



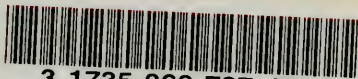
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# STATE PAPERS OF VERMONT

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VOLUME TWO

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## CHARTERS GRANTED BY THE STATE OF VERMONT

BEING TRANSCRIPTS OF EARLY CHARTERS OF TOWNSHIPS  
AND SMALLER TRACTS OF LAND GRANTED  
BY THE STATE OF VERMONT

### WITH AN APPENDIX

CONTAINING THE VERMONT CHARTER OF WOODBRIDGE, THE NEW HAMPSHIRE  
CHARTER OF ST. GEORGE AND LIEUT. ANDREW F. PHILLIPS GRANT  
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No. 259—AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF STATE PAPERS.

*It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:*

SECTION 1. The secretary of state is hereby directed to prepare for publication the charters of all towns and gores granted by the state, such volumes or parts of the papers of the surveyor general, including the reproduction of maps thereof, and such other of the manuscript records of his office as in his judgment are of general public interest. He shall also procure and file in his office an accurate copy of the book of plans made by governor Samuel C. Crafts, showing the lotting of towns.

SEC. 2. All contracts for printing under the provisions of this act shall be approved by the commissioner of public printing.

SEC. 3. Each volume printed under the provisions of this act shall be called State Papers of Vermont and numbered consecutively after the Index to the Surveyor Generals' Papers. A copy of each of such volumes shall be furnished to each state officer, town clerk and public library, including school libraries; and one hundred copies shall be furnished to the state library for exchanges, one hundred copies to the Vermont Historical Society, and the remainder of the edition shall be disposed of by the state librarian and the funds turned into the state treasury. Such volumes shall be evidence in court and have the same force as the original documents.

SEC. 4. The auditor of accounts shall draw orders for the expense of the work herein authorized when the bills therefor have been approved by the secretary of state. The sum of two thousand dollars is hereby annually appropriated for the years 1913 and 1914 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act. All bills for printing shall be approved by the secretary of state and the commissioner of public printing.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved February 21, 1913.

Section 10 of No. 28 of the Acts of 1921, entitled "An Act to Provide for Certain Special Appropriations," approved April 1, 1921.

SEC. 10. *State papers.* The sum of \$2,000 is hereby appropriated for the year ending June 30, 1922, and a like sum for the year ending June 30, 1923, for the preparation and publication of the state papers in accordance with the provisions of No. 259 of the Acts of 1912.

"Volume One," the other styled "Volume Three" (but perhaps not correctly so) on account of the rejected volume, from which only the Woodbridge charter is given, and that for its historical interest.

Inasmuch as "State Papers of Vermont, Volume 1" was illustrated by the first known map to show the bounds of Vermont towns, (Reid, 1796), it is logical that this should be followed by the father of all Vermont maps (by James Whitelaw, 1796) as the frontispiece in this. The valuable Hon. Hiram A. Huse bibliography of the towns of Vermont, with particular reference to their available history of record, which first appeared in Vol. XXVI, State Papers of New Hampshire, has been continued and brought up to date. Now, for the first time, a serious effort has been made to show the situation of the town lines of Vermont as amended and authorized to be altered by Acts of Assembly from their chartered limits. For a century and a half provisional Acts of Assembly have been piled up on the statute books, usually dependent upon the votes of the towns concerned to determine the result; and as no returns had been made to the state office, the determination of the present situation has proved no light task. In numerous instances extended correspondence and personal inspections of the various town records were necessary.

Within the past year a descendant has had the thoughtfulness to send to the Vermont Historical Society two books from the John W. Chandler Land Office at Peacham. For an estimate of John W. Chandler, who deceased in 1855, those interested may refer to the Chandler Genealogy, which quotes him as authority questioned by none for over half a century in matters of surveys and titles of land in northeastern Vermont. These books contain maps of the lottings, names of proprietors, numbers of lots drawn by them, and extensive digests of land-titles dating from the first settlements down to 1853, and exhibit a conscientious precision and exhaustive thoroughness and such industry as to us degenerate moderns are almost unknown. As these books cover nearly one hundred towns (mainly in Caledonia, Essex and Orleans counties) they are of considerable value, and so have been considered worthy of being included (similarly to the Samuel C. Crafts plans in the former volume) under the references, and a copy has been made for the Secretary of State's Office.

There still remain quite a few Vermont towns (having, like Topsy, "just groved") without charter from either New Hampshire or Vermont—many under New York charter—which it is hoped to account for in a later volume. For, in the wealth of colonial papers to be found in the Secretary's files, there is abundant material to interest, instruct and inspire every Vermonter, true to the early ideals of the Green Mountain State.

Respectfully,

FRANKLIN H. DEWART.

Burlington, Vermont.  
July, 1922.



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CHARTERS GRANTED  
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[CHARTER OF AIKIN'S GORE]

The Charter of a Small Gore of 800 acres of Land Granted Capt.  
Edward Aikins & Co. & Anexed to Londonderry

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

L S

*To All People to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE, that Whereas Captain Edward Aikin & his associates, (six in Number) have Petitioned for a Grant of a small Gore, or Tract of unappropriated Land in this State, situate Lying between, & bounded by the Townships of Landgrove, Jamaica, Londondary & Winhall, in order for improving & settling the Same, We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs, & for other considerations us hereunto moving, and do by these Presents, in the name & by the authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, give and Grant the said Tract or Gore unto him the said Edward Aikins, and to the Several Persons hereafter named his associates aforesaid viz<sup>t</sup>, Nathaniel Brown, Peter Sylvester, Peter Sylvester 2<sup>d</sup>, William Aikin, & Nathaniel Bartlet Brown, & their respective Heirs and assigns in equal Rights or shares. Which Tract or Gore of Land is situate & discribed as follows viz<sup>t</sup> "*Bounding south of Landgrove, north of Jamaica, West of Londondary, & East of Winhall, & is Supposed to Contain Eight Hundred acres, be the same more or Less;* which said Tract or Gore, is also by these Presents, annexed to, & from the date hereof is & shall be considered, as a part of the Township of Londondary, & the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter inhabit S<sup>d</sup> Tract or gore are hereby declared to be entitled to all the priviledges & immunities that the other Inhabitents of the said Town-

ship of Londonderry, do & ought by the Laws and Constitution of this State to exercise & enjoy—To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises as above expressed, with all the Priviledges & appurtenances thereof in equal Shares or rights unto them the said Edward Aikin, Nathaniel Brown, Peter Sylvester, Peter Sylvester 2<sup>d</sup>, William Aikin & Nathaniel B. Brown & to their respective Heirs and assigns forever upon the following Conditions viz<sup>t</sup> That each Proprietor of the said Tract or gore his Heirs or assigns improve and Cultivate three acres of Land, or have one Family settled on Each respective Right or share within the Term of three years next after the Conclusion of the Present War between America & Great Britain, on penalty of the Forfeiture of Each respective Right or share of Land in Tract or gore not so improved, or settled, & the same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be by their Representatives Re granted to such persons, as shall appear to Settle & Cultivate the Same.

IN TESTIMONY, whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed in Council this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand, Seven hundred & Eighty two, and in the sixth year of the Independence of this State  
By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

Tho<sup>s</sup> Tolman D. Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF ALBURGH

THE GOVERNOR COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

*To all People, to whom these Presents come*

GREETING. Know ye that whereas the Honorable Ira Allen Esq<sup>r</sup> our worthy friend has by Petition requested a grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State for himself & Associates, in order to settle a new plantation thereon to be erected into a Township. WE HAVE therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of this laudable design & for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving. AND Do by these presents in the Name & by the authority of the freemen of the State of Vermont, give & grant the tract of Land hereafter described & bounded unto him the said Ira Allen & to the several persons hereafter named his associates viz. Mary Varshburn, John Lamb, James Lamb, Robart Lamb, Peter Lamb, Abraham Lamb, Charles Lamb, Charles



Davis, Richard Davis, Peter Payne, John Roll, Benjamin Dudley, Isaac Bunce, Theophilus Bentley, John Abbot, Stephen Abbot, Peter Palmer, Simeon Palmer, Job Bunce, James Frost, Ziba Peck, Aaron Sturges, Thomas Pangburn, Rodrick Bound, Philip Beard, Joseph Brady, Andrew Liscumb, John Jenkins, James Pratt, Samuel Starnes, Obadiah Barton, Noble Pearl, Patrick Hine, William Brasur, Zera Dobson, Cornelius Vanwicke Amos Petibone Peter Weatherbee Rufus Bolton David Brownson, Hebar Sargents, Thomas Varnum, Lodawick Pranty, Harris Pebody, Cyrus Grandy, Oliver Doty, Samuel Squire, Isaac Benedick, Reuben Foster, Calvin Purdy, Benjamin Braton Ralf Chamberlin, Seth Orsburn, Phinehas Rogers, Henry Smith, Charles Randal, Reuben Reed, Zadock Clark, Andrew Morgan, Ralf Brown, Ichabod Rogers, Coonrod White Joshua Bloodgood, Martin Page, which together with the five following rights or five seventieth parts of said Tract to be reserved to the several uses in manner following, include the whole of said tract or Township viz—One right for the use of a Seminary or College, One right for the use of County Grammar Schools in S<sup>d</sup> State, Lands to the amount of one right to be & remain for the purpose of settlement of a minister or ministers of the Gospel in said Township forever; Lands to the amount of one right for the support of the social worship of GOD, in said Township; and Lands to the amount of one right for the support of an English school or schools in said Township; Which two rights for the use of a seminary or College, & for the use of county grammar schools as aforesaid with the improvements, rents, interests, & profits arising therefrom shall be under the controul, order, direction & disposal of the General assembly of said State forever. And ye Proprietors of said Township are hereby authorized & empowered to locate said two rights justly & equitably or quantity for quality in such parts of said Township as they or their committee shall judge will least incommode the general settlement of said tract or Township. And the <sup>1</sup> Proprietors are further empowered to locate the Lands aforesaid amounting to three rights assigned for the settlement of a Minister or ministers; for their support, & for the use & support of english Schools in such & in so many places as they or their committee shall judge will best accommodate the inhabitants of said Township when the same shall be fully settled & improved laying the same equitably or quantity for quality. Which said Lands amounting to the three rights last mentioned when located as aforesaid shall together with their improvements, rights, rents, interests & profits remain unalienably appropriated to the uses and purposes for which they are respectively assigned; & be under the charge direction & disposal of the inhabitants of said Township forever; Which tract of Land hereby given & granted as aforesaid is bounded & described as follows—Viz BEGINNING *in the forty fifth degree of North Latitude, being the south line of the province of Quebec & north line of Vermont, at a monument in said line on the West side of Missisque Bay, Then southerly by the lake shore to the south end of the tract of land*

*commonly called the Tongue Then Northerly by the Lake Shore to a Monument in the south line of the Province of Quebec & north line of Vermont aforesaid; Then East in said line to the bound began at. Then East in said line across Missisque-Bay & on to the Land so far, that to turn south to the northerly line of Highgate, then Westerly in ye line of Highgate To Lake Champlain, Then northerly by said Lake to the province line aforesaid, will contain in the two tracts of Land included by these lines, the contents of Twenty three Thousand & forty Acres of Land. AND THAT the same be & hereby is incorporated into a Township by the name of ALBURGH. And the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township, are declared to be enfranchised & entitled to all the privileges & immunities that the inhabitants of other Towns within this State do & ought by the Laws & constitution of this State to exercise & enjoy. To HAVE & To HOLD the said granted Premises, as above expressed with all the Privileges & appurtenances thereunto belonging and appertaining, unto them & their respective heirs and assigns forever upon the following conditions and reservations, viz. That each Proprietor in the Township of ALBURGH aforesaid his heirs or assigns shall plant & cultivate Five Acres of Land & build an house at least eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one family settled on each respective right within the term of three Years next after the circumstances of the present war will admit of a settlement with safety, ON PENALTY of the forfeiture of each respective right or share of Land in said Township, not so improved and settled, & the same to revert to the freemen of this State to be by their representatives, regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle & cultivate the same. That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved for the use and benefit of the Freemen of this State.*

IN TESTIMONY whereof, We have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed in Council this 23<sup>d</sup> day of Feb<sup>y</sup> AD. 1781 & in the 5 Year of our independence.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency's command  
Thomas Tolman Dep<sup>y</sup>. Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Note.—The foregoing from Vol. I. pp. 70-73 of [Ms.] Vermont Charters is again recorded without substantial change on pp. 23-25 of "Vol. II" Vermont Charters.

### ANDERSONS GORE

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT—

*To all people to whom these presents shall come—GREETING:*

KNOW YE, that whereas Captain James Anderson, John Woodburn, John McCormick, Peter Aikin, Samuel Eayrs, Joseph Oughterson, James

Mack, Joseph Mack, Archibald Mack, and David Derby, have by their petition requested the grant of a Gore or tract of unappropriated lands, lying within this state, and bounded as follows to wit, *BEGINNING at a stake and stones being Grafton Northwest corner, then south ten degrees west four hundred and eighty chains to a stake with stones, standing on the North line of Johnson's Gore, thence West thirty seven chains to a stake with stones on the former East line of Londonderry, thence North ten degrees east four hundred and eighty chains to a stake with stones being the North East corner of Londonderry as originally granted, thence East thirty seven chains to the first bounds; containing about one thousand seven hundred and thirty acres of land*—WE HAVE THOUGHT FIT, for divers valuable considerations us hereunto moving and do by these presents in the name and by the Authority of the Freemen of the state of Vermont, give and grant the gore or tract of land above bounded and described, unto the several persons above named their heirs and assigns; which Gore or tract shall be and hereby is annexed unto and hereafter shall be taken and reputed a part of the town of Windham and the inhabitants which do or shall hereafter inhabit said gore or tract shall be entitled to, and have and enjoy all the priviledges and immunities which the other inhabitants of Windham aforesaid do and ought by law and the constitution of this state to exercise and enjoy.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said granted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said Grantees and their respective heirs and assigns forever upon the following conditions and reservations, to wit, that each proprietor of the Gore or tract his heirs or assigns shall plant or cultivate five acres of land, and build an house at least eighteen feet square on the floor or have one family settled on each respective right within the term of three years next after the first day of July 1785—on penalty of the forfeiture of each respective right or share of land in said tract not so improved or settled, and the same to revert to the freemen of this state to be by their representatives re-granted to such persons as shall appear to settle and cultivate the same.

GRANTED by the General Assembly by their Resolution bearing date the twenty seventh day of February AD. one thousand seven hundred & Eighty two—In testimony whereof we have caused the seal of this state to be affixed in Council this twenty second day of October AD. one thousand eight hundred and one—And of the Independence of the United States the twenty sixth

ISAAC TICHENOR

By his Excellencys Command

Ros. Hopkins Sec<sup>y</sup>. of State.

Recorded Oct<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1801

Attest Ros. Hopkins Sec<sup>y</sup>.

## [CHARTER OF ATHANS]

State of Vermont THE GOVERNOR COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FREEMEN OF VERMONT.

L S

To all people to whom these Presents shall come—GREETING:

KNOW YE, that whereas it has been represented to us by our worthy Friends Doc<sup>r</sup> SOLOMON HARVEY, JOHN MOOR, and JONATHAN PERHAM, and their associates; That there is a Certain Tract or Parcel of Vacant Land within this State which has not been heretofore granted, which they pray may be granted them. We have therefore tho't fit for the due encouragement of settling a New Plantation within this State and other Valuable Considerations us hereunto moving; And do by these Presents in the Name and by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, Give and Grant unto the said Solomon Harvey, John Moor, Jonathan Perham, and the several persons hereafter named their associates, viz<sup>t</sup>, Samuel Skinner, Elisha Ayer, Eliphalet Skinner, Zachariah Skinner, William Hartwell, Jonathan Baiden, Abraham Derry, Fairbank Moore, Fairbank Moore Ju<sup>r</sup>, William Moore, Timothy Welman, Timothy Welman Ju<sup>r</sup>, Derius Welman, Abel Malton, John Crafford, Rosebrok Crafford, Samuel Ashley, Benjamin Fletcher, Jonathan Foster, Seth Oak, Samuel Bailey, Joseph Roser, Micah Read, Joshua Warner, James Shafter, Nehemiah Peirce, Timothy Bullock, David Darby, Noah Woodward, Benjamin Peirce Ju<sup>r</sup>, Abiel Whitman, Samuel Norcross, Calvin Oak, Nathaniel Oak, Silas Thomson, Phillip Goss, Jeremiah Tinkham, John Alexander, Daniel Ashley, Nehemiah Hoskins, William Beal, Riverius Hooker, Daniel Hooker, Joel Perham, Leonard Perham, Reuben Alexander, Asa Alexander, Jonathan F. Holmes, Elias Taylor, Hezekiah Haven, Andrew Barber, Edward Houghton, Isreal Chapman, Ellys Thayer, Asahel Hooker, Ephraim Holden, Jabez Walcut, Jesse Walcut, Jonathan Moore, Peter Wilson, John Perham, Timothy Walker, Cyrus Whitcomb, and Cyrus Whitcomb Ju<sup>r</sup> Together with two equal shares to be appropriated to public uses as followith-viz<sup>t</sup>. one share for the use of a school, or schools within said Town, one share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel to be disposed of For, that purpose as the Town shall direct. The following Tract or parcel of Land lying and being in this State described and Bounded as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>. BEGINNING at a certain Stake & Stones one Mile North ten Deg<sup>s</sup> east of the Northwest Corner of Westminster; Thence south Ten Deg<sup>s</sup> west one mile to the said Northwest corner of Westminster, Thence seven miles on the west line of said Westminster to Putney North line, Thence west Ten Deg<sup>s</sup> North on Putney line one mile and a half. to a Stake and Stones—Thence North Ten Deg<sup>s</sup> East five miles to a Stake and Stone, Thence west Ten Deg<sup>s</sup> North one mile and a half to a Stake and Stones, Thence North Thirteen Deg<sup>s</sup> East Two Miles and Forty Rods to a Stake and Stones, Thence East three miles to the first

*mentioned Bounds.* And that the same be and hereby is incorporated into a Township by the name of ATHANS and the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter Inhabit said Township are declared to be Infranchised and Intitled to all the privildges and Immunities that other Towns within this State by Law exercise and enjoy.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said granted and discribed Tract of Land as above expressed with all the priviledges & appurtenences to them and their respective Heirs and assigns forever upon the following Conditions and reservations, *Viz*<sup>t</sup>.

**IMPRIMIS** THAT each Proprietor of the Township of ATHANS aforesaid his Heirs or assigns shall plant and Cultivate Ten acres of land and Build a House at least Eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one Family settled on each respective right or Share of Land in said Town within the term of Two years Next after this date; And that each proprietor begin an Improvement on Each right or share on or before the first day of March next, on penalty of the Forfeiture of his right in said Township, And the same to revert to the freemen of this State To be by their representatives regranted to such as shall effectually settle and Cultivate the same.— Provided always, and it is hereby declared not to be the Intent of the Grantors, & Grantees, that this grant shall be valied or binding in anyways whatsoever where it may Interfere with Grants of N. Hampshire.—

**SECUNDO** THAT all Pine Trees suitable for Mast and Spars for Shipping be reserved to the use & Benifit of the Freemen of this State. **IN TESTIMONY** whereof we have caused the seal of this State to be afixed at Arlington in the County of Bennington this 3<sup>d</sup> day of May AD. 1780. and in the fourth year of the INDEPENDENCE of this State.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>

Note.—The foregoing from Vol. I, pp. 5 and 6 of [Ms.] Vermont Charters is again recorded on pp. 10 and 11 of "Vol. II" [Ms.] Vermont Charters, without substantial change.

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[EVERY'S GORES]

The Charter of three Gores of Land Granted to Samuel Avery Esq.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF VERMONT, BY THE GRACE OF  
GOD, FREE & INDEPENDENT

*To all to whom these presents shall come*—GREETING:

KNOW YE, that we have given, granted & confirmed & by these presents do give grant & confirm, unto SAMUEL AVERY of Westminster, in the County of Windham & State of Vermont, Esq<sup>r</sup> the several Tracts

or parcels of Land following viz<sup>t</sup>, One Gore or Tract of Land lying west of Fayston in the County of Chittenden, bounded as follows, BEGINNING at the Northwest Corner of Fayston & running South 26 D° west 654 Chains in the westerly line of said Fayston to the Southwesterly corner thereof, Thence North 10 D° & 20 Minutes East, 669 Chains & 41 links to the southerly line of New Huntington, Thence South 67 D° east 147 Chains & 32 links in the southerly line of New Huntington to the southeast corner thereof, Thence South 56 D° & 39 Minutes East 34 Chains & 78 links to the bounds begun at, containing five thousand nine hundred & ten acres of Land—Also one other Gore or Tract of Land, lying West of Kingston, bounded as follows, BEGINNING at the Northwest Corner of Kingston, being a hemlock Tree standing on uneven land, marked Kingston Corner 1787, & running South 36 D° West six Miles & 28 Chains in the west line of said Kingston to a great birch Tree marked Kingston southwest corner 1787, Thence north 61 D° West in the northerly line of Hancock about a Mile to the east line of Ripton, Thence North nine Degrees East, about six Miles to the Northeasterly corner thereof, Thence north 81 D° West six Miles & ten Chains to the Northwesterly corner thereof, Thence North 89 D° East in the South line of Lincoln six miles & 50 Chains to the point where Lincoln line intersects the southerly line of Warren, Then South 61 D° East about four Miles to the bounds begun at—containing Eight thousand seven hundred & forty four Acres of Land, Also one Tract or Gore of Land lying West of Lewis in the County of Orange, bounded as follows, BEGINNING at the most westerly corner of Lewis, being a great birch Tree marked Lewis west Corner Sept. 13 , 1785, & running north 45 D° West one Mile & 53 Chains to a stake standing in the Northeasterly line of Caldersburgh 16 links South 33 D° West from a Spruce Tree Marked Warren 1788, Then North 17 D° East five Miles & 17 chains & thirty Links to a birch Tree marked Warren 1788 standing in the southerly line of Hamilton, Thence South 82 D° & 20 Minutes East, in the southerly line of said Hamilton to the Southeasterly corner thereof to a Spruce tree marked N°5, & N°6, 1785, standing in the westerly line of Averill, Thence south forty Degrees West in the westerly line of Averil & Lewis about seven Miles & a half to the bounds begun at, containing Ten thousand six hundred & Eighty five Acres of Land—Together with all & singular the rights, hereditaments, & appurtenances, to the same belonging, or in any wise appertaining; excepting & reserving to ourselves all gold & Silver Mines.

TO HAVE & TO HOLD the above described & granted premises unto the said Samuel Avery his heirs & assigns, as a good indefeasible estate, forever, On Condition nevertheless, that within the Term of seven years to be computed from the first day of January next ensuing the date hereof, there shall be one actual settlement made on the said Tract of land hereby granted to every five hundred Acres, otherwise these our Letters patent, & the estate hereby granted shall cease, determine, & become void. IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made patent & the great seal of our said State to be hereunto affixed; Witness our Trusty & wellbeloved Thomas Chittenden

Esquire Governor of our said State, General, Commander in Chief of all the Militia of the same, at Bennington this 27 day of January A D 1791 & in the 15 year of our independence—Passed the Secretary's Office the 27 day of Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1791  
 By His Excellency's Command  
 Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

**Charter of a tract of land granted to Sam<sup>l</sup> Avery Esq.**

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF VERMONT, BY THE GRACE OF  
 GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT

*To all to whom these Presents shall come*—GREETING:

KNOW YE, that we have given, granted, and confirmed, an by these presents, do give, grant, and confirm, unto Sam<sup>l</sup> Avery Esq<sup>r</sup> All that Certain Tract or Parcel of land situate lying and being in the County of Chittenden and State of Vermont, BOUNDED westerly on a Tract of Land granted to Luke Knoulton Esq<sup>r</sup>., Northerly on Montgomery, Easterly on a Tract of Land granted to John Kelly Esq<sup>r</sup>, by the name of Kellyvale and Southerly on Belvidere Township. BEGINNING *at the most northerly corner of Tract N<sup>o</sup> 1. Chartered to John Kelly by the name of Kellyvale which is in the Southerly bounds of the Township of Montgomery, thence along the said Township of Kellyvale, south thirty six degrees west three miles and thirty Chains to the second corner of the Township of Kellyvale which is one of the corners of the Township of Belvidere granted to the s<sup>d</sup>. John Kelly, Thence nearly west along the bounds of the last mentioned Township about five miles and three quarters to the southeasterly Corner of a Tract of Land granted to Luke Knowlton Esq<sup>r</sup>. Thence along the Easterly line of said Tract, North forty six degrees and thirty minutes East four miles and thirty Eight Chains to the northeasterly Corner thereof which is in the southerly line of the Township of Enosburgh thence along the southerly line of Enosburgh and Montgomery south Eighty two degrees and twenty minutes East to the place of Beginning, containing nine Thousand seven hundred and twenty three Acres of Land together with all and singular the Rights, Hereditaments, and Appurtenances to the same belonging, or in any Wise appertaining; excepting and reserving to ourselves all Gold & Silver mines To have and to hold the above described and granted premises unto the said Samuel Avery and to his Heirs and Assigns, as a good and indefeasible Estate of Inheritance forever. On condition nevertheless, that within the Term of seven years to be com-*

puted from the first day of January next ensuing the date hereof, there shall be one actual Settlement made for every six hundred and forty acres of the said Tract of Land hereby granted; otherwise these our Letters Patent, and the estate hereby granted, shall cease, determine and become void.

IN TESTIMONY whereof, We have caused these our Letters to be made patent, and the great Seal of our said State to be here unto affixed. Witness our trusty and well beloved Thomas Chittenden, Esquire Governor of our said State, General and Commander in Chief of all the Militia of the same, at Windsor this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one and in the 15<sup>th</sup> Year of our Independence. Passed the Secretaries office the 29<sup>th</sup> day of Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1791  
By His Excellency's Command THO<sup>s</sup> CHITTENDEN  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>

Recorded February 23<sup>d</sup> 1809 Att. Th. Leverett Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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### The Charter of Five hundred & fifty four Acres of Land granted to Samuel Avery Esq<sup>t</sup>.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF VERMONT BY THE GRACE OF  
GOD FREE & INDEPENDENT

*To all to whom these Presents shall come—GREETING:—*

KNOW YE that we have given granted & Confirmed and by these presents Do give grant and Confirm unto Samuel Avery of Westminster in the County of Windham & State aforesaid Esquire One Certain Tract or Parcel of Land Described & bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>, BEGINNING at the Most Easterly Corner of Highgate & Running South seventy seven Degrees & thirty Minutes East three Miles and fifty one Chains & Twelve Links to the West Line of Berkshire thence South in the West Line of Berkshire forty Chains thence North Seventy Degrees West three Miles Sixty one Chains and fifty Links to the Bounds began at Containing five hundred and fifty four Acres being part and in pursuance of a Grant of Land made unto the said Samuel Avery by the Legislature of said State at their Session holden at Westminster in October AD 1789 together with all and Singular the Rights Hereditaments & Appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise Appertaining—

TO HAVE & TO HOLD the aforesaid granted and Described Premises unto the said Samuel Avery his Heirs and assigns as a good Indefeasible



estate of Inheritance forever ON CONDITION NEVERTHELESS that within the Term of seven years to be Computed from the first of January next ensuing the Date hereof there shall be one actual settlement made on the aforesaid Tract of Land granted so as aforesaid Otherwise these our Letters Patent and the estate hereby granted shall Cease Determine and become Void—

In Testimony whereof we have Caused these Letters to be made Patent & the great Seal of our said State to be hereunto affixed WITNESS our Trusty and well beloved Thomas Chittenden Esquire Governor of said State General & Commander in Cheif of all the Militia of the Same at Williston this 28 Day of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six

By his Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

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[EVERY'S GRANT]

Charter of a Tract of Land granted to Sam<sup>l</sup> Avery Esq

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF VERMONT, BY THE GRACE OF  
 GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT,

*To all to whom these Presents shall come—GREETING:*

KNOW YE, That we have given, granted, and confirmed, and by these Presents do give, grant, and confirm unto Samuel Avery Esquire of Westminster in the County of Windham and State aforesaid all that certain Tract or parcel of Land lying and being in the County of Orange in the State aforesaid and is described and bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at the northwest corner of a Tract of Land surveyed for John Kelly Esquire, being a Hemlock Tree Marked IK MC 1792 standing in the East line of Carthage 120 chains north from the southeasterly corner thereof and running north in said East line of Carthage about four miles and a half to the northeas<sup>t</sup> corner thereof. Thence S 82° 20' E in the north line of the State 5 miles & 15 chanes to the northwesterly corner of Duncansborough, being a beach Tree Standing on the west side of a Hemlock & spruce ridge marked Duncansborough 1789 then South 20° west about Four miles and 40 chains in the westerly line of Duncansborough to a Hemlock tree marked IKM 1792 being the NE corner of a Tract Surveyed for John Kelly Esq<sup>r</sup>. thence N 82° 20' west to the bounds began at containing Eleven

*Thousand and forty acres*, together with all and singular the Rights Hereditaments and Appurtenances to the same belonging, or in any Wise appertaining; excepting & reserving to ourselves all Gold & Silver mines. To have and to hold the above described & granted Premises unto the said Samuel Avery and to his Heirs & Assigns, as a good and indefeasible Estate of Inheritance forever, On condition nevertheless, that within the term of Seven years, to be computed from the first day of January next ensuing the date hereof, there shall be one actual settlement made for every six hundred and forty acres of the said Tract of Land hereby granted; otherwise these our Letters Patent, and the Estate hereby granted, shall cease, determine, and become void—

In testimony whereof, We have caused these our Letters to be made patent, and the great seal of our said State to be hereunto affixed Witness our trusty and well beloved Thomas Chittenden Esquire Governor of our said State, General and Commander in Chief of all the Militia of the same, at Rutland this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety Two and in the 16 year of our Independence.

Passed the Secretarys office the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December one thousand seven hundred and ninety two

By His Excellency's Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

Recorded February 24<sup>th</sup> 1809

Th. Leverett Sec<sup>y</sup>

## THE CHARTER OF BAKERSFIELD

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

*To all people to whom these presents shall come*—GREETING:

KNOW YE that LUKE KNOULTON ESQUIRE our worthy friend has by petition requested a grant of unappropriated Land within this State for the purpose of settling a New plantation; WE HAVE therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of his laudable design & for other valuable causes & considerations us hereunto moving, And do by these presents in the Name & by the authority of the freemen of Vermont; give & grant unto the said LUKE KNOULTON & to his heirs & assigns forever the tract of Land bounded & described as follows (to wit) BEGINNING at a Maple tree Standing in the most northwesterly corner of Kelly's Grant, marked Knoulton, Kelly 1789, And Runing North 82 D° Ɔ 20 Minutes West 5

*Miles & 55 Chains to a Stake standing in the Easterly line of Smithfield 10 Links North 20 D° East from a beach tree Marked Enosburgh, Knoulton 1789, Then South 20 D° West in said Easterly line of Smithfield two Miles 72 Chains & 50 Links to the Southeasterly Corner thereof, being a Stake 15 Links South 20 D° East, from a beach tree Marked Smithfield Corner, Knoulton 1789 Then South 70 D° East three Miles 48 chains to a Spruce tree marked W<sup>ms</sup> Burgh, Knoulton 1789, Then North 46 D° & 30 Minutes East four Miles & 38 chains in the westerly line of Kelly<sup>s</sup>, grant to the bounds began at, containing ten thousand Acres, Reserving out of s<sup>d</sup> grant three hundred Acres for the following public uses viz One hundred & fifty Acres for the support of an English School in said Tract & one hundred & fifty Acres for the support of a Minister of the Gospel within the said Tract to be & remain unalienably appropriated to those purposes respectively, the uses, rents & profits of which shall be under the direction of the selectmen within the limits of said Tract, in trust to & for the uses of the inhabitants thereof for the purposes afores<sup>d</sup> forever, & that the said two Lotts of Land shall be laid quantity for quality or so as to be a just average of the Lands in said Tract, And the Inhabitants possessing the afores<sup>d</sup> Tract of Land shall be entitled to equal privileges with the inhabitants of any other Gore of equal extent within this State & that it be called and Known by the name of BAKERSFIELD.*

TO HAVE & TO HOLD the said granted premises as above expressed with all the privileges & appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said Luke Knoulton & to his heirs & assigns forever, on condition that he cause the settling duties upon the afores<sup>d</sup> Tract of Land to be done by actual Settlement & improvement in the same way & manner as is provided in other Towns granted by this State & to be under the same restrictions & subject to the like penalties & forfeitures in case of neglect. IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed in Council this 25<sup>th</sup>, day of January 1791 in the 15<sup>th</sup> year of our Independence.

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

## THE CHARTER OF BARTON

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT,

L. S.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come—GREETING:*

KNOW YE that whereas our worthy Friend Colonel WILLIAM BARTON and his associates, have by petition requested a grant of unlocated Land within this State for the purpose of settling a new planta-

tion to be erected into a Township, WE HAVE therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their Laudable designs, and for other valuable causes and considerations us hereunto moving.—AND DO by these Presents in the name and by the authority of the Freemen of the State of VERMONT, give and grant unto the said WILLIAM BARTON and the several persons hereafter named, his associates, the tract of Land hereafter described and bounded to be divided into equal shares, viz<sup>t</sup>, Colonel William Barton six seventieth Parts; Cotton Gilson seven seventieth parts; John Murry four seventieth parts; Hon<sup>bl</sup> Ira Allen Esq<sup>r</sup> Eighteen sevent<sup>eth</sup> parts; Hon<sup>bl</sup> Daniel Owen Esquire three seventieth parts; Elhanah Watson two seventieth parts; Charles Hendy two seventieth parts; Henry Rice two seventieth parts, and the following names are to be entitled to one seventieth part, viz, Peter Phillips Esq<sup>r</sup>, William Griswold, Benjamin Gorton, John Gorton, Joseph Whitmarsh, Elisha Bartlet, Richard Steer, Enoch Sprague, John Holbrook, Benjamin Hendy, John Mumford, Benjamin Bowen, Michael Holbrook, Colonel Asa Kempble, Ephraim Bowen Ju<sup>r</sup>, Joseph Gorton, Elijah Bacon, Joshua Bliven, David Barton, Paul Jones, Elijah Gore.—Together with the five following equal shares to be appropriated to public uses in manner following, viz<sup>t</sup>, one equal share for the benefit of a College within this State one equal share for the benefit of County Grammer Schools throughout this State, one equal share for the first settled minister of the Gospel in said Town, one equal share for the benefit of an English School within said Town, & one equal share for the benefit and support of the Ministry in said Town to be appropriated for that purpose as the Inhabitants of said Township shall from time to time judge proper.—Which tract of Land hereby given & granted as aforesaid is described & bounded as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>,

*BEGINNING at the Northeast corner of Glover and runing North 54° West in the North line of Glover six miles to the Easterly line of Lutterloh, then North 36° East six miles in the easterly lines of Lutterloh and Irasburgh, then south 54° East about six miles & a quarter to the westerly line of Westmore, then Southwesterly in the westerly lines of Westmore & Sheffield to the bound began at Containing Twenty three thousand and forty Acres.* AND THAT the same be and hereby is incorporated into a Township by the Name of BARTON, and the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised and entitled to all the privileges & immunities that the Inhabitants of other incorporated Towns within this State do by Law exercise and Ejoy.—TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted premises with all the privileges and appurtenance belonging or in any wise appertaining unto them & their respective Heirs and assigns forever, on the following conditions & reservations, viz<sup>t</sup> that each proprietor in the Township of BARTON his heirs or assigns shall plant and cultivate five acres of Land & build a House at least eighteen feet squar on the floor; or have one family settled on each respective right or share of Land in said Township within the term of three years from the time the outlines of said Township were

surveyed, on penalty of the forfeiture of each respective right or share of Land in said Township not so settled & improved as aforesaid and the same to revert to the Freemen of this state to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle and cultivate the same The aforesaid grant being made on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October AD 1781.—IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October AD 1789 and in the fourteenth year of our Independence.

MOSES ROBINSON.

By His Excellency's Command.  
JOSEPH FAY SECR<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF BELVEDERE

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF VERMONT, BY THE GRACE OF  
GOD, FREE & INDEPENDENT

*To all to whom these presents shall come—GREETING:*

KNOW YE, that we have given, granted, & confirmed, & by these presents, do give, grant, & confirm unto John Kelley of the City of New York Esquire, ALL that certain Tract or parcel of Lands situate, lying, & being in the County of Chittenden & State of Vermont, BEGINNING at the Northwesternmost corner of Eden & running South 36 D° West six Miles & 20 Chains in the westerly line of Eden & part of Hidespark to the Northeasterly corner of Johnson Thence North 54 D° West in the Northerly line of Johnson six Miles to the Northwesternly corner thereof, Thence North 54 D° West one hundred & forty seven chains & 15 Links to the easterly Line of a Tract of Ten thousand Acres of Land granted to James Whitlaw & others called Williamsburgh; Thence North 7 D° & 30 Minutes East in the Easterly line of said Williamsburgh to a Spruce Tree standing on the North side of a Ledge marked W<sup>ms</sup> Burgh Knoulton 1789, Thence nearly east, about five Miles & three quarters to the Southwesterly corner of Tract N<sup>o</sup> 1, called the Township of KellyVale, Thence South 54 D° East four Miles & 30 Chains to the first bounds, containing thirty thousand & one hundred Acres of Land . . . Together with all and singular the rights, Hereditaments, & appurtenances to the same belonging, or in any wise appertaining; excepting & reserving to our selves all gold & silver Mines. To have & to hold the above described & granted premises unto the said John Kelly his heirs & Assigns, as a good indefeasible Estate of inheritance forever. On Condition Nevertheless, that within the Term of Seven Years to be computed from the first day January Next

ensuing the date hereof, there shall be one actual settlement made for every six hundred & forty Acres of the said Tract of Land hereby granted; Otherwise these our Letters patent, & the estate hereby granted, shall cease, determine & become void; And also reserving for Public uses the usual quantity of Land reserved in other Townships, chartered by this State, to be laid out at the place of Beginning, & We do also create, Erect, constitute establish & appoint The Tract of Land hereby granted a Township to be called & forever hereafter known by the Name of BELVEDERE, with the usual privileges Granted to other Townships in this State—

IN TESTIMONY whereof, We have caused these our Letters to be made patent, & the great seal of our s<sup>d</sup> State to be hereunto Affixed, Witness our Trusty & well beloved Thomas Chittenden, Esquire Governor of our said State, General & commander in chief of all the Militia of the same at Windsor this 4<sup>th</sup> Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> ADo, 1791, in the 15<sup>th</sup> Year of our independence.

