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**PRIVATE ACTS**

OF THE

**STATE OF MAINE,**

**PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE,**

*AT THEIR SESSIONS,*

HELD IN

**JUNE, 1820, AND JANUARY, 1821.**

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## CHAPTER XXXI.

AN ACT to set off Benjamin Hunnewell, with his family and estate, from the town of Danville and annex them to the town of Durham.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That Benjamin Hunnewell, with his family and estate lying within the boundary line of the town of Danville, be and they are hereby set off from the town of Danville and annexed to the town of Durham: *Provided,* That the said Benjamin Hunnewell shall be holden to pay all taxes assessed against him in the said town of Danville prior to the passing of this act.

[*This Act passed February 5, 1821.*]

## CHAPTER XXXII.

AN ACT to divide the town of Jay, in the county of Oxford, and to incorporate the westerly part thereof, into a town by the name of Canton.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That all the west part of the town of Jay, in the county of Oxford, on the west side of the following described line, viz: beginning at the south east corner of breakage lot number eight, in the sixth range, on the north line of the town of Livermore; thence north on the east line of said number or tier of lots, to the northeast corner of lot No. eight in the second range, on the westerly side of Androscoggin river; *otherwise* said line to extend so far north, that a west course across said river will strike the north line of lot number six in the tenth range, on the easterly side of said river, thence west in said north line to the southeast corner of lot No. seven in the eleventh range; thence north on the east line of said range to the northeast corner of lot number fourteen in said eleventh range; thence west in the north line of said number or tier of lots, to the south line of the town of Dixfield, with the inhabitants thereon, be, and the same are hereby incorporated into a town by the name of Canton: with all the powers, privileges, and authorities which other towns in this State do by law enjoy: *Provided however,* That Israel Bean, Joseph Lawrence, Joseph Strout, and John Drought, with their families and estates, and also lot numbered eight in the eleventh range, shall remain a part of and belong to the town of Jay: *Provided also,* That the said inhabitants of said town of Canton, shall be holden to pay to said town of Jay, all taxes which before the passing of this act, have been

Boundaries of  
the new town.

Certain persons  
excepted to re-  
main to Jay.

Inhabitants of  
Canton to pay  
taxes already  
assessed to Jay.

legally assessed upon them by the town of Jay, in the same manner as though this act had not been passed.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the said town of Canton, shall be holden to pay one third part of all debts owed by said town of Jay, at the passing of this act; and upon a settlement of the concerns of said town, the Treasurer thereof shall pay over to the Treasurer of said town of Canton, one third part of such balance that shall remain undisposed of upon such settlement.

And to pay one third of the debts of Jay,

and entitled to one third of the balance in the treasury.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That said town of Canton, shall be holden to maintain all persons who have gained a habitancy in the town of Jay, who reside within the town of Canton at the passing of this Act; and all persons who are now paupers and supported by the town of Jay, whose last residence in said town, before they became chargeable as paupers, was within the bounds of Canton, shall be hereafter supported by said town of Canton; and provided, any person or persons who have removed from said town of Jay, shall hereafter become chargeable as the poor of the town of Jay, then, and in such case, the said town of Canton, shall be holden to take and support, as their poor, those who immediately before such removal resided in that part of Jay which is now Canton.

Canton to support paupers within its own limits.

Provision for persons who have removed and may become paupers.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That said town of Canton shall be entitled to receive of said town of Jay, one third part of all the principal of the Jay School and Ministerial funds, when the Legislature of this State shall appoint the necessary trustees, who shall be authorized to receive the same.

Canton to receive one third of the school and ministerial fund,

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That said town of Canton, shall be entitled to receive one third part of the town stock of military stores and camp equipage belonging to said town of Jay at the passing of this act.

And one third of the military stores.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That said town of Canton shall be entitled to hold all public lands that fall within the limits of said town.

Canton to hold public lands within its limits.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted,* That James Starr Jun. Esquire, be, and he hereby is empowered to issue his warrant directed to some principal inhabitant of the said town of Canton, requiring him to warn the inhabitants of the said town of Canton qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at some suitable time and place in said town to choose all such town officers, as towns are, by law authorized to choose in the month of March or April annually, and to transact such other necessary matters and things as may be lawful at said meeting.

First meeting.

[This Act passed February 5, 1821.]