

Town Charter

"An Act for Incorporating a New parish in the Township of Londonderry, in the Province of New Hampshire.

"Whereas sundry of the Inhabitants of the Southern part of Londonderry aforesaid have petitioned this Court representing their circumstances to be such as made it necessary to Incorporate them into a new parish & that the other part of the town was willing they should be so incorporated by the Boundaries particularly set forth in their Petition and praying that it might be accordingly done: -- which Representation having been examined by this Court and found true as to the substance thereof:

*"Be it therefore Enacted By his Excellency the Governor, Council and Representatives in General Court Assembled, and by the authority of the same. It is hereby Enacted and ordained, that a new parish shall be erected in the said Township of Londonderry and hereby incorporated and made by the name of **Windham** and is comprehended within the following metes and boundaries (viz.) Beginning at the Dwelling House of one John Hopkins of said Londonderry, yeoman, and from thence running on a due west course to Beaver brook socalled, then beginning again at the said house at the place were it began before (so as to have ye said house to ye Northward) and from thence to run on a due East course till it Comes to ye Easterly line of said Londonderry, thence to run as said Line runs till it comes to the southerly boundary of said Londonderry, then to run to westward as the said boundary runs till it comes to the said Brook, and then to run as said Brook runs until it comes to the place on the said Brook where the said West line runs across the same: -- Excepting out of these limits the polls and estates of John Archibald, James Clark, James Moor, John Hopkin and John Cochran and their respective families: And the said Parish shall be and hereby is invested with all the powers and authorities that ye severall Towns in this Province are invested with, and likewise shall have, hold and enjoy the same priviledges immunities and liberties that the said towns hold and enjoy by the Laws and customs in use and force within the same, Saving only the Chusing of a Representative in the General Court in which matter the Inhabitants of said parish are to joyn with the Inhabitants of said town; as also in what concerns the Common Lands in the said Township; And the Inhabitants of the said Parish and the Estates within the same (saving those before excepted) are hereby exonerated & discharged of and from all duties, services and burthens: -- and the payment of all taxes, rates and charges to any other part of the said town, Excepting what relates to sending and supporting a Representative at the General Court, the dividing or managing the Common Lands aforesaid and such taxes, rates and charges as are already proportioned, assessed within the said town.*

"And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That Robert Dinsmore, Joseph Waugh and Robert Thomson are hereby authorized and appointed to call the first meeting of the Inhabitants of the said Parish on the eighth day of March next; in the performance of which as also in the management and Regulation of the said meeting, The laws relating to such matters and the customs in force in said Province are to be attended and observed: And the officers that shall be chosen by the said Inhabitants at the said meeting regulated as aforesaid, shall be and hereby are authorized and impowered, being first qualified According to Law, to execute, observe, do and fulfill all and singular the authorities, powers, and dutys, and hold and enjoy the privileges, profits and immunities appertaining to their respective offices, that such officers in the severall towns aforesaid execute, hold and enjoy, and as effectually to all intents and purposes: provided that the inhabitants of the said Parish shall from time to time provide, maintain and support an orthodox minister of the Gospel among them:

February ye 10, 1741. -- In the house of Representatives the above Bill read three times and passed to be enacted.

Andrew Wiggin, Speaker

Feb. 12, 1741-2. -- Read three times at ye Council Board and past to be enacted.

Richard Waldron, Secy.

Feb. 12, 1741-2. -- I assent to the enacting of this Bill.

B. Wentworth