHPEE, WHO HAVE NO LEGAL SETTLEMENT THERE.

Preamble.

Whereas the Inhabitants of Marshpee are mostly Indians, Negroes, and Mulattoes people incapable of Transacting the business of a corporation, or of taking due care of themselves or estates; where-by many vagrant strolling and poor people intrude and shelter themselves there, to the injury of the rightful inhabitants, and the general law for removing the poor is inapplicable to their circumstances.

Removal of poor Persons.

Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and house of Representatives in General Court Assembled and by the Authority of the same, that whenever it shall appear to the board of overseers of the district of Marshpee, that any person is resident in Marshpee who hath no legal settlement there, the said Overseers may (if they shall judge it expedient) order any guardian of the inhabitants of Marshpee, forthwith to cause any person resident as aforesaid to be

removed to the town, district or plantation where he or they may belong or last resided; — and also to prosecute for and recover reasonable damages & costs of any town district or plantation to which such poor person belonged if removed thereto; and the said guardian in such case is hereby invested with like Authority as overseers of the poor are invested in cases of removal of poor persons: and the said guardian, all courts, justices, and officers, shall proceed in like manner as in other processes for removal of the poor, *Mutatis Mutandis*, and the said Board of overseers shall be Answerable for costs where judgment may be given against them as towns are answerable, to be paid out of the funds of the said Board.

Approved June 17, 1796.

1796. — Chapter 24.

[May Session, ch. 22.]

AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING CERTAIN PERSONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING A BRIDGE OVER CONNECTICUTT RIVER IN THE COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE & FOR SUPPORTING THE SAME.

Whereas the erecting a Bridge over Connecticut river between the towns of Greenfield & Montague at a place called Coss's Island will be of great public utility; & whereas Jonathan Leavitt & Eliel Gilbert have presented a petition to this Court, setting forth that they with divers other persons to be associated with them are willing to undertake the same & praying to be incorporated for that purpose.

Preamble.

Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and house of Representatives in General Court assembled, & by the Authority of the same that Jonathan Leavitt, Eliel Gilbert & such other persons as shall associate with them, be & they hereby are constituted a corporation, for the purpose aforesaid by the name of the proprietors of connecticut river Bridge.

Persons incorporated.

And be it further ena[c]ted that the said Jonathan Leavitt, & Eliel Gilbert may by advertisement in the Greenfield Gazette warn, or call a meeting of the said Proprietors, to be holden at any suitable time & place, after five days, from the first publication of said advertisement: And the proprietors by a vote of the majority of those present or represented at said meeting (accounting & allowing one vote to each single share in all cas[s]es, provided however

Mode of calling a Meeting.