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

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## THE CHARTER OF BENSON

State of Vermont THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FREEMEN OF VERMONT

L. S.

*To all People to whom these presents shall come—GREETING:*

KNOW YE that whereas it has been Represented to us by our [loving] Friends JAMES MEACHUM and EZEKIEL BLAIR & their [associates] “That there is a tract or Parcel of Vacant Land within this State which has not been heretofore Granted” which they pray may be Granted to them. We have therefore thot fit for the due encouragement of settling a New plantation within this State and other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, and do by these presents, in the name and by the Authority of the freemen of the State of VERMONT give and Grant unto the said James Meachum, [Ezekiel] Blair and the Several persons hereafter named their associat[es] [viz] Jesse Southwick, Ichabod Southwick, Absolum Baker, James Smith [David] Johnson, Nathaniel Smith Ju<sup>r</sup>, Solomon Coggesdil, Ebenezer Allen, Wi[lliam] Hooker, Eli Baker, Noah Chittenden, Stephen Olmsted, Benjamin [Dibble] Joseph Craw Ju<sup>r</sup>, Samuel Church, Matthew Duning, Daniel Watson, Cu[r]tis] Kelsey, William Dunton, James Parkil, Abner How, John Grant, Josia[h] Grant, Elisha Ashley, William Ashley, John Smith Polteny, Samuel Clark,

David Southwick, Isaac Sherwood, Jonathan Sherwood, Benjamin Sherwood, Josiah Brown, Abner Eaton, Nathan Jeffords, Alex[ander] Stone, Elijah Galusha, Dudley Hambleton, [Roderick Messenger, Jonathan Howard, Ch]arles Sa[bins, Alpheus Eaton, Isaac Clark, Eli Cowles, Cyrus Clark, Stephen Dunning, William Meachum, Abraham Meachum,] Stephen Fay, John Grover, Joseph Gleazen, Timothy Johnson, Robert Fuller, Isaac Meachum, Elisha Allen, Samuel Allen, Absolom Blair, Ebenezer Hyde, Ithamer Hibberd, William Ward Esq<sup>r</sup>, Stephen, Row, Bradley, Ira Allen, Jacob Safford, Simeon Sears, Jonas Fay, Thomas Chittenden, Jeremiah Clark, Reuben Nash, John Fassett Ju<sup>r</sup>, Eleazer Dudley, Daniel Burbank, Barakiah Johnson, Phinehas Dudley, and Joseph Fay;—Together with five equal shares to be appropriated to public uses as follows, Viz<sup>t</sup> one share for the use of a Simenary or Colledge within this State, one share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel to be disposed of for that purpose as the Town shall direct.—one share for the County Grammer Schools throughout this State, one share for the use of a School or Schools within said Town, The following tract or parcel of Land lying and being in this State discribed and bounded as follows, viz<sup>t</sup> *Begining on the east Bank of Lake Champlain six miles South from where the English Flag Staff formerly stood at Tyconderoga Fort it being the southwest west Corner of the Township of Orwell; Then east about seven miles until Turning south 10 Deg<sup>s</sup> west will run in Hughbarton and Castleton west lines, Thence south ten Deg<sup>s</sup>, west seven miles, Thence west ten Deg<sup>s</sup> North eight miles and Twenty six Rods to Lake Champlain, Thence Northerly by the side of said Lake at Low water Mark to the bounds first mentioned. Containing by estimation Twenty five thousand, two hundred and fourteen acres be the same more or less—AND THAT the same be incorporated into a Township by the name of BENSON and the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter Inhabit<sup>y</sup>e said Township are declared to be Enfranchised, and Entitled to all the priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within this [state do by Law exercise] and enjoy.*

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD The said Granted and discribed Tract of Land as above expressed, with all the priviledges and appurtenances to them and their Respective Heirs and assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz<sup>t</sup>.

**IMPRIMIS** That each Proprietor of Township of Benson aforesaid his hiers or assigns shall plant and Cultivate Ten acres of Land and build a house at Least Eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one Family settled on Each respective right or share of Land within the term of two years next after the Conclusion of the present War between G. Britain and America or in two years after the Province of Quebec shall be United with the free and Independent States of America, on penalty of the Forfeiture of his Right or share in said Township, and the same to Revert to the free-men of this State to be by their Representatives regranted to such persons as shall effectually settle and Cultivate the Same.

**SECUNDO** That all pine Trees suitable for Mast and Spars for Shipping, be Reserved

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to the use and Benifit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the seal of this State to be affixed at Arlington in the County of Bennington this Fifth Day of May AD. 1780 and in the Fourth year of the Independence of this State.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Note.—The foregoing from Vol. I, pp. 9-11 of [Ms.] Vermont Charters is again recorded without substantial change on pp. 12 and 13 of "Vol. II" [Ms.] Vermont Charters.

### [CHARTER OF BENTON'S GORE]

Benton's Gore THE GOVERNOR COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

L. S.

To all People to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:

KNOW YE THAT WHEREAS Samuel Benton Thomas Bentley Amos Ives John Train Noel Potter Reuben Pitcher Orange Train Oliver Train Benjamin Whipple Mary Young Ebenezer Young Eliphalet Lockwood Frederick Bawldwin Simeon Strong Amos Fuller Levi Scribner David Dunning Samuel Comstock John Barrett John Barrett Jun<sup>r</sup>. James McElroy and Thomas Barrett have by their Petition requested a grant of a Gore or Tract of unappropriated Land lying within this State BOUNDED *northerly on a Grant made to Abraham Jackson and Company Easterly on Andover Southerly on a Tract granted to William Utley and Company and westerly on Harwich*—WE HAVE THOUGHT FIT for divers valuable Considerations us hereunto moving AND Do by these Presents In the name and by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont give and grant the Gore or Tract of Land above bounded and described (*containing by estimation five thousand Acres*) and to the several persons before named their Heirs and Assigns AND THAT the said Gore or Tract of Land be and is hereby annexed unto and hereafter shall be taken and reputed a part of the TOWN OF ANDOVER And the Inhabitants which do or shall hereafter inhabit said Gore shall be entitled to and have and enjoy all the Priviledges and Immunities that the other inhabitants of Andover aforesaid do and ought by Law and the Constitution of this State to exercise and enjoy. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Granted Premises with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining unto the said Grantees and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever upon the following CONDITIONS AND RESERVATIONS (*viz<sup>t</sup>.*) that each Proprietor



in the Tract of Land aforesaid his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land and build an house at least eighteen Feet square on the Floor or have one Family settled on each respective right within the term of three Years next after the first day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five on Penalty of the Forfeiture of each respective right or share of Land in said Tract not so improved or settled—and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State to be by their Representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle and Cultivate the same. That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved for the use and benefit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed in Council this twenty fifth day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one and in the fifth Year of the independence of this State. THOS. CHITTENDEN.—By His Excellency's Command Micah Townsend Secry.

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## CHARTER OF BERKSHIRE

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FREEMEN OF VERMONT.

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*To All People to whom these presents shall come, GREETING:*

KNOW YE that, WHEREAS it has been Represented to us by our worthy Friends William Goodrich, Barzilla Hudson, Charles Dibble, and Company, sixty in Number, that there is a Tract of Vacant Land within this State which has not been heretofore Granted, which they Pray may be Granted to them—We have therefore thot Fit for the due encouragement of setling a New plantation within this State & other Valuable considerations us hereunto Moving, And Do by these presents in the name and by the authority of the Freemen of Vermont, give and Grant unto the said William Goodrich, Barzilla Hudson, Charles Dibble and the several persons hereafter named their associates, (viz,) Erastus Sergeant, Enoch Brown, Hezekiah Parmely, John Sibly, John Nash, Samuel Bostick, Elnathan Curtis Jun<sup>r</sup>., Abel Hart, Elias Willard Ju<sup>r</sup>., Isaac Marsh, Isaac Marsh Ju<sup>r</sup>., Joseph W. Marsh, Josiah Wright Ju<sup>r</sup>., William Walker, Caleb Culver, Isaac Curtis, Abel Curtis, Jonathan Yates, David Pixley, John Fisk, Silas Pepoon, Joseph Gilbert, Elias Gilbert, Israel Dibble, Isaac Woodruff, Caleb Walker, Charles Dibble Ju<sup>r</sup>., Truman Dibble, John North, Abraham Brown, Aaron Root, George Root, Ammery Woodruff, Joel Phelps, Joseph Pason, Hezekiah Talkott, Harvy Bell, Solomon Bell, Abel Hart Ju<sup>r</sup>., Joseph Fay, Joseph Emerson, David

Curtis, Benjamin Bird, Asa Pixley, Moses Narsh, Jonathan Ingersoll, Thomas L. Woodbeck, Isreal Dewey, Joseph Flag, Samuel Mattocks, Thomas Chittenden, Nathaniel Patten, Joseph Hildrup, Daniel Jones, George Goodwin, Asa Bement, Ebenezer Bement, and Peter Pixley, Together with five Equal shares to be appropriated to Public uses as follows, viz, one share for the use of a Simenary or Colledge within this State, one share for the use of the County Grammer Schools throughout this State, one share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel in said Town, to be disposed of for that purpose as the Inhabitants thereof shall direct, one share for the Support of the Ministry. One share for the Benifit and support of a School or Schools within S<sup>d</sup> Town, The following Tract or Parcel of Land, (viz.) *Begining on the South line of the Province of Quebec, and Forty fifth Degree of North Lattitude being the North line of this State about twelve Miles east of Lake Champlain, viz, where a Parrallel line with the Easterly line of the Township of Hungerford, being continued Northwardly will intersect said 45<sup>th</sup> deg<sup>e</sup> of Northern Lattitude, Then east in said line six Miles—Then southerly on such point as to gain six miles, then west Parallel with said Lattitude line on a Perpendicular from said Lattitude line to the easterly line of the Lands heretofore Granted by New Hampshire; Then Northerly in such line to the bounds began at, will contain the Contents of six Miles square and no more.* AND that the same be and hereby is INCORPORATED into a Township by the Name of BERKSHIRE and the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter Inhabit S<sup>d</sup> Township are declared to be Infranchised and Intitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within this State Do by Law exercise and enjoy.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises as above expressed with all the Priviledges and appurtenences, to them and their respective Heirs and assigns forever, upon the following Conditions and Reservations, (viz,) that Each Proprietor of the Township of Berkshire aforesaid his Heirs or assigns shall Plant and Cultivate five acres of Land and Build a House at least eighteen feet square on the Floor, or have one Family settled on each Respective Right of Land in said Township within the Term of Four years next after the circumstances of the War will admit of settlement with Safety, on penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or share of Land in said Town, AND the same to revert to the freemen of this State to be by their Representatives Regranted to Such persons as shall appear to settle and Cultivate the Same, THAT all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved to the use and Benifit of the Freemen of this State, IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we have caused the Seal of this State to be afixed this 22<sup>d</sup> Day of June 1781 and in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the Independence of this State.

THOS. CHITTENDEN

Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

The name of Abel Curtis Interlined by me being in the original Charter & omitted in Registering, the mistake Rectified Aug<sup>t</sup> 8 1788.

Pr. Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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Note.—The foregoing charter printed from Vol 1, pp. 22-24 of [Ms.] Vermont Charters is also recorded on pp. 21-22 of "Vol. II" [Ms.] Vermont Charters, without substantial change.

## THE CHARTER OF BETHEL

State of Vermont THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FREEMEN OF VERMONT.

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*To all People to whom these presents shall Come* GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas it has been Represented to us by our Loving Friends John Payne, John House and there associates, "That there is a Tract or Parcel of vacant Land lying with [in] this State, which has not been heretofore Granted" which they pray may be Granted to them.—WE HAVE THEREFORE, THO'T FIT for the due Encouragement of Setling a New plantation within this State; and other Valuable Considerations us hereunto moving; And Do by these Presents, in the name and by the authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, Give and Grant unto the said John Payne, John House & the Several persons hereafter named their associates (Viz<sup>t</sup>.) Dudly Chase, Benjamin Smith, Simeon Chase, John Hibbard, Mathew Stone, Benjamin Chase, Asa Edgerton, Samuel Peck, William Chaplin, Samuel Chase, Paul M<sup>ac</sup>Kinstree, Ralph Wheelock, John Ordway, Salmon Chase, James Tredway Solomon Cleaveland, Rise Wheeler, Seth Chase, Samuel Stone, William Lyon, David Copeland, Laben Gates, Benajah Strong, Thomas Putnam, Samuel Webster, Isreal Smith, John Throop, Timothy Bush, John Payne, Ju<sup>r</sup>, John Cook, Zebulon Lyon, Joel Marsh, Ebenezer Putnam, John Terry, John Morse, John Cooper, Thomas Bingham, Asa Parker, Stephen Child, Benjamin Crane, Joseph Tilden, Jeremiah Triscott, Daniel Kinne, Solomon Strong, and William Chipman Ju<sup>r</sup>. Together with five equal shares to be appropriated to public uses as follows, Viz. first one Share for the use of a Simonary or Colledge within this State; one share for the first setled Minister & Ministers of the Gospel to be disposed of for that purpose as the Town shall direct; one share for the perpetual use and Support of the Ministry of said Town, one share for the use of the County Grammer Schools throughout this State, and one share for the use and Support of a School or Schools within said Town, The following Tract or Parcel of Land Situate lying and being in this State, discribed and bounded as follows, Viz<sup>t</sup>,

BEGINNING at a point six Miles & a half on a Strait Line North sixty one Degrees west from the Northwest Corner of Sharon, Thence south thirty three degrees west six miles and sixty Rods, Thence [\*north] sixty one degrees west six Miles, Thence North thirty three deg<sup>s</sup> East six Miles & sixty Rods; Thence south sixty one deg<sup>s</sup> East six Miles to the Point making the first Bounds. Containg by admeasurement Twenty three thousand and sixty acres to be divided into fifty two Equal shares—AND that the same be and is hereby Incorporated into a Township by the Name of BETHEL and the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter Inhabit said Township are declared to be Infranchised and Intitled to all the Privi-

ledges and Immunities that other Towns within this State do by Law Exercise and Enjoy.

To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said discribed tract of Land as above expressed together with all the priviledges and appurtenances to them and their respective Heirs and assigns forever; upon the Following conditions and reservations, VIZ<sup>t</sup>.

IMPRIMIS THAT each Proprietor in the Township of BETHEL aforesaid Cultivate five acres on his share in said Town within the term of three years from the date of this Grant and build a House at least eighteen feet square, and be in actual Possession of the premises within five years from the date aforesaid and Continue to improve said land; And for Nonperformance thereof, said Land to revert back to the freemen of this State.

SECUNDO THAT all Pine Trees suitable for Masts and Spars for Shiping be reserved to the use and Benefit of the Freemen of this State. In Testimony whereof we have Caused the seal of this State to be hereunto afixed at Arlington in the County of Bennington this 23<sup>d</sup> day of December ADom. 1779. And in the third year of the Independence of this State—

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

\*The inference is unavoidable that the word "north" bracketed above has been omitted from the original record on pp. 1-3 of Vol. 1 of [Ms.] Vermont Charters and in a second record of this charter on pp. 26-28 of said volume it is in place. At the close of the second copy, the clerk has added the following note: "This charter is recorded a second time by mistake." Another record of this charter appears in "Vol. II" of [Ms.] Vermont Charters, pp. 5-6.

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## THE CHARTER OF BILLYMEAD

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

*To all People to whom these presents shall come GREETING:*

KNOW YE, that whereas our worthy friends Jonathan Arnold Esquire & Company have by petition requested a grant of a tract of unappropriated Lands within this State for the purpose of settling a new plantation to be erected into a Township. We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs & for other valuable causes & considerations us hereunto moving, and do by these presents in the Name & by the authority of the freemen of the State of Vermont, give & grant the tract of Land hereafter described & bounded unto the said Jonathan Arnold & the several persons hereafter named his

Associates Viz, John Innes Clark & Joseph Nightingale, William Rhodes, Joseph Fay Cyprian Sterry, & John Murray, Daniel Cahoon, Peter Chandler, Jonathan Jenks, Cynthia Hastings, William Bowen, Edward Thurber, in proportions annexed to their Names respectively as follows, to the said Jonathan Arnold Eighteen seventy one parts, Clark & Nightingale twenty one seventy one parts, William Rhodes nine seventy one parts, Joseph Fay, four seventy one parts, Sterry & Murray two seventy one parts, Daniel Cahoon two 71 Parts, Peter Chandler two seventy one parts, Jonathan Jenks two seventy one parts, Cynthia Hastings one seventy first part, William Bowen two seventy first parts & Edward Thurber two seventy first parts; which together with the following six seventy first parts, reserved to the several uses in Manner following include the whole tract or Township hereafter bounded & particularly described, Viz One seventy first part for the use of a Seminary or College, One seventy one part for the use of county grammar schools throughout this State, one seventy first part for the purpose of settlement of Minister or Ministers of the Gospel in said Township, One seventy first part for the support of the social Worship of God in said Township, Lands to the amount of one seventy first part for the support of an english school or schools in said Township, which two seventy first parts for the use of a seminary or College & for the use of County grammar Schools afores<sup>d</sup> and the improvements, rents, interests, & profits arising therefrom shall be under the controul, order, direction & disposal of the General Assembly of the said State forever, And the proprietors of said Township are hereby authorized & empowered to locate said two Seventy first parts justly & equitably or quantity for quality in such parts of s<sup>d</sup> Township as they or their Committee shall judge will least incommode the general settlement of said Township, And the said proprietors are hereby further empowered to locate the Lands aforesaid amounting to three seventy first parts, of said Township assigned for the settlement of a Minister & Ministers for their support, & for the use & support of an english school or Schools in said Town, in such & in so many places as they or their committee shall judge will best accommodate the inhabitants of said Township when the same shall be fully settled and improved laying the same equitably or quantity for quality, which said Lands amounting to three seventy first parts of said Township when located as afores<sup>d</sup> shall together with the improvements rights, rents, profits, dues & interests remain unalienably appropriated for the purposes & uses for which they are respectively assigned & be under the charge direction & disposal of the Selectmen of said Township in trust to & for the use of said Town forever, & the remaining seventy one part of said Township the proprietors are hereby empowered to dispose of in such manner as they shall judge best for the encouragement of erecting the first Gristmill & Saw Mill in said Township, And whereas it is necessary that early provision should be made for accommodating said Township with Lands sufficient for Roads and Highways, which cannot be particularly assigned until the s<sup>d</sup> Township be fully surveyed & under

some improvement, therefore by virtue of these presents, there is hereby reserved Nine Acres in each seventy first part, to be appropriated from time to time for the purpose of opening public Roads or Highways & to remain unalienably for that purpose to be assigned as the Selectmen or other legal authority shall direct in & throughout said Township forever, which said Tract of Land given & granted as afores<sup>d</sup> is bounded & described as follows viz—

*BEGINNING at the northwest corner of Lyndon being a beach tree marked Lyndon Corner July 1<sup>t</sup> 1787 IA Billymead corner 1788, and running north 6D°. E 15M. west Ten miles 4 chains E 50 links to a beach tree marked Billymead corner July 22<sup>d</sup> 1788 standing in the southerly line of Westmore 8 chains southeast from the westerly corner thereof. Thence south 45 D°. east Eight miles 12 chains E 81 links to a Spruce tree on flat land marked Burk north corner 1787 standing in the southerly line of Newark, then south 20 D° west Six miles 2 chains and 80 links, to a Stake 7 links south from a little beach tree marked Burk, Billymead 1787 standing in the north line of Lyndon Thence north 70 D° west Two miles and 64 chains in said north line of Lyndon to the bounds began at, containing Twenty three Thousand and Forty acres.*

And is called & known by the Name of the Township of BILLYMEAD and that the same be & hereby is incorporated into a Township by the Name afores<sup>d</sup> & the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised & entituled to all the privileges & immunities that the inhabitants of other Towns within this State do & ought by the Law & constitution thereof to exercise & enjoy.

TO HAVE & TO HOLD the said granted premises as above expressed with all the privileges & appurtenences thereto belonging to them & their respective Heirs & assigns forever, upon the following conditions & reservations viz, that each proprietor of the Township afores<sup>d</sup> his heirs or Assigns shall plant & cultivate five Acres of Land & build a house at least Eighteen feet Square upon the floor or have one family settled on each respective Right or Seventy first part of Land in said Township within the time limited by a Law of this State on penalty of the forfeiture of each right or seventy first part not so improved & settled & the same to revert to the freemen of this State to be by their Representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle & cultivate the Same. IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed in Council this Twenty Sixth day of February 1782, in the Sixth year of our independence.

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

## CHARTER OF BLAKE'S GORE

Blake's Gore

THE GOVERNOR COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
THE FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE that Whereas Timothy Blake and his Associates our worthy Friends have by Petition requested a Grant of a tract or Gore of unappropriated Lands within this State for Settlement situate lying and being between the towns of Sharon and Strafford in the County of Orange within this State BOUNDED as followeth BEGINNING *at the north-easterly Corner of Sharon. Then running north sixty five degrees and thirty minutes west six miles and eighteen Chains to the northwesterly Corner of Sharon—Then north thirty nine Degrees east to Strafford Line—Then easterly in the Line of Strafford and Thetford to the bounds began at.*— We have therefore thought fit for the due Encouragement of their laudable design and for other valuable Considerations us hereunto moving AND Do by these presents in the name and by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont give and grant the Gore or tract of Land above bounded and described unto the said Timothy Blake and to the several persons hereinafter named his Associates viz<sup>t</sup> Daniel Gilbert, James Carpenter Andrew Downer, Abel Buel, Nathaniel Brown, Aaron Seekens, Benjamin Litley, Zebulon Flanders, Samuel Lad, William Currier, Theodore Dam, John Harris, John Henry Camber and James Carpenter Jun<sup>r</sup>. AND THAT the said Gore or tract of Land be and is hereby annexed unto and hereafter shall be taken and reputed a part of the TOWN of STRAFFORD and the inhabitants which do or shall hereafter inhabit said Gore shall be entitled to have and enjoy all the priviledges and immunities that the other inhabitants of Strafford aforesaid do and ought by Law and the Constitution of this State to exercise and enjoy. To have and to hold the said granted Premises with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining unto the said Grantees and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever as Tenants in Common and not as Jointenants upon the following Conditions and Reservations (viz<sup>t</sup>) that each Proprietor in the Gore before described his heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land and build an house of at least eighteen feet square on the Floor or have one Family settled on each respective right within the term of three Years next after the second Thursday of October which will be in the Year of our Lord 1787 on penalty of the Forfeiture of each respective right or share of Land in said Premises not so improved or settled And that the same revert to the freemen of this State to be by their representatives re-granted to such persons as shall appear to settle and cultivate the same AND THAT all Pine Timber on the Premises suitable for a Navy be reserved for the use and benefit of the Freemen of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed in Council this eighteenth day of June Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty five and in the ninth Year of the Sovereignty and independence of this State.

THO<sup>s</sup>. CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency's Command  
Micah Townsend Secry.

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## THE CHARTER OF BRAINTREE

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
THE FREEMEN OF VERMONT.

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*To all People to whom these Presents shall come,* GREETING.

KNOW YE, that whereas Mess'rs Jacob Spear and Levi Davis, and their Associates, our worthy Friends, have, by Petition, requested a Grant of a Tract of Land within this State, of six Miles square; in order for settling a new Plantation, to be erected into a Township; WE HAVE THEREFORE THO<sup>t</sup> FIT, for the due encouragement of their laudable Designs, and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, AND DO, by these Presents, In the Name, and by the Authority of the Freemen of Vermont, Give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter described and bounded, unto the said Jacob Spear and Levi Davis, and the several Persons hereafter named their Associates, viz<sup>t</sup>, James Bracket, David Holbrook, Stephen Penniman, Ebenezer Bracket, Samuel Bracket, Job Bracket, Richard Newcomb, William Bracket, Joseph Richards, Joseph Allen, Ebenezer Weston, Isaac Niles, Samuel Spear, Henry Bracket, James Bracket Jun<sup>r</sup>, Ebenezer Bracket, Charles Bracket, Ely Hayden, Reuben Coats, Joseph Hulet, Isaac Spear Jun<sup>r</sup>, Samuel Spear Jun<sup>r</sup>, Joseph Spear, James Holbrook, Jonathan Holbrook, Nathan Leonard, Ephraim Wales, Thomas Wales, Samuel Wales, Moses Holbrook, Caleb Holbrook, Benjamin Hayden, Benjamin Hayden Jun<sup>r</sup>, Zeba Hayden, Thomas Hayden, Ezra Wells, Thomas Chittenden, William Ward, Daniel Davis, Ephraim Mann, Benjamin Mann, Thomas French, Nathaniel Spear, Isaac Spear, Edward Putnam, Peter Putnam, Andrew Elliot, John Elliot, Jonathan Woodbury, Archelaus Putnam, John King, John Putnam, Reuben Davis, Bartholomew Hutchinson, Jonathan Holman, Samuel Harwood, William King, Thomas Harbuck, Edward Davis, Daniel Holman, Elijah Galusha, Noah Chittenden, and William Anderson; Which, together with the five following Rights, reserved to the several Uses in



manner following, include the whole of said Township, viz<sup>t</sup>; one Right for the use of a Seminary or Colledge; one Right for the use of County Grammar Schools in said State; Lands, to the amount of one Right, to be and remain for the purpose of Settlement of a Minister & Ministers of the Gospel in said Township forever; Lands, to the amount of one Right for the support of the social Worship of God in said Township; and Lands, to the amount of one Right, for the support of an English School or Schools in said Township. Which said two Rights, for the use of a Seminary or Colledge, and for the use of County Grammar Schools as aforesaid, and the Improvements, Rents, Interests, and Profits arising therefrom, shall be under the Controul, Order, Direction, and Disposal of the General Assembly of said State forever. And the Proprietors of said Township are hereby authorised and empowered, to locate said two Rights justly and equitably, or quantity for quality, in such Parts of said Township, as they or their Committee shall judge will least incommode the General Settlement of said Tract or Township. And the said Proprietors are hereby further empowered, to locate the Lands aforesaid, amounting to three Rights, assigned—for the Settlement of a Minister and Ministers—for their Support—and for the use and Support of English Schools, in such, and in so many Places, as they or their Committee shall judge will best accommodate the Inhabitants of said Township, when the same shall be fully settled and improved, laying the same equitably, or quantity for quality. Which said Lands, amounting to the three last mentioned Rights, when located as aforesaid, shall, together with their Improvements, Rights, Rents, Profits, Dues and Interests, remain unalienably appropriated for the Uses and Purposes for which they are respectively assigned; and be under the Charge, Direction and Disposal of the Inhabitants of said Township forever. Which Tract of Land, hereby given and granted as aforesaid, is bounded and described as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>; “Beginning at the North Westerly Corner of Randolph; then Southerly in Westerly Line of Randolph about Six Miles and an Half to an Angle thereof; then North 61° West in the Line of Rochester, so far, as, turning North 36° East about Six Miles and an Half, then South 61° East to the Bound began at, will encompass the Contents of six Miles square.” And that the same be, and hereby is incorporated into a Township by the Name of BRAINTREE. And the Inhabitants that do, or shall hereafter inhabit said Township, are declared to be enfranchised, and entitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State do, and ought, by the Laws and Constitution of this State, to exercise and enjoy. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises, as above expressed, with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining, unto them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions and Reservations, viz<sup>t</sup>; That each Proprietor of the Township of Braintree aforesaid, his Heirs or Assigns, shall plant & cultivate Five Acres of Land, & build an House at Least Eighteen Feet square on the Floor, or have one Family settled on each respective Right

within the Term of Three Years, next after the circumstances of the War will admit of a Settlement with safety: on Penalty of the Forfeiture of each Right of Land in said Township, not so improved or settled; and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be, by their Representatives, regranted to such Persons as shall appear, to settle and cultivate the same. That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy, be reserved for the Use and Benefit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof I have hereunto set my Hand, and caused the Seal of this State to be affixed, in Council, this FIRST Day of August, A. D. 1781. And in the 5<sup>th</sup> Year of our Independence.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency's Command.  
Tho<sup>s</sup>. Tolman Dep<sup>y</sup>. Secr<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF BROOKFIELD

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
 STATE OF VERMONT,

L. S.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:*

KNOW YE, That Whereas it has been Represented to us by our Worthy Friends Phinehas Lyman & Company to the number of sixty five, that there is a Tract of Vacant Land within this State which has not heretofore been granted, which they pray may be granted to them; We have therefore thought, fit for the due Encouragement of Setling a New plantation within this STATE and other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, And do by these Presents in the name and by the Authority of the Freemen of Vermont, give and Grant unto the said PHINEAS LYMAN; and the several Persons hereafter named his associates viz. Joseph Hawley Esq<sup>r</sup>. Timothy Lyman, Samuel Clark, Noadiah Warner, Samuel Cook, 2<sup>d</sup>, John Smith, Nathaniel Brush, Elijah Dewey, Lucretia Colt, DANIEL COLT, Elisha Porter Esq<sup>r</sup>. Stephen Goodman, Moses Hubbard, Oliver Smith, Benjamin Colt, Edmond Hubbard, Moses Hubbard, Rev<sup>d</sup> Samuel Hopkins, Eleazer Porter, Samuel Gaylord Ju<sup>r</sup>., Rev<sup>d</sup>. Joseph Lothrop, George Breck, Heman Day, Samuel Lathrop, Seth Lothrop, Joseph Lothrop Ju<sup>r</sup>, John Eastman, Timothy Eastman, Obadiah Dickenson, Obadiah Dickenson Ju<sup>r</sup>, John Chester Williams Esq<sup>r</sup>., Elijah Dickenson, Elihu Dickenson, Elisha Ellis Ju<sup>r</sup>., Peter Olcott Esq<sup>r</sup>., Ichabod Hide, Paul Davison, Daniel Bowen, Jonas Howard, Benjamin Howard, Phinehas Tyler, John Hayward, Paul Spooner, Jedediah Hyde, Amasa Hide, Nathan Roberts, Nathaniel Humphrays,

Nathaniel Humphreys Jun<sup>r</sup>., Shubal Cross, Joseph Cross, Daniel Telison Ju<sup>r</sup>., Oliver Hamlin, Caleb Martin, Annah Dean, Daniel Tillison, John Payne, James Moulton, His Excellency Thomas Chittenden Esq<sup>r</sup>. Timothy Brownson Esq<sup>r</sup>. John Fassett Ju<sup>r</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup>., Moses Robinson Esq<sup>r</sup>, Jonas Galusha Esq<sup>r</sup>. Elkanah Sprague, and Ebenezer Brewster, Together with five Equal Shares or Rights to be appropriated to the public uses following, viz one Right or Share for the use of a Seminary or College within this State, one Share or Right for the use of the County Grammer Schools throught this State; one share or Right for the first settled Minister of the Gospel in said Township, to be disposed of for that purpose as the Inhabitants thereof shall direct; one share or Right for the Support of the Ministry; one share or Right for the benifit and Support of a School or Schools within said Township; The following tract or Parcel of Land, BEGINNING at the North, westerly corner of Turnersburgh, Then southerly in the line of Turnersburgh, about six Miles to an angle thereof, Then Carrying that breadth Back North sixty one degrees west so far as that a line being extended North thirty three degrees East across said Breadth, will Encompass the Contents of six miles square; and that the same be and is hereby Incorporated into a Township by the name of BROOKFIELD, and the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be Infranchised, and entitled to all the privileges and immunities that other Towns within this State do by Law exercise & Enjoy. To Have and to hold the said Granted premises as above Expressed, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging to them & their respective Heirs and assigns forever, under the following Conditions, and Reservations viz<sup>t</sup>. That each Proprietor of said Township of BROOKFIELD, his Heirs or assigns, shall plant and Cultivate five acres of Land and build a house at least Eighteen feet Square on the floor, or have one Family Settled on each Respective share or Right of Land in said Township, within the Term of three years next after the circumstances of the War will admit of it with Safety on pain of the forfeiture of his respective share or Right of Land in said Township, and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to Settle and Cultivate the same; That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy shall be reserved to and for the use and Benifit of the Freemen of this State IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed the fifth day of August in the year of our Lord 1781 and in the 5 year of the Indepence of this State, & sixth of the United States.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency<sup>a</sup> Command.

Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Note.—The record here printed from Vol. 1, pp 156-158 of [Ms.] Vermont Charters is again recorded on pp. 350 and 351 of the same Volume without substantial change but showing minor variations in the spelling of some of the proper names. Said charter also appears recorded on pp. 7 and 8 of "Vol. II" [Ms.] Vermont charters.

## BROWNINGTON CHARTER

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

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To all People to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas Timothy and Daniel Brown Esquire and their associates, have by petition requested a grant of unappropriated lands within this state for the purpose of settling a new plantation to be erected into a township—We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, do by these presents in the name and by the Authority of the Freemen of the state of Vermont, give and grant the tract of land hereafter described and bounded, unto the said Timothy Brown and Daniel Brown, and to the several persons hereafter named their associates, in equal shares, viz, Gideon Wright, Joshua Moss, Thomas Brown, Samuel Chamberlain, Daniel Brown Jun<sup>r</sup>., Roswell Brown, Oliver Phelps, Mary Phelps, Daniel Penfield, Leicester Phelps, Thadeus Leavitt, Asahel Hathaway Zachariah Seymour, Jabez Bozworth, Solomon Robbins, John Bosworth, Frederick Bosworth, Brainard Silby, Ira Silby, Uriah Seymour, Nathaniel Smith Jun<sup>r</sup>., Nathaniel Smith, William Smith, Sarah Brown, John Brown son to Daniel Brown, Clark Emmes, Daniel Sears, John Bosworth 2<sup>d</sup> John Alderman, Timothy P. Brown, Samuel Smith, Lovoci Smith, Nathan Spelman, Joseph Ely, Edmund Ely, Aaron Smith, Phinehas Kingsbury Jun<sup>r</sup>., Moses Robinson, Aaron, Robinson, Nathan Robinson, Thomas Brown Jun<sup>r</sup>., David Robinson, Jonathan Robinson, Samuel Robinson, Benjamin Robinson, Isaac Webster, Solomon Safferd, Samuel Safford, Nathaniel Laurence, John Strong Paul Spooner, Thomas Lawton, John Hubbard, Samuel Lucas, Abner Read Josiah Hubbard, Seth Blair, Nathaniel Egleston, Asahel Clark, Chester Stilman, Asa Rogers, Noah Chittenden, Stephen Pearl and Samuel Robinson 2<sup>d</sup> together with five public wrights, to be appropriated to the following uses viz. One right for the use and benefit of a college, within this state; one right for the use and benefit of the county grammar schools throughout this state; one right for the first settled minister of the gospel in said township forever; one right for the support of the ministry in said town to be disposed of for that use, as the inhabitants thereof shall from time to time agree; also one right for the use and benefit of an English school or schools in said township, which tract of land is hereby given and granted as aforesaid, bounded and described as follows viz. BEGINNING at a maple tree marked N<sup>o</sup>. 42 October 5<sup>th</sup> 1787 being the most northerly corner of Westmore and running south 45<sup>d</sup> west three miles and forty three chains to a stake 7 links northeasterly from a birch tree, marked for the southeasterly corner of Brownington, being also the north-easterly corner of Barton then north 54 degrees west six miles to a birch tree being the northwesterly corner of Barton thence north 36<sup>do</sup> East 47 chains and

25 links to a stake 14 links west from a hemlock tree marked for the northeasterly corner of Irasburgh; thence north  $54^{\circ}$  West 20 chains to a cedar tree marked for the southeasterly corner of Coventry; thence north  $36^{\circ}$  East in the Easterly line of said Coventry, three miles and 72 Chains to a stake 5 links northeast from a cedar tree in the southerly line of Salem marked for the northeasterly corner of Coventry, then south  $45^{\circ}$  East about six miles and seventy chains, to the bounds began at containing sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty acres—Also another tract beginning at the most westerly corner of Caldersburgh, being a little beach tree marked Caldersburgh west corner June 14, 1788, and running North  $45^{\circ}$  West three miles and fifty two chains to the southerly line of the township of Derby, thence south Eighty two degrees and 20 minutes East in the southerly lines of Derby, and Eleziana, four miles and a half to the north westerly line of Caldersburgh, thence south forty five degrees West two miles and fifty two chains to the bounds began at containing three thousand and ninety five acres—And that the same be and hereby is incorporated into a township by the name of BROWNINGTON, and the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said township are declared to be enfranchised, and entitled to all the privileges and immunities that other towns within this state do by law exercise and enjoy—To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted premises as above expressed, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining to them and their respective heirs and assigns forever, upon the following conditions and reservations, viz, that each proprietor of the said township of Brownington his heirs or assigns shall plant and cultivate five acres of land and build a house at least eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one family settled on each respective share of land in said township, within the term of four years from the time the outlines of said township are surveyed on penalty of the forfeiture of each respective right of land in said township not so settled and improved as aforesaid, and the same to revert to the freemen of this state, to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle and cultivate, the same—the aforesaid grant made by the Legislature of this state on the 26 day of February AD. 1782. In testimony whereof we have caused the seal of this state to be affixed in Council this 2<sup>d</sup> day of October 1790—MOSES ROBINSON  
By his Excellency's Command. Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Rutland November 2<sup>d</sup> 1792—The name of Lot Fuller was erased in this charter and Noah Chittenden inserted in lieu thereof by agreement of Governor Chittenden and M<sup>r</sup>. Squiers in behalf of Timothy Brown Esquire

Attest Joseph Fay Secy—  
In Council Rutland November 8<sup>th</sup>. 1792

Resolved that the name of Stephen Pearl be inserted in the charter of the township of Brownington as an addition to the number already inserted, and that thereupon the Secretary of Council complete and

deliver the charter to Timothy Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> he delivering all receipts for money paid Generals Safford and Strong amounting to three hundred ninety two pounds and one penny. £392 0-1—

Extract from the Journals.

