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An Act for the Relief of Peter Brokaw.

Sec. 1. **B**E IT ENACTED *by the Council and General Assembly of this state, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That it shall and may be lawful for the treasurer of this state, and he is hereby authorized and required to pay unto Peter Brokaw, late soldier in the Jersey line, the depreciation of his pay, from the first day of May, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, to the fifth day of May, seventeen hundred and eighty; which payment shall be conformable in all respects to the depreciation heretofore allowed to soldiers of the Jersey brigade, excepting interest.

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to P. Brokaw.

2. And be it enacted, That the said Peter Brokaw shall be, and he is hereby exonerated from the payment of any fees on the passing of this act.

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An Act incorporating the Inhabitants of Townships, designating their Powers, and regulating their Meetings.

Sec. 1. **B**E IT ENACTED *by the Council and General Assembly of this state, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the inhabitants of every township, precinct and ward within this state be, and they hereby are constituted a body politic and corporate in law, by the following names, that is to say,

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rated.

That the inhabitants of the township of New-Barbadoes, in the county of Bergen, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of New-Barbadoes, in the county of Bergen."

That the inhabitants of the township of Bergen, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Bergen, in the county of Bergen."

That the inhabitants of the township of Hackensack, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Hackensack, in the county of Bergen."

That the inhabitants of the township of Harrington, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Harrington, in the county of Bergen."

That the inhabitants of the township of Saddle-River, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Saddle-River, in the county of Bergen."

That the inhabitants of the township of Franklin, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Franklin, in the county of Bergen."

That the inhabitants of the township of Pompton, in the said

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county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Pompton, in the county of Bergen."

That the inhabitants of the township of Newark, in the county of Essex, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Newark, in the county of Essex."

That the inhabitants of the township of Acquackanuck, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Acquackanuck, in the county of Essex."

That the inhabitants of the township of Elizabeth, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Elizabeth, in the county of Essex."

That the inhabitants of the township of Springfield, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Springfield, in the county of Essex."

That the inhabitants of the township of Westfield, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Westfield, in the county of Essex."

That the inhabitants of the township of Caldwell, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Caldwell, in the county of Essex."

That the inhabitants of the Northward of Perth Amboy, in the county of Middlesex, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Perth Amboy, in the county of Middlesex."

That the inhabitants of the Southward of Perth Amboy, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of South Amboy, in the county of Middlesex."

That the inhabitants of the township of Woodbridge, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Woodbridge, in the county of Middlesex."

That the inhabitants of the township of Piscataway, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Piscataway, in the county of Middlesex."

That the inhabitants of the Northward of New-Brunswick, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of North Brunswick, in the county of Middlesex."

That the inhabitants of the Southward of New-Brunswick, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of South Brunswick, in the county of Middlesex."

That the inhabitants of the township of East-Windsor, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of East-Windsor, in the county of Middlesex."

That the inhabitants of the township of West-Windsor, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of West-Windsor, in the county of Middlesex."

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That the inhabitants of the township of Freehold, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Freehold, in the county of Monmouth."

That the inhabitants of the township of Upper Freehold, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Upper Freehold, in the county of Monmouth."

That the inhabitants of the township of Stafford, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Stafford, in the county of Monmouth."

That the inhabitants of the township of Dover, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Dover, in the county of Monmouth."

That the inhabitants of the Eastern Precinct, in the county of Somerset, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Franklin, in the county of Somerset."

That the inhabitants of the Western Precinct, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Montgomery, in the county of Somerset."

That the inhabitants of the township of Bridgewater, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Bridgewater, in the county of Somerset."

That the inhabitants of the township of Bedminster, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Bedminster, in the county of Somerset."

That the inhabitants of the township of Bernard, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Bernard, in the county of Somerset."

That the inhabitants of the township of Hillsborough, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Hillsborough, in the county of Somerset."

That the inhabitants of the township of Burlington, in the county of Burlington, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Burlington, in the county of Burlington."

That the inhabitants of the township of Chesterfield, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Chesterfield, in the county of Burlington."

That the inhabitants of the township of Nottingham, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Nottingham, in the county of Burlington."

That the inhabitants of the township of Little Egg-Harbour, in

the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Little Egg-Harbour, in the county of Burlington."

