

Penalty for neglecting to take such oath.

Oath for the space of six days after his being so notified, he shall forfeit & pay the sum of Five Dollars, to be recovered by Action of Debt, in any Court proper to try the same; one Moiety thereof to be applied to the use of the said Town of Bridgewater, the other moiety to the person or persons who shall sue for the same.

Penalties how to be recovered.

*Be it further Enacted*, That all the penalties incurred by any breach of this Act, shall be recovered by complaint before any Justice of the Peace within & for the County of Plymouth aforesaid, allowing an appeal to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace of said County; and all sums of money recovered to the Town as forfeited by this Act, shall be for the support of the poor of the Town of Bridgewater aforesaid; — And no person by reason of his being one of the said Committee, or an Inhabitant of the said Town, shall thereby be disqualified from being a Witness in any prosecutions for a breach of this Act.

Appropriated.

*Approved February 10, 1797.*

### 1796. — Chapter 40.

[January Session, ch 7.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE CERTAIN PERSONS IN THE TOWN OF LANCASTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING WATER FROM THE SPRINGS AT AND ABOUT QUASSAPONIKIN HILL (SO CALLED) TO INHABITANTS IN A PART OF THE TOWN CALLED THE NECK.

Persons incorporated.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and house of Representatives in General Court Assembled and by the Authority of the same*, That Eli Stearns, Joseph White, Jonas Lane, Samuel Jones, & Abijah Phelps with such others as are or may be joined or associated with them or their successors be and they hereby are constituted a corporation by the name of the Proprietors of the Aqueduct in Lancaster, And by that name may sue and be sued: *Provided* that nothing in this Act shall Authorise the said Proprietors to enter on or make use of private property without consent of the Owner.

To choose a Clerk and other Officers.

*And be it further enacted*, That said proprietors at any meeting warned as by this Act is (or as by the said proprietors in legal meeting shall be) directed may elect and choose a Clerk and other officers proper for a corporation to choose and have for effecting the object of their incorporation. And the Clerk so choosen shall be duly sworn and

shall make true record of all the votes Acts and doings of the said corporation. And the said proprietors in meeting as aforesaid may make any rules, regulations or bye laws respecting the calling and governing the meetings & ordering the Transactions and concerns of the said Corporation and the welfare and Interest of the same, which they may think expedient, and impose any fines and forfeitures not exceeding ten dollars, and levy the same in due course of Law; *provided always*, that the said rules regulations and laws aforesaid shall not be repugnant to the Constitution or law of the Commonwealth. And any three of the persons before named may call the first meeting of the said proprietors to be holden in said Lancaster at any suitable time and place seven days after notification thereof is posted up at the meeting house, or some other public place in the said Town.

Corporation may impose fines.

Proviso.

*And be it further enacted*, That the said proprietors may dig up any public or town way for conducting Water as aforesaid; *provided* They do not obstruct the rightful use of the same; and any person wilfully injuring the said Aqueduct shall be subject to the same pains & penalties as are provided in the second section of the Act Intituled “an Act for the more effectually preventing of trespasses in divers cases” & shall also be liable to make good all damages so done to the said Aqueduct or proprietors.

May dig up Public ways.

Proviso.

Penalty for damaging Aqueduct.

*Approved February 14, 1797.*

**1796. — Chapter 41.**

[January Session, ch. 8.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PLANTATION NUMBER SIX, WEST OF MACHIAS IN THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON INTO A TOWN BY THE NAME OF ADDISON.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate & House of Representatives in General Court assembled & by the authority of the same*, that the Plantation number Six, West of Machias in the County of Washington, beginning at the West side of the mouth of Indian River; thence running a northerly course bounded by the said River to the south-easterly corner of the Town of Columbia; West bounded on said Town of Columbia, to the Northeasterly corner of Plantation number Five; thence South to Pleasant River, thence down said River and round the shore following the course thereof to the first mentioned bounds, so as to include all

Boundary.