Attest Joseph Fay Secy,

Recorded October 18, 1798—

Attest Ros. Hopkins Secy.

I also certify the preceding resolutions of Council was entered on the back of said Charter of Brownington, and the agreement certified by Joseph Fay Secy before recording.—

Attest Ros. Hopkins Sec<sup>y</sup>.

## THE CHARTER OF BURK

THE GOVERNOR COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

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*To all People to whom these Presents shall come,* GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas M<sup>r</sup>. JUSTUS ROSE CAPTAIN URIAH SEYMOUR & company sixty five in Number have by Petition requested a grant of unappropriated Lands within this State in order for settling a new Plantation to be erected into a Township. We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs & for other valuable causes & considerations us hereunto moving. And do by these Presents in the name & by the authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, give & grant the Tract of Land hereafter described & bounded unto the said JUSTUS ROSE URIAH SEYMOUR & COMPANY, the several Persons hereafter named viz. Ebenezer Fisk, Samuel Safford, Esq<sup>r</sup>. John Strong Esq<sup>r</sup>., Jonathan Hill, Alexander Catling, Abraham Pettibone, Abraham Pettibone Jun<sup>r</sup>. Samuel Crumby, George Humphray, Ebenezer Covil, Abijah North, Ozias Humphry, John Gilbert, Stephen Chub, Nehemiah Andres, Ebenezer Moody, Jesse Cook, Solomon Safford, John Eliot, Samuel Galpin, Levi Watson, John Fay, Jacob Catling, Abraham Kellogg Jun<sup>r</sup>., Jacob Hinesdel, Moses Allen, Levi Watson, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Josiah Buck Jun<sup>r</sup>., Stephen Pitkin, Moses Seymour, Ichabod Merril, Thomas Tolman, Timothy Stanley, Simeon Hatheway, Solomon Wells, Asa Wells, Lent Hough, Jesse Bostick, Ichabod E. Fisk, Isaac Fisk, John Fisk, Solomon Fisk, Sarah Fisk, Ruth Fisk, Daniel Higby, Abel Hart, Calvin Austin, John Sibbly, John Knicherbacor, John Strong Jun<sup>r</sup>., Abisha Mosly, Mehetebal Mosley, Samuel Hopkins,

Moses Hopkins, Thadeus Munson, Meriam Munson, Agnes Strong, Levi Hopkins, Abel Phelps, Timothy Wells, Ira Allen, James Doyne, & James Hawley which together with the five following rights or equal shares reserved to the several public uses in manner following include the whole of said Tract or Township viz one Right for the use of a seminary or College, One right for County Grammar Schools throughout this State One right for the first settled Minister of the Gospel in said Town, One right for the support of the Ministry in said Town And one right for the support of an English School or Schools in said Town, Which Tract of Land hereby given & granted as aforesaid is described & bounded as follows viz. BEGINING at the North corner of Victory being a spruce tree marked Victory North corner 1786 and runs northwest 7 Miles & three quarters to a Spruce Tree marked Burk North Corner 1787. Then south twenty Degrees west six Miles and two Chains & Eighty links to a stake seven links south from a Beach in Lynden line Marked Burk Billy Mead then south  $70^{\circ}$ —East three Miles & sixteen Chains in the North line of Lynden to the Northeast corner thereof being a birch Tree marked Lynden Northeast corner July 4 1787. Burk 19 1787 Then south Twenty  $D^{\circ}$  West in the East line of said lynden to a Beach Tree marked S. corner of Burk, Then Northeast nine Miles 48 Chains & 80 links to the Bounds began at, containing twenty three thousand & forty Acres. And that the same be & hereby is incorporated into a Township by the Name of BURK & the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be Enfranchised & Entitled to all the Privileges & Immunities which the Inhabitants of other Towns in this State do & ought by the Laws & constitution thereof to exercise & enjoy. TO HAVE & TO HOLD THE SAID GRANTED PREMISES as above expressed with all the Privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining unto them & their respective Heirs & assigns forever upon the following conditions & reservations viz. That Each Proprietor in the Township of Burk aforesaid his Heirs or assigns shall plant & Cultivate five Acres of Land & build an House at least eighteen feet square on the floor or have one family settled on each respective right or share within the Term of three years after the bounds of said Township shall be ascertained on penalty of the forfeiture of each respective right or share of Land in said Township not so improved or settled & the same to revert to the Freemen of this State to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle & cultivate the same. That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved for the use & benefit of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof we have hereunto caused the Seal of this State to be affixed this 26 day of February AD. 1782, In the 7<sup>th</sup> Year of the independence of this State.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency's Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

## THE CHARTER OF CABOT

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

L. S. *To all People to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:*

KNOW, YE that whereas. Captain, JESSE, LEVINGSWORTH and his associates, our worthy Friends, have by Petition, requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State, in order for Settling a New plantation to be Erected into a Township; WE, HAVE therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs and other valuable considerations, us hereunto moving. And do by these presents in the name and by the authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, give and Grant the tract of Land hereafter discribed & bounded unto him the said Jesse Levenworth, & to the several persons hereafter named his associates in equal Shares viz<sup>t</sup>. Jesse Levenworth Ju<sup>r</sup>., Mark Levenworth, William Leavenworth, Eneas Munson, Isaac Doolittle, Robert Fairchild, Ebenezer Crafts, Timothy Newel, James Lane, Elias Townsend, William Holmes, Richard Mansfield, Nathan Levenworth, Moses Beecher, James Whitlow, Alexander Harvey, David Bryant, Frederick Levenworth, Jonathan Heath, Eunice Johnson, Thomas Lyford, Edmund Chipman, Benjamin Webster, David Blanchard, Jonathan Elkins, Jonathan Elkins Ju<sup>r</sup>., William Chamberlin, Ephraim Foster, Abiel Blanchard, Benjamin Ambrose, Wheeler Doughlas, Asa Doughlas, John Doughlas, John Hancock Doughlas, Alanson Doughlas, Beriah Palmer, Martha Doughlas, Ebenezer Jones, Jesse Gardiner, Mary Andrus, William Doughlas, Content Doughlas, Asa Doughlas Ju<sup>r</sup>., Zebulon Doughlas, Lyman Hitchcock, Nathaniel Wales, Sophia Hitchcock, John Bachelor, Eliphalet Richards, Jonathan Pettit, Mathew Watson, Ezekiel Tiffany, Abel Blanchard, Peter Blanchard, Ruben Blanchard, Jason Cross, Solomon Johnson, Robert Haws, Samuel Russell, David Waters, Thomas Chittenden, Paul Spooner, Joseph Fay, Abigail Gunn, and Barnabas Morse. Which Together with the five following Rights or equal Shares, reserved to the several Public uses in manner following include the whole Tract or Township viz<sup>t</sup> (READ) which said Tract of Land hereby given & Granted as aforesaid, is bounded and discribed as follows viz<sup>t</sup> BEGINNING at a stake & Stones near a Maple Tree Marked N<sup>o</sup> 21, Standing on the north side of a Hill; Thence running south 54 D<sup>o</sup> East, six Miles to a beach Tree Marked Cabot Corner, Standing on the south side of a Flatt Beach Hill; Thence Running south 36 D<sup>o</sup> West six Miles to a great Hemlock Marked Cabot Corner, a Little North of a Large Brook, Thence north fifty four D<sup>o</sup> West six miles to the southeast Corner of Woodbury a Stake & Stones near a large Birch Tree Marked Cabot Corner, a Little south of a small Brook, Thence North 36 D<sup>o</sup> East six miles to the bounds Began at.—AND THAT THE same be and

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hereby is incorporated into a Township by the name of, CABOT, and the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter Inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised, and Intitled to all the Priviledges and immunities which the Inhabitents of other Towns in this State, do & ought by the Laws and Constitution of this State to exercise & Enjoy. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Granted Premises as above expressed, with all the Previledges & appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining; unto them & their respective Heirs & assigns forever, upon the following conditions & Reservations, viz<sup>t</sup>. That each Proprietor of the Township of Cabot aforesaid his heirs or assigns, shall plant & cultivate five acres of Land & build an House at least eighteen feet square on the floor; or have one Family settled on each respective Right or share within the Term of three years next after the circumstances of the present war will admit of a Settlement with Safety, on penalty of the Forfeiture of each respective Right or share of Land in said Township not so improved or settled, and the same to revert to the freemen of this State to be by their Representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to Settle & Cultivate the Same, That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved for the use and Benifit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the seal of this State to be affixed in Council this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord 1781, in the 5<sup>th</sup> Year of our Independence.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
Thos. Tolman Dep<sup>y</sup>. Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF CALAIS

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT

L. S. *To all People to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:*

KNOW YE, THAT WHEREAS, Colonel JACOB DAVIS and M<sup>r</sup>. STEPHEN FAY, and their associates our worthy Friends, Have by Petition requested a grant of a tract of unappropriated Lands within this State in order for settling a New Plantation to be erected into a Township. We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs & for other valuable Considerations us hereunto moving and do by these presents, In the name and by the authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, give & grant the tract of Land hereafter discribed & bounded

unto the said Jacob Davis, Stephen Fay & the several Persons hereafter named their associates. viz<sup>t</sup>. Ephraim Starkweather, Lemuel Kollock, Noah Godman, Seth Washburn, Joseph Dorr, Justin Ely, Abel Goodale, Shubael Peck, Nathan Tyler, David Wheelock, Nehemiah Stone, Nehemiah Stone Ju<sup>r</sup>, Phinehas Slayton, Phinehas Slayton Jun<sup>r</sup>, Henry Fisk Ju<sup>r</sup>, Daniel Bacon Ju<sup>r</sup>, Peter Wheelock, Sarah Davis, Ezra Davis, Daniel Streeter, Eli Jones, Josiah Town, Peter Sleeman, Salem Town, Samuel Robinson, (of Charlton) Ebenezer Wright Ju<sup>r</sup>, Eli Wheelock, John Mower, David Hammond, Elisha Thompson, Caleb Ammadon, Nathaniel Wellington, Peter Taft, William Ware, David Fisk, David Fay, (of Charlton) Thomas Foskett, Mervin Mower, Jeremiah Davis, Job Rutter, Jonathan Tucker, Richard Coburn, Jonathan Rich, Ebenezer Allen, Clerk, Abijah Lamb, Ebenezer Lamb, Edward Wolcott, Lemuel Edwards, Abner Mellen, Job Merrit, William Cummins, Isaiah Rider, Samuel Fay, Elisha Town, Oliver, Starkweather, John Starkweather, Bezaleel Man, and John Morey, Which Together with the five following Rights reserved to the several uses in manner following include the whole of said Township viz. one right for the use of a seminary or College; one right for the use of County Grammer Schools in said State, Land to the amount of one Right to be and Remain for the purpose of Settlement of a Minister or Ministers, of the Gospel in said Township forever, Lands to the amount of one right for the Support of the Social Worship of God in S<sup>d</sup> Township, and Lands to the amount of one Right for the Suport of an English School, or Schools in said Township which said Two Rights for the use of a Seminary or College and for the use of County Grammar Schools as aforesaid, Together with the Improvements, rents, interest, & Profits arising therefrom, shall be under the Controul order, direction and disposal of the General Assembly of said State forever; And the proprietors of said Township are hereby authorised and empowered to locate said Two Rights, jusly & Equitably or quantity for quality in such parts of said Township as they or their Committee shall judge will least Incommode the General Settlement of said Tract or Township. and the said Proprietors are further empowered to locate the Lands aforesaid amounting to three Rights assigned for the Settlement of a Minister & Ministers for their Support, & for the use and Support of English Schools, in such and in so many places, as they or their Committee shall judge will least incommode the Inhabitants of said Township when the same shall be fully settled and improved, Laying the same equitably or quantity for quality, which said Lands amounting to three Rights last mentioned when located as afores<sup>d</sup> shall together with their improvements, Rights, Rents, Profits, dues, and Interests, remain unaliantly appropriated to the uses and purposes for which they are respectively assigned, and be under the charge direction & disposal of the Inhabitents of said Township forever; Which Tract of Land hereby given and Granted as aforesaid is bounded and discribed as follows viz<sup>t</sup>. BEGINNING, at the North Westerly Corner of Montpelier; then northerly in the easterly line of Worcester to an angle thereof,

*then north 36 D° East so far as that to Turn south 54 D° East six miles, then South 36 D° West to the north line of the lands heretofore Granted; then North 54 D° West in the line of the Lands heretofore granted to the bounds began at will ecompass the Contents of six miles Square; And that the same be and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the name of CALAIS. And the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter Inhabit said Township are declared to be Infranchised, and Intitled to all the Privileges and Immunities that the Inhabitents of other Towns within this State do and ought by the Law and Constitution of this State to exercise and Enjoy. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said granted Premises in equal Shares with all the Privileges and appurtenences thereto belonging and appertaining unto them and their Respective Heirs & assigns forever upon the following conditions & Reservations viz<sup>t</sup>. That each proprietor in the Township of Calais aforesaid, His Heirs or assigns shall plant and Cultivate Five acres of Land, and build an House at least Eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one Family settled on each respective Right within the Term of three years next after the Circumstances of the War will admit of a settlement with Safety, on penalty of the Forfeiture of Each respective Right of Land in said Township not so improved or settled, and the same to revert to the freemen of this State to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to Settle and Cultivate the Same; That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved for the use and Benifit of the freemen of this State; IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed in Council this 15 day of August AD. 1781 and in the 5 year of the Independence of this State.*

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup>. Command.  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF CALDESBURGH

THE GOVERNOR COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:*

KNOW YE, that whereas our worthy friends Col<sup>o</sup> JEDEDIAH ELDERKIN & company being sixty four in number, have by their petition requested a grant of vacant Lands within this State, for the purpose of settlement. We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of settling a new plantation within this State, & other valuable purposes

us hereunto moving; And do by these presents in the name & by the authority of the freemen of the State of Vermont, give & grant unto the said Colonel JEDEDIAH ELDERKIN & the several persons hereafter named his associates Viz<sup>t</sup>. John Lawrence, James Church, Hon<sup>ble</sup> Mathew Griswold, William Pitkin, Eliphalet Dyar, George Willys, James Jepson, Fenn Wadsworth, John Calder, William Watson, Hezekiah Merrill, William Knox, William Knox Jun<sup>r</sup> Colton Murry, Samuel Goodwin, James Tiley, John Kenfield, Thomas Hildrup, Inneas Calder, Jabez Huntington, Joseph Bingham, Thomas Dyar, Willobee Lowel, James Kilbourn, Asa Corning, William Adams, Edward Dodd, William Webster, John Cook, Samuel Mattocks, Nathaniel Steele, Ashbell Wells Jun<sup>r</sup>., Henry White, Asahel Cheney, David Little, Israel Seymour, John Burbridge, Seth Collins, Samuel Burr, James Knox, John Hall, Solomon Smith, Daniel Hinsdale, Joseph Burr, John Watson, Luke Wadsworth, Daniel Marsh, John Chapman, Sheldon Graham, Titus Watson, Edward Bodge, William Lawrence, George Merrill, Daniel Pitkin, Charles Hopkins, George Pitkin, Abiel Cheney, Thomas Jocilin Hildrup, Hezekiah Bissell, Asa Benton, Moses Crafts, Samuel Lawrence & John Indecott, together with the five following rights or equal shares reserved for public uses as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>. One full share or right in said Township, for the use of a Seminary or College, within this State to be dispose of as the Legislature shall direct for said purpose; One full right or share for the use & benefit of county Grammar Schools throughout this State, to be disposed of for that purpose as aforesaid; One right or share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel in s<sup>d</sup> Town to be disposed of for that purpose as the inhabitants of said Town shall judge proper, One right for the support of the Ministry to be disposed of for that purpose in like manner; & One full right or share for the benefit and support of an English School or Schools in said Town, to be disposed of for that purpose as the inhabitants of said Town shall from time to time judge proper; The following tract or parcel of Land Viz<sup>t</sup>. *BEGINNING at the most northerly corner of Wenlock & runing southerly in the Westerly line of said Wenlock six Miles to the southwesterly corner thereof then carrying that breadth back northwest so far that turning Northeast across said Breadth will contain the contents of six Miles square.*

AND THAT the same be and hereby is incorporated into a Township by the name of CALDESBURGH, and the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised & entitled to all the privileges & immunities that other Towns within this State do by Law exercise & enjoy.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises as above expressed with all the privileges & appurtenances to them and their respective heirs & assigns forever upon the following CONDITIONS & RESERVATIONS Viz<sup>t</sup> That each proprietor of the Township of CALDESBURGH aforesaid his heirs or assigns shall plant & cultivate five Acres of Land and build a house at least eighteen feet square on the floor or have one family settled on Each respective Right or share of Land in said Township

within the time prescribed by the Legislature of this State, On Penalty of the forfeiture of his right or share of Land in said Township, & the same to revert to the freemen of this State to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle & cultivate the same. THAT ALL PINE TIMBER proper for Mast & Spars suitable for a Navy be reserved to the use & benefit of the freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November AD 1780 & in the fourth year of the independence of this State,

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By his Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF CAMBRIDGE

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

L. S. *To all People to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:*

KNOW YE, That whereas, Colonel Samuel Robinson, The Honorable John Fassett Junieur Esq<sup>r</sup>. and Jonathan Fassett Esq<sup>r</sup> and their associates our worthy Friends, have by Petition, requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State, in order for settling a new Plantation to be erected into a Township; WE HAVE therefore Thought fit for the due encouragement of their Laudable Designs, and for other valuable consideration us hereunto moving, AND Do by these Presents, in the name and by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, Give & Grant, the Tract of Land hereafter discribed, & bounded, unto them the said Samuel Robinson, John Fassett Ju<sup>r</sup> and Jonathan Fassett, and the several Persons hereafter named, their said associates, in equal Shares, viz<sup>t</sup>, William Fellows, Timothy Brownson, Nathan Leonard, John Payne Ju<sup>r</sup>, Solomon Safford, Daniel Kinsley Ju<sup>r</sup>, Nathan Kinsley, Nathaniel Brush, Elijah Dewey, Thomas Chittenden, James Whitelaw, Noah Chittenden, John Fellows Ju<sup>r</sup>—James Hawley, Ezra Fellows, Martin Chittenden, Gideon Ormsby, John Fassett, Jeremiah Bingham, Abraham Stevens, Jonas Galusha, Benjamin Fay, Moses Robinson, Thomas Brown Ju<sup>r</sup> Leonard Robinson, Moses Robinson Ju<sup>r</sup>, Jonathan Robinson, Elisha Field, Hannah Fassett, Daniel Kinsley, Stephen Kinsley, Aaron Haynes, Samuel Underwood, Amos Fasset, Benjamin Fasset, Joseph Tyler, Simoen Sears, Jonas Fay,

Abiather Waldo, Joseph Safford, Silas Whitney, Jonah Brewster, Jonathan Hastings, Ezekiel Smith, Nathan Fasset, Ebenezer Drury, Ira Allen, Joshua Stanton, Ephraim Smith, Hezekiah Smith, Uriah Seymour Junr., Chauncy Seymour, Sylvester Seymour, David Fassett, Joseph Fay, Benjamin Carpenter, Lois Wood, Joseph Hinsdill, Nathaniel Wood, Nathaniel Montague, William Brush, Isaac Hatheway, Martin Powel, Gideon Spencer, John Flagg, Joseph House, David Safford, Samuel Montague, John Knickerbaker, Thomas Porter, Thomas Murdoch, Frederick Hopkins, and Anna Fassett; which Together with the five following Rights or equal Shares reserved to the several public uses in manner following include the whole of said Tract or Township viz<sup>t</sup>, READ, Which Tract of Land hereby Given and Granted as aforesaid is Bounded and discribed as follows viz<sup>t</sup>. BEGINNING at underhill Northwesterly Corner, thence North 36 d° East six miles, Thence south 54 D° East six Miles, Thence south 36 D° West to the Northeasterly corner of said Underhil, Thence northwesterly in the line of Underhill to the Bounds began at. And that the same be and hereby is, Incorporated into a Township by the name of CAMBRIDGE, and the Inhabitents that do or Shall hereafter Inhabit said Township are declared to be Infranchised, and Intitled to all the Privileges and Immunities that the Inhabitents of other Towns within this State do, and ought by the Laws and Constitution of this State to Exercise and enjoy. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Granted Premises, with all the Priviledges and appurtenences thereunto appertaining & belonging unto them, and their respective Heirs and assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, and Reservations, viz<sup>t</sup>. That Each Proprietor in the Township of Cambridge aforesaid, his Heirs, or assigns, shall plant, and Cultivate, Five acres of Land, and build an House, at least Eighteen feet Square on the Floor, or have one Family Settled on Each respective right, within the Term of three years, next after the Circumstances of the Present War, will admit of a Settlement with Safety; on Penalty of the forfeiture of Each respective right, or Share of Land in said Township, not so improved or settled, and the same to revert, to the Freemen of this State, to be by their representatives, regranted, to Such persons as shall appear to settle, and Cultivate the same; That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy, be reserved for the use, and Benifit, of the Freemen of this State.

IN TESTIMONY, WHEREOF WE have caused the seal of this State, to be affixed, in Council, this 30 day of August, In the year of our Lord, one thousand, Seven hundred, & Eighty one, and in the Fifth year of the Independence of this State.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> command  
Thomas Tolman Dep<sup>y</sup>. Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## CHARTER OF CANAAN

THE GOVERNOR COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

L. S.

To all People to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:—

KNOW YE THAT WHEREAS JOHN WHEELER and his Associates our worthy Friends have by Petition represented that there is a Gore or Tract of land vacant in this State which has not heretofore been granted which they pray may be granted to them.—We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of settling a new Plantation within this State and other valuable Considerations us hereunto moving AND DO BY THESE PRESENTS IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT give and grant unto the said John Wheeler and the several persons herein after named his Associates viz<sup>t</sup>. Thomas Chittenden Esq<sup>r</sup>, Nathaniel Niles Esq<sup>r</sup>, Samuel Fletcher Esq<sup>r</sup>, William Williams, William Williams Jun<sup>r</sup>, Peter Olcott Esq<sup>r</sup>, Nicholas Dudley, Samuel Cooper, John Thomas, Edward Wright, Philip Rutter, Benocke Palen, Ephraim Doolittle Esq<sup>r</sup>, Hezekiah Boyden, Henry Balcomb, Nathan Morgan, John Van Horn Physician, William Bitterly, Darius Wheeler, Charles Evans, Joel Wilder, Samuel Williams, Stephen Tainter, Daniel Taylor Daniel Taylor Jun<sup>r</sup>, Luke Taylor, Daniel Fisher, David Wheeler, Benjamin Ashley, Benjamin Ashley Jun<sup>r</sup>, Elijah Ashley, Jacob Brown Thomas Mason, Joshua Dodge, George Dodge Jun<sup>r</sup>., Andrew Crown, Job Randall, Ebenezer Randall, Jonathan Stratton, Isaac Child, Moses Child, Israel Stevens, and Nathan Mann, together with three equal Shares or rights to be appropriated to the public Uses following (viz<sup>t</sup>.) one share or right for the use of a Seminary or College within this State; one other share or right for the first settled Minister of the Gospel in the Township, to be disposed of for that Purpose as the inhabitants thereof shall direct; and the other Share or right for the benefit and support of a School or Schools within said Township the following Tract or Parcel of Land BEGINNING at the northeasterly Corner of Lemington on Connecticut River; Then running northwesterly on the Lines of Lemington and Averil to the Northwest Corner of said Averil; (Provided it doth not intersect the South line of the Province of Quebec) Then east on said Province Line so far that to turn Southeasterly a parallel line with the north easterly line of Averil to the west Bank of Connecticut River: and then down said River to the bounds begun at will contain fifteen thousand three hundred and sixty Acres and no more. And the same is hereby incorporated into a Township by the name of CANAAN. And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised and entitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that other towns within this State do by Law exercise and enjoy To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises as above expressed and all the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereunto belonging to them and their

respective Heirs and Assigns forever under the following Conditions and Reservations (viz<sup>t</sup>.) that each Proprietor of said Township of Canaan his Heirs & Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land and build a house at least eighteen feet square on the Floor or have one Family settled on each respective Share or right of Land in said Township within the term of three years from the first day of November Anno Domini 1785 on pain of the forfeiture of his respective share or right of Land in said Township and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State to be by their representatives regranted to such Persons as shall appear to settle & cultivate the same.—That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy shall be reserved to and for the use and benefit of the freemen of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we have caused the Seal of this State to be hereunto affixed the twenty fifth day of February in the fifth Year of the independence of this State and in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty two.

THO<sup>o</sup>. CHITTENDEN

By his Excellency's Command  
MICAH TOWNSEND Secy.

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## THE CHARTER OF CHITTENDEN

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT,

L. S.

*To all People To whom these Presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE, That Whereas, M<sup>r</sup> GERSHOM BEACH and his associates our worthy friends, have by Petition requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State, in order for settling a new Plantation to be erected into a Township, We have thought fit for the due Encouragement of their laudable designs, and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, And do by these Presents, In the name & by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of VERMONT, give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter discribed & bounded, unto him the said Gershom Beach, and to the Several Persons hereafter named his associates in equal Shares viz<sup>t</sup> Thomas Spring, Aaron Jordan Booge, Publius Virgillus Booge, Seth Keeler, Nathaniel Chipman, John Strong, Silas Whitney, Daniel Lake, Benajah Roots, Ezra Root, Derias Chipman, Samuel Beach, Gershom Beach 2<sup>d</sup>, Samuel Lilley Ju<sup>r</sup>, Timothy Chittenden Ju<sup>r</sup>, Elisha Adams, Solomon Taylor, Nathaniel Ladd,



Eleazer Davis, Ebenezer Pitcher, Henry Lake, George Lake, Jonathan Lake, Silas Page, Dudley Averil, Zadock Averist, Daniel Foot, Daniel Collins, Thomas Chittenden, James Everts, David Lee Ju<sup>r</sup>, Reuben Cooley, John Bancroft, Nathan Richardson, Robert Graham, Sarah Stiles, Asa Edmund, James Carpenter, Thomas Rowley, Rufus Stevens, Benjamin Everist, Adonijah Montague, John Fassett Ju<sup>r</sup>, Israel Elsworth, Moses Robinson, David Hubbel, Benedict Alford, John Daggett, William Clark, Libeus Johnson, Hezekiah Gould, Noah Murvin, Jabish Edgerton, Jona<sup>n</sup> Fassett, James Murdock, John Page, Nathaniel Cutler Ju<sup>r</sup>, John Cutler, Jesse Burk, Elihu Smith, Asahel Humphreys, David Smith, Amasa Ladd, Joseph Barnard, & Dan Barnard Ju<sup>r</sup>—which, Together with the five following Rights or equal Shares, reserved to the Several Public uses in manner following, include the whole of said Tract or Township, viz<sup>t</sup> (READ)

*READ the Charter of Riptown which is in the same words of this, for disposing of the 5 public Rights*

Which Tract of Land hereby given and Granted as aforesaid, is bounded and discribed as follows viz<sup>t</sup> BEGINNING. *at a small Beach Saplin, which is the southeast Corner of Neshobe, and the Northeast Corner of Pittsford; Then on Pittsford East line South Nineteen Deg<sup>s</sup> East six miles to a Beach Tree Marked, and is the North East Corner of Rutland, Then south about 5 D<sup>o</sup> West Twenty Chains on Rutland East line to a Stake monumented with a heap of Stones—from Thence North 71 D<sup>o</sup> East Four Miles and 50 chains to a Spruce Tree Standing in the Westerly line of Killington; From thence North 28 D<sup>o</sup> East Two miles and 40 chains to a Small Beach Saplin, which is the north Westerly corner of Killington, and the southwesterly Corner of Stockbridge; from thence North 19 D<sup>o</sup> west five miles & 41 chains to a Small Beach Tree Standing at the Foot of a Hill, from Thence a Straight line to the first mentioned bounds; and that the same be and hereby is incorporated into a Township by the Name of CHITTENDEN. And the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter Inhabit said Township are declared to be Infranchised & Intitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitents of other Towns within this State do and ought by the laws and Constitution of this State to exercise and Enjoy. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Granted Premises as above expressed, with all the Priviledges and appurtenences thereunto belonging & appertaining, unto them and to their respective Heirs and assigns forever, Upon the following Conditions & Reservations, viz<sup>t</sup>, That each Proprietor in the Township of Chittenden aforesaid his Heirs or assigns shall plant & cultivate 5 acres of Land & build an House at least Eighteen Feet square on the Floor, or have one Family settled on Each respective Right, within the Term of three years next after the Circumstances of the War will admit of a Settlement with Safety, On penalty of the Forfeiture of Each respective right or share of Land in said Township, not so improved or Settled, and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be by their representatives, regranted to Such persons as shall appear to Settle and Cultivate the Same; That all Pine Timber suit-*

able for a Navy be reserved for the use and benifit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed in Council this 16 day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty, and in the Fourth year of our Independence.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command.  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Note.—The foregoing charter printed from Vol. I, pp. 184-186 of [Ms.] Vermont Charters is also recorded on pp. 1-2 of "Vol. II" [Ms.] Vermont Charters without substantial change.

## THE CHARTER OF CONCORD

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF VERMONT

L. S.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE, that Whereas Doctor Reuben Jones, and his associates, our worthy friends have by Petition requested a grant of a Tract of unappropriated Land within this State in order for Settling a new plantation, to be erected into a Township, We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their Laudable designs, and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, And do by these presents in the name and by the Authority of the Freemen of Vermont, Give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter discribed & bounded unto the said Reuben Jones, and the Several Parsons hereafter named his associates viz<sup>t</sup>. Joseph Wood, Ebenezer Walbridge, Edward Aikin, Moses Spafford, Gideon Tiffany, William Gilkey, John Smith (of Chester) John White, Walter White, John White Ju<sup>r</sup>, Uriah How, William Ward (of Poultney) Elisha Smith, Obadiah Merrill, Josiah Willard, Prentice Willard, Josiah White, Elijah Galusha, Noah Chittenden, Thomas Putnam, Levi Putnam, Isaac Wyman, Edward Hodges, Steel Smith, Moses Brigham, John Beach, Thomas Chittenden, Abraham Ives, James Beach, Samuel Uffiat, Barney Beach, Jothem Ives, Ahijah Hurd, Truman Hurd, Ephraim Carter, Benjamin Hall, Levi Lincoln, Benjamin Green, Nathan Blake Ju<sup>r</sup>, Jonathan Dwennell, Sylvester Tiffany, Jonas Prescott, Abijah Gale, Seth Mors, Samuel Wetherbe, Susanna Wetherbe, Jason Wetherbe, Samuel Wetherbe, Ju<sup>r</sup>, James Wetherbe, Azor Wetherbe, Jonathan Freemen, Otis Freemen, Joshua Webb, Charles Webb, Nathaniel Robinson, Nathaniel Davis, Jonathan Hoton, Timothy Clark, Joseph Ellis, Simeon

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Ellis, Benj<sup>a</sup>, Ellis, Daniel Davis, Moses Willard & William Carter, which Together with the five following Rights reserved to the several uses in manner following, include the whole of said Township viz<sup>t</sup>, READ,— Which Tract of Land hereby given & Granted as aforesaid is Bounded and discribed as follows viz<sup>t</sup>. BEGINNING, at the southeast corner of Lunenburg on Connecticut River, Thence Westerly in the line of said Lunenburg to the southwest corner thereof; Thence Southerly in a right Line to the North West corner of Littleton, Thence Easterly in the line of Littleton to the North East corner thereof on the western Bank of said River; Thence Northerly on the western Bank of said River to the place of Begining: And that the same be and hereby is incorporated into a Township by the name of CONCORD, and the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised & intituled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitents of other Towns within this State do by Law exercise and Enjoy. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said Granted Premises, as above expressed with all the Priviledges and appurtenences thereto belonging & appertaining to them and their respective Heirs and assigns forever, upon the following conditions, and reservations viz<sup>t</sup>. That each Proprietor of the Township of Concord aforesaid, his Heirs, or assigns, shall plant and Cultivate, Five acres of Land, and Build an House at least Eighteen Feet square on the Floor, or have one Family settled on Each Respective Right, within the Term of three years, next after the circumstances of the War will admit of a Settlement with Safety, on penalty of the Forfeiture of Each Right of Land in said Township, not so improved or settled, and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be by their Representatives Re-granted to Such persons as shall appear to Settle and Cultivate the same, That all Pine Timber Suitable for a Navy, be reserved to the use & Benifit of the Freemen of this State; In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand, and caused the Seal of this State to be affixed, this 15 day of September AD 1781, And in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the Independence of this State.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency<sup>e</sup> Command  
Thomas Tolman D Sec<sup>y</sup>.

THE CHARTER OF COVENTRY

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT.

L. S.

To all People to whom these Presents shall come GREETING:

KNOW YE, that whereas our Worthy Friends Maj<sup>r</sup> ELIAS BUEL and his associates, have by Petition requested a grant of a Tract of unap-

propriated Lands within this State, for the purpose of settling a new plantation to be erected into a Township, We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs, and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving & do by these Presents in the name and by the authority of the state of VERMONT give and grant the several Tracts of Land hereafter described & bounded as follows unto them the said ELIAS BUEL and the several persons hereafter named his associates, viz<sup>t</sup> Don Carlos Brigham, Solomon Buel, Samuel Buel, Enoch Badger, Elias Buel, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Enoch Badger Jun<sup>r</sup>, Abner Badger, John Buel, Israel Brewster, Peter Buel, Joseph Barnard, James Carpenter, Allerton Cushman, Josiah Carpenter, William Carpenter, Jesse Cook, Amos Dorman, Jabez Edgerton, John Fitch, John Gove, Noah Grant, Silas Hibbard, John Hale, Richard Hale Jun<sup>r</sup>, Joseph Hawkins, Ebenezer Kingsbury, Daniel Marsh, Elijah Olmstead, Elias Palmer, Thomas Porter, Noah Porter Jun<sup>r</sup>, Charles Putnam, Solomon Parker, Timothy Rose, Jehiel Rose, Nathaniel Root, Amos Richardson, Joseph Root, Ephraim Root, Samuel Robertson Jun<sup>r</sup>, Isaac Robertson, Ezra Root, Moses Stanley, Joseph Stanley, Caleb Stanley Jun<sup>r</sup>, David Starks, Joseph Talcott Jun<sup>r</sup>, Ameriah Williams, Davis Williams, John Waldo, Samuel White, Benet Field, Samuel Field, Ira Allen, Ozias Hawkins, Jabez Ripley, John Ripley, John Root & Calvin Manning, Together with the five following rights or equal shares reserved to the several public uses in manner following viz<sup>t</sup>, one full right or share for the use and benefit of a College within this State, one right or equal share for the use and benefit of County Grammar Schools, throughout this State, one right or equal share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel in said Township, one full right or equal share for the use and benefit of supporting the Ministry in said Township forever to be appropriated to that sole purpose as the Inhabitants of said Township shall from time to time direct, one full share for the use benefit & support of an English school or schools in said Township forever, which tract of land hereby given and granted as aforesaid is bounded & described as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>, BEGINNING at a beach tree marked Irasburgh Corner, September 26, 1788 standing in a valley on the south side of a small brook, running southeast, being the northwesterly Corner of Irasburgh; & running North 36° East six miles & sixty three Chains to Lake Memphramagog then southeasterly on the shore of s<sup>d</sup> Lake about 27 Chains to a Hemlock tree marked Salem Line 1788, Then south 45° west two miles & 2 Chains to a great Hemlock tree marked Salem W. Corner September 30<sup>th</sup> 1788 then south 45° East six miles & 21 Chains in the southerly line of Salem to a stake 5 links North-west from a Ceeder tree marked Coventry corner, then South 36° West four miles & four Chains to the North line of Irasburgh, then North 54° west five miles and 60 Chains to the bounds began at Containing sixteen thousand Seven hundred & sixty seven acres Also another tract bounded as follows, BEGINNING at the southeasterly corner of Duncansborough & running north 54° west in the southerly line of s<sup>d</sup> Duncansborough to the southwesterly corner thereof then south 20° west so far that turning & running south 54°

*East to the westerly line of Irasburgh or Lutterloh will contain Two thousand acres—Also another tract BEGINNING at the Northeast corner of Starksborough being a beach tree standing in the southerly line of New Huntington marked Starksborough Corner, and running Easterly in the said southerly line of New Huntington so far that Turning southwesterly to the southeast Corner of Starksborough then North in the easterly line to the bounds began at will contain four thousand two hundred and seventy three acres which three tracts contains twenty three thousand and forty acres.—AND that the same be and hereby is Incorporated, into a Township by the name of COVENTRY and the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter Inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised, and entitled to all the privileges and immunities that the Inhabitants of other settled Towns within this State do by law exercise and Enjoy. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Granted premises as above expressed with every privilege & appurtenance thereunto belonging or appertaining unto them and their respective heirs & assigns forever upon the following conditions & reservations viz<sup>t</sup>, that each proprietor of the Township of COVENTRY aforesaid his heirs or assigns shall plant & cultivate five acres of Land and build a House at least Eighteen feet square on the floor or have one family settled on each respective right of land within four years from the time the out lines of said Township shall be known on penalty of the forfeiture of each right of Land in said Township not so improved or settled & the same to revert to the freemen of this state to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle & cultivate the same. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we have caused the seal of this State to be affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 1780 in the fourth year of our Independance.*

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency's Command  
JOSEPH FAY SECR<sup>y</sup>.