That the inhabitants of the township of Evesham, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Evesham, in the county of Burlington."

That the inhabitants of the township of New-Hanover, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of New-Hanover, in the county of Burlington."

That the inhabitants of the township of Chester, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Chester, in the county of Burlington."

That the inhabitants of the township of Springfield, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Springfield, in the county of Burlington."

That the inhabitants of the township of Northampton, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Northampton, in the county of Burlington."

That the inhabitants of the township of Mansfield, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Mansfield, in the county of Burlington."

That the inhabitants of the township of Willingborough, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Willingborough, in the county of Burlington."

That the inhabitants of the township of Gloucester, in the county of Gloucester, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Gloucester, in the county of Gloucester."

That the inhabitants of Gloucester-town, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of Gloucester-town, in the county of Gloucester."

That the inhabitants of the township of Waterford, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Waterford, in the county of Gloucester."

That the inhabitants of the township of Newton, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Newton, in the county of Gloucester."

That the inhabitants of the township of Deptford, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Deptford, in the county of Gloucester."

That the inhabitants of the township of Greenwich, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Greenwich, in the county of Gloucester."

That the inhabitants of the township of Woolwich, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Woolwich, in the county of Gloucester."

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That the inhabitants of the township of Weymouth, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Weymouth, in the county of Gloucester."

That the inhabitants of the township of Mannington, in the county of Salem, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Mannington, in the county of Salem."

That the inhabitants of the township of Salem, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Salem, in the county of Salem."

That the inhabitants of the township of Elsingborough, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Elsingboroug, in the county of Salem."

That the inhabitants of the township of Lower-Alloway's-Creek, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Lower-Alloway's-Creek, in the county of Salem."

That the inhabitants of the township of Upper-Alloway's-Creek, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Upper-Alloway's-Creek, in the county of Salem."

That the inhabitants of the township of Pittsgrove, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Pittsgrove, in the county of Salem."

That the inhabitants of the township of Pilesgrove, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Pilesgrove, in the county of Salem."

That the inhabitants of the township of Upper-Penn's-Neck, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Upper-Penn's-Neck, in the county of Salem."

That the inhabitants of the township of Lower-Penn's-Neck, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Lower-Penn's-Neck, in the county of Salem."

That the inhabitants of the Upper-Precinct, in the county of Cape-May, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the Upper-Township, in the county of Cape-May."

That the inhabitants of the Lower-Precinct, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the Lower-Township, in the county of Cape-May."

That the inhabitants of the Middle-Precinct, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the Middle-Township, in the county of Cape-May."

That the inhabitants of the township of Trenton, in the county

of Hunterdon, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Trenton, in the county of Hunterdon."

That the inhabitants of the township of Maidenhead, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Maidenhead, in the county of Hunterdon."

That the inhabitants of the township Hopewell, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Hopewell, in the county of Hunterdon."

That the inhabitants of the township of Amwell, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Amwell, in the county of Hunterdon."

That the inhabitants of the township of Readingtown, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Readington, in the county of Hunterdon."

That the inhabitants of the township of Kingwood, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Kingwood, in the county of Hunterdon."

That the inhabitants of the township of Bethlehem, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Bethlehem in the county of Hunterdon."

That the inhabitants of the township of Alexandria, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Alexandria, in the county of Hunterdon."

That the inhabitants of the township of Lebanon, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Lebanon, in the county of Hunterdon."

That the inhabitants of the township of Tewksbury, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Tewksbury, in the county of Hunterdon."

That the inhabitants of the township of Morris, in the county of Morris, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Morris, in the county of Morris."

That the inhabitants of the township of Hanover, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Hanover, in the county of Morris."

That the inhabitants of the township of Pequannock, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Pequannock, in the county of Morris."

That the inhabitants of the township of Mendham, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Mendham, in the county of Morris."

That the inhabitants of the township of Roxbury, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Roxbury, in the county of Morris."

That the inhabitants of the township of Washington, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Washington, in the county of Morris."

That the inhabitants of the precinct of Greenwich, in the county of Cumberland, shall be styled and known by the name of "The

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That the inhabitants of the precinct of Stow-Creek, in the said
county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabit-
ants of the township of Stow-Creek, in the county of Cumberland."

