

"Acts and laws of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts, 1798, ch. 1."

ACTS AND LAWS,

PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS: AT
THE SESSION BEGUN AND HELD AT BOSTON, IN THE
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, ON WEDNESDAY, THE THIR-
TEENTH DAY OF MAY, AND ENDED ON FRIDAY THE
TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF JUNE, ANNO DOMINI, 1798.

1798. — Chapter 1.

[May Session, ch. 1.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PLANTATION CALLED EAST
BUTTERFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND INTO A
TOWN BY THE NAME OF HARTFORD.

SECT. 1. *Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Rep-
resentatives in General Court assembled, and by the author-
ity of the same,* That the plantation of East Butterfield
in the County of Cumberland, Bounded as follows — vizt.
Beginning at the Northeast Corner of Buckfield, thence
running North, twenty six Degrees East, two miles and
three hundred rods to the Northwest Corner of Turner;
thence North, three miles and two hundred and sixty rods;
thence North, eighty one degrees West, four miles and
one hundred and sixty rods; thence North, sixty five
degrees West, one mile & two hundred and twenty eight
rods to the middle of the East Branch of Twenty mile
River, so called; thence down the middle of said River
to the North Line of Buckfield; thence South, eighty-one
degrees East, three miles and two hundred and sixty-six
rods adjoining Buckfield, to the first Bound — with the
Inhabitants thereon, be and they hereby are incorporated
into a Town by the Name of Hartford: And the said
Town is hereby vested with all the Powers, Privileges &
Immunities which other Towns in this Commonwealth do
or may by Law enjoy.

SECT. 2. *Be it further Enacted,* That Isaac Sturdivant
Esqr. be, and he hereby is empowered to issue his Warrant

Hartford
incorporated.

First meeting.

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directed to some suitable Inhabitant within said Town, requiring him to warn a Meeting of the Inhabitants thereof at such time and place as shall be expressed in said Warrant, for the purpose of choosing such Town Officers as other Towns are empowered to choose in the Month of March or April annually. *Approved June 13, 1798.*

1798. — Chapter 2.

[May Session, ch. 2.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PLANTATION CALLED WEST BUTTERFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND INTO A TOWN BY THE NAME OF SUMNER.

Sumner
incorporated.

SECT. 1ST. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled and by the Authority of the same, That the Plantation of West Butterfield in the County of Cumberland, Bounded as follows, vizt. Beginning at the Northwest Corner of Buckfield on Paris Line thence runing North thirteen degrees West four Miles and one Hundred & eighty four Rods, thence North One Mile & two Hundred & twenty Rods thence North eighty Degrees East four Miles & forty Rods thence South Sixty five degrees East two Hundred & twelve rods to the middle of the East Branch of twenty Miles River thence down the middle of said River untill it comes to Buckfield North Line, thence North Eighty one degrees west on Buckfield North Line four Miles & two hundred & fifty four Rods to the Bounds first mentioned, with the Inhabitants thereon be & they hereby are incorporated into a Town by the Name of Sumner. And the said Town is hereby vested with all the powers privileges & immunities which other Towns in this Commonwealth do or may by law enjoy.*

First meeting.

SECT. 2D. *Be it further enacted that Isaac Sturdivant Esq. be & he hereby is empowered to issue his warrant directed to some suitable Inhabitant within said Town requiring him to warn a Meeting of the Inhabitants thereof at such time & place as shall be expressed in said Warrant for the purpose of choosing such Town Officers as other Towns are empowered to choose in the Month of March or April annually.* *Approved June 13, 1798.*

*Laws of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts, 1807, ch. 15.*
HARTFORD.—COURTS.

June 20, An. 1807.

CHAP. XV.

An act, annexing a part of Plantation Number One, in the county of Oxford, commonly known by the name of Thomfontown, to the town of Hartford, in said county.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That a part of said Plantation number One, together with the inhabitants thereon, as described within the following bounds, be, and hereby are annexed to, and made a part of said town of Hartford, viz:—Beginning at the north-east corner of said Hartford; thence south, eighty-one degrees east, one hundred and seventy-six rods, to a tree, marked on the line of the town of Livermore; thence north, four hundred and thirty-seven rods, on said line of Livermore, to the town of Jay; thence south, seventy degrees west, two miles, one hundred and eighty rods, to the northerly line of Hartford; thence westerly, on said northerly line of Hartford, about seventy rods, to the line of said number One; thence north, nineteen degrees west, three miles, to the corner of Fox's Grant, so called; thence south, forty-five degrees west, one mile and eighty rods, to a hemlock tree, marked; thence north, forty-five degrees west, one hundred and forty rods, to a beech tree, marked; thence south, forty-five degrees west, two miles and one hundred and eighty-five rods, to said northerly line of Hartford; thence south, sixty-five degrees east, one hundred rods, on said Hartford line; thence south, eighty-one degrees east, on said Hartford line, five miles, two hundred and eighty rods, to the bounds first mentioned; and the said inhabitants, hereby annexed to the town of Hartford, shall be entitled to all the privileges, and subject to the same duties and requisitions as the other inhabitants of the said town, according to the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, and in as ample a manner as if they had been originally a part of the said town of Hartford.