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**\*THE CHARTER OF DANVILLE**

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Jacob Bailey Esq<sup>r</sup> Jesse Leavensworth Esq<sup>r</sup>. and their associates our Worthy Friends have by Petition:

\*See later charter of Danville printed on pages immediately following this charter.

Requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State in Order for settling a new Plantation to be erected into a Township WE HAVE THEREFORE thought fit for the Due Encouragement of their Laudable Designs and for other Valuable Considerations us hereunto moving And Do by these Presents by the Authority of the State of Vermont Give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter Described and bounded unto the said Jacob Bayley and Jesse Leavensworth and to the several Persons hereinafter named their Associates in the following Proportions (The whole of the Tract hereinafter Described and hereby granted to be Divided into Seventy eight equal Shares exclusive of the Possession of forty nine settlers now residing on said Land who are to have each One hundred acres agreeable to a plan of the same Land hereunto annexed and exclusive of three hundred acres to Moses Little Esq<sup>r</sup>, to Jesse Leavensworth Lotts numbers seventy five seventy four Seventy eight Seventy nine Eighty Two Eighty three Seventy seven and three hundred acres in Lotts number thirty one and thirty Two as Laid Down on map hereunto annexed being in Lieu of three seventy eighths parts above mentioned to the said Jacob Bayley Twenty five seventy Eighths parts to William Wallace three seventy eighths parts to Eleazer Wheelock One seventy eighth part Ephraim Magoon One seventy eighth part Israel Brainard one seventy eighth part Experience Easterbrooks One seventy eighth part Alexander Harvy Two Seventy eighth parts Thomas Clark one seventy eighth part Jonathan Aikins One Seventy eighth part Walter Brock one Seventy eighth part James Stuart One seventy eighth part James Smith One seventy eighth part His Excellency Thomas Chittenden Esquire one seventy eighth part Ira Allen Esquire one Seventy eighth part Moses Little five seventy eighth parts William Chamberlin One Seventy eighth part Calvin Knoulton two seventy eighth parts Oliver Ashley one seventy eighth part Elijah Dewey one Seventy eighth part and Jesse Leavensworth Seventy eighth parts the forty nine settlers above mentioned are being Israel Randal, Ebenezer Scales Joseph Clough, Thomas Hill, Ephraim Magoon, Jeremiah A Blunt Joseph Gorden Jun. Ephraim Howard, Joseph Magoon, Samuel Ela, Daniel Batchellor, Paul Morrell, Ephraim Blunt Israel Brainard James Paul, Peter Youngman, Daniel Cross Samuel Morrel Hezekiah Astins number eighty Mark Leavansworth, number seventy six Jacob Bayley Jun number eighty seven David Astins, Thomas Hoit Samuel Fuller, Abraham Morrell Samuel Morrell Sergeant Morrell, Jacob Goodwin, Eli Glines, Ebenezer Toll, Thomas Dow, Abel Morrel, Nehemiah Philips David Wheeler, Jeremiah Morrell, Abner Morrell, Paul Well, Timothy Batchellor David Morrell, James Kitteridge James Kitteridge Jun, Samuel Favilee John Wood, Peter Blanchard, number nineteen James Sawyer number four Samuel Fuller number eighteen John Merritt number Sixty three Jesse Leavensworth Jun, Joseph Gorden, Nathaniel Howard, The following Persons Viz the following Lotts to wit in the first Division in said Danville Timothy Harris, number Six and seventeen

Joseph Morrell, number twenty eight Ebenezer Sawyer number forty Zebediah Barker number Twenty six which together with the five Rights or Lawful Shares Reserved to the several uses in manner following Includes the whole of said Tract or Township One Right for the use of a Semenary or College One Right for the use of a County Grammer School within this State Lands to the amount of One Right to be and remain for the Purpose of Settlement of a Minister & Ministers of the Gospel in said Township forever Lands to the amount of one Right for the Support of the Social Worship of God in said Township And Lands to the amount of One Right for the Support of an English School or Schools in said Township which said Two Rights for the use of a Seminary or College and for the use of a County Grammer Schools as aforesaid shall together with their improvements Rents Interests and profitts be under the Controul Order Direction and Disposal of the General Assembly of said State forever and the Proprietors of said Township are hereby authorized and empowered to Locate said Rights Justly and Equitably or Quantity for Quality in such Parts of said Township as they or their Committee shall Judge will Least incommode the General Settlement of said Tract or Township and the said Proprietors are further empowered to Locate the Lands aforesaid amounting to three Rights Assigned for the Settlement of a Minister and Ministers for their Support and for the use and support of English Schools in such and in so many places as they or their Committee shall Judge will best accommodate the Inhabitants of said Township when the same shall be fully settled and improved Laying the same equitably or Quantity for Quality which said Lands amounting to three Rights Last mentioned when Located as aforesaid shall together with their improvements Rights Rents Profitts Dues & Interests be and remain unalienably appropriated to the uses and purposes for which they are respectively assigned and be under the Charge Direction and Disposal of the Inhabitants of said Township forever which Tract of Land hereby Given and Granted as aforesaid Lies in Orange County Bounded and Described as follows Viz BEGINNING at the most Northerly Corner of Barnett being a Hemlock Tree marked Barnett Corner March the 23 AD 1784 and running South 48 Degrees West Two miles forty forty five Chains and fifty Links in Westardly Line of Barnett to a Stake 14 Links South 82 Degrees West from a Hemlock Tree marked Deweys Gore Nov, 10 AD 1786 then North 68 Degrees West in the Northardly Line of Deweys Gore Seven Miles and Twenty five Chains to the Northwestardly Corner of said Gore being a Birch Tree standing in the eastardly Line of Cabot marked Deweys Gore Ad 1786 then North 36 Degrees East in the Eastardly Line of Cabot 142 Chains & 83 Links to the Northeastardly Corner of said Cabot then South 52 Degrees East one Mile 43 Chains & 50 Links in the Southardly Line of Walden Gore to a Beach Tree being the Southeastarly Corner of said Gore then North 56 Degrees East in the Eastardly Line of said Gore Six miles to a Beach Tree marked Waldens Gore being the Northeast Corner thereof then North 54 Degrees

*West one Mile forty three Chains & fifty Links to the North Eastardly Corner of Walden then North 36 Degrees East in the Eastardly Line of Number 25 one mile and thirty Two Chains to a Spruce Tree marked then South 70 Degrees East Two Miles 51 Chains and 25 Links to a Birch Tree marked Lyndon Southwest Corner number 16 AD 1786 which is also the Northwest Corner of Saint Johnsbury then South 6 Degrees & 20 Minutes East Seven miles and fifty one Chains in the Westardly Line of Saint Johnsbury to the Bounds Begun at Containing by estimation Twenty eight Thousand Acres and that the same be and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the name of DANVILLE and the Inhabitants that Do or shall hereafter Inhabit said Township are Declared to be enfranchised and entitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this STATE Do and ought by Law and the Constitution of of this STATE to exercise & enjoy To HAVE & TO HOLD the said Granted Premises as above expressed with all the Priviledges and appurtenances thereunto belonging and appertaining unto them the said Grantees and their Respective Heirs and assigns forever in proportion as aforesaid upon the following CONDITIONS AND RESERVATIONS Viz that each Proprietor in the Township of DANVILLE aforesaid His Hiers or assigns shall plant and Cultivate five acres of Land and Build an House at Least eighteen feet Square on the floor or have one Family settled on each Respective Right within the Term of three years next after the first Day of November AD 1787 on Penalty of the forfeiture of each Respective Right or Share of Land in said Danville not so improved and the same to Revert to the Freemen of this State to be by their Representatives regranted to such Persons as shall appear to Settle and Cultivate the same That all Pine Timber Suitable for a Navy be reserved for the Use and Benifit of the Freemen of this State—IN TESTIMONY whereof WE have Caused the SEAL of this STATE to be affixed in COUNCIL this thirty first Day of October Anno Domini 1786 and in the ninth year of the Independence of this STATE  
By His Excellency<sup>s</sup>, Command*

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

Micah Townsend Secy<sup>r</sup>,

Windsor Oct the 22 AD 1793

This Certifies that the word nineteen discribing the N<sup>o</sup>, of 78<sup>th</sup> parts belonging to Jesse Leavensworth in the within Charter was Blurred by accident & is nineteen & that John Wheelock is to be inserted in Lieu of Eleazer Wheelock which was inserted by mistake & that Daniel Wheeler should be inserted in Lieu of David Wheeler Certified by us

Jacob Bayley & Jesse Leavensworth  
Agents for s<sup>d</sup> Township

Attest Joseph Fay Secy.



## \*THE CHARTER OF DANVILLE

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT.

L. S.

To all People to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:

KNOW YE, that WE, for divers valuable considerations us hereunto moving, in the name, and on the behalf and authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont; and in pursuance of an Act of the Legislature of said State, entitled, "An Act authorizing the Governor of this State, to issue a new Charter to the proprietors and settlers of the Township of Danville" passed the eighth day of the present month of November, in the Year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and two; in and by which said Act of the Legislature, are fully and particularly exemplified and set forth, the causes and reasons for the issuing and granting of this new Charter, DO NOW, by these presents fully and absolutely, give, grant convey and confirm all the lands contained in that tract or township of Land, lying and being situate in the County of Caledonia, in our said State of Vermont, known and formerly Chartered by the name of DANVILLE and which is bounded as follows, to wit, "BEGINING at the most northerly corner of Barnet, being a Hemlock tree, marked "BARNET CORNER, MARCH THE 23<sup>rd</sup> A. D. 1784;" and running South forty eight degrees West, two Miles forty five Chains, and fifty links, in the westerly line of BARNET, to a stake, fourteen links South eighty two degrees West, from a Hemlock tree marked "DEWEYS GORE, NOV. 10<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1786;" Then North sixty eight degrees West, in the northerly line of DEWEY'S GORE, Seven Miles and twenty five Chains, to the north westerly corner of said Gore, being a Birch tree, standing in the easterly line of CABOT, marked "DEWEY'S GORE, A. D. 1786;" Then North thirty Six degrees East, in the easterly line of Cabot, one hundred forty two Chains and eighty three links, to the North easterly Corner of said CABOT; Then South fifty two degrees East, one Mile forty three Chains and fifty links in the southerly line of WALDEN GORE, to a Beach tree, being the South easterly corner of said Gore; Then North fifty six degrees East, in the easterly line of said Gore, Six Miles, to a Beach tree marked, "WALDEN GORE," being the North east corner thereof; Then North fifty four degrees West, one Mile forty three Chains and fifty links, to the North easterly Corner of WALDEN; Then North thirty six degrees East, in the Easterly line of Number Twenty five, one Mile and thirty two Chains to a Spruce tree marked; Then south seventy degrees East, two Miles fifty one Chains and twenty five links, to a Birch tree marked "LYNDON SOUTH WEST CORNER N° 16, A. D. 1786" which is also the north west corner of S<sup>t</sup>. JOHNSBURY; Then South six degrees, twenty minutes East, Seven Miles and fifty one Chains, in the westerly line of ST. JOHNSBURY, to the bounds began at;" Containing by estimation, TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND

\*See earlier charter of Danville printed on pages immediately preceding this charter.

ACRES.—In such specific proportions, parcels, & quantities, to each Grantee; with such particular description and reference, to the Chart or Plan, as a schedule hereunto annexed; and unto the persons, as the Grantees and proprietors of the said tract and Township, as is immediately hereafter expressed, to wit; Unto TIMOTHY HARRIS, the parcel of One hundred Acres, to wit, the lot, on the plan, marked, “N<sup>o</sup> 6. TIMOTHY HARRIS,” shaded with Yellow. Unto STEPHEN WOOD the parcel of one hundred & eight Acres, and an half Acre, to wit, The lot, on the plan, marked “108½ ACRES, STEPHEN WOOD,” shaded with yellow. Unto EMERSON MAGOON, the parcel of one hundred Acres, to wit, The lot, on the plan, marked “EMERSON MAGOON’S PITCH, 100 ACRES N<sup>o</sup> 20,” shaded with Yellow. Unto JOHN MERRITT, the parcel of one hundred and twenty Seven Acres, and an half Acre, to wit, The lot and the Gore, marked on the plan, “JOHN MERRITT, N<sup>o</sup> 63,” shaded with Yellow. Unto EPHRAIM HAYWARD, the parcel of one hundred & fifty Acres, to wit, The lot on the plan, marked, “140 ACRES EPHRAIM HAYWARD” (or “HOWARD”), shaded with yellow. Unto JAMES PELL the parcel of one hundred and twenty four Acres, to wit, the lot marked “124 ACRES JAMES PELL,” shaded with yellow. Unto Nehemiah Phillips, the parcel of one hundred Acres, to wit, The lot on the plan marked, “100 ACRES, NEHEMIAH PHILLIPS” shaded with yellow. Unto CHARLES SIAS the parcel of two hundred and sixty Acres, to wit, The lot on the plan, marked “213½ ACRES, CHARLES SIAS” shaded with red. Unto TIMOTHY CARR, the parcel, of one hundred Acres, to wit, The lot on the plan, marked “100 ACRES, TIMOTHY CARR, N<sup>o</sup> 52,” shaded with Yellow. Unto JEREMIAH MORRILL, the parcel of one hundred and fifty Acres, to wit, the plan marked, “143 ACRES, JEREMIAH MORRILL” shaded with Yellow. Unto SAMUEL FULLER, the parcel of one hundred Acres, to wit, The lot on the plan, marked, “97 ACRES, SAMUEL FULLER” shaded with Yellow. Unto JOSEPH CLOUGH, the parcel of one hundred Acres, to wit, the lot on the plan, marked, “100 ACRES JOSEPH CLOUGH,” shaded with yellow. Unto JAMES KITTERIDGE JUN<sup>r</sup>, the parcel of one hundred Acres and three fourths of an Acre, to wit, The lot on the plan marked, 100¾ ACRES. JAMES KITTERIDGE JUN<sup>r</sup>” shaded with Yellow. Unto WILLIAM MORRILL, the parcel of one hundred Acres, to wit, The lot on the plan, marked “No 56. 100 ACRES, WILLIAM MORRILL,” shaded with yellow. Unto ISRAEL BRAINERD, the parcel of One hundred and Sixty one Acres, to wit, The lot on the plan, marked “161 ACRES NEARLY, ISRAEL BRAINARD” shaded with Yellow. Unto EBENEZER TOWLE, the parcel of One hundred and twelve Acres, and an half Acre, to wit, the lot on the plan marked “112½ ACRES, EBENEZER TOWLE” shaded with Yellow. Unto EBENEZER SAWYER, The parcel of one hundred Acres, to wit, The lot on the plan, marked “N<sup>o</sup> 40 EBENEZER SAWYER” shaded with yellow. Unto JACOB GOODWIN, the parcel of One hundred and five Acres, and an half Acre, to wit, The lot on the plan marked, “105½ ACRES, JACOB GOODWIN,” shaded with yellow. Unto JOSEPH MORRILL, the parcel of one hundred Acres, to wit, the lot

on the plan, marked, "N<sup>o</sup> 28, JOSEPH MORRILL" shaded with yellow. Unto TIMOTHY BATCHELDER, the parcel of One hundred and twenty Acres, to wit, The lot on the plan, marked "106 ACRES TIMOTHY BATCHELDER," shaded with yellow. Unto DAVID MORRILL, The parcel of one hundred and four Acres and an half Acre, to wit, the lot on the plan marked, "104½ ACRES DAVID MORRILL" shaded with Yellow. Unto ELI GLINES the parcel of one hundred and fourteen Acres and three fourths of an Acre, to wit, the Lot, on the plan, marked "114¾ ACRES ELI GLINES" Shaded with Yellow. Unto EPHRAIM BLUNT, the parcel, of one hundred and five Acres and three fourths of an Acre, to wit, the Lot on the plan, Marked "105¾ ACRES, EPHRAIM BLUNT" shaded with yellow, Unto JOSEPH GORDON, the parcel of two hundred Acres, to wit, the two lots on the plan marked thus, "99½ ACRES, JOSEPH GORDON" and "98½ ACRES JOSEPH GORDON" both of which lots are shaded with Yellow. Unto JESSE LEAVENWORTH JUNIOR, the parcel of one hundred acres, to wit, The Lot on the plan marked "N<sup>o</sup> 80. JESSE LEAVENWORTH JUNIOR," shaded with yellow. Unto ISAAC MORRILL, the parcel of one hundred & thirty Seven Acres, to wit, The Lot on the plan marked "137 ACRES ISAAC MORRILL" shaded with yellow. Unto THOMAS HOIT the parcel of one hundred and twenty two Acres, to wit, The Lot on the plan, marked, "122 ACRES THOMAS HOIT," shaded with yellow. Unto JOSEPH MAGOON the parcel of one hundred and twenty six acres, to wit, the Lot on the plan marked "120 ACRES JOSEPH MAGOON" shaded with yellow. Unto JAMES SAWYER JUNIOR, the parcel of one hundred Acres, to wit, the Lot on the plan marked "N<sup>o</sup> 4. JAMES SAWYER JUNIOR" shaded with yellow. Unto SAMUEL ELA, the tract of one hundred & twenty nine Acres, to wit, the Lot on the plan, marked "129 ACRES SAMUEL ELA," Shaded with Yellow. Unto ABRAHAM MORRILL the parcel of one hundred and ninety Acres, to wit, The Lot, on the plan, marked "190 ACRES, ABRAHAM MORRILL," shaded with yellow. Unto PETER YOUNGMAN, the parcel, of one hundred and seven Acres, to wit, the Lot, on the plan, marked "107 ACRES PETER YOUNGMAN" shaded with Yellow. Unto SAMUEL MORRILL, the parcel of one hundred Acres and an half Acre, to wit, The Lot, on the plan, marked "100½ ACRES SAMUEL MORRILL," shaded with yellow. Unto ZEBEDIAH BARKER, the parcel of one hundred Acres, to wit, The Lot on the plan marked "N<sup>o</sup> 26. ZEBEDIAH BARKER," shaded with yellow. Unto PETER BLANCHARD, the parcel of one hundred Acres, to wit, The Lot on the plan marked "N<sup>o</sup> 19. PETER BLANCHARD" shaded with Yellow. Unto JAMES KITTERIDGE, the parcel of one hundred Acres, and one fourth of an Acre, to wit, the lot, on the plan, marked "100¼ ACRES, JAMES KITTERIDGE, shaded with yellow. Unto THOMAS DOWE the parcel of Two hundred and four Acres, to wit, the Lot on the plan, marked, "204 ACRES THOMAS DOWE" shaded with yellow. Unto ABEL MORRILL, the parcel of one hundred and twelve Acres, and an half Acre, to wit, the Lot on the plan, marked "112½ ACRES ABEL MORRILL" shaded with yellow. Unto DANIEL BATCHELDER, the parcel of one hundred and twenty four Acres,

to wit, the Lot on the plan marked "124 ACRES DANIEL BATCHELDER" shaded with Yellow. Unto NATHANIEL HAYWARD, the parcel of one hundred Acres, to wit, The Lot on the plan, marked "100 ACRES, NATHANIEL HAYWARD" (or "HOWARD") shaded with yellow. Unto SARGEANT MORRILL, the parcel of one hundred and Sixty Acres, to wit, the lot on the plan, marked "125 ACRES SARGEANT MORRILL," Shaded with yellow. Unto SAMUEL PINKHAM, the parcel of One hundred and eighteen Acres, to wit, the Lot on the plan, marked "118 ACRES SAMUEL PINKHAM" shaded with yellow. Unto DANIEL WHEELER, the parcel of one hundred and sixty Acres, to wit, The Lot, on the plan marked "125 ACRES DANIEL WHEELER", shaded with yellow. Unto ABNER MORRILL, the parcel of one hundred and fifty Acres, to wit, the Lot on the plan marked "184<sup>6</sup>/<sub>10</sub> ACRES ABNER MORRILL," shaded with yellow. Unto HEZEKIAH AUSTIN, the parcel of one hundred and eight Acres, to wit, the Lot on the plan, marked "108 ACRES JOHN SHORT OR HEZEKIAH AUSTIN" shaded with yellow. Unto PAUL WELLS, the parcel of one hundred Acres, to wit, the Lot on the plan marked, "100 ACRES PAUL WELLS," shaded with yellow. Unto THOMAS HILL, the parcel of One hundred and six Acres, to wit the Lot on the plan, marked, "106 ACRES THOMAS HILL," shaded with yellow. Unto SAMUEL FARLEY the parcel of one hundred Acres, to wit, the Lot on the plan, marked, "100 ACRES, SAMUEL FARLEY," shaded with Yellow. Unto PAUL MORRILL, the parcel of one hundred and eight Acres, and one fourth of an Acre, to wit, the Lot on the plan, marked "108<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ACRES PAUL MORRILL" shaded with yellow. Unto DANIEL CROSS, the parcel one hundred and twenty eight acres, and nine tenths of an Acre, to wit, the Lot on the plan, marked "128<sup>9</sup>/<sub>10</sub> ACRES, DANIEL CROSS," shaded with yellow. Unto EPHRAIM MAGOON, the parcel of one hundred Acres, and one fourth of an acre, to wit, the Lot on the plan, marked "100<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ACRES AND 21 RODS, EPHRAIM MAGOON," shaded with yellow. Unto THOMAS WALKER, the parcel of one hundred Acres, to wit, the lot on the plan, marked "100 ACRES THOMAS WALKER'S PITCH" shaded with yellow. Unto SAMUEL FULLER JUN<sup>r</sup> the parcel of one hundred Acres, to wit, The lot on the plan, marked "N<sup>o</sup> 18 SAMUEL FULLER JUNIORS PITCH," shaded with yellow; and that part of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 5 Adjoining marked "SAMUEL FULLER JUN<sup>r</sup>. 25 ACRES," shaded with Yellow. And unto EPHRAIM MAGOON, the parcel of three hundred and eighty two Acres, and an half Acre, to wit, The three several Lots on the plan marked "121<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> ACRES" and "160 ACRES N<sup>o</sup>. 72. JACOB BAYLEY," and "N<sup>o</sup> 86, FIRST DIVISION 101. ACRES" all shaded with red. And unto DAVID WHITTIER, the parcel of three hundred and twenty three Acres, and three fourths of an Acre, to wit, the lots on the plan, marked "N<sup>o</sup> 41" "N<sup>o</sup> 42" and "N<sup>o</sup> 43" "DAVID WHITTIER," and the Gore, lying southerly of, and adjoining N<sup>o</sup> 43, marked "DAVID WHITTIER" all shaded with brown. And unto DAVID AUSTIN, the parcel of one hundred and ten Acres, to wit, the Lot on the plan marked "110 Acres, DAVID AUSTIN" shaded with brown. And after deducting the amount of the several quantities herein

before granted, from the amount of the lands of the whole Township (excepting in the deduction, the amount of the quantities granted to the three Grantees last above mentioned) and the remaining lands of the Township, being then divided into seventy eight equal parts, the said remaining lands, are hereby granted and conveyed in the following manner, to wit; unto JESSE LEAVENWORTH Three hundred Acres of land; and likewise, lots N<sup>o</sup> SEVENTY FIVE SEVENTY FOUR, SEVENTY EIGHT, SEVENTY NINE, EIGHTY TWO, EIGHTY THREE, and SEVENTY SEVEN, in lieu of, and to be accounted as THREE, SEVENTY EIGHTH PARTS, which tract of 300 Acres, and Lots, are marked "JESSE LEAVENWORTH," and shaded with yellow. Unto JACOB BAYLEY TWENTY FIVE, SEVENTY EIGHTH PARTS (excepting eight hundred & sixteen Acres, and one quarter of an Acre, being the amount of the lands hereinbefore granted unto the three Grantees, immediately succeeding Samuel Fuller junior, to wit, Ephraim Magoon, David Whittier and David Austin) Unto WILLIAM WALLACE THREE, seventy eighth parts, Unto ALEXANDER HARVEY *two* seventy eighth parts. Unto MOSES LITTLE, FIVE seventy eighth parts. Unto CALVIN KNOULTON Two seventy eighth parts. And, unto JOHN WHEELOCK, ISRAEL BRAINARD, EXPERIENCE EASTERBROOKS, THOMAS CLARK, JONATHAN ELKINS, WALTER BROCK, JAMES STUART, JAMES SMITH, IRA ALLEN, THOMAS CHITTENDEN, WILLIAM CHAMBERLIN, OLIVER ASHLEY, and ELIJAH DEWEY ONE, seventy eighth part, each. And unto JESSE LEAVENWORTH, TWENTY seventy eighth parts (in addition to the Three seventy eighth parts, herein before granted unto him).

To HAVE & TO HOLD, the tract of land and Township, herein before described and bounded, to them, and each of them, the aforementioned Grantees and proprietors, in the proportional quantities, parcels and lots, respectively, above expressed. with all and singular the privileges, appurtenances & improvements, of the whole tract and Township, to the whole of the above named Grantees and proprietors, and of each proportional quantity, parcel, and lot, to each Grantee and proprietor, as above defined and expressed, and unto each of their Heirs and Assignees forever, unto their and each of their own proper and absolute use, benefit & behoof; under the particular and express provisions and restrictions, guarding and securing equity to each Proprietor, and a confirmation of the titles of the lands hereby given and granted, as expressed in the Act of the Legislature aforesaid, in pursuance of which, this Charter is issued. And the said Tract and Township, is hereby absolutely given, granted and Confirmed, unto the said Grantees and proprietors, in manner aforesaid, without any Condition, reservation or restriction, of any name or nature whatever, respecting quantity of lands, or duties of settlement; excepting, the reservation of the FIVE remaining seventy eighth parts of the lands of said tract and Township, as aforesaid, for the following public, pious and literary uses, to wit, ONE seventy eighth part, for the use of a Seminary or College; ONE seventy eighth part for the use of County Grammer Schools, within this State.

Lands to the amount of ONE seventy eighth part, to be, and remain for the purpose of settlement of a Minister, or Ministers of the Gospel, in said town. Lands, to the amount of ONE seventy eighth part, for the support of the social worship of God, in said township. And lands, to the amount of the remaining ONE seventy eighth part for the support of an English School or Schools in said Town. which said two seventy eighth parts, for the use of a Seminary or College, and for the use of County Grammar Schools, as aforesaid, shall, together with their improvements, rents, interests and profits, be under the controul, order, direction & disposal of the General Assembly of said State forever. And the Proprietors of said Township, are hereby authorised and empowered, to locate said two seventy eighth parts, justly and equitably, or quantity for quality, in such parts of said township, as they, or their Committee shall judge will least incommode the general settlement of said tract or Township. And the said Proprietors are further empowered, to locate the lands aforesaid, amounting to three seventy eighth parts, assigned for settlement of a Minister or Ministers; for their support; and for the use and support of English Schools, in such, and in so many places, as they, or their Committee, shall judge will best accomodate the inhabitants of said township, when the same shall be fully settled and improved; laying the same equitably or quantity for quality. which said three seventy eighth parts, when located as aforesaid, shall together with their improvements, rights, rents, profits, dues, and interests, be, and remain unalienably appropriated to the uses and purposes, for which they are respectively assigned; and be under the charge, direction and disposal of the Inhabitants of said Township forever.

AND WE DO HEREBY incorporate, constitute and establish the said tract and Township, a Town by the name of DANVILLE. And the Inhabitants who now do, or shall hereafter inhabit said Town, are declared to be enfranchised, and entitled to all the freedoms, immunities and privileges, which the Inhabitants of other towns within this State, by the Constitution and Laws thereof, do, or can, of right, exercise & enjoy.

IN TESTIMONY of all which, we have made these our letters patent; and caused the Seal of the State to be thereunto affixed.

WITNESS His Excellency ISAAC TICHENOR Esquire, our Captain General, Governor and Commander in Chief. DONE, in Council, This Twelfth day of November, A<sup>o</sup>. D<sup>i</sup>. one thousand eight hundred and two; and of the Independence of the United States, the Twenty seventh.

ISAAC TICHENOR.

By the Governor.

Dav. Wing Jun<sup>r</sup>. Sec<sup>y</sup> of State.

Recorded December 9<sup>th</sup> 1803.—

Attest D. Wing Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>.

## THE CHARTER OF DERBY

THE GOVERNOR COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas our worthy friends TIMOTHY ANDREWS and company have by Petition requested a grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State for the purpose of settling a new plantation to be erected into a Township. We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs & for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving. AND do by these presents in the name & by the authority of the freemen of the State of VERMONT, give and grant the tract of Land hereafter described & bounded unto him the said TIMOTHY ANDREWS, and the several persons hereafter named his associates in equal shares Viz<sup>t</sup> Truman Hinman, Shadrach Orsburn, Rev<sup>d</sup> Benjamin Wildman, Ebenezer Smith, Ebenezer Smith Ju<sup>r</sup>, Daniel Smith, Samuel Drakely, Thomas Drakely, William Drakely, Timothy Hinman, Timothy Hinman Jun<sup>r</sup>, Samuel Allen, Isaac Beers, Elias Beers, Nathan Beers, Sarah Pierpoint, Hanah Stilwell, Hon<sup>bl<sup>e</sup></sup> William Hilhouse, James Hilhouse, Reuben Hilhouse, John Griswold Hilhouse, Elias Shipman, Zima Denison, Ebenezer Strong, Ephraim Strong, Josiah Strong, Rev<sup>d</sup> David Brownson, Rev<sup>d</sup> Jehu Minor, Joseph Pickett, Samuel Hull, Nathan Person, Abel Person, Nathan Curtis, Abijah Hyde, Oliver Chatfield, Gideon Curtis, Aaron Hinman, Daniel Howlbrook, Benjamin Davis, James Wakely, Daniel Bennet, Robert Brown, John Morgan, Elijah Forbs, Benjamin Sanford, Elijah Austin, Joseph Trobridge Phineas Freeman, William Carter, Jeremiah Atwater, Hezekiah Bardsley, Elijah Booth, Col<sup>o</sup> Benjamin Hinman, Russel Tomlinson, Justus Johnson, Increase Moseley Jun<sup>r</sup> Moses Robinson, Sheldon Clark & Erastus Orsburn together with the five following rights or equal shares, reserved to the several public uses in manner following Viz<sup>t</sup> One full right or equal share for the use & benefit of a College within this State; One full share for the use & benefit of county grammar Schools throughout this State, One full share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel in said Township; One full share for the use, benefit & support of the social worship of God in said Township to be disposed of for that purpose in such manner as the inhabitants of said Township shall from time to time agree; One full share for the use & support of an english school or schools in said Township forever.

WHICH TRACT of Land hereby given & granted as aforesaid is bounded & described as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> BEGINNING at a Post on the East side of Lake Mumphramagog where the south line of the Province of Quebec strikes the East shore of said Lake, & running south 82 D<sup>o</sup> & 20 Minutes east seven miles & a half to a stake 25 Links S 75<sup>o</sup> East from a beach tree standing in the Province line Marked N<sup>o</sup> 1. N<sup>o</sup> 4, October 19-1785. Then

south 17° West five miles & seven Chains to a fir Tree marked N° 1, N° 2, N° 3, N° 4. Then North 82° & 20 minutes West six miles & fifty Chains to a Hemlock near the East shore of the south Bay of Lake Mumphramagog Marked N° 1, N° 2, Then northerly by the Lake shore to the bounds began at containing Twenty three thousand & forty Acres. AND THAT the same be & hereby is incorporated into a Township by the name of DERBY, And the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised & entitled to all the privileges & immunities which the inhabitants of other Towns within this State do & ought by the Laws & constitution thereof to exercise & enjoy.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises as above expressed with all the privileges & appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining unto them & their respective Heirs & assigns forever, upon the following conditions & reservations Viz<sup>t</sup> That each Proprietor of the Township of DERBY aforesaid his heirs or assigns shall plant & cultivate five Acres of Land & build an house at least eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one family settled on each respective right or share of Land within the term of four years from the time the outlines of said Township is known & established as the Law directs on penalty of the forfeiture of each respective right or share in said Township not so improved or settled & the same to revert to the freemen of this State to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle & cultivate the same—IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed by advice of Council this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October AD. 1779 in the 3<sup>d</sup> Year of our independence.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF DEWEYSBURGH

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT,

L. S.

To all People to whom these Presents shall come GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas our worthy friend, Cap<sup>t</sup> Elijah Dewey and his associates fifteen in number, have by Petition requested a Grant of a tract of unappropriated Land within this State, for the purpose of settling a new Plantation, We have therefore tho't fit for the due encouragement of their Laudable designs, and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, AND Do, by these Presents in the name and



by the authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, give and grant the tract of Land hereafter described and bounded unto the said Cap<sup>t</sup> Elijah Dewey, and the several persons hereafter Named his associates in equal shares, viz, Colonel Samuel Robinson, Colonel Moses Robinson, Major Joseph Fay, Benjamin Fassett, David Robinson, Jonathan Robinson, Colonel Seth Warner, Captain Jedidiah Hyde, Timothy Follet, Thomas Tolman, Shadrach Norton, Joseph Nelson, Lieutenant Nathaniel Gove, and Colonel Nathaniel Brush, Reserving three hundred Acres out of said tract of Land for the following publick uses, viz<sup>t</sup> one hundred Acres for the use and Benefit of a simenary, or College within this State, one hundred Acres for the use and support of a School, or Schools, within said tract of Land; and one hundred acres for the use and support of the first Settled Minister of the Gospel within said tract, to be disposed of for the Sole and Exclusive use and benefit of the aforesaid purposes in such way and manner as the proprietors or inhabitants of the said tract shall judge proper, the same to be and Remain unalienable, and all the rents, profits & money's arising therefrom, shall be appropriated to the several uses aforesaid, and the said three hundred acres shall be Divided into three equal parts, and be so laid out within said tract as to be equal in quality and in such situation as will best answer the purposes for which they are reserved; Which tract of Land hereby given & Granted as aforesaid, is bounded and discribed as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>, Lying Northerly of Peacham, & Easterly of Cabot & westerly of Barnet, BEGINNING at a stake 15 links Northwest from a burch tree marked Peacham Corner July 17<sup>th</sup> 1786, standing in the westerly line of Barnet, & being the Northeasterly Corner of Peacham, the Land descending North, then running N 68° W. in the Northerly line of Peacham, six miles, to the Northwesterly corner of Peacham being a maple tree marked Peacham Corner, standing on high Land; thence S 48° W three mile & a quarter in the westerly line of Peacham thence N 54° W about thirteen rods to the southeasterly corner of Cabot, thence N 36° East 4 miles 17 Chains & 36 Links in the easterly line of Cabot to a Burch tree standing on the south side of a brook runing westerly marked Dewey's Gore 1786, thence S 68° E seven miles and 25 Chains to a Stake 14 links S 82° W. from a hemlock tree standing on flat Land Marked Dewey's Gore November 10<sup>th</sup> 1786, the wood chiefly hemlock, thence S 48° W. in the westerly line of Barnet to the bounds begun at, containing 15 sixty fifth parts of a six mile square Township—AND THAT the same be and is hereby incorporated into a DISTRICT, to be called and known by the name of DEWEYSBURGH, and the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said District are hereby declared to be Enfranchised and Entitled to all the priviledges and Immunities of Citizens, and to Exercise all Legal power and authority in support of their internal Right as fully and amply as other incorporated Tow[n]s within this State do exercise and enjoy.—

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted premises as expressed in the aforesaid Grant, with all the privileges, and appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining unto the before named persons their Heirs &

assigns forever upon the following conditions, viz<sup>t</sup>, that each Proprietor in the said district of DEWEYSBURGH his Heirs or assigns shall plant & cultivate Five acres of Land and build an House at least eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one family on each respective right within the term of three years after the circumstances of the war will admit of with safety, on penalty of the forfeiture of each respective Right or share of Land in said district, the same to revert to the freemen of this State to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle and cultivate the same, And that all pine timber suitable for the Navy, be reserved for the use and benefit of the freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the seal of this State to be hereunto affixed, this twenty eighth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty two 1782, and in the sixth year of the Independance of this State.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency's Command

JOSEPH FAY SECR<sup>y</sup>.

April 16, 1802

The preceding from page 36 to 39 inclusive is a true copy of the Charter of Deweysburgh—

Attest E. D. Woodbridge Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF DUNCANSBOROUGH

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT.

