

LAWS  
OF  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

INCLUDING  
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ACTS, RESOLVES,  
VOTES, ETC.

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such Default had been Recorded agree'd to submit the matter to men to be by them Determin'd that the Referrees after hearing the parties and considering their several claims found a ballance Due to said Torrey—which was paid by the plaintiffs in said suit, that the action was further prosecuted at May term & Execution render'd against said Torrey the settlement notwithstanding—

Wherefore said Torrey prayed to be Restor'd to his Law and the parties having been heard thereon, the facts being proof'd & the prayer of said petition appearing Reasonable

Therefore be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court Conven'd; that said Torrey be restor'd to his Law & he is hereby authorized & impowred to enter said action a new, at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Haverhill on the first Tuesday of June next, & the Justices of said Court are hereby authorized & empower'd to sustain hear & Determine the same in the usual course of Law the Judgment aforesaid notwithstanding.

#### [CHAPTER 22.]

#### AN ACT TO PREVENT THE KEEPING OF LARGE QUANTITIES OF GUNPOWDER IN PRIVATE HOUSES IN PORTSMOUTH & FOR APPOINTING A KEEPER OF THE MAGAZINE BELONGING TO SAID TOWN.

[Passed February 28, 1786. Original Acts, vol. 10, p. 22; recorded Acts, vol. 5, p. 195. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 383; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 184.]

Whereas the keeping of large quantities of Gunpowder in private houses in Portsmouth aforesaid or in merchant Ships or Vessels lying at the Wharves in said Town would greatly endanger the lives and properties of the inhabitants thereof in Case of Fire; which danger might be prevented by obliging the Owners of such powder to deposit the same in the Magazine provided by said Town for that purpose

Therefore be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, that if any person or persons shall keep in any dwelling house store or other building or land within the limits of said Portsmouth except the Magazine aforesaid more than ten pounds of Gunpowder at any one time which ten pounds shall be kept in a tin Cannister properly secured for that purpose such person or persons shall forfeit the powder so kept to the firewards of said Portsmouth to be laid out by them in purchasing such Utensils as they may judge proper for the extinguishing of Fire & the said Firewards are hereby directed and empowered to seize and cause the same to be

condemned in any Court of Law of Record proper to hear and try the same to be disposed of for the purpose aforesaid And the Offender shall also forfeit and pay a fine for the use of the poor of said Portsmouth equal to the Value of the powder so kept in any Store dwelling house or building which fine shall be sued for and recovered by the Overseers of the poor of said Portsmouth for the use of said poor in any Court of Law proper to try the same.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that every master of any merchant Ship or Vessel bringing Gunpowder into said Portsmouth shall within the space of Forty eight hours after his arrival deposit in said Magazine all the Gunpowder by him so brought as aforesaid and if he shall neglect so to do he shall pay a fine of Thirty pounds for the Use of the poor of said Portsmouth to be recovered by said Overseers in manner aforesaid.

And be it further enacted that there shall be chosen annually or oftener if necessity require by the inhabitants of said Portsmouth being legal Voters, a keeper of said Magazine whose duty it shall be to receive into and deliver out of said Magazine all the powder so deposited and to account therefor, who shall have a right to demand and receive for his time and trouble in attending on said Business at the Rate of one shilling per hundred weight for all quantities of powder above ten pounds that he shall so receive into and deliver out of said Magazine & for all quantities under ten pounds at the rate of a half-penny per pound.

[CHAPTER 23.]

*State of* }  
*New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO DISCOUNT AN EXECUTION OF ISRAEL MOREY AGAINST  
THE PROPRIETORS OF PIERMONT.

[Passed February 28, 1786. Original Acts, vol. 10, p. 23; recorded Acts, vol. 5, p. 197.]

Whereas Jonathan Moulton Esq; one of the said proprietors hath petitioned the General Court representing that Israel Morey late of Orford in the State aforesaid Esq<sup>re</sup> but now of Fairlee in the State of Vermont so called had recovered Judgment and taken out Execution against the said proprietors & had caused the said Execution to be served on the said Moulton & urged him for the payment thereof when at the time of the said Service the said Moulton had an Execution against the said Morey for a larger Sum than would satisfy the said Execution against the proprietors but that he could not have the same