

CHAPTER 7.

AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING THE PLANTATION CALLED NEW BOSTON,
IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, INTO A TOWN BY THE NAME OF
GRAY.

WHEREAS the inhabitants of the plantation called New Boston, in Preamble.
the county of Cumberland, have represented to this court the great
difficulties and inconveniences they labour under in their present situ-
ation, and have earnestly requested that they may be incorporated
into a town,—

*Be it therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives
in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,*

[SECT. 1.] That the said plantation called New Boston, bounded Bounds of the
incorporated
town called
Gray.
as follows; viz^[1], south-easterly, on North Yarmouth; north-easterly,
on New Glo[u]cester; north-westerly, on a plantation called Ray-
mond-town, and south-westerly, on Windham,—be and hereby is
erected into a town by the name of Gray; and that the inhabitants
thereof be, and they are hereby, invested with all the powers, priv-
ile[d]ges and immunities which the inhabitants of towns within this
state do or may by law enjoy.

And be it further enacted,

[SECT. 2.] That the Honorable Enoch Freeman, Esq^[r], be, and Hon. Enoch
Freeman, Esq.,
first empowered
to call the meet-
ing of the in-
habitants.
he hereby is, [i][e]mpowered and directed to issue his warrant to some
principal inhabitant of said town, requiring him to warn the inhabit-
ants thereof to meet, at such time and place as shall be therein set
forth, to choose all such officers as towns are, by law, required and
[e][i]mpowered to choose in the month of March, annually; at which
said meeting all the then present inhabitants upwards of twenty-one
years of age, shall be admitted to vote. [Passed June 19.]

CHAPTER 8.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CHOICE OF COUNTY TREASURERS, IN
CERTAIN CASES THEREIN MENTIONED.

WHEREAS, in and by an act made in the year of our Lord one thou- Preamble.
1692-93, chap. 27,
§ 1.
sand six hundred and ninety-two, [e][i]ntitled "An Act for set[t]-
ling of the bounds, and defraying of public and necessary charges
arising within each respective county in this province," it was (among
other things) enacted, "that[e] there be a county treasurer, annually,
chosen for each respective county, being a freeholder within the same,
and to be chosen by the votes of the freeholders and other inhabitants
of each respective town, duly qualified as is provided by the act for
the choice of selectmen and other town officers; and, at the same time,
such votes to be given in writing, and sealed up by the constable, by
him to be kept and returned into the * quarter sessions to be held for
said county, then* to be opened and sorted by such person* as the court
should* appoint, in presence of the justices; and the person having
the majority of the said votes, should* be treasurer of that county for
that year," &c., as by said act more fully appears; but no provision is

* The text varies somewhat from the language of the act quoted.

made in the said act, for the choice of treasurer in cases wherein it appears, by the counting and sorting said votes, that no person has a majority, or in case of the death or removal, or non-acceptance of the person so chosen ; wherefore, for preventing of such inconveniences for the future,—

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in Gen[era]l Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,

Two justices, *quorum unus*, to call a meeting, in certain cases, for the choice of county treasurers.

That when and so often as a vacancy shall happen in the office[r] of treasurer within any of the counties in this state, by reason of any of the causes above mentioned, it shall and may be lawful[1] for any two or more of the justices within such county, *quorum unus*, and they are hereby impowered, to grant out their warrant, directed to the selectmen of the several towns in the county, ordering them forthwith to convene the freeholders and other inhabitants, qualified by law to vote for selectmen and other town officers, and proceed to the choice of some meet person for treasurer of said county, in the same manner as is prescribed in the act above recited. The said justices shall also make out their warrants, returnable to themselves on a certain day, as soon as can conveniently be done, directing the said selectmen to seal up the votes for treasurer, and return them, together with said warrant. And the abovesaid justices shall, at the same time, give out their notifications, to the other justices of said county, of their proceedings herein, desiring them to meet, on the day appointed for the return of said warrants, at some certain place in the shire town in said county. And the justices so met[t] shall proceed to open and sort the votes ; and the person having the most votes shall be treasurer for such county until[1] the time appointed by law for the choice of treasurers throughout this state. [*Passed June 19.*]

CHAPTER 9.

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE JUSTICES OF THE SUPERIO[U]R COURT OF JUDICATURE, COURT OF ASSIZE AND GENERAL GOAL DELIVERY, TO TRY CERTAIN PERSONS NOW CONFINED IN THE GOAL AT NORTHAMPTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE, AND IN THE GOAL AT GREAT BARRINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE; AND FOR PROCURING EVIDENCE TO BE USED IN SAID TRIALS.

Preamble.
1776-77, chap. 32,
§ 6.

WHEREAS, in and by an act or law of this government, made and passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, intituled "An Act against treason and mispris[i]on of treason, and for regulating trials in such cases, and for directing the mode of ex[e]cuting judgments against persons attainted of felony," it is provided, "That all manner of offences made and declared by that * act, or which should * thereafter * be made and declared by any other * laws or statutes of this state, to be treason or * mispris[i]on of treason, or concealment of treason, which should thereafter * be done, perpetrated or committed by any person or persons without the limits of this state, should * be inquired of, heard and determined before the justices of the superio[u]r court of judicature, court of assize and general goal delivery, within such county as the supreme executive power should * order and direct, by good and lawful men of the same

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