L. S.

*To all people to whom these Presents shall come.* GREETING:

KNOW YE, That whereas our worthy Friends, Nathan Fisk, esquire, and George Duncan, and their respective Associates, to the number of sixty five, have by Petition, requested a grant of a township of unappropriated Lands, for cultivation and settlement. We have therefore thought fit, for the due encouragement of their laudable designs, and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, and do, by these presents, in the name and by the authority of the state of Vermont, hereby give and grant unto the said Nathan Fisk and George Duncan, and their respective and several Associates, Ebenezer Shepherd, Joshua Stanton, Seth Austin, John Spafford, Jared Baldwin, John Strong esquire, Thaddeus Munson, Jonathan Aikens, Ira Allen, Experience Fisk, Sylvanus Fisk, James Welden, Samuel Phippen, Nathan Spafford, Roswell Fenton, Nathan Fisk junior, Stephen Fisk, Enos Temple,

Samuel Wires, Moses Burt, Edward Wadkins, Asahel Burt, John Burt, William Belcher, James Johnson, James Ewings, John Nismith, Elisha Crane, John Duncan, Lucy Duncan, Jotham White, Elisha White, Timothy Carlton, Isaac H. Ely, William Page, William Page junior, Sylvanus Hastings, John Page, Abel Walker, Simeon Olcott, John Hubbert, Samuel Wetherbe, Oliver Hall, Benjamin West, Peleg Sprague, John Barret, John Barret junior, Isaiah Eaton, Samuel Safford, Lemuel Hastings, Elijah Grout junior, Jacob Howard, Frederick Keyes, Daniel Campbell, Bartholomew Hutchinson, William Duncan, William Duncan junior, Isaac Duncan, Jonathan Atwater Phippins, Samuel Stevens, Jonathan Hubbard, Thomas Putnam and Joseph King, the Tract of land, situate in the County of Orleans, and known on the surveyor General's Map of this State, by the name of "DUNCANSBORO," And is more particularly described and bounded as follows—BEGINNING at a Beech tree standing on the west side of a Hemlock ridge, in the North line of this State, marked "DUNCANSBORO' 1789;" Thence running South, eighty two degrees twenty minutes East, Three miles and forty two Chains, to the western shore of Lake Memphremagog; Thence Southerly, along the shore of said Lake, about three and a half miles, to a Red Ash tree, standing in a swamp; Thence south, thirty six degrees West, seven Miles and forty nine Chains to a stake, by a Birch tree, marked "Duncansboro' 1789" standing near a small brook, running south; Thence North eighty degrees, twenty minutes West, Two Miles & thirty five Chains, to a Beech tree marked "DUNCANSBORO' OCTOBER 24<sup>th</sup> 1798" on flat Lands; Thence North twenty degrees East, Ten Miles and eleven Chains to the first bound; containing Twenty three thousand & forty Acres of Lands. In which tract of Lands, there are hereby reserved, for public uses, five equal Rights or shares, as follow—One whole Right or share, for the use of the first settled Minister of the Gospel in said Township; One Right for the support of the Ministry, in said Town; One Right for the benefit of a College within this State; One Right for the Support of County Grammar Schools, within this State; and One Right for the support of an English School, or schools, within said Town. And the said Tract, is hereby incorporated into a Township by the Name of DUNCANSBOROUGH. And the Inhabitants who do, or shall hereafter inhabit said Township, are declared to be entitled to all the privileges & immunities, which the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State, do, by Law, exercise and enjoy.—

To HAVE & TO HOLD the said granted premises as above expressed, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the aforesaid Proprietors and Grantees, in equal shares, and to their Heirs and Assignees, forever—upon the following Condition, to wit, That each Proprietor of the township of Duncansborough aforesaid, his heirs or Assignees, shall plant & cultivate five Acres of Land, and build an House, at least eighteen feet Square on the floor, or have one family settled, on each respective right or share in said Township, within the term of time prescribed by the laws of this State; on penalty of the forfeiture of each

Right or share of Land, not so settled and cultivated; and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be, by their Representatives, re-granted to such persons as shall appear to settle and cultivate the same.—

GIVEN AND GRANTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, by their Act bearing date the twenty sixth day of October, A. D. one thousand seven hundred and eighty one.—

IN TESTIMONY of the foregoing, I have caused the Seal of this State, to be hereto affixed.—

GIVEN under my Hand, in the Council, at Burlington, this thirtieth day of October, A. D. one Thousand eight hundred and two, and of the Independence of the United States the Twenty Seventh.—

ISAAC TICHENOR.

By his Excellency's Command.

Dav. Wing, Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup> of State.

Recorded Septem<sup>r</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1803.

D. Wing Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>.

## THE CHARTER OF EASTHAVEN

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT—

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come GREETING,*

KNOW YE, that whereas M<sup>r</sup> TIMOTHY ANDRUS & his associates our worthy friends, sixty five in Number have by petition requested a grant of unlocated Land within this State for the purpose of settling a new plantation to be erected into a Township; We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs & for other valuable causes & considerations us hereunto moving, AND do by these presents in the Name & by the authority of the freemen of the State of Vermont give & grant unto the said Timothy Andrus & the several persons hereafter Named, his Associates in equal Shares as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Capt<sup>n</sup> Beach Tomlinson, Jonathan Edwards, Leverit Hubbard, Joel Northrop, Joshua Austin, William Collins, Jonah Clark, Lemuel Andrus, Abel Yale, James Stoddard, John Hough, Simeon Andrus, Samuel King, Samuel Atwater, Ezra Ives, Stephen Goodyear, Enos Atwater, Nathaniel Hart, John Atwater, Josiah Tomlinson, Henry Tomlinson, Agur Tomlinson, Victory Tomlinson, Gideon Tomlinson, Zachariah Tomlinson, David Tomlinson, David Ely, Elisha Mills, David Wells, Milton Hawley, Jonas Galusha, Isaiah Thomas, Samuel Bishop, Abraham Bishop, Abraham Brownson, David Galusha, Enoch Slawson, Noah Smith, Daniel Smith, Israel Smith, Chloe Smith, James Gamble, Wheeler

Douglas, Shadrach Sells, John McCarthy, Daniel Beman, The Heirs of Isaac Knash two Rights or Shares, Stebbins Walbridge, Henry Walbridge 3<sup>d</sup>, Samuel Patrick, Lemuel Patrick, Joseph Picket, John Mandeville, Comfort Joy, Ethan Allen, Joseph Worster, Benjamin Wallworth, Jedediah Hyde, Ebenezer Perkins, Elisha Shelton, Theodore Sedgwick, Nathan Richardson, & Jonathan Lampson, Together with five equal Shares to be disposed of for public uses, in manner following Viz<sup>t</sup> One equal share for the use & benefit of a College within this State, One full share for the use & benefit of county grammar Schools throughout this State, One Equal Share for the first settled minister of the Gospel in said Town, One full share for the support of the Ministry in said Town, And One full share for the benefit & support of an English School or Schools in said Township, Which Tract of Land hereby given and granted as aforesaid is described & bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> BEGINNING at the North corner of Granby, being a great rock, 18 links South East from a Spruce Tree marked Granby North Corner N<sup>o</sup> 29, 1787 & running South forty five degrees west in the westerly line of Granby six Miles to a beech Tree standing in the Northerly line of Victory, Then North 45 D<sup>o</sup> West six miles to a beech Tree marked M 12, 1787, N<sup>o</sup> 29, N<sup>o</sup> 30, Then North 45 D<sup>o</sup> East, Six Miles to a great birch Tree standing by a little Brook marked N<sup>o</sup> 29, N<sup>o</sup> 30, 1787, Then South 45 D<sup>o</sup> East six Miles to the first mentioned bounds, containing Twenty three Thousand & forty Acres, And that the same be & hereby is incorporated into a Township by the Name of EASTHAVEN, & the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised & entitled to all the privileges & immunities that the inhabitants of other incorporated Towns, within this State, do by Law, exercise & enjoy.—

TO HAVE & TO HOLD the said granted premises as above expressed with all the privileges & appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining unto them & their respective heirs & assigns forever—upon the following conditions & reservations viz<sup>t</sup>, that each proprietor of The Township of Easthaven his heirs or assigns shall plant and cultivate five acres of Land & build a house at least Eighteen feet square on the floor or have one family settled on each respective share of Land in said Township within the Term of four years from the time the outlines of said Township are surveyed, On penalty of the forfeiture of each respective right of Land in said Township not so settled & improved as aforesaid, & the same to revert to the freemen of this State, to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle & cultivate the same. The aforesaid grant made by the legislature of this State on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November AD—1780, IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed in Council this 22<sup>d</sup> day of October AD, 1790, in the 14<sup>th</sup> Year of our of independence.  
By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

## THE CHARTER OF EDEN

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

L. S.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come GREETING;*

KNOW YE, that whereas, Colonel SETH WARNER, and his associates, our worthy friends viz<sup>t</sup> the officers and Soldiers of his Regiment, in the Line of the Continental Army, have by Petition requested a Grant of unappropriated Lands within this State, in order for settling a New Plantation to be erected into a Township. WE HAVE THEREFORE Thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs, and as a consideration, (in part) for their Past & Meritorious Services to their Country, and do by these Presents, in the Name & by the authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter discribed, and bounded, unto him the said Seth Warner, Lieu<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup>. Samuel Safford, and to the Several persons hereafter named in equal rights or Shares viz<sup>t</sup> The Heirs of Major Wait Hopkins, dec<sup>d</sup>, Major Gideon Brownson, Cap<sup>t</sup> William McCune, Capt. Abner Sealey, The Heirs of Lieu<sup>t</sup>, Adj<sup>t</sup> Benjamin Hopkins die<sup>d</sup>, PayMaster Matthew Lyon, Lieu<sup>t</sup> Pay Master Thomas Tolman, Quarter Master Enoch Woodbridge, Lieu<sup>t</sup>. David Vallance, Lieut. Joseph Safford, Lieu<sup>t</sup> Samuel Beach, Lieu<sup>t</sup>. Benjamin Butterfield, Lieu<sup>t</sup> Oliver Barret, Ens<sup>n</sup> Jacob Safford, Ens<sup>n</sup> Reuben Church, His Excellency Thomas Chittenden Esquire, Hon<sup>ble</sup> Timothy Brownson Esq<sup>r</sup>, Samuel Crosby Ju<sup>r</sup>, AM, William Blodget, Major; Isaac Webster, Elias Hossington, Joseph Bonat, Prince Soper, Benj<sup>a</sup> Gould, Elijah Branch, Elisha Church, Amos Kellogg, John Whiteley, Israel Kemfield, Nathan Dyke, Edward Soper, David Mervick, Daniel Bean, Jesse Tuttle, Daniel Champion, Benjamin Sutton, Amiel Alger, John Stewart, Joseph Barber, Abraham Brownson, James Mead, Jeremiah Hogoboom, Beulah Waldo, Abner Mead, Josiah Hunneywell, William Slade, James Mead Ju<sup>r</sup>, Anna Waldo, Elihu Smith, William Ward, David Cutler, Isaac Hill, Thadeus Munson, Solomon Tyler, Gershom Beach, Mary Stewart Beach, Cyrus Robinson, John Knickerbakor, Joshua Stanton, Anna Bingham, Joseph Hinsdill, David Safford, William Mead, Reuben Warner, Marium Fulsome, Abraham Rose, William Forsyth, Ebenezer Howard, Jesse Munson, and John Fulsome, Which Together with the five following Rights, or equal shares reserved to the several uses in manner following include the whole of said Tract or Township viz<sup>t</sup>, (READ) WHICH Tract of Land hereby given & Granted as aforesaid, is bounded & discribed as follows viz<sup>t</sup> BEGINNING at the Northeasterly Corner of Hyde's Park, (N<sup>o</sup> 45) Then North 36 D<sup>o</sup> East Six miles—Then North 54 D<sup>o</sup> West six Miles, Then south 36 D<sup>o</sup> West six Miles, to the northwesterly corner of Hyde's Park, (N<sup>o</sup> 45) then south 54 D<sup>o</sup> East in the line of Hyde's Park, six miles, to the bounds Began at Containing 23,040 acres, AND that the same be & hereby

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is Incorporated into a Township the name of EDEN AND the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township, are declared to be Infranchised and Intitled to all the Priviledges & Immunities that the Inhabitents of other Towns within this State do and ought by the Laws and Constitution of this State to exercise & enjoy—To HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said granted Premises as above expressed, with all the priviledges and appurtenences thereto belonging & appertaining unto them and their respective Heirs & assigns forever, upon the following Conditions & Reservations viz<sup>t</sup>. That each Proprietor in the Township of Eden aforesaid his heirs or assigns shall plant & Cultivate Five acres of Land and build an House at least Eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one Family sitted on each respective Right within the Term of Four years next after the circumstances of the Present War, will admit of a Settlement with Safety on Penalty of the Forfeiture of Each respective Right or share of Land in said Township not so improved or settled, and the same to revert to the freemen of this State to be by their Representatives Regranted to such persons as shall appear to Settle and Cultivate the same—That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved for the use and Benifit of the Freemen of this State—IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, WE have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed in Council 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1781, and in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the Independence of this State.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Tolman D Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF ELMORE

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF FREEMEN  
OF VERMONT.

L. S.

*To all People, to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:*

KNOW YE, that whereas Colonel Samuel Elmore and his Associates, our worthy Friends, have, by Petition, requested a Grant of a Tract of Land within this State, of six Miles square, in order for settling a new Plantation, to be erected into a Township; WE HAVE THEREFORE THOUGHT FIT, for the due encouragement of their laudable Designs, and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving; AND DO, by these Presents, In the Name, and by the Authority of the Freemen of Vermont, Give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter described, unto him the said Samuel Elmore, and the several Persons hereafter named,

his Associates, viz<sup>t</sup>; (General) Oliver Wolcott, (Colonel) Joseph Plattbock, (Col.) Philip B. Bradley, (Col<sup>o</sup>) Ebenezer Gay, (Col<sup>o</sup>) Increase Moseley, (Col<sup>o</sup>) Jonathan Trumbull, (Col<sup>o</sup>) Stephen S<sup>t</sup> John, (Rev<sup>d</sup>) Cotton Mather Smith, (Rev<sup>d</sup>) David Jewett, (Rev<sup>d</sup>) Elisha Rexford, (Rev<sup>d</sup>) David Ely, (Major) William Hillhouse, (Cap<sup>t</sup>) Eliphalet Lockwood, (Cap<sup>t</sup>) Robert Walker, (Cap<sup>t</sup>) William Satterlee, (Cap<sup>t</sup>) Jabez Gregory, Jedediah Strong (Esq<sup>r</sup>), John Canfield (Esq<sup>r</sup>), Elisha Mills (Esq<sup>r</sup>), Oliver Wolcott Jun<sup>r</sup>, Thaddeus Mead, Stephen S<sup>t</sup> John, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jacob Penoyer, Matthew Marvin, Stephen Lockwood, Ebenezer Lockwood, Daniel Platt, William Lockwood, Elisha Perkins, Elijah Taylor, Thomas Taylor, Nathan Taylor, William Scott, James Olmstead, Fredrick Wolcott, David Gay, Benjamin Ashley, (or *Ackley*) Joseph Leech, David Bolin, Job Gibbs, Martin Elmore Jun<sup>r</sup>, Samuel Elmore Gibbs, Samuel Elmore Jun<sup>r</sup>, Samuel Elmore Everett, Edward Gray, John Clement, Mary Gray, Elijah Austin, Archibald Austin, Mahabel Austin, Horace Austin, Desire Dibble, David Burrell, William Walker, Charles Dibble, Moses Wood, Sylvia Morgan, William Maltbey, Katey Maltbey, Moses Hubbard, Caleb Culver, Samuel Brown (Esq<sup>r</sup>) Jahleel Woodbridge (Esq<sup>r</sup>), and Erastus Sergeant; which, together with the Five following Rights, reserved to the several Uses in manner following, include the whole of said Township, viz<sup>t</sup>; one Right for the Use of a Seminary or Colledge; one Right for the Use of County Grammar Schools in said State; Lands, to the amount of one Right, to be and remain for the purpose of Settlement of a Minister and Ministers of the Gospel in said Township forever; Lands, to the amount of one Right, for the support of the social worship of God in said Township; and, Lands to the amount of one Right, for the Use and support of an English School or Schools in said Township. Which said two Rights, for the use of a Seminary or Colledge, and for the use of County Grammar Schools as aforesaid; and the Improvements, Rents, Interests, & Profits arising therefrom, shall be under the Controul, Order, Direction, and Disposal of the General Assembly of said State forever. And the Proprietors of said Township are hereby authorised and empowered, to locate said two Rights, justly and equitably, or quantity for quality, in such parts of said Township as they or their Committee shall judge will least incommode the general Settlement of said Tract or Township. And the said Proprietors are hereby further empowered, to locate the Lands aforesaid, amounting to Three Rights, assigned for the Settlement of a Minister and Ministers—for their Support—and for the Use and Support of English Schools, in such, and in so many places as they or their Committee shall judge will best accommodate the Inhabitants of said Township, when the same shall be fully settled and improved; laying the same equitably, or quantity for quality. Which said Lands, amounting to the three last mentioned Rights, when located as aforesaid, shall, together with their Improvements, Rights, Rents, Profits, Dues & Interests, remain unalienably appropriated for the Uses and Purposes for which they are respectively assigned, and be under the Charge,



Direction & Disposal of the Inhabitants of said Township forever. Which Tract of Land, hereby given and Granted as aforesaid, is bounded and described as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>; “*BEGINNING at the Northeasterly Corner of Worcester, then Westerly in the Line of Worcester, about Six Miles to an Angle thereof; then, carrying that Breadth back, North 36° East so far that to extend a Line North 54° West across said Breadth, will encompass the Contents of six Miles square.*” And that the same be, and hereby is incorporated into a Township, by the Name of ELMORE. And the Inhabitants that do, or shall hereafter inhabit said Township, are declared to be enfranchised, & entitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State do, and ought, by the Laws and Constitution of this State, to exercise and enjoy. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Granted Premises, as above expressed, with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining, unto them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions and Reservations, viz<sup>t</sup>; That each Proprietor of the Township of Elmore aforesaid, his Heirs or Assigns, shall plant and cultivate Five Acres of Land, and build an House at least Eighteen Feet square on the Floor, or have one Family settled, on each respective Right, within the Term of Three Years, next after the circumstances of the present War will admit of a Settlement with Safety: On penalty of the Forfeiture of each Right of Land in said Township not so improved or settled, and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be, by their Representatives, regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle and cultivate the same. That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy, be reserved for the Use and Benefit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand, and caused the Seal of this State to be affixed, in Council, this Twenty-first Day of August A: D. 1781. And in the 5<sup>th</sup> Year of our Independence.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency's Command.  
Tho. Tolman Dep<sup>y</sup> Secr<sup>y</sup>.

## CHARTER OF ENOSBURGH

State of Vermont THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FREEMEN OF VERMONT

L. S.

To all People to whom these Presents shall come GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas it has [been] represented to us by our Worthy friend ROGER ENOS and his associates, that there is a Certain tract of Vacant Land within this State which has not been heretofore

Granted they pray may be granted to them—We have therefore thot. fit for the due encouragement of settling a new plantation within this State and other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, And Do by these presents in the name and by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont Give and Grant unto the said Roger Enos and the Several persons hereafter Named his associates, Viz. John Chenavard, Samuel Lyman, Fenn Wadsworth, George Morrills, Charles Hopkins, Noah Barber, Thomas Hayden, Sylvannus Filley, William Woolcott, Joel Lummus, David Bull, Benjamin Isham, Sylvannus Griswould, Stephen Kyes, Ozias Bissel, Noah Griswould, David Bissel, Nathaniel\* Griswould, Isaac Pinney, James Hooker, George Griswould, Samuel Blagden, Seth Smith, Thomas Goodman, John Macay, Benjamin Talmage, Christopher Leffingwell, William Leffingwell, Jeremiah Halsey, Benjamin Brewster, John Avery, Peleg Hyde, Asa Waterman, Esquire Allen, Jedediah Hyde, Amasa Jones, Ephraphus Jones, Richard L. Jones, Moses Goodman, Christopher Wolcott, Nathan Gallop, Benjamin Griswould, Friend Griswould, Timothy Seymour Ju<sup>r</sup>, Eleazer Wales, Thomas Chittenden, Moses Robinson, Ira Allen, Joseph Fay, John Fassett, Stephen Fay, Samuel Robinson, Simion Hatheway, Stephen Fay Ju<sup>r</sup>, Shadrach Hatheway, David Fay, Roswell Hopkins Ju<sup>r</sup>, Elisha Church, and Joseph Barnes. Together with five equal shares to be appropriated to public uses as follows, viz, one share for the use and Support of a Simenary or Colledge within this State, one share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel to be disposed of for that purpose as the Town shall direct—one share for the use and Support of the Ministry, one share for the Support of the County Grammer Schools throughout this State and one share for the use and Support of a School or Schools within said Town, The following tract or parcel of Land lying and being within this State discribed and bounded as follows viz; *BEGINING at the Southwesterly Corner of the Township of Barkshire Then East in the south line of Barkshire six miles—Then southerly on Such point as to gain six miles on a Parpendicular from the south line of said Barkshire—Then west Parallel with said South line of Barkshire to the easterly line of the Land heretofore Granted by New Hampshire—Then Northerly in such line to the bounds began at, will contain the Contents of Six Miles Square and no more—*And that the same be and is hereby Incorporated into a Township by the Name of ENOSBURGH, and the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township are Declared to be Infranchised and Intitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within this State do by Law exercise and Enjoy.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Granted and discribed tract of Land as above expressed with all the priviledges and appurtenences to them and their respective heirs and assigns forever on the following conditions

\*Secretary of States Office, Nov<sup>r</sup>. 10th 1802. I hereby certify that on comparing this record, with the original Charter of Enosburgh, I found the Name of "Nathan Griswould" on the copy, instead of "Nathaniel Griswould" in the original, which error I have this day rectified—Att. Dav<sup>d</sup>. Wing Jun<sup>r</sup>., Sec<sup>y</sup>.

IMPRIMIS and reservations, viz. That each proprietor of the Township of ENOSBURGH his heirs or assigns shall plant and Cultivate five acres of Land, and build a house at [least] Eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one family settled on Each respective right or share of Land in said Township, within the term of four years next after the circumstances of the War will admit of Settlement with Safety, on penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or share of Land in said Town and the same to revert to the freemen of this State to be by their representatives regranted to Such persons as shall appear to Settle and Cultivate the Same—

SECUNDO That all Pine and Oak Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved to the use and Benefit of the Freemen of this State.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1780 and the fourth year of the INDEPENDENCE of this and the United States of America.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

Joseph Fay, Sec<sup>y</sup>

Note.—This Charter from Vol. I, [Ms.] Vermont Charters, pp. 16-18, is again recorded without substantial change on pp. 16 and 17 of "Vol. II" [Ms.] Vermont Charters.

### [ENOSBURGH GORE]

The Charter of a Gore of Land to STEPHEN HOUSE and AMOS FASSETT, Esquires:—

THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

L. S.

*To all people, to whom these presents shall come, GREETING:*

WHEREAS the legislature of the State of Vermont, at their session holden at Burlington, on the tenth day of November A. D. 1802, were pleased to pass an Act entitled "An Act establishing the lines of the towns of Berkshire, Enosburgh, Richford Montgomery, Jay and Westfield, and directing the sale of a Gore of Land between Enosburg and Montgomery, Berkshire and Richford" in, and by which Act, among other things, it is enacted in the words following, to wit "that James Whitelaw, esquire, the Surveyor General, be, and he is hereby appointed, a Commissioner with full power, to ascertain the quantity of lands, contained in the aforesaid Gore of Land, and to hear and decide on the claims of the settlers on said Gore, proprietors of the said towns of Enosburgh and Berkshire, and of all other persons, and shall make sale thereof, to such person or persons, and for such sum or sums, as he shall think just and equitable; and make return thereof to the Governor of this

State; who is hereby requested, on being Certified that the purchase Money is paid, or secured to be paid to the Treasurer of this State, to issue a Charter to such person or persons as may become purchasers as aforesaid; Conveying all the Right this State may have to the aforesaid lands." And WHEREAS the said James Whitelaw, on the twenty ninth day of September, A. D. 1803 in pursuance of the Act aforesaid did make Sale to Stephen House and Amos Fassett, of Enosburgh, in the County of Franklin, and state aforesaid, of that part of said Gore, which lyeth between Enosburgh and Montgomery, containing, Three Thousand nine hundred and sixteen Acres of Land, statute measure, and bounded as followeth, to wit, BEGINNING at the North east Corner of Enosburgh, being a large Hemlock tree marked "BERKSHIRE ENOSBURGH—1803" Thence South eighty two degrees East, eighty one Chains and fifty nine Links to a stake formerly marked for the South east Corner of Berkshire; Thence South to the North west corner of Montgomery; Thence South five degrees West in the line of Montgomery, to the Northeast Corner of Knights Gore, now a part of Bakersfield; Thence North, eighty two degrees West eighty one Chains and fifty nine links; Thence North five degrees East four hundred and eighty Chains, and sixty seven links to the first bound." And the Treasurer of this State having certified to me that the purchase Money, for and in consideration of the sale aforesaid, hath been duly paid, by the said Stephen and Amos, into the Treasury of this State. NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE, that I ISAAC TICHENOR, Governor, within and over said State, and in the name and by the Authority of the same, and in pursuance of, and by virtue of the Act aforesaid, do by these presents, Give and Grant unto the said Stephen House and Amos Fassett, esquires, and to their Heirs and Assignees, all the right, title and interest, which the said State of Vermont, hath in and unto that tract, or Gore of land, situate and being between Enosburgh and Montgomery aforesaid; *Containing Three Thousand nine hundred & sixteen Acres of Land Statute measure*, which said tract or Gore of Land was sold to the said Stephen and Amos, by the said James White aw, by virtue, and in pursuance of the Act aforesaid. TO HAVE & TO HOLD, the above described and granted premises, unto the said Stephen House and Amos Fassett, and to their Heirs and Assignees, according to the true intent and meaning of the Act, directing the Sale, as aforesaid.

IN TESTIMONY whereof, I have caused these letters to be made patent, and the Seal of our State, to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at Westminster, this ninth day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and three; and of the Independence of the United States, the twenty eighth.

ISAAC TICHENOR.

By his Excellency's Command.

Dav<sup>d</sup>. Wing Jun<sup>r</sup>. Sec<sup>y</sup>. of State.

Recorded February 1, 1804

Att. Dav. Wing Jun<sup>r</sup>. Sec<sup>y</sup>.

## THE CHARTER OF FAIRHAVEN

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

L. S.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING,

KNOW YE that whereas. CAPT<sup>n</sup> EBENEZER ALLEN, and his associates our worthy friends have by Petition requested a grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State in order for settling a New plantation to be erected into a Township. We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their Laudable design and for the further Valuable consideration of the sum of £6,930, Continental Currency, The receipt whereof is acknowledged, And do by these Presents in the name & by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of VERMONT give and Grant unto him the said Ebenezer Allen, and to the Several Persons hereafter Named his associates the Tract of Land hereafter described and bounded, viz<sup>t</sup>. Isaac Clark, Samuel Herrick, George Toot, Jesse Belknap, John Grant, Oliver Cleveland, John Smith, Gilbert Malery, Aron Adams, James Brokings, Elisha Hammlton, William Seymour, Daniel Owen, Stephen Pearl, John Howe, Benjamin Cutler, Derick Carner, Isaac Knap, Ira Allen, Elisha Baker, Nathaniel Smith, Joseph Averiss, Lemuel Roberts, Jonas Galusha, Zadock Averiss, Noah Allen, Matthew Lyon, Ebenezer Frisbe, Lemuel Payne, Joseph Havens, William Williams, Ezra Allen, Ralph Watson, Stephen Mead, Stephen Fay, John Payne Ju<sup>r</sup> Nathan Allen, Stephen Rice, Asa Joiner, Samuel Allen, Jacob Ruback, Philip Priest, John Fassett Jr. Nathan Clark, Eleazer Dudley, Elisha Ashley, Stephen R. Bradley, Jesse Sawyer, William Ashley, Oliver Sanford, Asa Dudley, Solomon Wilder, Israel Trowbridge, Elisha Clark 2<sup>d</sup>, Elijah Galusha, William Stewart, Cephas Smith, Samuel Jaram, Josiah Grant, Andrew Carner, Robert Clark, Thomas Chittenden, Solomon Lathrop, Hope Lathrop, Thomas Ashley, Benjamin Richardson, Jonathan Brooks, Thomas Taylor, David Wheeler, Giles Pettibone, Noah Smith, John Hamilton, Samuel Kent, Israel Smith, Elizabeth Chittenden, & Benjamin Averist; Together with five equal Shares to be appropriated to public uses as follows viz<sup>t</sup>. one Share for the use of a Seminary or College within this State, one Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel in said Town to be disposed of for that purpose as the Inhabitents thereof shall direct, One Share for the Benifit and Support of the Ministry, one Share for the use of County Grammar Schools throughout this State, & one Share for the Benifit of a School or Schools within said Town, Which Tract of Land hereby given and Granted as aforesaid, is bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup>. BEGINNING at a Stake on The Eaast side of Lake Champlain 45 Rods North of a Certain Cold Spring on the shore of said Lake about 200 Rods above a certain place known by the name of the Narrows, from thence East 10 D<sup>o</sup> south Eight Miles & 26 Rods to a Stake & Stones in the west Line of Castleton, Then

*South 10 D° West in the lines of said Castleton and Poultney Eight Miles, and 238 Rods to a Beach Tree in the west line of Poultney where the line Crosses Poultney River, Then down said River at low water Mark, on the Northeast side to East Bay; Then down on the Northerly side of said Bay to Lake Champlain, Then down S<sup>d</sup> Lake to the first Mentioned Bounds; And that the same be and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the name of FAIRHAVEN, and the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter Inhabit said Township are declared to be Infranchised and entitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitents of other Towns within this State do & ought by the Laws and Constitution of this State to Exercise and Enjoy.*

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said Granted Premises, as above Expressed with all the Priviledges and appurtenences thereto belonging and appertaining unto them and their respective Heirs and assigns forever upon the following Conditions and reservations Viz<sup>t</sup> That Each Proprietors in the Township of Fairhaven, aforesaid his Heirs or assigns, Shall plant and Cultivate Ten acres of Land & build an House at least Eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one Family Settled on Each respective right or share of Land in (the Township) within the Term of Four years next after the Circumstances of the Present War between Great Britain & America, will admit of a Settlement with Safety, on penalty of the Forfeiture of of his right or share in said Township, & the same to revert to the freemen of this State, to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to Settle & cultivate the same, That all Pine Timber suitable for Mast & Spars of a Navy be reserved for the use and benifit of the freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof WE have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed in Council this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October AD. 1779. & in the 2<sup>d</sup> year of the Independence of this State.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF FAYSTON

THE GOVERNOR COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas our worthy friend COL<sup>o</sup> EBENEZER WALBRIDGE and his associates has by petition requested a grant of a tract of unlocated Lands within this State for the purpose of settling a new

plantation to be erected into a Township, We have therefore thought fit, for the due encouragement of their laudable designs & for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, AND do by these presents in the name & by the authority of the freemen of the STATE OF VERMONT give & grant the tract of Land hereafter described & bounded unto the said EBENEZER WALBRIDGE & his associates in equal shares as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>. Nathaniel Lawrence, Amos Huntington & Amos Huntington Jun<sup>r</sup> Ithamer Brooking, Thomas Ashley, Elijah Branch, Josiah Lawrence Ju<sup>r</sup> Dainiel Beeman, Ephraim Smith, Peter Wright, John Wright Abel Prescott, Christopher Dutcher, Rev<sup>d</sup> Daniel Farrand, William Henry Kingman, Philo Nichols, Caleb Nichols, Mathew Meed, Samuel Safford Esq<sup>r</sup>. Thadeus Gilbert, James Whelpley, Nathan Middlebrooks, Samuel Middlebrooks, John S<sup>t</sup> John, James Sellick, Benjamin Bingham, Joseph Kingman, Elkanah Ashley, Daniel Sherman, Ebenezer Witson, Isaac Webb, Daniel Nichols, Zebediah Dewey, Jeremiah Rust, Ebenezer Drewry, Nehemiah Hopkins, Moses Robinson Esq<sup>r</sup> Reuben Thomas, James Everets, Thomas Porter Esq<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Cobb, Eliphalet Smith, William Smith, Joshua Smith, Joshua Stanton, Samuel Benton, Chandler Robins, Isaac Stewart, Elijah Nothrop, Isaac Maine, James Fletcher, John Strong Esq<sup>r</sup>, Simeon Smith, Beulah Galusha, Benjamin Strong Comstock, James Olmsted, James Waterous, Solomon Lee, Elijah Stanton, Eli Cogswell, Asal Beebe, Daniel Adams, John S<sup>t</sup>Johns & Samuel Comstock, Together with five public rights to be appropriated to the following public uses Viz<sup>t</sup> One equal right or share for the use & benefit of a seminary or College within this State; One right for the use of county grammar Schools, throughout this State; One right for the use & benefit of the first settled Minister of the Gospel in said Township forever; One right for the use of the Ministry to be improved for that purpose as the inhabitants of said Town shall from time to time agree, also one right for the benefit and support of an English school or schools in said Township; Which Tract of Land hereby given & granted as aforesaid is bounded & described as follows viz<sup>t</sup>. BEGINNING at the south-easterly corner of Starksborough at a beach tree marked Starksborough corner May 16 1786 & running North 26° East Eight miles & one half to a spruce tree in the south line of Duxbury Marked June 20 1787 then south 56° & 39 Minutes East in the southerly line of s<sup>d</sup> Duxbury 434 Chains & 78 Links to a stake & Stones being the southeasterly corner thereof, Thence south 41° West Six miles 67 Chains & 40 Links to a beach tree marked June 17<sup>th</sup> 1787, Then north sixty one degrees west to the easterly line of Lincoln. Then north 26 chains & 70 Links in said line to the northeasterly corner thereof, then West in the north line of said Lincoln three Miles to the first mentioned bounds, containing twenty three thousand & forty Acres.

AND THAT the same be & hereby is incorporated into a township by the name of FAYSTON and the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised & entitled to all the privileges & immunities that other Towns within this State do by Law exercise & enjoy.

TO HAVE & TO HOLD the s<sup>d</sup> granted premises as above expressed with all the privileges & appurtenances thereto belonging & appertaining to them & their respective Heirs and assigns forever, upon the following conditions & Reservations Viz<sup>t</sup>. that each proprietor of the Township of FAYSTON aforesaid his heirs or assigns shall plant & cultivate five Acres of Land & build a house at least eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one family settled on each respective right or share of Land in said Township, within the time limited by Law on penalty of the forfeiture of each right or share of Land not so settled & improved as aforesaid & the same to revert to the freemen of this State to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle & cultivate the same. IN TESTIMONY whereof we have hereunto caused the Seal of this State to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of Feb<sup>y</sup>. AD 1782.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By his Excellency<sup>s</sup> command.  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF FLETCHER

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

L. S.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE, that, WHEREAS, THE HONORABLE, MOSES ROBINSON, JONAS FAY. & JOHN FASSET Jun<sup>r</sup> Esquires, & Major JOSEPH TYLER. & their associates, our Worthy Friends, have by Petition requested a grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State in order for settling a New Plantation, to be Erected into a Township, We Have therefore Thought Fit for the due encouragement of their Laudable designs, & for other Valuable considerations us hereunto Moving, And do by these Presents in the name & by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, Give & Grant, the Tract of Land hereafter discribed & bounded unto them the said Moses Robinson, Jonas Fay, John Fasset Ju<sup>r</sup> & Joseph Tyler, and to the Several Persons hereafter named their associates in equal Shares, viz<sup>t</sup> John Fasset, Jonathan Knight, Nathaniel Brush, Asa Hutchinson, Ruggles Spooner, Isaac Nash, Levi Nash, Amos Hale, Bayley Rawson, Benjamin Carpenter, David Thurber, Stephen Kinsley, Jeremiah Clark, Elijah Dewey, Samuel Safford, Frederick Smith, Hezekiah Armstrong, Paul Spooner, Samuel Fletcher, James Fletcher, Squier Hazelton Fletcher, Daniel Martin, Silas Robinson, Josiah Fish, Elisha Gore, John W. Dana, Ezekiel Smith, Leonard Robinson, Joseph Safford, Moses Robinson Jun<sup>r</sup>, Asahel Billings, Jesse Field, Rev<sup>d</sup> David



Avery, Thomas Brown Ju<sup>r</sup>, Reuben Sacket, Samuel Robinson, the Second, Benjamin Fay, Amos Fassett, Benjamin Fasset, Jacob Hind, Samuel Underwood—Rufus Montague, Benjamin Bartlet, James Gamble, Ira Allen, Amos P. Sherman, Matthew Lyon, Ebenezer Bartlet, Jonas Galusha, Ezra Fellows, David Fasset, Sabra Fasset, Simeon Hatheway Ju<sup>r</sup>, Elijah Boardman, James Thompson, Calvin Manly, Nathaniel Montague, Calvin Bingham, Joseph Hinsdill, Stephen House, Joseph House. Which Together with the five following Rights reserved to the Several Public uses in manner following include the whole of said Township viz<sup>t</sup> (READ) Which Tract of Land hereby given & granted as aforesaid. is bounded & discribed as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>, BEGINNING, *at the south-westerly corner of Cambridge which is the south Easterly Corner of Fairfax, Then Northerly in the Easterly line of said Fairfax to the Northeasterly Corner thereof, Then Easterly extending in the Same direction with the Line between Fairfax and Fairfield so far that to turn southerly on a Right angle to the Northerly line of Cambridge, then Westerly in the line of Cambridge to an angle thereof, Then southerly in the Line of Cambridge to the Bounds began at, will contain the Contents of six miles Square & no more.* AND that the same be & hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of FLETCHER. and the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter, inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised and intituled to all the Priviledges and immunities that the Inhabitents of other Towns within this State do & ought by the Laws & Constitution of said State to exercise and enjoy. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Granted Premises as above expressed, with all the Priviledges & appurtenences thereof, unto them & their respective Heirs & assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, & reservations viz<sup>t</sup>. That each Proprietor in the Township of Fletcher aforesaid his Heirs or assigns shall Plant and cultivate Five acres of Land, & build an House at Least Eighteen feet square on the Floor, or Have one Family settled on each respective Right within the Term of three years next after the circumstances of the Present War will admit of a Settlement with Safety, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of each respective Right or share of Land in said Township not so improved or settled, & the same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to Settle & cultivate the Same, That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved for the use and benifit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY, whereof We have caused the seal of this State to be affixed in Council this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of August in the year of our Lord 1781, and in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of our Independence.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command.  
Thomas Tolman  
D. Sec<sup>y</sup>.