[This act passed June 20, 1807.]

CHAP. XVI.

An act for fixing the time and place of holding the Courts of Common Pleas, in the county of Dukes County.

SECT. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,

"Laws of Maine, Private and Special, 1834, ch. 502."

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CHANDLERS GORE.

Corporate name	Trevett, be and they hereby are incorporated into a body politic by the name of the Wiscasset Benevolent Society, for the object and purpose of affording mutual assistance and relief, with power by that name to prosecute and defend suits at law or equity ; use a common seal ; make and establish by-laws, not repugnant to the laws of the State for the management of their affairs ; take, hold and convey any estate real and personal, to an amount not exceeding
—powers, privileges, and liabilities.	Two Thousand Dollars in value, and to be vested with all other powers and privileges incident to similar corporations — And Daniel Carr is hereby authorized to call the first meeting of the corporation, on giving such notice of the time and place thereof, as he may deem proper.
Amount of real and personal estate.	
First meeting—how called.	
Powers granted may be enlarged, &c.	SECT. 2. <i>Be it further enacted,</i> That the powers granted in this Act may be enlarged, restrained or annulled at the pleasure of the Legislature.

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AN ACT to annex the North Lot on Chandlers Gore to the town of Hartford.

Approved March 11, 1834.

North lot on Chandlers Gore annexed to town of Hartford.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That the North lot of a tract of land situated in the County of Oxford, between the towns of Livermore and Hartford, known by the name of Chandlers Gore being the same lot which is now owned by Joshua Crooker and Calvin Rich, together with the inhabitants thereon, be and the same are hereby annexed to the town of Hartford with all the rights, privileges and immunities and subject to all the liabilities of the inhabitants of said town of Hartford.

"Laws of Maine, Private and Special,
1838, ch. 418."

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liam Stevens 2d and John O. P. Stevens, their associates, successors and assigns be, and they are hereby incorporated into a body politic, by the name of the Corporate name. Pittston Steam Mill Company, for the purpose of grinding wheat, corn, and all or any other kinds of grain and of sawing lumber of any and all descriptions—and such corporation may erect such mills, works, machines and buildings on their own land, as may be necessary for carrying on, any, or all of the above named branches of manufacture and trade; said mill and buildings to be erected in such place or places, Location. within the town of Pittston, in the County of Kennebec as to the Company may seem fit.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That said Corporation may hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding at any one time Fifteen Thousand Dollars, with power to bargain, sell and dispose of the same. Capital Stock, \$15,000.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That any two of the persons above named may call the first meeting of First meeting. said Corporation at such time and place, as they may see fit, by giving notice of the same for two weeks successively in some newspaper published in the County of Kennebec, for the purpose of making such by-laws and regulations for the government of said corporation as they may deem necessary.

Chapter 418. ✓

AN ACT to set off certain lots of land in the town of Hartford, with the inhabitants thereon, and annex the same to the town of Canton.

Approved February 24, 1838.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, That Luther Rich, Names of persons set off per Preston Delano, Jesse Delano, and Abel Ames, Jr., together with their farms on which they live, to wit:—lot numbered one, in the first range; lot numbered

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from Hartford
to Canton.

one, in the second range; lot numbered one, in the third range; and lot numbered one, in the fourth range;—also, nonresident lots numbered two, in the second range; and two in the third range,—be and they hereby are set off from said town of Hartford and annexed to the town of Canton, and shall there exercise and enjoy all the rights and privileges and be subject to all the duties and requirements of the inhabitants of the said town of Canton:—and that all taxes which have heretofore been assessed upon the foregoing persons, and upon their estates, lying within the town of Hartford, remaining unpaid, shall be considered due, and be paid to said town of Hartford the same as though this Act had not been passed.

Chapter 419.

AN ACT to incorporate the Kennebec Company.

Approved February 28, 1838.

Corporators.

Corporate name.

Powers and restrictions.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, That* Reuel Williams, Edmund T. Bridge, John Hastings, Alfred Redington, and James Bridge, their associates and successors be, and they hereby are constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the *Kennebec Company*, for the purpose of manufacturing cotton, wool, iron, steel and paper, and also engaging in such other branches of trade and manufactures as may be necessarily or conveniently connected therewith in the town of Augusta. And said corporation may erect such mills, dams, works, machines and buildings on their own land, or may lease or purchase of any individual or corporation such real estate or water power as may be necessary for carrying on these useful manufactures and branches of trade. And for these purposes shall have all the powers and privileges and be

"Laws of Maine, Private and
Special, 1839, ch. 512."