That the inhabitants of the precinct of Fairfield, in the said
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ants of the township of Fairfield, in the county of Cumberland."

That the inhabitants of the precinct of Deerfield, in the said
county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabit-
ants of the township of Deerfield, in the county of Cumberland."

That the inhabitants of the precinct of Maurice-River, in the
said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The in-
habitants of the township of Maurice-River, in the county of Cum-
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That the inhabitants of the township of Downe, in the said coun-
ty, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants
of the township of Downe, in the county of Cumberland."

That the inhabitants of the precinct of Greenwich, in the coun-
ty of Sussex, shall be styled and known by the name of "The in-
habitants of the township of Greenwich, in the county of Sussex."

That the inhabitants of the precinct of Oxford, in the said
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ants of the township of Oxford, in the county of Sussex."

That the inhabitants of the precinct of Mansfield, in the said
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That the inhabitants of the precinct of Knowlton, in the said
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That the inhabitants of the precinct of Sandyston, in the said
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That the inhabitants of the precinct of Wantage, in the said
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That the inhabitants of the precinct of Hardyton, in the said
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That the inhabitants of the precinct of Montague, in the said
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That the inhabitants of the precinct of Walpack, in the said
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That the inhabitants of the precinct of Newton, in the said
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That the inhabitants of the precinct of Hardwick, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Hardwick, in the county of Suffex."

That the inhabitants of the township of Independence, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Independence, in the county of Suffex."

That the inhabitants of the township of Vernon, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Vernon, in the county of Suffex."

That the inhabitants of the township of Byram, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Byram, in the county of Suffex."

That the inhabitants of the township of Frankford, in the said county, shall be styled and known by the name of "The inhabitants of the township of Frankford, in the county of Suffex."

2. *And be it enacted*, That when any suit shall be instituted against any township, a copy of the summons, precept, or such other legal process as may be issued against the said township, shall be left with the clerk thereof thirty days at least before the session of the court to which the same shall be returnable.

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3. *And be it enacted*, That the freeholders and inhabitants, who are or shall be qualified by law to vote at town-meetings, shall have full power, and they are hereby directed and required to assemble and hold town-meetings in the respective townships in the counties of Burlington, Monmouth, Salem, Cumberland and Cape-May, on the second Tuesday in March, annually, in the respective townships in the counties of Bergen, Essex, Somerset, Middlesex, Hunterdon, Morris and Suffex, on the second Monday in April, annually, and in the respective townships in the county of Gloucester, on the second Wednesday in March, annually.

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4. *And be it enacted*, That the first town-meeting, in each of the said townships, after the passing of this act, shall be held at the place, in the respective townships, where such meeting in the same ought to have been held if this act had not been made; and that all town-meetings thereafter shall be held at such place in the townships respectively, as the electors of such township, at their annual town-meetings, shall from time to time direct and appoint.

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5. *And be it enacted*, That every white male person, being a citizen of this state and of the age of twenty-one years, who shall have resided in any township six calendar months next preceding such town-meeting, and paid taxes within the same, or who shall be seized of a freehold, or shall have rented a tenement of the yearly value of five dollars, for the term of one year, within the same, shall be entitled to vote at such meeting, and no other person.

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6. *And be it enacted*, That between the hours of eleven and twelve, of the day of holding the town-meetings in the several townships of this state, the electors of every township, so assembled

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shall choose, by plurality of votes, some fit person to preside at and superintend such meeting, who shall take care that the business thereof be conducted in a regular and orderly manner, and shall, in case of dispute, determine who have and who have not a right to vote at such meeting according to law.

President to be
 elected.

7. *And be it enacted,* That no person shall behave in a disorderly manner or interrupt the person speaking at any town-meeting by unnecessary noise or conversation; and if any person shall, after notice from the presiding officer, persist in his disorderly behaviour, then it shall be lawful for the said presiding officer to direct such disorderly person to withdraw from the meeting, and moreover, such person shall forfeit one dollar for such offence; and such disorderly person, if he refuse or neglect to withdraw, shall, by direction of the said presiding officer, be carried out of the meeting by some of the constables of the said township and put into a place of confinement, where he shall be detained until such meeting shall be ended: And further, that the fines specified in this section, shall be sued for, and may be recovered with costs, by action of debt, in the name of the clerk of the township, before any justice of the peace of the said county; and that any elector or inhabitant of the said township, shall be admitted as a witness in support of such action, notwithstanding his being a member of such corporation, or interested in the appropriation of the said fine in manner aforesaid.