READ

*the Charter of Ripton which is in the same words with this for disposing of the five Public Rights*

## THE CHARTER OF GLOVER

THE GOVERNOR COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas General John Glover and his associates have by Petition requested a grant of unappropriated Lands within this State for the purpose of settling a new plantation to be erected into a Township We have therefore thought fit for the Due encouragement of their Laudable Design and for other Valuable considerations us hereunto moving Do by these Presents in the name and by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont Give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter Discribed and Bounded unto the said Gen, John Glover and the several persons hereafter named his associates in equal Shares Viz John Patterson, Ezra Fellows, John Fellows Jun, Charles Goodrich, Azeriah Egleston, Nathan Dix, Benjamin Keys, Andrew English, John Graton, Joseph Vose, Elijah Vose, Michael Jackson, Henry Jackson, Abner Howard, Simeon Lord, Ebenezer Smith, Ebenezer Smith the second John Trotter Rothem Mitchel, Amos Harding, Nathaniel Little, John Grace, Thomas Cushing, Ebenezer Beeman, Isaac Tichener, Stephen Camp, William Sloan, Aaron Sanford Hezekiah Sanford, William Sanford, William Douglas Benjamin Douglas, William Douglas Jun, Zalmon Sanford Jun, Amos Douglas Eli Douglas Joseph Levens John Douglas, Walter Sloan Enos Parker George Foot Alvir Foot, Francis Davis Thomas Porter, Zacheriah Porter, Benjamin Ashburn Walter Dean Stergin Sloan Samuel Sloan Alexander Sloan John Low, Samuel Safford Samuel Safford Jun, John Safford Nathan Fay Frederick Hopkins Mary Safford John Fellows John Strong Seth Stoon Adonijah Strong John Bates Strong & John Strong Jun together with five public Rights to be appropriated to the following uses Viz One Right for the use & Benifit of a College within this State One Right for the use & Benifit of the County Grammar Schools throughout this State One Right for the first settled minister of the Gospel in said Township forever One Right for the support of the ministry in said Town to be Disposed of for that use as the Inhabitants shall from time to time agree also One Right for the use and Benifit of an English School or Schools in said Township which Tract of Land is hereby given and Granted as aforesaid Bounded and Described as follows Viz BEGINNING at a great Birch Tree marked Greensborough Corner May the 29 1786 Sheffield Sep<sup>r</sup> 24, 1788 being the North east Corner of Greensborough and Running north 54 Degrees West six miles in the Northerly Line of said Greensborough to a beach Tree being the Northwesterly Corner thereof then North thirty six Degrees East six miles then South 54 Degrees east six miles Then South 36 Degrees West six miles to the Bounds began at Containing 23,040 Acres And that the same be & hereby is incorporated into a Township by the

name of GLOVER and the Inhabitants that Do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are Declared to be infranchised and entitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within this State Do by Law exercise and enjoy——

To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises as above expressed with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereunto belonging and appertaining to them and to their Respective Heirs and assigns forever upon the following CONDITIONS AND RESERVATIONS Viz that each proprietor of the Township of Glover aforesaid his Heirs and assigns shall plant and Cultivate five acres of Land and Build a House at least eighteen feet square on the floor Or have one Family settled on each Right or Respective share of Land in said Township agreeable to the time Limited by Law or to be hereafter Limited and prescribed On penalty of the forfeiture of each Respective Right or Share of Land not improved and settled as aforesaid and the same to Revert to the Freemen of this State to be by their Representatives Regranted to such Persons as shall appear to settle and Cultivate the Same IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the SEAL of this STATE to be hereunto affixed in Council the 20 Day of November AD 1783—

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency's Command  
Joseph Fay Secy.

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[\*CHARTER OF GOSHEN]

THE GOVERNOR & COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT

*To all People to whom these presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas our worthy friends Capt, John Powell William Douglas and Company to the Number of Sixty five have by Petition requested a grant of a Township of Unappropriated Lands for Cultivation and settlement we have therefore thought fit for the Due encouragement of their Laudable Designs and for other Valuable Causes and Considerations us hereunto Moving Do by these presents in the Name & by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont hereby Give and Grant unto the said John Powell William Douglas and their Associates the Tract of Land hereafter Bounded and Described Viz

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\*This charter, recorded pp. 342-345 of Vol. I [M.S.] Vermont Charters, does not define bounds of the lands granted. See later charter on pages immediately following this charter.

Robert Mason Samuel Benton William Gould Elkanah Tisdale Stephen Rice the 2<sup>d</sup> Ichabod Bosworth Joshua Chaplin Bozworth Josiah Keep, Jonathan Finy Stephen Stimson Jun. Hope Lathrop Jeremiah Stimson Ichabod Lathrop Horris Lathrop Elijah Right Jun. Daniel Jones John Barron Absolum Peters Abel Stone Elijah Beeman Jehiel Smith Joshua Stevinson Mark Stevinson Ephraim Danforth Ebenezer Pitcher John Strong John Ripley Samuel Elmore William Blodgett Isaac Lewis Eliphalett Lockwood Samuel Middlebrooks William Ross Charles Goodrich Elnathan Marvin Abraham J, Lansingh Abraham L, Lansingh Robert Walker Esquire Amos Fuller Isaac Olmsted Isaac Stewart David Andrews George Clark Eldad Dewey Thomas Palmer John Cowles Samuel Sloan David Johnson Nathaniel Gardner William Douglas Jun. Asa Douglas Jun. Ezra Fellows Simeon Gardner George Sloan Peter Harwood Solomon Cogswell Jarus Palmer John Douglas Orlando Bridgman George Foot Samuel Safford Eli Douglas & Stephen Stimson which together with five equal rights or Shares reserved for Public uses in manner following Containing the whole of said Township Viz one whole right for the use of the first settled Minister of the Gospel in said Township one right for the support of the Ministry in said Town one right for the Benifit of a College within this State one right for the support of County Grammar Schools throughout this State & one right for the support of an english school or schools within said Town—  
Bounded and Described as follows Viz BEGINNING AT

And that the same be and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of GOSHEN and the Inhabitants that Do or shall hereafter

Inhabit said Township are Intitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State Do by Law exercise and enjoy—

TO AND TO HOLD the said Granted premises as above expressed with all the priviledges and Appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the aforesaid proprietors their Heirs and Assigns forever Upon the following Conditions & Reservations Viz that each proprietor of the Township of Goshen aforesaid their Heirs and or Assigns shall plant and Cultivate five Acres of Land or build a House at Least Eighteen feet square Upon the floor or have one family settled on each Respective Right or Share of Land in said Township within the Term of four years from the time the out Lines of said Township are surveyed on Penalty of the forfeiture of each respective right or Share of Land not so settled and improved as aforesaid and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State to be by their Representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle and Cultivate the same.—

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused The Seal of this STATE to be hereunto affixed in Council this 2 Day of February Anno Domini 1792 & in the sixteenth year of our Independence

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellencys Command  
Joseph Fay Secretary

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## CHARTER OF GOSHEN

THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE  
OF VERMONT

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE, that whereas our worthy friends, Captain John Powell, William Douglass and Company to the number of sixty five, have, by petition, requested a grant of a township of unappropriated lands, for cultivation and settlement. We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs, and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, and do by these presents, in the name and by the Authority of the state of Vermont, hereby give and grant unto the said John Powell, William Douglass, and their associates Robert Mason, Samuel Benton, William Gould, Elkanah Tisdale Stephen Rice 2<sup>d</sup>, Ichabod Bosworth, Joshua C. Bosworth, Josiah Keep, Jonathan Ferry, Stephen Stimpson Jun<sup>r</sup>, Hope Lathrop, Jeremiah

Stimpson, Ichabod Lathrop, Horace Lathrop, Elijah Wright Jun<sup>r</sup>, Daniel Jones, John Barron, Absalom Peters, Abel Stone, Elijah Beman, Jehiel Smith, Joshua Stevenson, Mark Stevenson, Ephraim Danforth, Ebenezer Pitcher John Strong, John Ripley, Samuel Elmore, William Blodget, Isaac Lewis, Eliphalet Lockwood, Samuel Middlebrook, William Ross, Charles Goodrich, Elnathan Merwin, Abraham L. Lansing, Robert Walker Esq<sup>r</sup>, Amos Fuller, Isaac Olmstead Isaac Stewart, David Andrus, George Clark, Eldad Dewey, Thomas Palmer, John Douglas, Orlando Bridgman, John Cowles Samuel Sloan, David Johnson, Nathaniel Gardner, William Douglass Jun<sup>r</sup>, Asa Douglass Jun<sup>r</sup>, Ezra Fellows, Simeon Gardner, George Sloan, Peter Harwood, Solomon Coggswell, Jairus Palmer, George Foot, Samuel Safford, Eli Douglass, Abraham J. Lansing, and Stephen Stimpson, the tracts of land hereafter bounded and described, to wit, A tract "BEGINNING at the southeasterly corner of Salisbury, and running north 9<sup>d</sup> east six miles and 16 chains, in the easterly line of said Salisbury, to the northeast corner thereof, thence south 81<sup>d</sup> East in the southerly line of Ripton to the westerly line of Hancock, thence south 33<sup>d</sup> west in the westerly line of said Hancock, to the southwest corner thereof, thence easterly in the south line of Hancock to the point where said line intersects the north line of Philadelphia, thence westerly in the northerly line of Philadelphia, to the northwesterly corner thereof, thence northerly in the east line of Leicester to the bound began at," containing about thirteen thousand acres. And another tract BEGINNING at a stake 8 links east from a beach tree marked "Walden corner 1786," and running north 54<sup>d</sup> west in the north line of Walden, six miles to the northwesterly corner thereof, being a fir tree marked N<sup>o</sup> 24 Greensborough, corner 1786, thence north 36<sup>d</sup> east two miles 33 chains and 78 links in the easterly line of Greensboro', to a little beach tree marked "Wheelock corner July 17<sup>l</sup>, 1788," thence south 43<sup>d</sup> 8" east six miles and 4 chains in the southerly line of Wheelock to a spruce tree, marked for the northwesterly corner of Danville, then south 36<sup>d</sup> west one mile and 32 chains, in the west line of Danville to the bound began at, containing seven thousand 339 acres. And another tract, BEGINNING at a spruce tree in a swamp, in the north line of Orange marked "I W corner 1788." and running north 36<sup>d</sup> East three miles and seventeen chains, to a beach tree in the south line of Marshfield marked "St. Andrews corner August 12<sup>h</sup> 1788." then south 54<sup>d</sup> east one mile 32 chains, and 67 links to a little spruce, 17 links northeast from a beech tree marked "part of Goshen Aug. 13<sup>h</sup> 1788 [""] thence south 36<sup>d</sup> west three Miles & 5 chains to a Spruce tree in the North line of Orange marked part of Goshen 1788. then North 57<sup>d</sup> West in said North line of Orange to the bound begun at containing Two thousand eight hundred & twenty eight acres in which tracts of land there are hereby reserved for publick uses Five equal Rights or shares as follows. One whole Right or Share for the use of the first settled Minister of the Gospel in said township, One Right for the support of the ministry in said town, One Right for the benefit of a Colledge within this State, One Right for the support of County Grammar Schools thro'out this State, & One Right for the support of an

English school or schools within said town. And the said tracts of land are hereby incorporated into a township by the name of GOSHEN and the inhabitants who do or shall hereafter inhabit the said township are entitled to all the privileges & immunities which the inhabitants of other towns within this State do by Law exercise & enjoy.

To HAVE & TO HOLD the said granted premises as above expressed with all the privileges & appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the aforesaid Proprietors their heirs & assigns forever, upon the following condition, to wit that each Proprietor of the town of Goshen aforesaid, their heirs or assigns shall plant & cultivate Five acres of land & build an house at least eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one family settled on each respective Right or share of land in said township within the term prescribed by the laws of this State on penalty of the forfeiture of each Right or share of land not so settled & cultivated and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State to be by their Representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle & cultivate the same.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the seal of this State to be affixed in Council at the City of Vergennes this first day of November Anno Domini Onthousand Seven hundred & Ninety eight.

ISAAC TICHENOR

By his Excellency's command

Ros. Hopkins Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Recorded Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1798

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Ros. Hopkins Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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Note. The foregoing charter is recorded on pp. 355, 356, 357 of Vol. 1 [Ms.] Vermont Charters. An earlier charter, which does not define bounds of lands granted, is printed on pages immediately preceding this copy.

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## THE CHARTER OF GREENSBORO

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

L. S.

*To all People, to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:*

KNOW YE, that whereas Harris Colt Esquire, and his Associates, our worthy Friends, have, by Petition requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State, in order for settling a New Plantation thereon, to be erected into a Township: WE HAVE THEREFORE THOUGHT FIT, for the due encouragement of their laudable Designs, and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving; AND DO, by

these Presents, in the Name, and by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, Give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter more fully described and bounded, unto him, the said Harris Colt, and to the several Persons hereafter named, his s<sup>d</sup> Associates, in equal Rights or Shares, viz<sup>t</sup>: Timothy Green, Timothy Green Jun<sup>r</sup>, David Jewett, Guy Richards, Edward Hollam, John Hollam, David Hillhouse, Joseph Chester, Jonathan Deming, Julius Deming, John Biggelow, Joseph Colt, Elisha Ely, Adriel Ely, Jabez Stow, Samuel Field, Zebulon Jones, Samuel Spencer, Peleg Hill, Dan Platt, Noah Platt, John Hillhouse, Daniel Raymond, Thomas Chittenden, Thomas Tolman, Lois Tolman, Job Seamans, Timothy Stanley, Beriah Brastow, Simon Pettee, Israel Hatch, John Henry Cumpston, Joseph Dagget, Ambrose Hall, Nathan Leonard, Asa Burnham, Susannah Allen, David Galusha, Jonas Galusha, Moses Robinson, Joseph Kellogg, Aaron Robinson, John Mott, Timothy Farrand, Abiathar Waldo, Joshua Burnham, Joshua Allen, James Gamble, Lyman Hitchcock, John Knight, David Robinson, Jonas Fay, Roswell Hopkins, William Williams, John May, Calvin White, Jonathan Kilton, John Lucas, Joseph May, Jedediah Hyde Jun<sup>r</sup>, William Hyde, Elisha Clark, Theodore Sedgwick, Barnabas Morse, Job Harris and Arnold Colt; which, together with the Five following Rights, or equal Shares, reserved to the several public Uses in manner following, include the whole of said Tract or Township, viz<sup>t</sup>: one Right for the use of a Seminary or Colledge; one Right for the use of County Grammar Schools in said State; Lands, to the amount of one Right, to be and remain for the purpose of Settlement of a Minister or Ministers of the Gospel in said Township, forever; Lands, to the amount of one Right, for the support of the social worship of God in said Township; and Lands, to the amount of one Right, for the support of an English School or Schools in said Township. Which said two Rights, for the use of a Seminary, or Colledge; and for the use of County Grammar Schools as aforesaid; and the Improvements, Rents, Interests, and Profits arising therefrom, shall be under the Controul, Order, Direction, & Disposal of the General Assembly of said State forever. And the Proprietors of said Township are hereby authorised and empowered, to locate s<sup>d</sup> two Rights, justly and equitably or quantity for quality, in such parts of said Township as they or their Committee shall judge will least incommode the general Settlement of said Tract or Township. And the said Proprietors are further empowered, to locate the Lands aforesaid, amounting to three Rights, assigned for the Settlement of a Minister or Ministers—for their Support; and for the use and support of English Schools, in such, & in so many places, as they or their Committee shall judge will best accommodate the Inhabitants of said Township, when the same shall be fully settled and improved; laying the same equitably, or quantity for quality. Which s<sup>d</sup> Lands, amounting to the Three Rights last mentioned, when located as aforesaid, shall, together with their Improvements, Rights, Rents, Interests & Profits, remain unalienably appropriated to the Uses and Purposes for which they are re-



spectively assigned, and be under the Charge, Direction and Disposal of the Inhabitants of said Township forever. Which Tract of Land, hereby Given and Granted as aforesaid, is bounded and described as follows, viz: "BEGINNING at the North Easterly Corner of Hardwick; Thence North Fifty four Degrees West, in the Line of Hardwick, six Miles, (N. 54° W. 6 Miles); Thence North Thirty six Degrees East, Six Miles, (N. 36° E. 6 Miles); Then South Fifty four Degrees East, Six Miles, (S. 54° E. 6 Miles); Then South Thirty six Degrees West, Six Miles, (S. 36° W. 6 Miles,) to the Bound began at." And that the same be, and hereby is incorporated into a Township, by the Name of GREENSBOROUGH. And the Inhabitants that do, or shall hereafter inhabit said Township, by virtue of these Presents are declared to be enfranchised, & entitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State do, and ought, by the Laws and Constitution of this State, to exercise and enjoy. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Granted Premises, as above expressed, with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereto belonging or appertaining, unto them and to their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions and Reservations, viz: That each Proprietor in the Township of Greensboro' aforesaid, his Heirs or Assigns, shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land, and build an House, at least Eighteen Feet square on the Floor, or have one Family settled, on each respective Right, within the Term of Three Years, next after the circumstances of the present War will admit of a Settlement with Safety; on penalty of the forfeiture of each respective Right, or Share of Land in said Township, not so improved or settled; and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be, by their Representatives, regranted to such Persons as shall appear, to settle and cultivate the same. That all Pine Timber, suitable for a Navy, be reserved for the use and Benefit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof, We have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed, In Council, this Twentieth Day of August in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand seven Hundred & Eighty one; And in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of our Independence.

By His Excellency's Command.

Tho. Tolman Dep<sup>y</sup>. Secr<sup>y</sup>.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

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## THE CHARTER OF GROTON

THE GOVERNOR COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come GREETING—*

KNOW YE that whereas Lieutenant THOMAS BUTTERFIELD and his Associates have by Petition Requested a Grant of a Tract of Land that is

unappropriated within this State in Order for settling a new Plantation to be erected into a Township WE HAVE therefore thought fit for the Due encouragement of their Laudable Designs and for other Valuable Causes and Considerations us hereunto moving AND Do by these Presents in the name and by the Authority of the Freemen of the STATE OF VERMONT GIVE & GRANT the Tract of Land hereafter Discribed and Bounded unto the said Lief. Thomas Butterfield and the several Persons hereafter named his associates in equal Shares Viz Nathaniel Douglas Jun, Aaron Horsford Joseph Haskel Gideon Spencer Asa Douglas Thomas Tolman Thomas Tolman Jun, Joseph Fairbank John Payne Jun, Elijah King Ebenezer Curtis Ezra Fellows Joshua Stanton Daniel McArthur Benjamin Watsworth John Stewart, Nehemiah Lovewell Nehemiah Lovewell Jun James Whitlaw Elijah Galusha Noah Chittenden Shadrac Hatheway Jedediah Hide Lemuel Bradley Asa Burnham Isaac Andrus Isaac Andrus Jun, Roswel Andrus Ethan Allen Joshua Webb John Sibley John Knickerbacor Leonard Robinson John C, Williams Benjamin Sumner John Sill Samuel Lothrop Samuel Elmer Caleb Smith Thomas Jewitt Hezekiah Hutchinson Jonathan Fassett John Fassett Jun, Samuel Robinson Benjamin Fay Abraham Vandenburg Levinus Vandenburg William Dyre Peter Wright Jonathan Child Nathaniel Tisdale Payne Heber Allen Paul Dewey David Beebe Jun, Eliakim Stoddard Moses Robinson David Fassett David Beebe Robert Johnson Samuel Comstock Jabez Bingham Mary Bingham Mabel Mitchel Ebenezer Wallis Robert Lovewell Sarah Chittenden James Abbott Polly Fay Benjamin Ray Joseph Fay Two rights or equal Eighty one parts John Strong John Taplin Jonathan Arnold Lyman Potter John Johnstone Jun Oliver Ashley, & Jonathan Hunt Thomas Chittenden in Lieu of Ephraim Bailey which together with the five following rights or equal shares reserved to the several public uses in manner following Include the whole of said Tract or Township Viz One right for the use of a Semenary or College one right for the use of County Grammer Schools throughout this State One right for the first settled Minister of the Gospel in said Township forever One right for the support of the Ministry in said Town and one right for the support of an English School or Schools in said Town—Which Tract of Land hereby Given and Granted as aforesaid is bounded and Described as follows Viz *BEGINNING at a Spruce Tree Marked Peacham Corner 1786 being the Southwesterly Corner of said Peacham & running south sixty eight Degrees East six miles in the Southerly Line of Peacham to the Southwesterly Corner thereof which is also the Northwesterly Corner of Rygate being a Beach Stump and Stands Twenty one Links South from a Maple Tree Marked Rygate Northwest Corner 1786 thence Southerly in the Westerly Lines of Rygate and Newbury to the Northeasterly Corner of Topsham Then westerly in the Northerly Lines of Topsham and Orange so far that extending a Strait Line Northardly to the bounds began at will Contain Twenty eight thousand Acres* And that the same be and is hereby Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Grotton & the Inhabitants that Do or shall hereafter

inhabit said Township are Declared to be Infranchised and Intitled to all The Privileges and Immunities which the Inhabitants of other Towns in this State do & ought by the Laws & Constitution thereof to exercise & enjoy—

To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises as above expressed with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or Appertaining unto them and their Respective Heirs and Assigns forever Upon the following Conditions & Reservations Viz that each Proprietor in the Town of Grotton aforesaid his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and Cultivate five Acres of Land and Build an House at Least eighteen feet Square on the floor or have one Family settled on each Respective Right within the Term of three years next after the Bounds of said Township shall be fully Assertained & known on Penalty of the forfeiture of each respective Right or Share of Land in said Township not so Improved or settled and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State to be by their Representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle and Cultivate the same—

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have hereunto Caused the Seal of this State to be Affixed this 20 Day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred & Eighty Nine—

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup>

Command

Joseph Fay Secretary

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

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[CHARTER OF HAMBLETONS GORE] [ALIAS  
HAMILTON'S GORE]

State of Vermont THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FREEMEN OF VERMONT

L. S.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas it has been Represented to us by our Worthy friend Silas Hammilton and associates, that there is a Certain tract of vacant Land within this State which has not been heretofore granted which they pray may be granted to them, We have therefore thot fit for the due encouragement of settling a New plantation within this State, and other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, AND Do by these presents in the Name and by the authority of the freemen of Vermont, give and Grant unto the said Silas Hammilton and the Several persons hereafter Named his associates, viz, Thomas Sterms, John Butler, James Roberts, Abner Moor, James Angel, Charles Dodge, and Eliphalet Hyde;

Bounded as follows, viz, BEGINING at the Southeast of *Wilmington*, and Northeast corner of *Whitingham* at a Beach tree Marked  $\textcircled{P} M$ , thence Bounded on *Wilmington* north eighty degrees west 176 chains and 25 links to a small Maple tree Marked  $\textcircled{P} P. M.$ , Thence south 10 Deg<sup>s</sup> West 171 chains and 25 links to a large Beach tree Marked *M. C.*  $\square$  Thence south eighty deg<sup>s</sup> East 176 chains and 25 links to a Large Hemlock tree on *Halifax* line, Thence Bounded on *Halifax* line North 10 Deg<sup>s</sup> East 171 chains and 25 links to the first Mentioned Bounds containing three thousand acres. AND the said tract of Land is hereby Declared to be joined to the Township of *Whitingham*, and intituled to receive equal priviledges and immunities in connection with said Town, as other corporated Towns within this State do by Law Exercise & enjoy. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Granted premises with every appurtenance and priviledge to them and their respective Heirs & assigns as above discribed to their free and full Enjoyment forever, IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the seal of this State to be afixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March A. D. 1780 and In the third year of the Independence of this State.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Note.—The foregoing charter from page 21, Vol I of [Ms] Vermont Charters is again recorded on page 20 of "Vol II" [Ms] Vermont charters, without substantial change.

## THE CHARTER OF HANCOCK

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF VERMONT.

L. S.

To all People, to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:

KNOW YE, that whereas Messieurs Samuel Willcox, Daniel Kinne, and Josiah Wright, and their Associates, our worthy Friends, have, by Petition, requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Land, within this State, in order for settling a new Plantation, to be erected into a Township: WE HAVE THEREFORE THOUGHT FIT, for the due encouragement of their laudable Designs, and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving: AND DO, by these Presents, in the name, and by the Authority of the Freemen of Vermont, Give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter described and bounded, unto the said Samuel Willcox, Daniel Kinne, Josiah Wright, and their Associates, viz<sup>t</sup>; Jeremiah Cady, Zebulon Norton, Asa Whitcomb, Ezra Norton, Benjamin Sawyer Jun<sup>r</sup>, John Norton, James Goodrich, Josiah Wright Jun<sup>r</sup>, John Wright, Jason Robbins, Joshua Robbins, Enoch Wright, Grove Wright, William

Brattle, James Brattle, Joseph Durkee, Stephen Holt, Abiel Holt, Daniel Kimball, William Martin Jun<sup>r</sup>, Woodbridge Belcher, Warren Cady, John Cady, Ambrose Norton, William Norton, Nathan Chittenden, Dorothy Martin, Nathaniel Rawson, Charles Button, Stephen Morse, Israel Frink, Ephraim Sawyer, Nathan Watkins, Ephraim Sawyer Jun<sup>r</sup>, Josiah Sawyer, John Lessuer, Ebenezer Bacon, Ebenezer Pierce, Stephen Tracy, Jeremiah Smith, Jonathan Smith Jun<sup>r</sup>, Stephen Carpenter, Daniel Morse Jun<sup>r</sup>, Nathaniel Mason, Asa Roper, Samuel Lessuer, Joseph Bennett, William Clark, William Clark Jun<sup>r</sup>, Mark Watkins, Samuel Willcox Jun<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Morey, Daniel Brown, Benjamin Sawyer 2<sup>nd</sup>, Joshua Whitney, Ephraim Whitcomb, Joseph Lessuer, Abraham Norton, Samuel Belcher, Silas Winchester, Andrew Belcher, Eliezur Burnham, Ebenezer Couch, John Barber, Benjamin Sawyer, Jared Smith, Timothy Meach, Russell Kellogg, John Baker, Peabody Kinne, Enoch Clark, Elijah Clark, Nathaniel Wright, Perez Graves, Elnathan Graves, John James, Jacob Kinne, Christopher Minor, Lyman Kinne, Ephraim Minor, David Stoddard, Obadiah Dickenson Jun<sup>r</sup>, Israel Chapin, Henry Champion Jun<sup>r</sup>, Edward Convers, Elisha Brown, Joseph Mason, James Russell, Joel Holton, Wales Cheney, John Norton Jun<sup>r</sup>, Calvin Burt Belcher, Samuel Winchester, Abigail Belcher, Charles Goodrich, Charles Goodrich Jun<sup>r</sup>, Jacob Ward, Josiah Ward, James Barber, Eliphalet Huntington, Seth Minor, Joseph Huntington, Joseph Huntington Jun<sup>r</sup>, Joseph Strong, Noah Edwards, Israel Stoddard, Thomas May, Solomon Stoddard, Luther Johnson, Joshua Johnson, Solomon Stoddard Jun<sup>r</sup>, David Parsons, Obadiah Dickenson, Elihu Dickenson, Solomon Williams, John Stoddard, Epaphoditus Champion, Henry Champion, Elijah Wait, Abel Willcox, James Sims, Elisha White, David Osgood, Ephraim Whitcomb Jun<sup>r</sup>, Levi Pierce, Nathan Norton and Benjamin Winchester, which, together with the Ten following one Hundred and Fortieth Parts of said Land, reserved to the several uses in manner following, include the whole of said Township, viz<sup>t</sup>; Two 140<sup>th</sup> Parts for the use of a Seminary or Colledge; Two 140<sup>th</sup> Parts for the use of County Grammar Schools in said State; Lands, to the amount of Two one Hundred & Fortieth Parts to be and remain for the Purpose of Settlement of a Minister and Ministers of the Gospel in said Township; Lands, to the amount of Two 140<sup>th</sup> Parts for the support of the social worship of GOD in said Township; and Lands, to the amount of Two 140<sup>th</sup> Parts for the support of an English School or Schools in said Township. Which said Four 140<sup>th</sup> Parts, for the use of a Seminary or Colledge; and for the use of County Grammar Schools as aforesaid, and the Improvements, Rents, Interests and Profits arising therefrom, shall be under the Controul, Order, Direction and Disposal of the General Assembly of said State forever: And the Proprietors of said Township are hereby authorised and empowered to locate said Four 140<sup>th</sup> Parts justly and equitably, or Quantity for Quality, in such Parts of said Township as they or their Committee shall judge will least incommode the general Settlement of said Tract or Township. And the said Prop-

rieters are hereby further empowered to locate the Lands aforesaid, amounting to six 140<sup>th</sup> Parts; assigned for the settlement of a Minister and Ministers,—for their Support; and for the use and Support of English Schools, in such, and in so many Places as they or their Committee shall judge will best accommodate the Inhabitants of said Township when the same shall be fully settled and improved; laying the same equitably, or Quantity for Quality. Which said Lands, amounting to the Six 140<sup>th</sup> Parts last mentioned, when located as aforesaid, shall, together with their Improvements, Rights, Rents, Profits, Dues and Interests, remain unalienably appropriated for the uses and Purposes for which they are respectively assigned; and be under the Charge, Direction, and Disposal of the Inhabitants of said Township forever. Which Tract of Land, hereby given and granted as aforesaid, is bounded and described as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>; “*BEGINNING at the North westerly Corner of (N<sup>o</sup> 3.) Rochester; then Southerly in the Westerly Line of (N<sup>o</sup> 3.) Rochester, about six Miles, to an Angle thereof; then North Sixty one Degrees West (provided this Course should strike the north Easterly Corner of Philadelphia; then northerly in the Line of Philadelphia, to an Angle thereof; then South westerly in the Line of Philadelphia, so far as to intersect said Line North 61<sup>o</sup> West; Then North 61<sup>o</sup> West) so far that to turn North Thirty three Degrees East, until turning South 61 Degrees East, to the Bound began at, will contain the Contents of Six miles square.*” And that the same be, and hereby is incorporated into a Township, by the name of HANCOCK. And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township, are declared to be enfranchised, and entitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State do, and ought, by Law and Constitution, to exercise and enjoy. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises, as above expressed, in equal Shares, that is to say, one one Hundred and Fortieth Part of said Township to each Proprietor, with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever; upon the following Conditions and Reservations, viz<sup>t</sup>; That each Proprietor of the Township of Hancock aforesaid, his Heirs or Assigns, shall plant and cultivate Three Acres of Land, or build an House at least Eighteen Feet square on the Floor, or have one Family settled on each respective Share, or 140<sup>th</sup> Part of said Township, within the Term of Three Years next after the Circumstances of the war will admit of a Settlement with safety: on Penalty of the Forfeiture of each Share, or one Hundred and Fortieth Part of the Land in said Township, not so improved or settled; and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be by their Representatives, regranted to such Persons as shall appear to settle and cultivate the same. That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy, be reserved for the use and Benefit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof I have hereunto set my Hand, and caused the Seal of this State to be affixed this 31<sup>st</sup> Day of July Anno Domini 1781. And in the 5<sup>th</sup> Year of our Independence.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency's Command.

Tho. Tolman Dep<sup>y</sup> Secr<sup>y</sup>.

## THE CHARTER OF HARDWICK.

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

L. S.

To all People to whom these Presents shall come GREETING:

KNOW YE that Whereas Colonel DANFORTH KEYES. The Hon<sup>ble</sup>. JONAS FAY Esquire and M<sup>r</sup> ELIAKIM SPOONER, & their associates, our worthy Friends have by petition requested a Grant of a Tract of Unappropriated Lands within this State in order for settling a New plantation to be erected into a Township. we have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their Laudable Designs, and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, & do by these Presents, in the name and by the authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont. give and grant the Tract of Land hereafter discribed and bounded unto them the said Danforth Keyes Jonas Fay & Eliakim Spooner, and to the several persons hereafter Named their associates in equal Shares, viz<sup>t</sup>, Elijah Dewey, Nathaniel Brush, Eldad Dewey, Timothy Brownson, Thomas Chittenden, Moses Robinson, Moses Robinson Ju<sup>r</sup>. Aaron Robinson, Mary Robinson, Thomas Brown Ju<sup>r</sup>, Samuel Robinson, the Second, Nathan Robinson, Leonard Robinson, Samuel Robinson, Benjamin Robinson, David Robinson, Jonathan Robinson, Silas Robinson, Asahel Billings, Jonas Marsh, Aaron Morse, John Fasset, John Fasset Ju<sup>r</sup>. Hannah Fasset, David Fasset, Nathan Fasset, Amos Fasset, Benjamin Fasset, Samuel Underwood, Roswell Mosley, Josiah Fay, Lydia Fay, Ruth Brush, Heman A. Fay, Challice Safford, Challice Fay, Paul Spooner, Daniel Spooner, Paul Spooner Ju<sup>r</sup>. Amasa Spooner, Jedediah Fay, Thomas Lawton, Betty Spooner, Jeremiah Richardson, Anna Spooner, John Knickerbacor, Jonathan Warner, Daniel Warner, Charles Doolittle, Lucius Doolittle, Jonathan Lynde, Bathsheba, Spooner, Alfred Spooner, Zurashaddai Doty, Moses Dooty, Martin Kinsley, Daniel Warner Ju<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Warner, 2<sup>d</sup>, Jonathan Safford, Timothy Ruggles, Timothy Fay, Richard Doyle, Clark Laughton & Moses Chamberlin, which Together with the five following Rights reserved to the several uses in manner following include the whole of said Tract or Township viz<sup>t</sup>, READ, which Tract of Land hereby given & Granted as aforesaid is bounded & discribed as follows viz<sup>t</sup> BEGINNING, *at the North Westerly Corner of Woodbury, then North thirty six degrees East six Miles, then south 54 D<sup>o</sup> East, six miles, Then south 36 D<sup>o</sup> West, in the line of Walden, six Miles, Then North 54 D<sup>o</sup> West, in the Line of Woodbury to the bounds Began at*—And that the same be & hereby is incorporated into a Township by the name of HARDWICK and the Inhabitents, that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township, are declared to be enfranchised & entitled to all the Priviledges & immunities, that the Inhabitents of other Towns within this State, do & ought by the Laws & Constitution of S<sup>d</sup> State to Exercise & enjoy. To HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said Granted

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Premises as above expressed, with all the Priviledges & appurtenences thereunto belonging or appertaining unto them & their respective Heirs & assigns forever upon the following Conditions & Reservations, Viz<sup>t</sup>. That each Proprietor in the Township of Hardwick aforesaid his Heirs or assigns, shall plant & cultivate five acres of Land & build an House at least Eighteen feet square on the Floor, or have one family settled on Each respective right within the Term of three years next after the Circumstances of the Present War will admit of a Settlement with Safety, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of each respective right or share of Land in said Township, not so improved or settled, & the same to revert to the Freemen of this State to be by their Representatives regranted to Such persons as shall appear to Settle and Cultivate the same; That all Pine Timber suitablefor a Navy, be reserved for the use and Benifit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed, In Council this nineteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord 1781. and in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of our Independence.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
Thomas Tolman D. Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## HARRIS GORE

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT—

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*To all People to whom these Presents shall come—GREETING—*

KNOW YE, that we for divers good causes and considerations us thereunto moving, have and by these presents do in the name, and on behalf of the freemen of the State of Vermont, give, grant, and confirm unto Edward Harris Esquire and to his associates, as follows, to wit, Isaac Jones, William Ewing, Alexander Ewing, William Pitt Jones, Helmont Kellogg, John Knickerbacor, Samuel Shepardson, Martin Powell, George Sloan, Elijah Gore, Gideon Brownson, Nathan Dayton, Amos Dayton, John Strong Esq<sup>r</sup>, John Flagg and Eli Brownson and to his and their respective heirs and assignees forever, a certain tract of land situate in the County of Caledonia, in this State, and known on the Surveyor Generals map of the state by the name of "HARRIS'S GORE." and is more particularly described and bounded as follows, to wit, BEG-  
GINNING *at the west corner of Peacham at a Spruce tree, marked "PEACHAM CORNER 1786," and running from thence south seven degrees west, seven miles and thirty three chains to a little Yellow Birch tree, standing on*



*the east side of a brook marked "GROTON CORNER 1788"—being the south west corner of the township of Groton, thence North fifty seven degrees west, about two miles and sixty five chains to a spruce tree marked "PART OF GOSHEN"—being the South east corner of Goshen Gore; thence north thirty six degrees east three miles and five chains, to a little spruce, seventeen links north east from a beach tree marked "PART OF GOSHEN AUGUST 13 1788"—Thence north fifty four degrees west sixty two chains, sixty seven links, to the south east corner of Marshfield, being a great birch tree marked "MARSHFIELD SOUTH EAST CORNER MAY 29<sup>th</sup> 1788"—on land descending north—thence north thirty six degrees east in the East line of Marshfield, three miles and forty chains to the first bound, containing Six thousand and twenty six acres of land—*

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said granted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging and appertaining to him the said Edward Harris, and to the several persons before named his associates, as aforesaid, and to his and their respective heirs and assigns forever to his and their sole use benefit and behoof—

GIVEN AND GRANTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY by their act, bearing date the twenty fifth day of February A.D. one thousand seven hundred & eighty two

IN TESTIMONY whereof I have hereto set my hand and caused the seal of this state to be affixed in Council at Newbury this thirtieth day of October A. D. one thousand eight hundred and one; and of the Independence of the United States the twenty sixth—

By his Excellencys command

ISAAC TICHENOR

Ros. Hopkins Sec<sup>y</sup> of State—

Recorded October 8<sup>th</sup> 1802.