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SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That if any owner or owners of logs, shall refuse to pay toll, said Proprietors may retain and sell at public auction so many of said logs as may be necessary to pay the toll and charges thereon, after detaining said logs thirty days, and posting up notice thereof in two or more public places in the town of Denmark, twenty days before the sale and also serving notice on the owner or owners of logs so detained within five days after such detention if known; if the owner or owners are not known by giving twenty days notice in some newspaper printed in Saco of the time and place of sale and of the marks upon the logs; or said Corporation may recover said toll of the owner of the logs by an action of debt, in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

May sell at auction logs, &c. for toll in certain cases.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That Dominicus G. Tarbox be, and hereby is, authorized to call the first meeting of said Proprietors, at such time and place within the town of Denmark, as he may direct, by notifying each Proprietor of the time and place of meeting, six days previous thereto.

First meeting, how called.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the private property of each individual Proprietor or Stockholder, shall be liable and holden for all the debts and liabilities of said Corporation.

Private property held for debts, &c.

Chapter 512. ✓

AN ACT to set off the lands of Robinson Gammon from the town of Hartford to the town of Canton.

Approved February 25, 1839.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assemb'ed, That that part of Robinson Gammon's farm, lying in the town of Hartford, being Gore lot No. 4, on Thompson's Grant, so called, be and the same is hereby set off from the town of Hartford, and annexed to the town of Canton.

Annexation from Hartford to Canton.

Chapter 632.

An act to set off certain persons from the town of Hartford and annex the same to the town of Buckfield.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECT. 1. From and after the passage of this act, Heman Wood, Addison G. Wood, Chandler Decoster, Chandler Decoster, junior, David Kneeland, Eleazer Chase, Elbridge Irish and Charles B. Irish, and their homestead estates, situated within the gore, so called, in Hartford, in the county of Oxford, are hereby set off from said town of Hartford and annexed to the town of Buckfield, in said county.

Territory set off.

Where situated.

SECT. 2. The inhabitants of the territory aforesaid, shall pay all taxes legally assessed on their polls or estates, that remain due and unpaid, to the collector of said town of Hartford; and all persons who have gained a settlement in said town of Hartford, by living and having their homes on said territory hereby annexed to Buckfield, shall, from and after the

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passage of this act, be deemed to have their lawful settlement in the town of Buckfield.

Valuation transferred.

SECT. 3. The sum of four thousand dollars of the valuation of said Hartford, from which the state and county taxes are assessed, is hereby deducted therefrom, and the same added to the valuation of the town of Buckfield.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect and be force from and after the approval of the governor.

[Approved March 25, 1856.]

Chapter 185.

An act additional to "an act to set off certain persons from the town of Hartford and annex the same to the town of Buckfield.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section one of chapter six hundred and thirty-two of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-six, is amended by adding thereto the following words, to wit: provided that the school districts, existing at the time of the passage of this act shall not be changed thereby.

Chap. 632, laws of 1856, amended.

[Approved March 18, 1862.]

Chapter 354.

An act to set off a part of the town of Hartford and annex the same to the town of Canton.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Part of Hartford annexed to Canton.

SECT. 1. From and after the passage of this act, all that part of the town of Hartford, in the county of Oxford, which lies north of the following line, to wit: beginning at the southeast corner of lot number nine, and on the town line between the towns of Hartford and Livermore; thence west, to the southwest corner of said lot; thence north, to the northwest corner of said lot; thence west on the lot lines, to Benjamin Dearborn's southwest corner; thence north on the lot line, to the town of Canton,—is hereby set off from said town of Hartford and annexed to the town of Canton in said county.

SECT. 2. The inhabitants on the territory aforesaid shall pay all taxes legally assessed on their polls or estates that remain due and unpaid, to the collector of said town of Hartford; and all persons now living and having their homes in that part of Hartford hereby annexed to Canton, and having their lawful settlement in said town of Hartford, and also Elizabeth Griffith, now a pauper of said Hartford; and all persons who have gained a settlement in said town of Hartford, by living and having their homes on said territory hereby annexed to Canton, shall, from and after the passage of this act, be deemed to have their lawful settlements in the town of Canton.

SECT. 3. The inhabitants of the territory aforesaid, shall have their proportion of the school money now belonging to the town of Hartford, to be divided according to the number of scholars.

[Approved August 8, 1850.]

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Taxes assessed,
how collected.

All persons hav-
ing a residence
on the territory
set off, to belong
to Canton.

School money,
how divided.

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August 11, 2006

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Re: Hartford Charter

Dear John:

I enclose for you a copy of the Hartford Charter.

Sincerely,

SKELTON, TAINTOR & ABBOTT

Peter M Garcia
(bls)

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Enclosure