

PITTSTON - ITS HERITAGE

TOWN OF PITTSTON CHARTER.....

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Nine

An act for incorporating the plantation called Gardinerston in the County of Lincoln into a Town by the name of Pittston and for annexing certain lands in the said County to the Town of Bowdoinham.

Whereas a number of the inhabitants of the plantation called Gardinerston in the County of Lincoln have represented to this Court the difficulties and inconveniences they labor under in their present situation and have requested that they may be incorporated into a Town.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same that the said plantation called Gardinerston bounded as follows: beginning at the North line of the Town of Bownalborough at the Kennebec River and to run an East South East course on the said North line five miles from the said River; from there to run Northerly about seven miles, more or less, to the South Easterly corner of the Town of Hollowell from there to run West North West on the South line of said Hollowell to the said Kennebec River, and across said river and running West North West course on the South line of said Hollowell five or six miles to Lobbosseconte Stream on the West side of said Kennebec river from there to run Southerly down the said stream and as the stream runs to the first land, and on said Pond on a stream to the North line of a large lot number ten granted by the Proprietors of the Kennebec Purchase to the late William Bowdoin Esq. ---- from there running East South East course on the said north lot to the said Kennebec River and from there Southerly down the said River to the North line of Bownalborough aforesaid be and hereby incorporated into a Town by the name of Pittston and that the inhabitants there of be and they are hereby invested with the power, privileges, and immunities which the inhabitants of towns within this State do or may by law enjoy.....

And be it further Enacted that James Howard Esq.. be and is hereby empowered and directed to issue this Warrant to some principal inhabitants of the said Town, requiring him to warn the inhabitants thereof to meet at such time and place as shall be therein set forth, to chose all such officers as Towns are by law required and empowered to choose in the month of March annually: at which said first meeting all then present inhabitants upwards of twenty one years of age shall be admitted to vote..... And whereas it is expedient that certain lots of land on the west side of the said Kennebec River which were understood to be within said Plantation of Gardinerston should until further order of the General Court be annexed to and incorporated with the Town of Bowdoinham in the County of Lincoln aforesaid.

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Be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid that the said lots of land lying within the North line of said Bowdoinham, and the North line of lot number ten aforesaid, being number five, six, seven, eight, nine and ten respectively and each being about one mile wide and running West North West five miles back from said Kennebec River, shall be, and hereby are annexed to and incorporated with the Town of Bowdoinham, aforesaid and made apart thereof; and the inhabitants of the same in conjunction with the other inhabitants of the said town are hereby vested with all Town privileges whatsoever, agreeable to an Act of the General Court passed in the year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Two for incorporating the Town of Bowdoinham aforesaid.

Provided never the less, and be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid that the said lots shall be and hereby are subjected to pay their rateable and proportionable part of all taxes, which have been hitherto according to law laid on the said Plantation of Gardinerston and remain unpaid and also of any further tax which shall be laid on the said Plantation including said lots and assessed thereon before a new general valuation of estates throughout this state shall take place; and before such valuation the said lots shall not be subject to pay any part of any taxes on the Town of Bowdoinham aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted by the authority and aforesaid that the assessors of the Town of Pittston aforesaid which shall be chosen in pursuance of this Act, shall be and hereby are empowered to proportion and assess according to Laws the aforesaid taxes laid as aforesaid: and the said assessors before they proceed to execute their Office, shall be under oath for the faithful discharge thereof, which oath shall be administered to them by some Justice of the Peace for the County of Lincoln.

In the House of Representatives February 4, 1779

This Bill having been read thru several times, passed to be Enacted.

John Pickering, Speaker

For Council February 4, 1779

This Bill having had --- readings, passed to be Enacted

John Avery (??????)

We consent to the enacting this Bill.....

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| A. Ward | N. Lushing | F. (???????????) |
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