

Precinct; and that all authority and jurisdiction exercised by the said Third Precinct while in their separate corporate capacity, be transferred to, and vested in the said First Precinct; any law heretofore made to the contrary notwithstanding.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the Treasurer of the said First Precinct for the time being, be, and he is, hereby fully authorized and empowered, to demand and recover all debts of what nature soever that may be due to the said Third Precinct, and that the said First Precinct united as aforesaid, be responsible for the payment of all debts due from the said Third Precinct to any person or persons whatsoever.

March 20, 1784.

### 1783. — Chapter 66.

[January Session, ch. 44.\*]

*Chap. 66* AN ACT TO ENABLE THE INHABITANTS OF THE SEVERAL TOWNS AND PLANTATIONS WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH, TO ASCERTAIN FROM TIME TO TIME THE AMOUNT OF MONIES RECEIVED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE COLLECTORS OF PUBLIC TAXES, AND WHAT PAYMENTS THEY HAVE MADE TO THE TREASURER OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That the several Collectors of Public Taxes shall, once every two months at least, exhibit to the Selectmen, and where there are no Selectmen, to the Assessors of the respective towns or plantations to which they belong, a just and true account of all the monies they have received on the several taxes committed to them, and produce the Treasurer's receipts for all the monies by them respectively paid into the treasury.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if any Collector of Public Taxes shall neglect to exhibit his accounts in manner aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay for every neglect, the sum of two and a half per cent. on the sum or sums committed to him to collect, to the use of the town or plantation of which he is or has been a Collector, to be recovered by such town or plantation in any Court of Law proper to try the same.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That whenever the time fixed by law for collecting any tax shall have expired, the Treasurer of this Common-

Treasurer of the First Precinct to recover debts due to the Third.

Collectors to exhibit to the Selectmen, once in two months, an account of monies received, &c.

Collectors neglecting. Penalty.

When the time fixed by law for collecting any

\* No chapter 43 in Session pamphlet.

wealth shall, and he is, hereby authorized and impowered, at the request of the Selectmen or Assessors of any town or plantation, to issue his execution against any Collector or Collectors of their respective towns or plantations, without any further order from the General Court; any law or resolve to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Treasurer to  
issue execution.

March 23, 1784.

### 1783. — Chapter 67.

[January Session, ch. 45.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE AN ACADEMY IN THE TOWN OF LEICESTER, BY THE NAME OF LEICESTER ACADEMY. Chap. 67

*Whereas the encouragement of literature in the rising generation has ever been considered by the wise and good, as an object worthy of the most serious attention, as the safety and happiness of a free people ultimately depend upon the advantages arising from a pious, virtuous, and liberal education:* Preamble.

*Whereas it appears that Ebenezer Crafts, of Sturbridge, in the county of Worcester, and Jacob Davis, of Charlton, in the said county, Esquires, for the purpose of promoting piety and learning, have generously given the large and commodious mansion house, lands and appurtenances, in Leicester, lately occupied by Aaron Lopez, deceased, for the use of an Academy: And it further appears, that the sum of one thousand pounds is generously subscribed for the support of the said Academy; the interest thereof, together with what may hereafter be raised by donations, with the income or rent of all real estate, to be appropriated to the use and benefit of the said Academy forever, as Trustees to be appointed shall think most expedient. And as it will be necessary that the said Trustees and their successors be vested with authority to commence and prosecute actions at law, and transact such other matters in their corporate capacity, as the interest of the said Academy shall require:*

*Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That there be, and there hereby is, established in the town of Leicester, in the county of Worcester, an Academy by the name of Leicester Academy, for the purpose of promoting true piety and virtue, and for the education of youth in the English, Latin, Greek, and French languages, together with writing,*

Academy estab-  
lished in  
Leicester.