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8. *And be it enacted,* That the persons qualified to vote at town-meetings, shall, at their annual meetings, or at any other meeting duly held for that purpose, make and ordain such regulations and by-laws, as the majority of them, so assembled, shall, from time to time, judge necessary or proper for improving their common lands in tillage, pasturage, or any other way, and directing the use and management, and the times and manner of using their common lands, for making and maintaining such and so many pounds, and at such places as may be necessary or convenient, and to impose such penalties on the offenders against such regulations and by-laws, as they shall deem expedient, not exceeding twelve dollars for each offence, to be recovered, with costs of suit, by and in the name of the clerk of the township where the offence shall be committed, by action of debt, before any justice of the peace or other competent authority, in any other township in the said county, or elsewhere; and no such action shall be abated or discontinued by the death or expiration of the office of the said clerk, but may be continued and prosecuted to effect by his successor in office; and all such penalties, when recovered, shall be applied to the use of the township where the offence shall have been committed, in such manner and for such purposes, as at their town-meetings, shall, from time to time, be directed and appointed.

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9. *And be it enacted,* That all such regulations and by-laws shall be entered and recorded by the clerk of such township in a book

To be recorded
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by him to be provided for that purpose, and shall remain and be in force until the same shall be revoked or altered; or new made and ordained at some subsequent town-meeting; all which alterations, new regulations, and by-laws shall also, from time to time, be entered and recorded as aforesaid, and shall continue in force until revoked, altered, or made and ordained anew, as aforesaid.

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10. *And be it enacted,* That the persons qualified to vote at town-meetings, are hereby authorized, at their annual meetings, or any other meeting duly held for that purpose, to make such provisions and allow such rewards for the destruction of wolves, wild-cats, foxes, crows, black-birds and other noxious wild animals and birds, as they or the major part of them, so assembled, shall deem necessary or proper.

May raise mo-ney for the poor, &c.

11. *And be it enacted,* That the persons, qualified to vote at town-meetings, shall be and they are hereby empowered, at their annual meetings, or at any other meeting duly held for the purpose, to vote, grant and raise such sum or sums of money for the maintenance and support of the poor, the building and repairing of pounds, the opening, making, working and repairing of roads and keeping them in order, in such townships as are authorized to repair their highways by hire, the destruction of noxious wild animals and birds, for running and ascertaining the lines, and prosecuting or defending the common-rights of such township, and for other necessary charges and legal objects and purposes thereof, as they, or the major part of them, so assembled, shall deem proper or necessary; which money, so voted and granted, shall be assessed, levied and collected by the same persons, in the same manner, and under the like fees, fines and penalties, as the money raised in such township by the board of chosen freeholders of the county shall be assessed, levied and collected, and at such times and in such proportions as the said town-meetings respectively shall direct and appoint. *Provided,* That the said fines and penalties shall, when recovered, be paid to the clerk of the said township, and be applied to the use of the said township, in such manner as shall, from time to time, be directed and appointed at their annual meetings.

Assessor, collector and other town officers to be elected.

12. *And be it enacted,* That the persons, qualified to vote at town-meetings, shall have full power and authority at their respective annual meetings, to elect, for each township by a majority of votes, one clerk, one or more assessor or assessors, provided no such township shall be thereby entitled to more than one vote in the board of assessors of the county, one or more collector or collectors, three or more judicious freeholders of good character to hear and finally determine all appeals relative to unjust assessments in cases of taxation, two freeholders, commonly called chosen freeholders, two surveyors of the highways, one or more overseer or overseers of the poor, one or more constable or constables, and so many overseers of the highways and pound-keepers as they shall deem

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necessary or convenient, and one reputable freeholder as a judge of elections; which said several officers shall hold their respective offices for one year, and until others shall be chosen and legally qualified in their stead; and that in addition to the before mentioned officers, the electors of every corporation, at their respective annual meetings as aforesaid, shall have full power and authority to elect five judicious freeholders, resident within the township, who shall be denominated the township committee, a majority of whom shall be a quorum, and shall continue in office one year, and until others are chosen in their stead; which committee shall have authority, and it is hereby rendered their duty to examine, inspect and report to the annual or other town-meetings the accounts and vouchers of the township officers, and to superintend the expenditure of any monies raised by tax for the use of the township, or which may arise from the balance of the accounts of any of the township officers.