Attest Ros. Hopkins Sec<sup>y</sup> of State.—

## CHARTER OF HITCHCOCK'S GORE

THE GOVERNOR COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

L. S.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall Come GREETING—*

KNOW YE that WHEREAS David Hitchcock, Micah Townsend, Joseph Enos, Moses Benson, Daniel Benson, Oliver Cheney; Ebenezer Ober, and Jonas Moore have by their Petition requested a grant of a Gore or Tract of unappropriated Lands lying in the County of Windham within this State; Bounded northerly upon Athens, Easterly upon Putney, Southerly upon Dummerston, and Westerly upon New Fane and Townshend.

WE HAVE THOUGHT FIT for divers valuable Considerations us hereunto moving; AND DO by these Presents in the name and by the Authority of the FREMEN of the STATE OF VERMONT give and grant the Gore or Tract of Land above bounded and described (containing by estimation one thousand Acres) unto the several Persons before named, their Heirs and Assigns in the following Proportions (viz<sup>t</sup>) to David Hitchcock two hundred and thirty five Acres; Micah Townsend one hundred and fifty Acres, Joseph Enos one hundred Acres, Moses Benson fifty Acres, Daniel Benson fifty Acres, Oliver Cheney ninety Acres, Ebenezer Ober ninety Acres, and Jonas Moore two hundred and thirty five Acres: And that the said Gore or tract of Land be and is hereby annexed unto and hereafter shall be taken & reputed a part of the TOWN OF PUTNEY.—And the inhabitants which do or shall hereafter inhabit said Gore shall be entitled to and have and enjoy all the Priviledges & immunities that the other inhabitants of Putney—aforsaid do and ought by Law and the Constitution of this State to exercise and enjoy.—TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises (in such Proportion as aforsaid) with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining unto the said Grantees and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever. RESERVING HOWEVER all the Pine Timber suitable for a Navy, for the use and benefit of the Freemen of this State.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed in Council this nineteenth day of June Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred & eighty three and in the seventh year of the Independence of this State.

THO<sup>s</sup>. CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency's Command  
Jn<sup>o</sup> Knickerbacor Dept. Secry.

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## THE CHARTER OF HOLLAND

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:*

KNOW YE, that whereas our worthy friends Timothy Andrus and company, have by petition requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State, for the purpose of settling a new plantation, to be erected into a Township, We have therefore thought fit, for the due encouragement of their Laudable designs & for other valuable causes & considerations us hereunto moving, And do by these presents

in the Name & by the Authority of the State of Vermont, give & grant the Tract of Land hereafter described & bounded unto him the said Timothy Andrus, & the several persons hereafter named his associates in equal Shares Viz<sup>t</sup>, Joseph Picket, Abel Person, John Howe, Samuel Hull, Daniel Howlbrook, Caleb Canda, David Bellamy, William Sabin Jun<sup>r</sup>. Col<sup>o</sup> Benjamin Hinman, Nathaniel Tuttle, Shadrach Orsborn, Ebenezer Smith, Ebenezer Smith Jun<sup>r</sup> Daniel Smith, Samuel Drakeley, Thomas Drakley, William Drakeley, Phinehas Freeman, Ebenezer Field Jun<sup>r</sup> Rodolphus W Field, Bohan P Field, Ebenezer Field, Asaph Worren Field, Loring Sheldon Field, Abijah Hyde, Benjamin Davis, Agur Tomlinson, Benjamin Davis Jun<sup>r</sup> Neomi Davis, Sheldon C Leavitt Theophilus Miles, Isaac Beers, Elias Beers, Nathan Beers, Abigal Beers, Jonathan Gazlay, William Carter, Hon<sup>ble</sup> William Hilhouse, James Hilhouse, Rebecka Hilhouse, John G Hilhouse, Elias Shipman, Ebenezer Fi ch, Elijah Forbs, William Forbs, Isaac Hinmam, Ebenezer Strong, Moses Robinson Esquire, Aaron Robinson, Amos Babcock, Jeremiah Atwater, Isaac Davis, Timothy Hinman, Patience Strong, Joseph Davis, Oliver Chatfield, Silas Hecock, Ephraim Strong, and Amos Johnson; Together with the five following Rights or equal Shares reserved to the several public uses in manner following Viz<sup>t</sup> One full Right or equal Share for the use of a College within this State, One full share for the use & benefit of county grammar Schools throughout this State One full Share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel in said Township, One full share for the use & Support of the social worship of God in said Township, to be disposed of for that purpose in such manner as the inhabitants of said Township shall from [time] to time agree—One full share for the use & support of an English School or Schools in said Township forever, Which Tract of Land hereby given & granted as afores<sup>d</sup> is bounded & described as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>, BEGINNING at a fir tree marked N<sup>o</sup>1, N<sup>o</sup>2, N<sup>o</sup>3, N<sup>o</sup>4 & running North 17 D<sup>o</sup> East, five Miles & seven Chains to a Stake 25 links, S 75 D<sup>o</sup> East from a beach Tree in the province line marked N<sup>o</sup>1, N<sup>o</sup>4, Oct<sup>r</sup> 19, 1785, Then South 82 D<sup>o</sup> & 20 Minutes East in the province line, seven Miles & 13 Chains to a small Spruce Tree, Standing in the province Line, marked N<sup>o</sup> 4, N<sup>o</sup>6, 1785, Then South 17 D<sup>o</sup> West five Miles & 7 Chains to a Stake & Stones 15 Links West, from a beech Tree, marked N<sup>o</sup> 3, N<sup>o</sup> 4, Then North Eighty two Degrees & [20 Minutes] West Seven Miles & 13 Chains to the bounds began at, containing twenty three thousand & forty Acres—AND that the same be & hereby is incorporated into a Township by the Name of HOLLAND & the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised & entitled to all the privileges & immunities which the inhabitants of other Towns within this State do & ought by the Laws & constitution thereof to exercise & enjoy—

To HAVE & TO HOLD the said granted premises as above expressed with all the privileges & appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining unto them and their respective heirs & assigns forever, upon the following Conditions & reservations (to wit) That each proprietor in the

Township of Holland afores<sup>d</sup> his heirs or Assigns shall plant & cultivate five Acres of Land & build a house at least Eighteen feet square on the floor or have one family settled on each respective Right or Share of Land within the Term of four years from the time the outlines of said Township is known & established as the Law directs on penalty of the forfeiture of each respective Right or Share in said Township, not so settled & improved & the same to revert to the freemen of this State, to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle & cultivate the same, IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed in Council this 26<sup>th</sup> day October 1779, in the 3<sup>d</sup> Year of our independence

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command.  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF HOPKINSVILLE

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

*To all people to whom these presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas Roswell Hopkins of our City of Vergennes in our County of Addison Esquire our worthy friend has by petition represented that there is a Gore or tract of Land in this State which has not heretofore been granted, lying & being in our County of Orange butted & bounded as follows BEGINNING, at a Stake & Stones being the North Corner of Littleton, & running from thence North Eleven Degrees & 50 Minutes West 278 Chains in the Easterly line of S<sup>t</sup> Johnsbury, to a Maple tree marked Lyndon S, E, Corner November 15<sup>th</sup>, 1786, thence North 20 D<sup>o</sup> East 69 Chains & 45 Links in the East line of Lyndon to a large beach tree marked south corner of Burke 1787, Then North 45 D<sup>o</sup> East 288 Chains in the Easterly line of Burke to the west corner of Victory being a Spruce tree Marked; Victory west corner 1786, then South 28 D<sup>o</sup> 27 Minutes East 335 Chains & 13 Links Then South 45 D<sup>o</sup> West two hundred & twenty seven Chains to the Northwesterly line of Concord; Then South 64 D<sup>o</sup> & 51 Minutes West 160 Chains in the back line of Concord to the North Corner of Littleton, the bounds began at, containing Eleven thousand two hundred & Sixty four Acres, & no more which he prays may be granted to him, WE HAVE therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of settling a new plantation within this State & other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, Do by these presents in the Name

& by the authority of the State of Vermont, give & grant unto the said Roswell Hopkins his heirs & assigns the afore<sup>d</sup> described premises containing Eleven thousand two hundred & sixty four Acres of Land & no more & the same is hereby incorporated by the Name of HOPKINSVILLE & the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said granted premises are declared to be enfranchised & entitled to all the privileges & immunities that other towns within this State do by Law exercise & enjoy, —To HAVE & TO HOLD the said granted premises as above described & expressed, with all the privileges & appurtenances thereof & thereunto belonging to him the said Roswell Hopkins, his heirs & assigns to his & their own proper use benefit & behoof forever, under the following Conditions & reservations (to wit) the said Roswell Hopkins his heirs or Assigns shall for every three hundred & fifty acres of the said premises plant & cultivate five Acres of Land & build a house at least Eighteen feet square upon the floor & have one family settled thereon within four years from this date on pain of the forfeiture of such part or the whole as shall not be settled & improved as afores<sup>d</sup>, & the same to revert back to this State to be granted by the authority of the same to such person or persons, as shall appear to settle & cultivate the same, And all pine timber suitable for a Navy shall be reserved for the use of this State IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be hereunto affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October in the 16<sup>th</sup> year of the independence of the United States, in the year of our Lord 1790—

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

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## THE CHARTER OF HUNTSBURGH

THE GOVERNOR COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT

*To all People to whom these presents shall come, GREETING:*

KNOW YE, that whereas the Hon<sup>ble</sup> JONATHAN HUNT Esquire & his associates our worthy friends, have by petition requested a grant of Land within this State; for the purpose of settling a new plantation, to be erected into a Township WE have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs & for other valuable causes & considerations us hereunto moving. Do by these presents in the Name & by the authority of the freemen of this State, hereby give & grant

unto the s<sup>d</sup> JONATHAN HUNT & his Associates & to their heirs & Assigns forever, the following tract of Land hereafter described & bounded, to be divided & holden by them respectively as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>—To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Jonathan Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup> Thirty one sixty ninth parts; M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Hubbard Eighteen sixty ninth parts, Joseph Fay Esquire seven sixty Ninth parts, M<sup>r</sup> John Bridgeman Jun<sup>r</sup> four Sixty ninth parts, Hon<sup>ble</sup> Ebenezer Walbridge Esq<sup>r</sup> three sixty ninth parts, & Ebenezer Marvin Esq<sup>r</sup> One Sixty ninth part, Together with five equal sixty ninth PARTS, reserved for the following public uses Viz<sup>t</sup> One sixty ninth part for the use & benefit of a Seminary or College within this State, One sixty ninth part for the use & benefit of county Grammar Schools throughout this State. One sixty ninth part for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel in s<sup>d</sup> Township to be to him & his heirs forever. One sixty ninth part for the use, benefit & support of the Ministry in s<sup>d</sup> Township forever, to be appropriated to that sole & exclusive purpose forever, as the inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup> Town shall from time to time hereafter determine; One sixty ninth part for the use benefit & support of an English School or Schools within s<sup>d</sup> Town forever.—bounded as follows Viz. BEGINNING at the northeasterly corner of Hungerford & running northerly in the westerly line of Berkshire to the norwesterly Corner thereof, which is in the north line of the State, Then west in s<sup>d</sup> North line of the State so far that turning and running South to the Northerly line of Highgate, Then Easterly in the northerly lines of s<sup>d</sup> Highgate & Hungerford to the bounds began at, will contain Twenty three thousand & forty Acres.

AND THAT the same be & hereby is incorporated into a Township by the name of HUNTSBURGH and the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit s<sup>d</sup> Township, are declared to be enfranchised & entitled to all the privileges & immunities that the inhabitants of other Incorporated Towns within this State do by the Laws & the constitution thereof exercise & enjoy. TO HAVE & TO HOLD the s<sup>d</sup> granted premises with all the privileges & appurtenances belonging, or in any appertaining unto them, & their respective Heirs & Assigns forever, on the following Conditions & reservations Viz, that each proprietor in s<sup>d</sup> Township of Huntsburgh, his heirs or assigns shall plant & cultivate five Acres of Land, on each respective sixty ninth part excepting public rights & build a house at least eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one family settled on each respective sixty ninth part within the time prescribed by the Statute law of this State, prescribing the time for settling Townships granted by this State, On penalty of the forfeiture of each sixty ninth part not so settled & improved as aforesaid & the same to revert to the freemen of this State to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle, & cultivate, the same. IN TESTIMONY, WHEREOF, WE have caused the Seal of this State to be hereunto affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of March A D 1789, and in the thirteenth Year of The Independence of this State.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency's command.  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Said five public Rights to be laid out in equal Shares by said Proprietors in quantity & quality, in such and in so many places as will least incommode the General settlement of said Township, as said Proprietors shall agree.

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## THE CHARTER OF HYDE'S-PARK

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF VERMONT.

L. S.

*To all People, to whom these Presents shall come,* GREETING.

KNOW YE, that whereas Jedediah Hyde, Esquire, and his Associates, have, by Petition, requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Land, within this State, of six Miles square, in order for settling a new Plantation, to be erected into a Township. WE HAVE THEREFORE THOUGHT FIT, for the due encouragement of their laudable Designs, and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving,—AND DO, by these Presents in the Name, and by the Authority of the Freemen of Vermont, give and grant the Tract of Land hereafter described and bounded, unto the said Jedediah Hyde, and the several Persons hereafter named, his Associates, viz<sup>t</sup>: William Denison, Asa Waterman, William Ledgard, William Latham, Elihu Marvin, Jonathan Brewster, John Lamb, Charles Lamb, Elisha Edgerton, Hezekiah Edgerton, Samuel Caprin, Ransford Rose, Robert Hollam, Richard Deshon, Richard Deshon Jun<sup>r</sup>, Samuel Lathrop, Zacheus Lathrop, Jared Tracey, Frederick Tracey, Simeon Thomas, John Dorrance, Ebenezer Basto, Theophilus Rogers, Zabdiel Rogers, Daniel Rodman, Thomas Chittenden, Roger Enos Jun<sup>r</sup>, Zedediah Varnum, Elisha Marvin, Elisha Lathrop, William Reed, Edward Latham, William Whitney, Ebenezer Witter, Nichol<sup>s</sup> Fosdick, Peleg Hyde, William Wattles, Samuel Cardall, John McCl<sup>n</sup> Breed, Daniel Coit, William Hubbard, Christopher Leffingwell, Elijah Bill, Augustus Peck, Lodwick Champlin, Araunah Waterman, Elijah Backus, John Davis, Thomas Mumford, Giles Mumford, Solomon Storey, Amasa Jones, Henry Billings, Andrew Billings, Joseph Woodbridge, Henry Woodbridge, Jabez Fitch, Ebenezer Whitney, Henry Rice, Erastus Rossiter, Benjamin Talman, Joseph Smith, Thomas James Douglass, and Jedediah Hyde Junior; which, together with the five following

Rights, reserved to the several Uses in manner following, include the whole of said Township, Viz<sup>t</sup>; One Right for the use of a Seminary or Colledge; One Right for the use of County Grammar Schools in said State; Lands, to the amount of one Right, to be and remain for the Purpose of Settlement of a Minister and Ministers of the Gospel in said Township forever; Lands, to the amount of one Right, for the support of the social Worship of GOD in said Township; and Lands, to the amount of one Right, for the support of an English School or Schools in said Township. Which said two Rights, for the use of a Seminary or Colledge, and for the use of County Grammar Schools as aforesaid, and the Improvements, Rents, Interests and Profits arising therefrom, shall be under the Controul, Order, Direction, and Disposal of the General Assembly of said State forever. And the Proprietors of said Township are hereby authorised and empowered to locate said two Rights, justly and equitably, or Quantity for Quality, in such Parts of said Township as they or their Committee shall judge will least incommode the general Settlement of said Tract or Township. And the said Proprietors are hereby further empowered, to locate the Lands aforesaid amounting to three Rights, assigned for the Settlement of a Minister and Ministers; for their support; and for the use and support of English Schools, in such, and in so many Places, as they, or their Committee shall judge, will best accommodate the Inhabitants of said Township, when the same shall be fully settled and improved; laying the same equitably, or Quantity for Quality. Which said Lands, amounting to the three last mentioned Rights, when located as aforesaid, shall, together with their Improvements, Rights, Rents, Profits, Dues and Interests, remain unalienably appropriated, to the uses and Purposes for which they are respectively assigned; and be under the Charge, Direction, and Disposal of the Selectmen of said Township, in trust to, and for the use of said Town forever. Which Tract of Land, hereby given and granted as aforesaid, is bounded and described as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>; "*BEGINNING at the North Easterly Corner of Morristown; Then North 36° East in the Line of Wolcott and Minden, six Miles; Then North 54° West Six Miles; Then South 36° West six Miles, to the north westerly Corner of Morristown aforesaid; Then South 54° East in the Line of said Morristown, six miles, to the Bounds began at.*" And that the same be, and hereby is incorporated into a Township by the name of HYDE'S PARK. And the Inhabitants that do, or may hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised, and entitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State do, and ought by the Laws and Constitution of this State, to exercise and enjoy. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises, as above expressed, with all the Priviledges and appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining, to them, and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever: upon the following Conditions and Reservations, viz<sup>t</sup>; That each Proprietor of the Township of Hyde's Park aforesaid, his Heirs or Assigns, shall plant and cultivate Five Acres of Land, and



build an House, at least Eighteen Feet square on the Floor; or have one Family settled on each respective Right, within the Term of Four Years, next after the Circumstances of the War will admit of a Settlement with Safety: on Penalty of the Forfeiture of each Right of Land in said Township, not so improved, or settled; and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State; to be, by their Representatives, regranted to such Persons as shall appear, to settle and cultivate the same. That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy, be reserved to the use and Benefit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof I have hereunto set my Hand, and caused the Seal of this State to be affixed, this Twenty-seventh Day of August, Anno Domini 1781. And in the 5<sup>th</sup> Year of our Independence.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency's Command.  
Tho. Tolman Dep<sup>y</sup>. Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## IRASBURGH

THE GOVERNOR & COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas the Honorable IRA ALLEN Esquire and associates our worthy Friends have by Petition requested a grant of Unappropriated Lands within State for the Purpose of settling a New Plantation we have therefore thought fit for the Due Encouragement of their Laudable Designs and for other Valuable Causes & Considerations us hereunto Moving And Do by these presents in the Name and by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont hereby give and Grant unto the said Ira Allen and the several persons hereafter Named his Associates in equal Shares Viz Roger Enos Roger Enos Jun. Jerusha Enos Jerusha Enos Jun Sybbil Enos Silas Hatheway Nathan Allen Nancy Allen Betsey Allen John Page Thomas Welch Charles Butler Robert Johnson Thomas Peck Abner Peck William Masters Pela Pond Charles Pratt Phinehas Pratt Walter Brewster, Philip Walpoole, Amos Brewer, Andrew Post, Obadiah French Francis French, Jonathan Artherton, Jonathan Drew Jonas Mansfield, Robert Willmore, Jasper Bradley, Joseph French, Reuben Ward, Samuel Peirce, James Randel, William Brown, Thomas Brewer, Aaron Adams, Abraham Pennock, Brewington Brown, Orange Walsey, Patrick Obrien, Neal McNeal, John Sturges Simeon Smith, Simeon Averil, Anthony Brownson, Nathan

White, Silas Blasdel, Heman Pangburn, Truman Blackman, Solomon Whiston, Numan Buel, Ephraim Doolittle, Parker Whitmash, Alfred Lee, Jonathan Whitney, Amaziah Brownal, Jacob Austin, Barnabas Chace, Valentine Wildman, James Tanner, Isaac Randal & Noah Belden, which together with five equal rights or Shares to be reserved for Public & Pious uses in manner following to wit: one Right for the use of a Seminary or College within this State one Right for the use & Benifit of the first settled Minister of the Gospel in said Township one Right for the use and support of the Ministry in said Township forever one Right for the use and support of County Grammer Schools throughout this State and one Right for the use and support of an English School or Schools in said Township forever which Tract of Land hereby given and granted as aforesaid is Described and bounded as follows *Viz BEGINNING at the Northwest Corner of Lutterlock and running North thirty six Degrees east six Miles to the North West Corner of Coventry then South fifty four Degrees east six Miles then South thirty six Degrees West six Miles to the North east Corner of Lutterlock thence North fifty four Degrees West six Miles in the North Line of Lutterlock to the Bounds began at Containing Twenty three thousand & forty acres* and that the same be & is hereby Incorporated into a Township by the Name of IRASBURGH and the Inhabitants that Do or shall hereafter Inhabit said Township are Declared to be enfranchised and Entitled to all the priviledges & Immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State Do by Law exercise and enjoy—

To HAVE & To HOLD the said granted premises As above expressed with all the Priviledges & Appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise Appertaining unto them & their Respective Heirs & Assigns forever—

Upon the following Conditions and Reservations *Viz* that each proprietor in the Township of Irasburgh aforesaid his Heirs or Assigns shall plant & Cultivate five acres of Land & Build a House at Least eighteen feet Square on the floor or have one Family settled on each Respective Right or Share of Land in said Township within four years from the time of Establishing the out Lines of said Township agreeable to Law on Penalty of the Forfeiture of each Respective Right or Share of Land not so settled and Improved as aforesaid and the same revert to the Freeman of this State to be by their Representatives Regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle & Cultivate the same

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have Caused the Seal of this State to be hereunto affixed in Council this Twenty third Day of February Anno Domini 1781

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellencys Command  
Joseph Fay Secretary

The foregoing is a True Copy of the Charter of Irasburgh Received for Record on the 18 Day of November A D 1795 & Recorded by me—

Attest Truman Squier Secretary

## THE CHARTER OF ISLE OF MOTT

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

L. S.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas, MAJOR, BENJAMIN WAIT and his associates, our worthy Friends, have by Petition requested a Grant of the Island in the Lake Champlain, within the boundaries of this State Known by the name of the Isle of Mott in order thereon to Settle a new plantation to be Erected into a Township, WE have therefore thought fit the due encouragement of their laudable designs, and for other valuable Considerations us hereunto moving, AND DO by these Presents in the name, and by the authority of the Freemen of the State of VERMONT, give and Grant the s<sup>d</sup>, Island hereafter more fully discribed and bounded unto him the said Benjamin Wait, and to the several persons hereafter named his associates in equal shares viz<sup>t</sup>, Gideon Warren, Noah Chittenden, Ebenezer Woods, Thomas Tolman, Ithamer Hibbard, William Blanchard, Jacob Smith, Jacob Wood, Samuel Allen, Samuel Clark, Ebenezer Allen, Ethan Pier, Luther Filmore, Cyras Clark, Joseph Roe, Stephen Savoy, Jonas Galusha, Elijah Dewey, Jonathan Fassett, Moses Robinson, Ebenezer Wallis Ju<sup>r</sup>., John Whiston, Levi Hill, Isaac Wallis, William Robinson, Joseph Griffin, ISAAC HULL WALLIS, Seth Wallis, James Hill, John Sawyer, Jesse Sawyer, Isaac Clark, John Fay, William Hutchins, Joseph Lawrence, Elisha Clark, 2<sup>d</sup>; Harmon Sawyer, Daniel Coy, JOHN RYAN BLANCHARD, Benjamin Coy, Caleb Clark, Nathan Fassett, Jedediah Bingham, Ephraim Wood, John Payne, Ju<sup>r</sup>, Ebenezer Wood Ju<sup>r</sup>, Thomas Barney, Daniel Ormby, Nathan Clark Ju<sup>r</sup>., William Hooker, Robert Blair, Stephen Davis, Alexander Brush, Jacob Safford, Elisha Ashley, William Ashley, Solomon Allen, Elisha Clark, John Owen, Daniel Herrick, Gideon Adams, Jesse Field, Francis Herrick, William Sattarlee, Benajah Leonard, Ebenezer Hyde, Samuel Herrick, Stephen Fay, Stephen Mead, Joseph Fay, Samuel Allen Ju<sup>r</sup>, Thomas Chittenden, Timothy Brownson, Ira Allen, Samuel Robinson, Joseph Bullen, James Murdock, Solomon Safford, James Hawley, John Lee, Jesse Averil, Joseph Andrews, Abner Blanchard, Elnathan Higby, Thomas Butterfield, Azariah Rood Ju<sup>r</sup>, Joseph Agard, David Lacey, Samuel Barret, John Burgett Ju<sup>r</sup>, Abraham Stevens, Charls Chapen Ju<sup>r</sup>, Thomas Brainard, Ashbael Patterson, & Captain Abel Demmick, WHICH Together with the following Rights, or equal Shares reserved to the several uses in manner following, Include the whole of said Island viz<sup>t</sup> one Right, or share, for the first settled minister of the Gospel, one Right or share for the support of the social Worship of God, and one Right, or share, for the support of an English School, or Schools, the whole of said three Public Rights to be Located by the Proprietors of said Island,

justly & equitably, or quantity for quality, in such Parts of said Island, as they, or their Committee shall judge will least incommode the General Settlement thereof when the same shall be fully settled, and Improved, which said three Rights, when Located as aforesaid, shall Together with their improvements, Rights, Rents, Profits dues, & Interests remain unalienably appropriated to the uses and purposes for which they are respectively assigned, and under the charge, direction, and disposal of the Inhabitents of said Island or Township forever. which Island, hereby given and granted as aforesaid, is discribed and bounded as follows, viz<sup>t</sup> BEGINNING *at the south End of an Island commonly Called the Isle of Mott, situate in Lake Champlain, near the western entrence of Mesisque Bay, westerly from Dutchmans Point contiguous & southerly from the point of Land between Mesisque Bay & the channel of the main Lake; then extending northerly at low Water Mark, both on the Easterly & westerly, shores of said Island, to the most Northerly Parts thereof, so that such lines will unite in each other.* AND, that the same be and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the name of ISLE OF MOTT, and the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Island or Township by virtue of this Grant, are declared to be enfranchised, & Intitled to all the Priviledges & Immunities that the Inhabitents of other Towns or incorporated Plantations within this State, do & ought by the Laws & Constitution of this State to exercise & ENJOY.

To HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said granted Premises, as above expressed, with all the Priviledges & appurtenances, thereunto belonging and appertaining, unto them & their respective Heirs & assigns forever, upon the following Conditions & Reservations viz<sup>t</sup> That Each Proprietor in the Township of ISLE OF MOTT, aforesaid his heirs or assigns, shall plant and cultivate two acres of Land, or have one Family settled on each respective Right within the Term of Two years next after the Conclusion of the Present War, between America, & Great Britain, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of Each respective Right, or share of Land in said Island or Township not so improved or settled, and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State to be by their representatives re-granted to such persons as shall appear to Settle and cultivate the same. That all Pine Timber suitable for the Mast & Spars of a Navy, be reserved for the use & benifit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY, WHEREOF WE have caused the seal of this State to be affixed in Council this 27 day of oct<sup>r</sup> 1779. & in the 3<sup>d</sup> year of the Independence of this State.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

## THE CHARTER OF JACKSON'S GORE

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

*To all People to whom these presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas Abraham Jackson Esq<sup>r</sup> and his associates our worthy friends have by petition requested a grant of a tract of unappropriated Lands within this State in order for settling a new plantation

We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs & for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, And do by these Presents in the name and by the authority of the freemen of the State of Vermont, give and grant the tract of Land hereafter described unto him the said Abraham Jackson and to the several persons hereafter named his associates in equal shares Viz<sup>t</sup> Jethro Jackson, Amos Ives, Jedidiah Jackson, Abraham Ives, Stephen Clark, Edward Bumpus, William Jackson, James Bumpus, Daniel Bradley, Elihu Allen, William Smiley, Joseph Jackson, Eliakim Richmond, Ichabod Goodyer Clark, Reuben Ives, Samuel Benton, Timothy Clark, Mathew Lyon, Asahel Jackson, Jonathan Brooks, Jotham Ives, Benjamin Bradley, Ephraim Andrus, Ezekiel Mighels, Joseph Benson, Hezekiah Rhodes, Jonah Ives, Abraham Jackson Ju<sup>r</sup> and David June Viz<sup>t</sup> *a certain tract of Land bounded on the East side of Wallingford North on Shrewsbury East on Ludlow Extending Southwardly in the Gore between the Towns granted by New Hampshire so far that a line extended East five degrees south across the said Gore will contain nine Thousand Seven hundred Acres of Land and no more which said tract of Land above described is hereby annexed to and incorporated with the Township of WALLINGFORD aforesaid* and the Owners and Proprietors thereof and inhabitants therein shall have and enjoy all privileges and immunities which the inhabitants of the said Township of Wallingford do hold, exercise, & enjoy and are & hereby are declared to be enfranchised with the inhabitants of said Town of WALLINGFORD in as full & ample a manner and as fully and absolutely & to all intents and purposes as though they had been originally a part and parcel of said Township.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises as above expressed with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging unto them and their respective heirs & assigns forever on the following conditions Viz<sup>t</sup> That each Proprietor in the said Tract his heirs or assigns, shall plant five Acres of Land and build an house at the least eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one family settled on each respective right within the term of three Years next after the circumstances of the present war will admit of a settlement with safety, On penalty of the forfeiture of each respective right or share in said tract not so improved, and settled, and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State to be

by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle and cultivate the same, And that all pine Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved for the use of the freemen of this State, IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed this 23<sup>d</sup> day of February AD 1781 and in the fifth Year of the independence of this State.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellencys command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>

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## THE CHARTER OF JAMAICA

THE GOVERNOR COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FREEMEN OF VERMONT

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas it has been represented to us by our worthy friends, Col<sup>o</sup> Samuel Fletcher of Townshend county of Windham & in this state & company to the number of sixty seven—that there is a tract of vacant Land within this State which has not heretofore been granted, which they pray may be granted to them, We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of settling a new plantation within this State & other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, And do by these presents in the name & by the authority of the Freemen of Vermont give & grant unto the said Samuel Fletcher & the several persons hereafter named his associates viz<sup>t</sup> his Excellency Thomas Chittenden Esq<sup>r</sup> William Ward, Col<sup>o</sup> Moses Robinson, Mathew Lyon, John Butler, Caleb Hayward, Stephen Rawson, Reuben Hamlington, Silas Huntington, Marshal Miller, Ebenezer Hewen, Nathaniel Hewen, Stephen Wilcox, Joseph Hildrich, Calvin Hayward, John Wright, Benjamin Hayward, Moses Johnson, Silas Hayward, Aaron Alexander, Jesse Knight, Joseph Tyler, Amariah Taft, Aaron Hutson, Charles Hutson, William Hayward, Peter Hazelton, John Fassett Esq<sup>r</sup> William Church, Jonathan Knight, Samuel Knight, Daniel Gates, Aaron Holton, Joel Knight, Isaac Miller, Tillisson Miller, Paul Spooner Esq<sup>r</sup>, John Sergeant, Ethan Hayward, Moses Doty, Reuben Nard, Philip Jordom, Comfort Joy, Jesse Joy, Philip Alexander, Levi Hayward, Benjamin How, Isaac Hart,

Hazael Shephard, Rufus Shephard, Eleazar Harris, Nathan Hayward, Moses Holbrook, Frederich Taft, Michael Johnson, Archebus Blodget, Joshua Morse, Calvin Knoulton, Seth Knight, Jonas Cook, Samuel Wakefield, Paul Hayward, Ira Allen, Esq<sup>r</sup> Jabez Butler, & John Jones Together with five equal shares or rights to be appropriated to the following public uses viz, One share or right for the use of a Seminary or College within this State, One share or right for the use of the county grammar Schools throughout this State, On[e] share or right for the first settled Minister of the Gospel in said Township to be disposed of for that purpose as the inhabitants thereof shall direct, One share or right for the support of the ministry, One share or right for the benefit & support of a school or schools within said Township, The following Tract or parcel of Land BEGINNING at the northeast corner of Wardsborough, then north Twenty degrees East in the westerly line of Townshend & continuing the same course about five miles to the southerly line of Londondery, then North sixty three degrees west in the southerly line of Londonderry & continuing the same course about six Miles & one quarter to the easterly line of Winhall Then south ten degrees west in the Lines of Winhall & Stratton about seven Miles to the northwest corner of Wardsborough, then south eighty degrees East about six miles in the line of Wardsborough to the bounds began at.

AND that the same be & is hereby incorporated into a Township by the name of JAMAICA and the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised & entitled to all the privileges & immunities that other Towns within this state do by Law exercise and enjoy; TO HAVE & TO HOLD the said granted Premises as above expressed with all the Privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging to them & their respective Heirs and assigns forever, under the following conditions & reservations viz That each Proprietor of said Township of JAMAICA, his Heirs & assigns shall plant & cultivate five acres of Land & build a house at least eighteen feet square on the floor or have one family settled on each respective share or right of Land in said Township within the Term of four years next after the circumstances of the war will admit of it with safety on the pain of the forfeiture of his respective share or right of Land in said Township & the same to revert to the freemen of this State to be by their representatives Regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle & cultivate the same, That all pine Timber suitable for a Navy shall be reserved to & for the use & benefit of the freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the seal of this state to be affixed hereunto the seventh Day of November AD 1780 in the fourth year of the independence of this State & fifth of the united States.

NB. The words in the name & by the authority of the Freemen of Vermont, were interlined, and the names Samuel, Haven, Jesse Knight, Arad, Joel, Eleaser, & Seth Knight were altered & wrote on an Erasure before compleating this Charter, The words, Fletcher of Townshend,

Samuel Fletcher & William Ward, was wrote on Erazure.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency's command.

Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

The above interliniations were entered, as this record is taken from the Charter Issued.

Jos. Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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[CHARTER OF NORTH JAY]

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF VERMONT BY THE GRACE OF  
GOD FREE AND INDEPENDENT

L. S.

*To all to whom these presents shall come*—GREETING:

KNOW YE that we have given, granted and confirmed and by these presents do give Grant and confirm unto the Honorable John Jay of the city of New York Esquire and to John Cozine of the same place Esquire as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants. All that certain Tract or parcel of land Situate lying and being in the County of Chittenden in the State of Vermont. BEGINNING at the North Easterly Corner of a Tract heretofore called Carthage being a Stake and Stones standing in the North line of the said State fifteen links North from a Beech Tree marked Carthage 1789 and running thence North Eighty Two Degrees and Twenty Minutes West Six Miles in the North line of the State to a Beech Tree Marked Richford Carthage October 17<sup>th</sup> 1789—Thence South four Miles in the East line of Richford to a pine or fir Tree on the West side of a small Mountain Marked M. 4. 1789 then South Eighty Two Degrees and Twenty Minutes East Six Miles to a Stake Sixteen links North West from a Spruce Tree Marked M 2. 1789 then North in the East line of the said Tract to the place of beginning CONTAINING Fifteen thousand three Hundred and Sixty Acres Statute Measure being Sixteen Thousand of land straight measure be the same more or less—in the following proportions, to wit—fourteen full equal and undivided Sixteenth parts (the whole into sixteen equal parts to be divided) unto the said John Jay and the residue and remaining two full and Equal undivided Sixteenth parts (the whole into sixteen equal parts to be divided) unto the said John Cozine. Together with all and Singular the Rights Hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining *Excepting and reserving to ourselves All Gold and Silver Mines And also All that Certain piece of*



*land parcel of the Tract herein before described Beginning at the North West corner of a Tract of land Granted His Excellency Thomas Chittenden in the East line of Richford thence along the North bounds of the Tract so granted to Thomas Chittenden South Eighty Two degrees and Twenty Minutes East Three Hundred and ten Rods—thence North Three Hundred and Ten Rods thence North Eighty Two degrees and Twenty Minutes West Three hundred and ten rods to Richford aforesaid—Thence South in the East line of—Richford Three hundred and Ten Rods to the place of beginning for Public Uses To have and to hold the said fourteen full and Equal undivided Sixteenth parts (the whole in sixteen equal parts to be divided) of the said above mentioned and described Tract of land and premises unto the said John Jay his Heirs and Assigns forever as a Good and indefeasible Estate of Inheritance in fee Simple And TO HAVE & TO HOLD the residue and remaining two full and equal and undivided Sixteenth parts (the whole into sixteen Equal parts to be divided) of the above-mentioned and described Tract of land and premises unto the said John Cozine his Heirs and Assigns forever as a Good and indefeasible Estate of Inheritance in fee Simple On Condition Nevertheless that within the Term of seven Years to be Computed from the first day of January next ensuing the date hereof there shall be one actual Settlement made for every Six hundred and forty Acres of the said Tract of land hereby Granted otherwise these Our letters Patent and the Estate hereby Granted shall cease, determine and become void And we do by these presents Constitute, Erect and create the Tract of land hereby Granted and Chartered Together with another Tract of seven Thousand Acres to the south of and adjoining thereto granted to the before mentioned Thomas Chittenden and bounded Westerly on Richford Southerly on Westfield and Eastwardly partly on land Granted to Samuel Avery and others a Township to be forever hereafter distinguished known and called Jay with All and Singular the powers priviledges—Franchises and Immunities Granted to other incorporated Townships within this State of Vermont.—In Testimony whereof we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the great Seal of our said State to be hereunto affixed—Witness our Trusty and well beloved Thomas Chittenden Esquire Governor of our said State General and Commander in Chief of all the Militia of the same at Williston this Twenty-Eighth day of December in the Year of Our Lord 1792 and in the sixteenth Year of our Independance.*

THOS. CHITTENDEN

By his Excellency's Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>  
passed the Secretary's Office  
the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 1792

It being represented that the land within reserved for public Uses and which contains six Hundred Acres is of quality inferior to the average-quality of the rest of the Tract, We do hereby Authorize and request

James Whitlaw Esqr. Surveyor General of Vermont to survey and add to the said land so many of the adjacent, Acres, as in his judgment will make up that deficiency And We do for ourselves and our Heirs declare that the number of Acres so by him to be added shall always be held for public uses Accordingly, and in common with the said six hundred acres to which they shall be added—IN WITNESS whereof we have hereunto set our hands the Eighteenth day of January in the Year of Our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and ninthy three

Witness Joseph Fay

John Jay

John Kelly Jr

Jn<sup>o</sup> Cozine

State of Vermont Bennington County ss December 28<sup>th</sup>—1792 Received the within Charter, and recorded the same in the first book of Charters for lands Granted in the State of Vermont.

