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An Act

for Dividing the Town

of Billerica & erecting the Northertly and Northeastly part of said Town into a distinct Township by the Name of Tewksbury

Whereas the Inhabitants of the Northertly & Northeastly part of the Town of Billerica in the County of Middlesex are so situated in their habitations as to live ^{very} remote from the Place of Publick Worship & on that Account as well as Divers others have laboured under great difficulties and hardships & for Relief therein have petitioned this Court the said Lands being already settled with a Competent Number of Inhabitants to form a Township.

Be it Enacted by His Excellency the Governor Council & Representatives in General Court assembled & by the Authority of the same That the Northertly & Northeastly part of the Town of Billerica with the Inhabitants thereon be & hereby are set off from the said Town of Billerica & erected into a separate & distinct Township by the Name of Tewksbury the Line or Boundary of said Town to take in two thirds of the Land from Andover Line to Billerica Meeting house by a Parallel Line with Andover Line Extending from Concord River to Wilmington Line; And that the Inhabitants of the said Lands Be & hereby are accordingly vested & endowed with all powers Privileges Immunities & ^{which the Inhabitants} Advantages of any other Town in this Province do or by Law ought to have, hold or Enjoy; & the Inhabitants of the said Town of Tewksbury are hereby enjoyned & Required within the space of Two Years from the Publication of this Act to build & finish a suitable Meeting House for the Publick Worship of God, & that they procure & settle a learned orthodox Minister of good conversation & make provision for his comfortable & honourable support provided nevertheless that the Inhabitants of the said Town of Tewksbury be & hereby are Obliged to pay their Respective Proportions of all Province Taxes that are already ~~to be~~ Assessed upon the Inhabitants of the aforesaid Town of Billerica hitherto arisen within the same.