13. *And be it enacted,* That if any township shall neglect, at their annual town-meeting, to choose any of the officers directed by law to be chosen, or if any of the officers, so chosen in any township, shall refuse to serve or die, or remove out of the said township, or become incapable of serving before the next annual meeting, then it shall be lawful for the persons qualified to vote at town-meetings to assemble together, from time to time, and hold town-meetings for the purpose of supplying such vacancies; and in case of neglect of the electors, for fifteen days after such omission, or after the death, removal, refusal to serve, or inability of any township officer, the township committee shall, by writing under their hands and seals, appoint a person to fill such vacancy until the next annual town-meeting.

Vacancies, how supplied.

14. *And be it enacted,* That the clerk of the township, upon notice of any such omission, refusal, removal, incapacity or death, or if the office of clerk be vacant, then any justice of the peace of the county, residing in the said township, upon notice thereof, shall give notice, in the manner mentioned in the following section, of a town-meeting to be held in the same township for the purpose aforesaid.

Town-meetings, how called.

15. *And be it enacted,* That whenever it shall be necessary in the opinion of the township committee to hold a town-meeting for any of the purposes specified in this or any other act, at any time between the annual meetings, it shall be the duty of the clerk of such township, to give notice thereof in writing under his hand, mentioning the time, place and object or purpose of such meeting, to be fixed up at four or more of the most public places in the said township, at least eight days before the time therein appointed for holding such meeting.

16. *And be it enacted,* That the clerk of every township shall enter, in a book to be kept for the purpose, the names of the persons

Town clerk to keep minutes.

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and the offices to which they are elected at town-meetings, and the proceedings of such meetings, which shall be signed by the presiding officer of the meeting and attested by the clerk.

and make returns to the clerk of the county.

17. *And be it enacted,* That the clerk of such township shall, within ten days after every election, transmit to the clerk of the court of common pleas of the county, a certified list of the names of the persons, and the respective offices, to which they are elected; and shall, within five days after the said election, set up fair and true copies of such list in three or more of the most public places in such township, which shall be considered as sufficient notice to the said persons of their being elected to the said offices respectively.

Duty of town committee.

18. *And be it enacted,* That if the appointment to office is made by the township committee in the manner prescribed by law, then it shall be the duty of the said committee to give personal notice to, or cause notice, in writing, to be left at the place of abode of the person so appointed of such his appointment, within five days after the same, and also, within the said time, to transmit an account of such appointments to the clerk of the said court of common pleas.

Officers to take oaths.

19. *And be it enacted,* That every clerk of the township, surveyor of the highways, assessor, freeholder on appeals in cases of taxation, overseer of the poor, and constable, hereafter elected or appointed as aforesaid, shall, before he enters upon the execution of his office, and within six days after notice of such election or appointment, take and subscribe an oath or affirmation before some justice of the peace, residing in or near the said township, in the form herein-after prescribed; that is to say, every clerk shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation in the following form; to wit,

Clerk's oath.

I, _____ clerk of the township of _____ in the county of _____ do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully and honestly keep all the papers, writings, books and records, by virtue of my office committed, and which, from time to time, shall be committed to me; and that I will in all things, to the best of my knowledge and understanding, perform the duties of my said office of clerk, without favour or partiality.

Surveyor's do.

And every surveyor of the highways shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation in the following form; to wit, I do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear (or affirm) that I will in all things, to the best of my knowledge and understanding, well, justly and faithfully execute the office of a surveyor of the highways, without favour or partiality.

Assessor's do.

And every assessor shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation in the following form; to wit, I do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear (or affirm) that I will truly, faithfully, honestly and impartially value and assess the ratable estates in the township of _____ in the county of _____ and that, in making such valuations and assessments, I will,

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to the best of my knowledge and judgment, observe the directions of the law respecting the same.

