

Caleb Parsons, Caleb Bliss, Aaron Day, *Dr.* John Vanhorn, Samuel Ely, Jonathan Smith, and Benjamin Stebins, *jun.* have not joined in the Application made for the Incorporation thereof, but have declined their Consent thereto: Therefore,

*Be it enacted,* That none of the beforementioned Proprietors who have declined their Consent as aforesaid, shall be obliged as Members of the said Corporation or Propriety, to contribute to the general Fence, or be subjected to the Votes of the other Proprietors in Regard to his or their Lands they now own there, whenever and so long as he or they shall inclose and improve the same in severalty, or shall not improve and enjoy the same under the Protection and Security of the same common Fence with the rest of the Proprietors in general; any Thing in the foregoing Paragraph to the contrary notwithstanding.

Declining Proprietors not to be subject to this Act.

*And be it further enacted,* That each and every of the petitioning Proprietors aforesaid, may be at full Liberty at any and all Times hereafter, to inclose and improve by themselves, any of their Lands lying within the Limits aforesaid, as if such Act of Incorporation had not been made; they maintaining their respective Proportions of the general Fence around the same. *June 27, 1782.*

Proprietors may inclose and improve any of their Lands.

## 1782. — Chapter 4.

[May Session, ch. 5.]

AN ACT FOR NATURALIZING MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM  
AND JOHN PRESCOTT.

Chap. 4

*Whereas* Michael Cunningham and John Prescott, late of the Town of Halifax, in Nova Scotia, have produced substantial Evidence that they have, during the present War, particularly exerted themselves for the Relief of American Prisoners who have been carried into said Halifax; and that they have in many Instances, opposed the British tyranny, and espoused the Cause of America, and have now fled to this Country to pay Obedience to and receive Protection from its Laws. And whereas it is just to reward such Persons who have thus voluntarily taken a Part in our Defence, and expedient to encourage such well disposed Foreigners to join themselves to us:

Preamble.

*Michael  
Cunningham  
and John  
Prescott  
Naturalized.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That upon taking and subscribing the Oaths of Allegiance, Abjuration, and other Oaths required by the Laws of this Commonwealth, by the said Michael Cunningham and John Prescott respectively, they the said Michael Cunningham and John Prescott, shall, from the Time of taking and subscribing said Oaths before any two Justices of the Peace of this Commonwealth, be deemed, adjudged and taken to be natural Subjects of this Commonwealth, to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes, as if they, the said Michael Cunningham and John Prescott had been respectively born within this Commonwealth, and had continued and dwelt therein from the Time of their respective Births, and been here abiding on the Fourth Day of July, in the Year of our Lord Seventeen Hundred and Seventy-six, and had each of them at that Time and ever since, taken a Part with and been aiding the Inhabitants of this Commonwealth in Defence of their Liberties.*

*Their Oaths to  
be returned to  
the Secretary.*

*And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if the said Michael Cunningham and John Prescott, shall take and subscribe the Oaths aforesaid, in Manner aforesaid; the Persons before whom they shall take and subscribe said Oaths, shall make Return thereof to the Secretary, who shall record the same in a Book, to be kept among the public Records of this Commonwealth for the Purpose of recording the Names of such Foreigners as shall be hereafter naturalized by Acts of this Commonwealth.*

*June 27, 1782.*

## 1782. — Chapter 5.

[May Session, ch. 6.]

*Chap. 5* AN ACT FOR ESTABLISHING AND REGULATING THE FEES OF THE SEVERAL OFFICERS AND OTHER PERSONS HEREAFTER MENTIONED.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the First Day of July One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-two, the Fees of the several Officers and other Persons hereafter mentioned, shall be as follows, viz.*