

1789. — Chapter 37.

[January Session, ch. 11.]

AN ACT TO EXPLAIN A CERTAIN CLAUSE IN AN ACT, PASSED IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY THREE, INTITLED, "AN ACT TO IMPOWER THE PROPRIETORS OF THE MEETING HOUSE IN THE EAST PARISH IN SALEM TO RAISE MONEY BY A TAX ON THE PEWS & SEATS IN THE SAID MEETING HOUSE TO SUPPORT A COLLEAGUE TO THEIR PRESENT MINISTER, & MAKING PROVISION FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE SAID PARISH."

*Whereas in the said Act it is among other things provided, that the said Parish should cease to be a Parish upon the death of the Reverend James Diman, then the Minister of the said Parish, in consequence of which provision doubts have arisen whether the inhabitants of the said Parish can sue or be sued since the death of the said James Diman for any cause or matter that originated in his life time; to remove which doubts, and to prevent injustice.*

Preamble.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, that the said Parish shall be construed to have continued, & shall continue to be a Parish for the purpose of suing and of being sued upon any contract made with or by the inhabitants of the said Parish in their corporate capacity in the life time of the said James Diman, and of prosecuting and defending such suit or suits unto final judgment and execution; and also for the purposes of voting assessing and collecting any sums of money which shall be necessary for paying the arrearages and expences which have arisen or shall arise respecting any such contract or any suit thereupon, as fully, and in the same manner as if the said James was now living, any thing which may be supposed to be in the said Act, to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.*

Parish power respecting contracts &c. retained.

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[January Session, ch. 12.]

AN ACT TO SET OFF JOHN TULLER FROM THE TOWN OF SHEFFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE AND ANNEX HIM TO THE TOWN OF EGREMONT.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate & House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of*