

FEBRUARY, 1820.

At the General Assembly of the State of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations, begun and holden, by adjournment, at Providence, within and for said State, on the third Monday of February, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty, and in the Forty-Fourth year of Independence.

PRESENT.

His Excellency

NEHEMIAH R. KNIGHT, ESQ.

GOVERNOR.

The Honorable

EDWARD WILLCOX, ESQ.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Philip Martin, Esq.
Ebenezer Barney, Esq.
Samuel Vinson, Esq.
James Arnold, Esq.
Nathan Brown, Esq.
Benjamin Smith, Esq.
Wager Weeden, Esq.
William Humphrey, Esq.
Stephen B. Cornell, Esq.

SENATORS.

The Secretary.

and Resolved, That said petition be continued to the next session of the General Assembly; and that until the trial of said petition, all proceedings on said judgment and the execution issued thereon be stayed.



AN ACT to prevent certain disorders in the town of Bristol. Feb. 26, 1820.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly, and by the authority thereof it is enacted*, That no person or persons shall hereafter ring or toll any or either of the bells, at any or either of the places of public worship, in the town of Bristol, between the hour of nine o'clock in the evening and sunrise the next morning, except in cases of fire; nor shall ring or toll either of said bells during the time of public worship on christmas days; and that if any person or persons shall ring or toll either of said bells contrary to the true intent and meaning of this act, such person or persons, and each and every of them, shall, upon complaint and conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace within the county of Bristol, pay as a fine a sum not less than ten dollars nor more than twenty dollars, with all costs of prosecution, which fine shall be paid into the town treasury of said town, to and for the use of the free schools of said town.

Act regulat-
ing town of
Bristol.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That if any licensed retailer, other than tavernkeepers, shall hereafter on the Sabbath day, sell or deliver within the limits of said town, to any person or persons, any wine, brandy, rum, gin or other strong liquor, such licensed retailer shall, upon complaint and conviction thereof as aforesaid, pay as a fine a sum not less than ten dollars nor more than twenty dollars, to be paid and appropriated as aforesaid, and such person's license shall thereupon be forfeited.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person or persons shall, at any time hereafter, fire any gun or pistol in any of the streets, roads, lanes, buildings, or from any of the walls or fences thereto contiguous, and within the compact part of said town, without justifiable cause, such person or persons shall,

upon complaint and conviction thereof as aforesaid, pay a fine not less than two dollars nor more than four dollars for the first offence, and the sum of four dollars for each and every subsequent offence, to be paid and appropriated as aforesaid.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person or persons shall drive any horse or horses in any dray, trucks, cart, waggon, sled or sleigh, or other vehicle, through any street, road or lane, within the compact part of the town of Bristol, faster than upon a walk, without holding such horse or horses with a bridle or reins, such person or persons shall, upon complaint and conviction thereof as aforesaid, pay as a fine the sum of five dollars for the first offence, and ten dollars for every subsequent offence, to be paid and appropriated as aforesaid.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person or persons shall hereafter, in the night time, cry or otherwise falsely and mischievously raise the alarm of fire, or shall, to the number of two or more, go about the streets in said town in a noisy, or riotous, or routous manner, to the disturbance, fear or alarm of any of the people of said town, it shall be lawful for and the duty of any Justice of the Peace or Warden, and for the Sheriff of the county of Bristol, or either of his deputies, on view thereof, to take up such person or persons and him or them to commit to the jail in said town, and in close custody keep until such person or persons shall have paid as a fine the sum of two dollars, to be paid and appropriated as aforesaid.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person or persons shall hereafter play at or with any foot ball or bat ball in any of the roads, streets or lanes, within the compact part of the town of Bristol, such person or persons shall, upon complaint and conviction thereof as aforesaid, pay a fine of one dollar for the first offence, and two dollars for every subsequent offence, to be paid and appropriated as aforesaid.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That if any horse or horses shall at any time hereafter be found going at large in any of the roads or streets within the compact part of the town of Bristol, it shall be lawful

for and the duty of the pound-keeper, town sergeant, or either of the field drivers or constables of said town, to take up such horse or horses, and the same to impound; and the owner or owners thereof shall not receive such horse or horses again until such owner or owners shall produce a certificate from the town treasurer of said town, shewing that he has been paid a fine of fifty cents, which shall be appropriated as aforesaid; and such owner or owners shall also pay to the pound-keeper the further sum of fifty cents for each horse so impounded, and all reasonable charges for the keeping of said horse or horses; and in case the owner or owners thereof shall neglect to comply with the provisions of this act, on notice of the impounding as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the pound-keeper to consider such horse or horses as an estray or estrays, and may proceed therewith as with an estray, and under the act, entitled "An act for the crying of horses, neat cattle, sheep and hogs."

Be it enacted by the General Assembly, and by the authority thereof it is enacted, That the town of Bristol be empowered to pass the seven sections of the foregoing bill, entitled "An act to prevent certain disorders in the town of Bristol," as the by-laws of said town; substituting for the enacting clauses now prefixed to said several sections, such enacting clauses as are proper for the authority of said town.



General Assembly of the State of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations.

Resolved, That the Senators and Representatives Com. Perry. of this State, in Congress, be requested to use their endeavors to obtain some suitable provision to be made by Congress for the widow of the late Commodore Perry, and for the education of his children; and that copies of this resolution be immediately forwarded to said members in Congress by the Secretary.

House of Representatives, February 26, 1820.—
Voted and passed. By order:

THOMAS RIVERS, Clerk.

*In the Senate—*Read the same day and concurred.
By order:

HENRY BOWEN, Sec'y.

J. Easton vs.
town of New-
port.

UPON the petition of John Easton, and others, in the town of Newport: *Resolved*, That Nathaniel Searle, Nicholas Brown and Albert C. Greene be a committee to take into consideration certain acts heretofore passed relating to the compact part of the town of Newport, for the purpose of watching; and to enquire whether said acts are now in force, and if so, whether it be necessary to revise, amend or repeal the same.



Feb. 26, 1820. **AN ACT** authorizing Sheriffs and their Deputies to collect interest on executions issued by the Courts of Common Pleas and the Supreme Judicial Court of this State.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly, and by the authority thereof it is enacted*, That hereafter it shall be the duty of each and every Sheriff, Deputy-Sheriff and Town Sergeant in this State, charged with the service of any execution issued upon a judgment hereafter obtained from the office of either of the clerks of any of the aforesaid courts, to levy, collect and receive of and from the debtor or debtors in said execution named, and to pay over to the creditor or creditors therein named, an interest at and after the rate of six per cent. per annum on the amount of the debt for which the same issues, computing the interest from the rendition of the judgment on which the execution issues to the day of payment.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in case any Sheriff, Deputy-Sheriff or Town Sergeant shall neglect to pay over to any creditor, any sum or sums of money by him collected, by virtue of any execution to him intrusted to be served, together with the interest collected, agreeably to the first section of this act, for the space of ten days from the time of collecting said sum or sums of money, he shall be liable to pay to such creditor for the same, an interest at and after the rate of six per cent. per annum, for the term he shall detain or hold the money by him collected as aforesaid.



Com. to re-
vise the laws.

Resolved, That Samuel Eddy, Esq. together with the Secretary and Attorney-General, be and they are