

**RESOLVE INCORPORATING THE TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD.
PASSED, MAY 1831.**

Upon the petition of Levi Bradley, and others.

Resolved by this Assembly, That all that part of the town of Branford, comprehended within the limits of the First School Society of said town, bounded southerly on the sea; easterly and westerly as said town of Branford is now bounded and northerly by the line which now separates the First School Society aforesaid from the remaining part of said town of Branford, with all the inhabitants belonging and residing within the said limits, be, and remain a separate and distinct town, by the name of Branford; and the inhabitants aforesaid, and their successors, forever, residing and belonging within the said limits, shall have, retain and enjoy all the powers, privileges, rights and immunities now enjoyed by said town of Branford, in the same manner, as if no alteration had been made in said town, except as is hereinafter provided; and the said inhabitants shall have and enjoy all powers, privileges, and immunities enjoyed by other towns in this State, with the right of sending one Representative only to the General Assembly of this State.

All that part of the old town of Branford; which is not comprehended within the limits of the First School Society of said town, as herein before set forth, with all the inhabitants therein residing, and belonging thereto, be, and the same is hereby incorporated into a new and distinct town, by the name of "North Branford," and the inhabitants thereof, and their successors forever residing and belonging within the limits of said new town of North Branford, shall have and enjoy all the powers, privileges and immunities enjoyed by other towns in this State; with the right of sending one Representative only, to the General Assembly thereof. And said towns respectively, shall pay and bear their joint proportions, according to, their respective lists, of all debts, charges and expences, suits, petitions' and claims already due and accrued, commenced or existing against said town of Branford, or for which said town may hereafter be rendered liable, by force of any claim now existing; and the expence of providing and making all such roads in either town, as are already, vis. on this sixteenth day of May, 1831, laid out and not completed, or as may hereafter be laid out on any petition now pending against said town of Branford, for that purpose, before the county court for New-Haven county, shall be paid and borne by said towns respectively, in the proportion aforesaid, and nothing herein contained, shall be construed to defeat or effect any such petition now pending as aforesaid or to prejudice the rights of either of said towns in relation thereto

And the inhabitants of said old town of Branford, who may hereafter come poor, and whose residence is within or who may belong to that part of said town within the limits hereby incorporated into a new town and such as derive a settlement from them, shall be deemed inhabitants of said town of North Branford and shall be maintained accordingly, whether at present within the limits thereof as aforesaid, or not: and the said town of North Branford shall take of the poor persons now maintained and supported by the town of Branford, such proportion as the amount of the list within the limits of said town of North Branford, bears to the whole list of said old town, and no more except as herein provided, in case of absentees; and the select-men next hereafter to be chosen by said towns of Branford and North Branford, respectively, shall at some convenient time and place, to be by them agreed upon, meet and apportion the poor, according to the rule aforesaid, and, also make an equitable division and distribution of the property and burdens aforesaid, of said old town of Branford; and in case they cannot agree upon the time, place, and apportionment thereof, the Honorable William Bristol, or in case of his inability, the Honorable David Daggett, is hereby authorized and empowered to make such distribution, first duly notifying the select-men aforesaid, of the time and place where the same shall be made.

And said towns respectively, shall be liable to maintain all such poor of the old town of Branford, who are or may be absent therefrom, as at the time of their departure, belonged to their respective limits, as herein before designated.

The collectors of the State and town taxes, in the town of Branford, are hereby authorized to collect all taxes already laid, and in their rate books, as though this resolve had not passed.

The first town meeting in said town of North Branford. shall be held at the Congregational meeting house therein, on the second Monday of June. A. D. 1831, and Benjamin Page. Esquire or either of the present select-men residing within the limits thereof is hereby authorized to warn such meeting, by setting up a notification thereof on the public sign-post in the society of North Branford, and in the society of Northford, and at such other public place if any, as he may deem proper, at least. five days inclusive, before said first meeting. And said town of North Branford, at said first meeting, as being called to order by said Page or either of said select-men. shall have all powers incident to the other towns in this State, and full right to act accordingly; and the officers who may be elected at such meeting, shall hold their offices until others are legally chosen and sworn in their stead.

And the present select-men of the town of Branford, residing within said town of Branford, as the same remains after the separation therefrom, and incorporation of said town of North Branford, or the town clerk thereof, shall warn a town meeting of the town of Branford, to be held the congregational meeting house in said town, on the second Monday of June, A. D. 1831, at which meeting the inhabitants of said town of Branford, that is to say those residing within the limits of said first school society, are hereby authorized and empowered to choose two or more select-men in addition to the 1 already appointed and residing therein, and such other officers as they deem needful, not exceeding the number by law allowed; at which meeting said inhabitants shall act upon the question of relinquishing their right to two Representatives, and consenting hereafter to have but one representative to the General Assembly: And it is hereby expressly provided, that this grant shall be void and of no effect, unless the inhabitants of said town of Branford, at their meeting to be warned and held as is herein last before mentioned, shall pass a vote relinquishing all claim to have two Representatives, and consenting forever hereafter to have but one Representative to the General, Assembly of the state, and shall cause a copy of such vote duly certified by their town clerk, to be lodged in the office of The Secretary of State, to be by him recorded and kept on file, as evidence of such relinquishment and consent.

It is further provided, that in case any of the inhabitants of said, first school society, who now reside in that part of Bear Plain school district, lying northerly of a line commencing on the south side of Josiah Baldwin's house on the northerly side of Lyd Hit's hill; thence running easterly along said hill till it strikes the old school society line, on the top of said hill; and westerly from said house to East Haven line : shall desire to be set, with their lands, so situated, to said town of North Branford, the county court for New-Haven County, at the term thereof next ensuing, shall be, and said court is hereby authorized, at their discretion, upon personal view, or otherwise, at the equal expence of said towns, on application of any such inhabitant or inhabitants, and reasonable notice to said towns, respectively, so to run the northerly line of said town of Branford, as to exclude the inhabitants of said district, and their lands situated as aforesaid, from said town of Branford and said court shall be further authorized, so to run and straighten the line between said towns as to give to said town of Branford an equivalent of other lands, to those so excluded as aforesaid. Provided nevertheless, that the line so straightened shall not run northerly of a line running from cider mill corner. so called, easterly to a heap of stones erected as a boundary on Guilford and Branford town line, between the dwelling houses of Eli Fowler and Noah Fowler.

And the doings of said County Court shall be returned within six months after the completion thereof, to the office of the Secretary of State, and there recorded, as evidence of the boundary line of said towns

respectively; which shall be and remain conformable -thereto, unless the General Assembly next following the return thereof, shall otherwise order.