And every freeholder, to hear and determine appeals relative to unjust assessments in cases of taxation, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation in the following form; to wit,

I do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear (or affirm) that I will well, truly, and faithfully execute the trust reposed in me, and perform my duty, as a commissioner of appeals in cases of taxation, for the township of in the county of according to the best of my knowledge and understanding, without favour or partiality.

Commissioner of appeals do.

And every overseer of the poor shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation in the following form; to wit,

I do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear, (or affirm) that I will, in all things, to the best of my knowledge and understanding, well and faithfully execute the trust reposed in me as an overseer of the poor of the township of in the county of

Overseer of the poor do.

And every constable shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation in the words following; to wit,

I do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear, (or affirm) that I will well and truly serve the state of New-Jersey in the office of constable for the township of in the county of that I will honestly and impartially summon, impanel and return good and lawful men for juries, able and sufficient, and not suspected or procured, as is or shall be directed by law; that I will, to the utmost of my power, faithfully, and without delay, execute all writs, precepts, process, warrants and executions to me directed, and which shall come to my hands, and truly return the same; that, in the exercise of my office, I will do no wrong to any, but will do right to all, and take none but lawful fees; that I will truly, diligently and honestly, without fraud, deceit, oppression, favor or partiality, do, execute and perform all services, acts and duties of my said office, to the best of my knowledge, judgment and ability.

Constable's do.

20. And be it enacted, That every justice of the peace, before whom such oath or affirmation shall be taken and subscribed, shall, without fee or reward, certify, under the said writing, the day and year when such oath or affirmation was taken, and subscribe his name thereto, and then deliver the said certificate to the officer taking such oath or affirmation, who shall, within six days thereafter, transmit or deliver such certificate to the clerk of the township for which such officer was elected or appointed, who shall file the same.

Certificate of oaths taken, to be filed.

21. And be it enacted, That if any clerk, surveyor, assessor, commissioner of appeals, overseer of the poor, or constable, shall not take and subscribe such oath or affirmation as aforesaid, or shall not transmit or deliver the same to the clerk as aforesaid, within the time hereby limited, or if any officer, elected or appointed, as aforesaid, shall not give such security as is or shall be by law re-

When new election shall be had.

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quired, within the time for that purpose limited; then, and in every such case, such neglect shall be deemed a refusal to serve in such office, and the township, in which such officer was chosen, or township committee who appointed him, as the case shall require, may thereupon proceed to a new election or appointment.

22. *And be it enacted,* That if any person hereafter elected or appointed a clerk, surveyor, assessor, collector, commissioner of appeals, chosen freholder, overseer of the poor, constable, overseer of the highways, or pound-keeper as aforesaid, shall refuse to accept or serve in such office, or if any such clerk, surveyor, assessor, commissioner of appeals, overseer of the poor, or constable, shall proceed in the execution of such office before he shall have taken and subscribed such oath or affirmation as aforesaid, or if any officer so elected or appointed shall proceed in the execution of his office before he shall have given such security, as is or shall be required by law, then every person, so neglecting or refusing, or doing, shall forfeit fifteen dollars, to be recovered, with costs, by action of debt, in any court having cognizance of that sum, in the name and for the use of the inhabitants of the township in and for which such officer was elected or appointed.

Penalty for neglect or refusal, &c.

23. *And be it enacted,* That upon the death or expiration of the office of clerk of any township, all the papers, writings, books and records belonging to the said office, shall be delivered to the successor in office, on the oath or affirmation of the preceding clerk, or in case of his death, on the oath or affirmation of his executors or administrators; and if any such clerk, his executors or administrators, shall refuse or neglect to deliver the same on oath or affirmation as aforesaid, being lawfully demanded, then every such person shall forfeit sixty dollars, to be recovered, with costs, by action of debt, in any court having cognizance of that sum, in the name and for the use of the inhabitants of the said township.

Clerk to deliver papers, &c. to his successor.

24. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the presiding officer at every town-meeting, immediately after his election, and taking the chair, to cause the seventh section of this act to be read to the persons then assembled.

Seventh section of this act to be read at town-meetings.

25. *And be it enacted,* That all and every act and acts, and clause and clauses, part and parts of any act or acts heretofore made, and coming within the purview of this act, be, and they are hereby repealed.

Former acts repealed.

Passed at Trenton, February 21, 1798.

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