

1790. — Chapter 11.

[May Session, ch. 11.]

AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING A NUMBER OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWNS OF *NEW-GLOUCESTER* AND *GRAY* IN THE COUNTY OF *CUMBERLAND*, INTO A DISTINCT & SEPARATE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY.

Persons
incorporated.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, That John Woodman, Isaiah Woodman, Ebenezer Lake, John Warren, Thomas Wharff, Elias Merrill, Jabez True, Simon Noyes, William True, Thomas Penny, Robert Herrin, John Stenchfield, Ephraim Stenchfield, Eliphalet Haskell, John Tufts, Nathaniel Bennett, Joseph Raynes, Stephen Washburn, Josiah Smith, William Irish, Job Haskell, Jonathan Bennett, Joseph Woodman, Nathan Merrill, Asa Libby, John Stenchfield, David Woodman, David Mackintier, Adam Cotton, Solomon Atwood Junr. Ebenezer Whitmarsh, Thomas Franck, James Humphrey, William Delley, Jeremiah Hayden, John Nash, Joseph Weeks, Elijah Nash, Nathan Morse, Hosea Morse, George Small, Levi Morse, David Jordan, John Morse, Samuel Stowell, Reuben Stowell, Richard Sweetser, Jabez Mathews, Timothy Waymouth, James Russell, Nathaniel Russell, John Delley, James Small, David Hunt, Timothy Foog, Timothy Foog junr., James Frank, Stephen Astens, Benjamin Libby, Amaziah Delano, Francis Jackson, Andrew Libby, William Davis, Andrew Libby junr., Moses Libby, Asa Libby Junr., Oliver Humphries, David Nash, John Humphrey, Arthur Libby, Joel Libby, Isaac Lion & Joseph Merrill, members of the said religious Society together with their polls and estates, be and they are hereby incorporated by the name of the Baptist religious Society of *New Gloucester* and *Gray*, with all the privileges, powers and immunities which any parish in this Commonwealth is by law entitled to.*

Persons con-
sidered
members.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that any & every person in either of the towns of *New Gloucester* or *Gray*, who may at any time hereafter actually become a member of and unite in religious worship with any Society in either of said towns and give in his or her name to the selectmen of the town where he or she lives, with a certificate signed by the minister of the society to which he or she hath so united, fourteen days previous to the town meeting therein to be held in the*

month of *March* or *April* annually, shall from and after such meeting with his or her polls & estates be considered as a member of such Society.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that William Wedgery Esqr. be and he hereby is authorized to issue his warrant directed to some principal member of the said Society, requiring him to warn the members of the said Society qualified to vote in parish affairs, to assemble at some suitable time and place in either of the said towns of New Gloucester or Gray, to chuse such parish officers as are by law required to be chosen in the month of March or April annually, & to transact all matters and things necessary to be done in said Society.

Wm. Wedgery,
Esqr. author-
ized to issue
warrant.

June 23, 1790.

1790. — Chapter 12.

[May Session, ch. 12.]

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT MADE AND PASSED *FEBRUARY* THE FOURTEENTH ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY NINE, INTITLED "AN ACT FOR RENDERING PROCESSES IN LAW LESS EXPENSIVE."

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 October next, all original Writs issuing out of the Office of any Justice of the Peace in this Commonwealth under the authority of, and by virtue of the Act aforesaid, shall before they are served, be endorsed on the back thereof by the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or one of them, with his Christian and Surname, if he or they are inhabitants of this Commonwealth, or by his or their Agent or Attorney being an inhabitant thereof; and when the plaintiff is not an inhabitant of this Commonwealth, then his Writ shall be endorsed in the manner aforesaid, by some responsible person who is an inhabitant of this Commonwealth; otherwise, the said Writ shall be abated; and the Court may upon motion, when it shall appear to their satisfaction that the Plaintiff, Agent, or Attorney who endorsed the Writ is not of sufficient ability to respond the cost which may arise in prosecuting his or their action, order that the plaintiff shall procure a new and responsible endorser; and such new endorser shall be held in the same manner as if the endorment had been made before the Writ was served; and when the plaintiff shall neglect to procure such new endorser, when directed thereto, by the

Time and
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