Attest—Joseph Fay Secretary—

Recorded November 7<sup>th</sup> 1806

Att Th Leverett Sec<sup>y</sup>

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### [CHARTER OF SOUTH JAY]

#### THE GOVERNOR COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

*To all people to whom these presents shall come, GREETING:*

KNOW YE that whereas His Excellency THOMAS CHITTENDEN Esquire our worthy Friend has by Petition requested a grant of Unappropriated Lands within this State for the Purpose of Settlement we have therefore thought fit for the Due encouragement of his Laudable Design and for other Causes and Valuable Considerations us hereunto moving Do by these presents in the Name and by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont hereby Give & Grant unto the said Thomas Chittenden Esquire & to his Heirs and Assigns forever all that Certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate in the County of Chittenden in the State aforesaid Described and bounded as follows Viz BEGINNING at a Stake and Stones being the South West Corner of Carthage thence South eighty Two Degrees and Twenty Minutes East six Miles in the North Line of Westfield to a Birch Tree Standing in the Northeast Corner thereof marked Carthage Westfield 1789 thence North Two miles to a Stake 16 Links Northwest from a Spruce Tree Marked 2. 1789 thence North eighty Two Degrees & 20 Minutes west six Miles to a Fir Tree standing on the west side of a Mountain Marked M 4: 1789 thence South to the first Bounds Containing seven thousand and six hundred acres of Land reserving out of the said Tract of Land five hundred and Ninety acres to be appro-

priated for Public uses in manner and Form as is usual and Customary in other Townships granted by this State and to be Divided and Laid out in Like manner in Quantity & Quality and be Disposed of for Public and pious uses agreeably to the usual Custom aforesaid and which Tract of Land is to be Comprehended within the Township of [Jay-erased] & forever hereafter to be Called & known by the Name of Jay and the Inhabitants that now Do or shall hereafter inhabit said TOWNSHIP Tract within the Township of Jay aforesaid are Declared to be in-franchised and Intitled to all the privilidges and Immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within State Do & ought by the Laws and Constitution thereof to exercise and enjoy—

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted premises as above expressed with all the privilidges and appurtenances unto him the said Thomas Chittenden Esquire and to His Heirs and Assigns forever upon the following Conditions and Reservations Viz that the said Thomas Chittenden Esquire his Heirs or Assigns shall plant & Cultivate five Acres of Land and build a House at Least Eighteen feet square Upon the floor or have one family settled on each respective Right or Share or on each three hundred and sixty acres within the time Limited by a Law of this State made and provided for that purpose on Penalty of the forfeiture thereof according to the usual Custom in grants made by this State aforesaid and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State to be by their Representatives regranted to such persons as shall Appear to settle and Cultivate the same and that all Pine Timber be reserved for the use of a Navy for the Benifitt of the Freemen of this State—

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have Caused the SEAL OF THIS STATE to be hereunto Affixed, in Council, at Rutland, this 7 Day of November Anno Domini 1792.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellencys Command  
Joseph Fay Secretary

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## THE CHARTER OF JOHNSON

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT.

*To all People to whom these presents shall [come] GREETING:*

KNOW YE, that whereas the Rev<sup>d</sup> Jonathan Edwards, the Honorable William Samuel Johnson Esquire & Charles Chauncey Esquire and their Associates our worthy friends have by petition requested a Grant

of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State for the purpose of settling a New plantation to be erected into a Township, We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs & for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, And Do by these presents in the Name & by the authority of the State of Vermont, hereby give & grant the Tract of Land hereafter described & bounded unto the said Jonathan Edwards William Samuel Johnson, Charles Chauncey & the several persons hereafter named their Associates Viz<sup>t</sup>, John Mix, Nathaniel Fitch, John Austin, Hezekiah Sabin, Timothy Jones, Abel Burrett, Daniel Crocker, Pierpont Edwards, Frances Edwards, John Lathrop, Michael Tood, Abigail Chauncey, Ebenezer Fitch, Josiah Meggs, Elizur Goodrich, William Johnson, Mark Leavensworth, Jonathan Ingersoll, James Hilhouse, Samuel Bishop, Mahitable Bishop, Nathan Dummer, Daniel Bishop, Daniel Bassett, Ephraim Hummerston, Abraham Bishop, Amos Perkins, Amos Perkins Jun<sup>r</sup> Thomas Wilmott, Daniel Wilmott, Simeon Hatheway Jun<sup>r</sup> William Chace, the Rev<sup>d</sup> Samuel Wales, Elias Shipman, Shadrach Hatheway, Levi Hatheway, Abraham Hatheway, Alphred Hatheway, Erastus Hatheway, Joshua Hatheway, Silas Hatheway, Anna Hatheway, Timothy Edwards, John Strong, John Pierpont, Elias Beers, Isaac Beers, Jeremiah Atwater, Stephen Pearl, Israel Bishop, Nathan Hale, Salome Hale, Elizur Wright, Noah Smith, Israel Smith, Daniel Smith, Cloe Smith, Charles B, Smith, Harry Smith, Albert Smith Eunice Smith & Charles Burrill, which Together with five equal Rights or Shares Reserved for public uses as follows, includes the whole of said Township viz<sup>t</sup> one Right or equal share to be for the use of a Seminary or College within this State, One Right or Share, for the use of county grammar Schools throughout this State, One Right for the first settled Minister of the Gospel within said Township, One Right for the support of the Ministry in said Township, to be disposed of for that purpose as the inhabitants thereof shall direct, and, One Right for the support of an English School or Schools, within s<sup>d</sup> Township, Which tract of Land hereby Given & granted as afores<sup>d</sup> is bounded and described as follows viz<sup>t</sup>, *BEGINNING at a Stake & Stones North 36 D<sup>o</sup> East, six Miles & a half from the Northwest corner of Mansfield, Then North 36 D<sup>o</sup> East six Miles, Then East 36 D<sup>o</sup> South, Six Miles to Hydes park, Then South 36 D<sup>o</sup> West, Six Miles, Then West Thirty six degrees North, Six Miles to the bounds began at—*And that the same be & hereby is incorporated into a Township, by the Name of JOHNSON, and the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit s<sup>d</sup> Township are declared to be enfranchised & entitled to all the privileges & immunities that the inhabitants of other Towns within this State do by Law exercise & enjoy,—To HAVE & TO HOLD the said granted premises as above described with all the privileges & appurtenances thereto belonging & appertaining unto them the afores<sup>d</sup> Grantees & to their Heirs & assigns forever upon the following conditions & reservations viz<sup>t</sup>, That each Proprietor of the Township of Johnson his Heirs or assigns shall plant & cultivate five acres of Land & build an house at least

Eighteen feet square upon the floor, or have one family settled on Each respective Right or share agreeably to the Law of this State made for that purpose on penalty of the forfeiture of each respective Right or share of Land not settled & cultivated as afores<sup>d</sup> & the same to revert to the freemen of this State to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle & cultivate the same. That all pine timber suitable for a Navy be reserved for the use & benefit of the freemen of this State, IN TESTIMONY whereof, we have caused the Seal of this State to be hereunto affixed in council this 2<sup>d</sup> day of January in the Year of our Lord 1792, in the 15<sup>th</sup> Year of our Independence—

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency's Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF JOHNSON'S GORE

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT—

*To all people to whom these presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE, that whereas our worthy friends Lieu<sup>t</sup>. Moses Johnson & company to the Number of thirty three have by petition requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Land within this State for the purpose of making a new Settlement; We have therefore thought fit, for the due encouragement of their laudable designs, & for other valuable causes & considerations us hereunto moving, And do by these presents in the name & by the authority of the freemen of the State of Vermont, hereby give & grant the tract of Land hereafter described & bounded unto the said Moses Johnson & the following persons hereafter named his Associates Viz<sup>t</sup>, Riverius Hooker, John Hooker, Ebenezer Bibins, Noah Fisher, Amos Hale, John Kathan, James Hale, Sylvanus Fisk, Paul Knap, Josiah Goodhu Jun<sup>r</sup> John Moor, Cyrus Houghton, Dennis Locklin, Ebenezer Houghton, Moses Bartlet, Samuel Wires, Abel Burt, Moses Burt, Nathan Fairbanks, Stephen Fisk, Silas Howard, John Wood, Samuel Wizzard, Oliver Cumings, Jeremiah Tinkham, Filemon Holden, Elkanah Day, Willard Moore, Asahel Hooker, Amos Hale 2, Israel S. Hooker, & Garden Kathan, Which tract of Land hereby given & granted as afores<sup>d</sup>, is described & bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>, BEGINNING on Townsend North Line running north 13 D<sup>o</sup> East two miles & ten chains West, three Miles & 33 chains, south 10 D<sup>o</sup> West 53 Chains North 63 D<sup>o</sup> West

68 Chains, South 20 D° West one Mile & ten chains, South 80 D° East four miles & 21 chains on Townsend North line containing five thousand & forty five Acres, And that the inhabitants possessing the afores<sup>d</sup> Tract of Land shall be entitled to corporate privileges as the inhabitants of any other Gore of equal extent within this State & that it be called & known by the Name of JOHNSONS GORE—To HAVE & To HOLD the said granted premises as above expressed with all the privileges & appurtenances thereunto belonging unto them & their respective heirs & assigns forever, ON CONDITION, that each proprietor of said Tract of Land shall do the settling duties on each respective right or share, the same as is required to be done in the respective Towns within this State, & to be under the like penalties & forfeitures in case of Neglect; IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the seal of this State to be affixed in Council this 23<sup>d</sup> day of February 1782 in the 6<sup>th</sup> year of our independence.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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[KELLY'S GRANTS]

**The Charter of Six Thousand Acres of land granted to John Kelly Esq.**

THE FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT BY THE GRACE OF  
GOD FREE & INDEPENDENT

*To all to whom these Presents shall come GREETING:*

KNOW YE, that we have given granted & confirmed & by these presents do give, grant, & confirm unto John Kelly Esquire of the City of New York, all that certain Tract of Land situate lying & being in the County of Chittenden in the State of Vermont, BEGINNING at the south-east corner of the Township of Westfield, being a Stake seventeen links South 27 D° East from a beech Tree marked Westfield corner July 22<sup>d</sup> 1789 & running North 5 D° East, Twenty Eight Chains in the East line of said Westfield to a little beech Tree marked Octo<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1789, Thence South 82 D° & 20 Minutes East three Miles and 47 chains to a little white ash Tree standing in the westerly line of Irasburgh marked October 24<sup>th</sup> 1789, Then south 36 D° West, Nine Miles & Eight chains in the westerly line of Irasburgh and Lutterloh, to the Northeasterly corner of Eden being the place of Beginning of Tract N° 1, called The Township of Kellyvale, & thence along the easterly bounds thereof North seven Degrees & 30 Minutes East to the northeasterly corner of the last mentioned Tract or Township of Kellyvale,

*which is in the southerly Bounds of Westfield, Thence along the South bounds of the said Westfield, south 82 D° & 20 Minutes East Twenty Eight chains to the place of Beginning, containing six Thousand Acres of Land, Together with all & singular the rights, Hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining, excepting & reserving to ourselves all gold & silver Mines with such allowance for public Roads as is usual & customary in other Towns granted by this State,—TO HAVE & TO HOLD the above described & granted premises unto the said John Kelly his heirs & assigns as a good indefeasible Estate of inheritance forever on condition Nevertheless that within the Term prescribed by law, or the usual & customary time on Grants made by this State, actual settlements shall be commenced & actually made on the said Tract of Land, granted as aforesaid on the like pain & penalty as is particularly expressed in other grants & charters made by this State, IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made patent & the great seal of our said State to be hereunto affixed, Witness our Trusty & welbeloved Thomas Chittenden Esquire, Governor, of our said State, General & commander in chief of all the Militia of the same, at Bennington this sixth day of June 1791, & of the independence of the united States the fifteenth—Passed the secretary's Office the sixth day of June AD 1791—*

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency's Command,  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>

### The Charter of 2,000 Acres of land granted to John Kelly Esq<sup>r</sup>.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF VERMONT, BY THE GRACE OF  
GOD FREE & INDEPENDENT—

*To all to whom these Presents shall come GREETING:*

KNOW YE, that we, have given, granted, & confirmed, & by these presents do give, grant, & confirm unto John Kelly Esq<sup>r</sup> of the City of New York, all that certain Tract or parcel of Land, situate, lying & being in the County of Chittenden in the State of Vermont, BEGINNING, *at the northwesterly corner of the Township of Johnson, Thence South 36 D° West, three Miles & 32 Chains in the westerly line of said Johnson to the northeasterly corner of Cambridge, being a Stake & Stones standing on the Top of a beach & Maple Hill—Thence North 7 D°. & 30 Minutes East, in the easterly line of a Grant made to Whitlaw & company called Williamsburgh, about three miles to the Southwesterly corner of Tract N°3, being a part of Kelly's Grant, Thence along the southerly line thereof, South 54 D° East, 147 chains & 15 links, so as to meet with & intersect the place of Beginning, containing two thousand Acres of Land, Together with all & singular the rights, hereditaments, & appurtenances, to the same be-*

longing or in any wise appertaining, Excepting & reserving to ourselves all Gold & silver Mines—To HAVE & TO HOLD the above described & granted premises, unto the said John Kelly, his heirs and assigns, as a good indefeasible Estate of inheritance forever, On condition nevertheless that within the Term of seven Years to be computed from the first day of January next ensuing the date hereof, there shall be one actual settlement made for every six hundred & forty Acres on the said Tract of Land hereby granted, or within the time limited by law, otherwise these our letters patent & the Estate hereby granted shall cease determine & become void, IN TESTIMONY whereof we have cause these our Letters to be made patent & the great Seal of our said State, to be here unto affixed Witness our Trusty & welbeloved Thomas Chittenden Esquire, Governor of our said State, General & commander in chief of all the Militia of the same at Bennington this eighth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & Ninety one & in the 15<sup>th</sup> Year of our independence—Passed the Secretary's Office the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 1791—

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency's Command.  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

### Charter of 12,000 Acres to John Kelly

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF VERMONT BY THE GRACE OF GOD  
FREE AND INDEPENDENT:

*To all to whom these presents shall come GREETING—*

KNOW YE, that we have given, granted and confirmed, and by these presents do give, grant and confirm unto John Kelly Esquire of the City of New York all that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the county of Chittenden in the state of Vermont, BEGINNING at a beach sapling marked by James Whitelaw Esq<sup>r</sup> surveyor general of this state October 24<sup>th</sup> 1789, standing in the eastwardly line of Westfield, twenty eight chains on a course north five degrees easterly from the south east corner thereof at a corner of a tract of land chartered to the said John Kelly in the year 1791, thence running north five degrees east five miles and fifty two chains in the easterly line of said Westfield to the northeasterly corner thereof, thence north one hundred and twenty chains in the easterly line of Carthage, thence south eighty two degrees and twenty minutes east to the westerly line of Duncansburgh, thence south twenty degrees west in the westerly line of said Duncansburgh and part of Coventry to a Ceder tree marked by said Whitelaw Oct<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1789. being the southwest corner of said part of Coventry—thence north eighty two [de]grees and twenty minutes west one mile and fifty one chains to the place of beginning, containing twelve thousand acres, together with all and singular the rights hereditaments



and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining excepting and reserving to ourselves all gold and silver mines—

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described and granted premises unto the said John Kelly and to his heirs and assigns as a good and indefeasible estate of inheritance forever, on condition nevertheless, that within the term of seven years to be computed from the first day of January next ensuing the date hereof there shall be one actual settlement made for every six hundred & forty acres of the said tract of land hereby granted otherwise these letters patent and the estate hereby granted shall cease, determine and become void—IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent and the great seal of our said state to be hereunto affixed—WITNESS our trusty and well beloved Thomas Chittenden Esq<sup>r</sup> governor of our said state general and commander in chief of all the militia of the same at Rutland this 30 day of October in the year of our Lord 1792. and in the 16 year of our Independence

Passed the secretarys office Oct<sup>r</sup>. 30<sup>th</sup> 1792

By His Excellencys Command—

Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

## THE CHARTER OF KELLYVALE.

THE FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT BY THE GRACE OF  
GOD FREE & INDEPENDENT.

*To all people to whom these presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE, that we have given, granted & confirmed & by these presents do give, grant & confirm unto John Kelly Esq<sup>r</sup> of the City of New York, all that certain Tract or parcel of Land, situate, lying & being in the County of Chittenden & State of Vermont, BEGINNING at the Northeasterly corner of the Township of Eden, Thence North 54 D<sup>o</sup> West, Ten Miles & 30 Chains, Then North 36 D<sup>o</sup> East three Miles & 30 Chains to the South line of Montgomery, Thence South 82 D<sup>o</sup> & 20 Minutes East, in the south lines of Montgomery & Westfield Townships until it comes within 28 Chains of the South east corner of Westfield aforesaid, Thence South 7 D<sup>o</sup> 30 Minutes West to the place of Beginning, which is the Northeasterly corner of Eden, containing thirty one thousand acres of Land. Together with all and singular the rights hereditaments, & appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining, excepting & reserving to our selves all gold & silver Mines, with such public rights or Shares of Land within said Tract for the use of a College, Minister & Schools to be

appropriated as usual & customary & in such proportion as is in other Townships granted by this State, *the same to be located together & to begin in the north line of Eden, 65 Chains measured on a course South 54 D° East from the Northeast corner of said Eden, Thence along the said north line of Eden & a continuation thereof being North 54 D° West so far as that by drawing a northerly line, an Easterly line & southerly line parallel to each other will intersect the place of Beginning & containing the quantity so reserved for public uses as afores<sup>d</sup>*—TO HAVE & TO HOLD the above described & granted premises unto the said John Kelly his heirs & assigns as a good indefeasible Estate of inheritance forever, ON CONDITION nevertheless that within the term usual & customary on grants made by this State, actual settlements shall be made on the aforesaid Tract, on like pains & penalties as particularly expressed in other Charters of incorporation of Grants made by this State as aforesaid—And we do by these presents, create, erect & constitute the Tract or parcel of Land herein before granted & every part & parcel thereof into a Township forever hereafter to be, continue, & remain by the Name of KELLYVALE, And do hereby give & grant to the inhabitants that now do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township, all powers, authorities, privileges, immunities & advantages heretofore given & granted to other incorporated Townships within this State—IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made patent, & the great Seal of our said State to be hereunto affixed, Witness our Trusty & welbeloved Thomas Chittenden Esquire, Governor of our said State, General & commander in chief of all the Militia of the same—at Bennington this seventh day of June 1791, & of the independence of the United States the fifteenth—

Passed the Secretary<sup>s</sup> Office the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1791—

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>

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## THE CHARTER OF KINGSTON

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

L. S.

*To all people to whom these presents shall come GREETING:*

KNOW YE, That Whereas Mess<sup>rs</sup> Reuben King, Sheldon Graham, Doctor Jonathan King and M<sup>r</sup> Daniel King and their associates, our worthy friends have by petition requested a grant of a Tract of unap-

propriated Lands within this State in order for settling a New Plantation to be erected into a Township. We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their Laudable design, and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, And do by these Presents in the name and by the authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter described and bounded unto them the said Reuben King, Sheldon Graham, Jonathan King, and Daniel King, and the Several persons hereafter named their associates viz, James Lusk, Robert Graham, James Mead, Joseph Farnsworth, Justus Mitchel, John Stanford, John Stanford Ju<sup>r</sup>., John May, Ira Allen, Daniel Beaman, Ebenezer Wright, Amos Crosbee, Isaac Pomeroy, Philip Hurlbut, Jacob Sheldon, William Slade, Seth Banister, Elias Staples, John Cutler, Jesse Abbott, Solomon Banister, Thomas Wood, Thomas King, Moses King, Sylvanus Walker, Aaron Graves, Thomas Bliss, John Lord, John Thompson, Simeon Graves, John Hill, David Haynes, Jonathan Moore, Gideon King, James Shaw, Daniel Russell, John McElwain, Isaac Roberts, William McDole, John Spear, Joseph McClintock, John McMaster Ju<sup>r</sup>., William Spear, James McClintock, John Hurlburt Ju<sup>r</sup>., Narcissus Graham, Aaron I. Boge, Benjamin Scott, Isaac King, John Hurlbut, Joseph Graham, Phinehas Sheldon, Reuben Persons, Benjamin Sheldon, Ezra Sheldon, Alexander Sheldon, Cephas Gillet, David Graham, John Graham, and ASAPH SHELDON, which Together with the five following Rights, or equal Shares to be reserved to the several public uses in manner following include the whole of said Tract or Township viz<sup>t</sup>. one Right for the use of a Seminary or College, one Right for the use of County Grammer Schools in said State, Lands to the amount of one Right to be & remain for the purpose of settlement of a Minister & Ministers of the Gospel in said Township forever, Lands to the amount of one Right for the Support of the Social Worship of God in said Township, and Lands to the amount of one Right for the use of an English School or Schools in said Township, which said Two Rights for the use of a Simenary or College and for the use of County Grammer Schools as aforesaid, and the improvements, rents, Interest & Profits arising therefrom, shall be under the Controul, order, direction & disposal of the General Assembly of said State forever, & the Proprietors of said Township are hereby Authorised & empowered to locate said Two Rights, Justly & equitably or quantity for quality in such parts of said Township, as they or their Committee shall judge will least incommode the General Settlement of said Tract or Township; And the said Proprietors are further empowered to locate the Lands aforesaid amounting to three Rights assigned, for the Settlement of a Minister & Ministers for their Support, and for the use and Support of an English School, or Schools, in such and in so many places as they or their Committee shall judge will least incommode the Inhabitants of said Township when the same shall be fully settled and improved, laying the Same Equitably or quantity for quality which said Lands amounting to three Rights last mentioned when located as aforesaid, shall Together with their improve-

ments, Rights, Rents, profits, dues and Intrest remain unalienably appropriated to the uses & purposes for which they are respectively assigned, & be under the charge direction & disposal of the Inhabitants of said Township forever; Which Tract of Land hereby given and granted as aforesaid is bounded & discribed as follows viz<sup>t</sup>. BEGINNING, at the Northwesterly corner of Brantree N<sup>o</sup> 5) then south 36° west in the line of Brantree about six miles and an half to an angle thereof, then extending that breadth back north 61° west so far as that a line being extended north 36° east across s<sup>d</sup> Breadth will encompass the Contents of six miles square. And that the same be and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the name of KINGSTON, and the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit S<sup>d</sup> Township are declared to be Infranchised & Intitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities, that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State do and ought by the Law and Constitution of this State to exercise and Enjoy. To HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said Granted premises as above expressed with all the priviledges and appurtenences thereto belonging & appertaining in equal Shares unto them and their respective Heirs and assigns forever upon the foll[ow]ing conditions and reservations, viz<sup>t</sup>, That each Proprietor in the Township of KINGSTON aforesaid, His heirs or assigns shall plant and cultivate five acres of Land & build an House at least Eighteen feet square on the Floor, or have one Family settled on each respective Right within the Term of three years next after the Circumstances of the War will admit of a Settlement with Safety, on penalty of the Forfeiture of each respective Right or share of Land in said Township not so improved or settled and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State to be by their Representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to Settle and Cultivate the same, That all pine Timber suitably for a Navy be reserved for the use and Benefit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY, whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed in Council this Second day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty one (1781) in the 5 year of the Independence of this State.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command.  
Thomas Tolman Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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[CHARTER OF KNIGHT'S GORE & ISLANDS]

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF VERMONT BY THE GRACE OF  
GOD FREE & INDEPENDENT

*To all to whom these presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE that we have given Granted and Confirmed & by these presents Do give grant & Confirm unto Samuel Knights Esq<sup>r</sup> of Brattle-

borough in the County of Windham and State aforesaid all these Certain Tracts or Parcels of Land Lying & being in the County of Chittenden in the State aforesaid and are Described & bounded as follows to wit one Tract BEGINNING at a Stake by a Little Beach marked Knoulton which is the Northwestermost Corner of Bakersfield thence North 20 Degrees east in the east Line of Smithfield 40 Chains & 40 Links to a Stake and Stones in a Southwesterly Angle of Enosburgh thence South 82 Degrees & 20 Minutes east in the South Line of Enosburgh 486 Chains & 75 Links to a Stake & Stones thence South 20 Degrees West 40 Chains & 40 Links to a Stake & Stones in the North Line of Averys Gore thence North 82 Degrees and 20 Minutes West 486 Chains and 75 Links to the Bounds began at Containing one thousand Nine hundred and forty seven Acres Also several Islands Lying in Onion River Described & being five Islands Opposite the Town of Burlington Containing seventeen acres three Opposite the Town of Williston Containing three acres five Opposite the Town of Newhuntington Containing six & half acres five Opposite the Town of Bolton Containing Six acres five Opposite the Town of Waterbury Containing six & an half acres six Opposite the Town of Middlesex Containing fourteen acres being all of the Islands in said River below the Upper Line of Middlesex not heretofore granted Located or Legally Appropriated excepting one Island of about three acres just below the Lower falls now improved by Gen. Ira Allen Also one Island Containing about 200 Acres Opposite too & in part improved by M<sup>r</sup>. Rodrick Messinger & Known by the Name of Messinger's Island Also one Containing about three Acres Improved by Gov. Chittenden and Lying Opposite his Farm also 2 Islands Containing about 20 Acres Lying Opposite Gen. Jonathan Spaffords Farm and Improved by said Spafford also one Lying Opposite to & Improved by M<sup>r</sup>. Crane in said Williston Containing about fifteen acres & Containing in all the above Tracts & Islands not above excluded the Contents of Two Thousand Acres of Land—

To HAVE & To HOLD the above Described & Granted Premises unto the said Samuel Knights & to his Heirs & assigns as a Good Indefeasible estate of Inheritance forever on Condition Nevertheless that within the Term of seven years to be computed from the first Day of November next ensuing the Date hereof there shall be one actual settlement made for every six hundred & forty acres of the said Tract of Land hereby granted otherwise these our Letters Patent & the Estate hereby granted shall cease Determine & become Void IN TESTIMONY whereof we have Caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the great Seal of our said State to be hereunto Affixed Witness our Trusty & well beloved Thomas Chittenden Esquire Governor of our said State General & Commander in Chief of all the Militia of the Same at Windsor this 27 Day of October AD 1795 & Nineteenth year of our Independence—

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellencys Command  
Truman Squier Secretary

## THE CHARTER OF LANDGROVE

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FREEMEN OF VERMONT.

L. S.

To all people to whom these Presents shall come GREETING.

KNOW YE that whereas it has been represented to us by our worthy friends WILLIAM UTLEY and Company to the Number of Twenty Two That there is a Gore or tract of vacant land within this State which has not heretofore been Granted, which they pray may be granted unto them, We have therefore thought fit, for the due encouragement of settling a new plantation within this State, and other valuable considerations us hereunto moving; and do by these Presents, in the Name and by the Authority of the Freemen of Vermont give and Grant unto said William Utley, and the several persons hereafter named his associates viz<sup>t</sup>. His Excellency Thomas Chittenden Esq<sup>r</sup> Asa Utley, William Utley Ju<sup>r</sup>, Stephen Tuttle, Thomas Butterfield, Peter Pixley, William Drew, Abel Bristoll, Sarah Utley, Bridget Utley, Tabitha Utley, Cynthia Utley, Peter Hawley, Oliver Utley, Pebody Utley, Stephen Hine, Nathan Beman, John Roberts Ju<sup>r</sup>, Ralph Utley, Reuben Rockwood, and Truman Powel;—

The following Gore or tract of Land BEGINNING at the southeast Corner of Brumly, Thence south eighty dg<sup>s</sup> east to the westerly line of Londondary, Then North 10 D<sup>o</sup> east to the northwest corner of said Londondary, Then Easterly in the northerly line of Londondary until Turning North 10 D<sup>o</sup> east will Strike the south west Corner of Andover, Then northerly in the Westerly line of Andover until turning North eighty degrees west, will Strike the Northeast Corner of said Brumly, Then south 10 D<sup>o</sup> west to the bounds began at. And that the same be and is hereby Incorporated into a Township by the Name of LANDGROVE, and the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be infranchised, and entitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within this State do by Law exercise and enjoy—

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Granted Premises, with all the priviledges and appurtenences thereunto belonging to them and their respective Heirs and assigns forever upon the following Conditions and reservations viz<sup>t</sup> That each proprietor of said Township of Landgrove his heirs and assigns, shall plant and Cultivate five acres of Land, and build a house at least eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one Family settled on each respective share or right of Land in said Township within the term of three years next after the circumstances of the War will admit of it with Safety, on penalty of the Forfeiture of his or her respective right or Share of Land in said Township, and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle and cultivate the same—That all Pine Timber Suitable for a Navy shall be reserved to and for the use & benefit of the

Freemen of this State—IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the seal of this State to be affixed hereunto the Ninth day of November 1780, in the fourth year of the Independence of this State, and the 5<sup>th</sup> of the United States.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency's Command.  
Josepy Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF LINCOLN

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

L. S.

*To all People, to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:*

KNOW YE, that whereas Colonel Benjamin Simonds, and his Associates, our worthy Friends, have, by Petition, requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State, in order for settling a new Plantation, to be erected into a Township; WE HAVE THEREFORE THOUGHT FIT, for the due encouragement of their laudable Designs, and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving,—AND DO, by these Presents, In the Name, and by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, Give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter described and bounded, unto him the said Benjamin Simonds, and the several Persons hereafter named, his Associates, in equal Shares, viz<sup>t</sup>; Ithamar Hibbard, Oliver Scott, John Manley, John Williams, Jonathan Eastman, Enoch Eastman, Calvin Eastman, Henry Hyde, Shadrach Hatheway, Jesse Spawlding, Ezra Fellows, Josiah Terrell, Jacob Hyde, David Lee, William Boardman, Noah Chittenden, Darius Chipman, John Stewart, Samuel Billings, John Cochran, James Mead, John Sibley, Abner Mead, Stephen Mead Jun<sup>r</sup>, Timothy Miles, Nathan Manley, Ebenezer Hyde, Stephen Eastman, Joseph Bowker, Jonathan Eastman Jun<sup>r</sup>, Reuben Hermon Jun<sup>r</sup>, William Gage, Oliver Strong, Thomas Chittenden, John Gray, Daniel Welch, Andrew Barton, Samuel Benton, William Slade, Levi Taylor, Abiathar Waldo, Solomon Lee, Noah Smith, Jonas Fay, Joseph Barber, Peter Pixley, Reuben Harmon, Stephen Pearl, Thomas Tolman, William Fitch, Elijah Fay, Samuel Comstock, John Knickerbacor, Elisha Clark, Doct<sup>r</sup>. John Johnson (of Williamstown), Simeon Hatheway, Josiah Safford, Stephen Middlebrook, Joshua Emmis, Zebulon Parmalee, Ezra Payne, Benjamin Fowler, William Marther and Ephraim Ingraham; which, together with the Five following Rights, or equal Shares, reserved to the several

public uses in manner following, include the whole of said Tract or Township, viz<sup>t</sup>; one Right for the use of a Seminary or Colledge; one Right, for the use of County Grammar Schools in said State; Lands, to the amount of one Right, to be and remain for the purpose of Settlement of a Minister and Ministers of the Gospel in said Township forever; Lands, to the amount of one Right, for the support of the social Worship of God in said Township; and Lands, to the amount of one Right, for the use and support of an English School or Schools in said Township. Which said two Rights, for the use of a Seminary or Colledge, and for the use of County Grammar Schools as aforesaid; and the Improvements, Rents, Interests, and Profits arising therefrom, shall be under the Controul, Order, Direction and Disposal of the General Assembly of said State forever. And the Proprietors of said Township are hereby authorised and empowered, to locate said two Rights justly and equitably, or quantity for quality, in such parts of said Township, as they or their Committee shall judge will least incommode the General Settlement of said Tract or Township. And the said Proprietors are further empowered to locate the Lands aforesaid amounting to three Rights, assigned for the Settlement of a Minister and Ministers—for their Support—and for the use and Support of English Schools, in such, and in so many places, as they or their Committee shall judge will best accommodate the Inhabitants of said Township, when the same shall be fully settled and improved, laying the same equitably, or quantity for quality. Which said Lands, amounting to the Three Rights last mentioned, when located as aforesaid, shall, together with their Improvements, Rights, Rents, Profits, Dues and Interests, remain unalienably appropriated to the Uses and Purposes for which they are respectively assign<sup>d</sup> and be under the Charge, Direction, & Disposal of the Inhabitants of said Township forever. Which Tract of Land, hereby given and granted as aforesaid, is bounded and described as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>; “*BEGINNING at the South West Corner of Starksborough in the East Line of Pocock; then Southerly in the Line of Pocock, or continuing the same course six Miles; Then East, Six Miles, or so far, that, turning Northerly a parallel Line with the East Line of Pocock, six Miles, then West to the South East Corner of Starksborough, then in the Line of Starksborough to the Bounds began at, will contain Twenty three Thousand and Forty Acres (23,040. Acres.)*” And that the same be, and hereby is incorporated into a Township, by the Name of LINCOLN. And the Inhabitants that do, or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised, and entitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State do, and ought, by the Laws and Constitution of this State, to exercise and enjoy. To HAVE & TO HOLD the said Granted Premises, as above expressed, with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining, unto them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever: upon the following Conditions and Reservations, viz<sup>t</sup>; That each Proprietor in the Township of Lincoln aforesaid, his Heirs or Assigns, shall plant and cultivate Five



Acres of Land, and build an House at least Eighteen Feet square on the Floor, or have one Family settled on each respective Right, within the Term of Four Years, next after the circumstances of the present War will admit of a Settlement with Safety: on penalty of the Forfeiture of each respective Right or Share of Land in said Township, not so improved or settled; and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State; to be, by their Representatives, regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle and cultivate the same. That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy, be reserved for the use & Benefit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof, WE have hereunto affixed the Seal of this State, in Council, this Ninth Day of November, in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty; And in the 4<sup>th</sup> Year of the Independence of this State.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency's Command.  
Joseph Fay Secr<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF LITTLETON

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

L. S.

*To all People to whom these presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE that WHEREAS, BENJAMIN WHIPPLE Esquire and his associates, our worthy Friends have by Petition requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands in this State in order for settling a New Plantation to be erected into a Township, WE HAVE therefore, thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs, and for other Valuable considerations us hereunto moving, And do by these Presents in the Name and by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of VERMONT give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter discribed and bounded in equal Shares or Rights, unto him the said BENJAMIN WHIPPLE, and to the Several Persons hereafter Named his associates viz<sup>t</sup> Benjamin Doughlas, John Payne Ju<sup>r</sup>, Samuel Horsford, Israel Harriss, Jonathan Woodward, James Crompton, Thomas Mateson, Noah Chittenden, William Doughlas, Nehemiah Lovewell Ju<sup>r</sup>, Luther Richardson, Ripley Torrey, Nathan Allen, Nathaniel Spencer, Abel Aylsworth, Jonas Galusha, Ezra Fellows, Joshua Webb, Solomon Lee, Elisha Baker, Ju<sup>r</sup>, David Vallance, John Strong, Colonel Matthew Lyon, Mindwel Grant, Benajah Doughlas, Isaac Andrews, Benjamin Sumner, William Benj<sup>a</sup> Sumner, Thomas Chittenden, Oliver Ashley, John Goss, Samuel

Lathrop, Caleb Smith, Isaac Horsford, Benjamin Boardman, John Fassett Ju<sup>r</sup>, James Gamble, James Gamble Ju<sup>r</sup>, Daniel Gamble, Samuel Lee, Joseph Farnsworth, David Galusha, Ward Bayley, James Thompson, James Adams Ju<sup>r</sup>, Martin Adams, Daniel Adams, Eleanor Adams, Ebenezer Fisk, Evans Chace, James Gilcrease, Jareb Palmer, David Fassett, Joseph Averil, Charles Grant, Sherman Boardman, William Lyon, Nathan Dayton, Ithamer Horsford, Thadeus Menson, Lemuel Buck, Jedediah Aylesworth, Samuel Comstock, (*Captain*) And Ebenezer Leonard; which Together with the five following Rights or equal Shares, reserved to the several uses in manner following include the whole of said Tract or Township viz<sup>t</sup> (READ) Which Tract of Land hereby given and Granted as aforesaid is bounded & described as follows viz<sup>t</sup>. BEG-  
 GINNING *at the North, Easterly Corner of Barnet, being a boundary con-*  
*tiguous to Connecticut River, Then up said River as it Tends so far as to*  
*make Six miles on a Right Angle with the Northerly or head Line of s<sup>d</sup>*  
*Barnet, Then extending that Breadth Westerly, in the aforesaid Northerly*  
*Line of Barnet, and Continuing that direction; so far that to Turn on a*  
*Right Angle across said Breadth will contain the Contents of six Miles*  
*square, AND THAT THE SAME be & hereby is incorporated into a Township*  
 by the Name of LITTLETON and the Inhabitents that do or shall here-  
 after inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised, and In-  
 titled to all the Privileges & immunities that the Inhabitents of other  
 Towns, within this State do and ought by the laws & Constitution of  
 this State to exercise & enjoy. To HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said Granted  
 Premises as above expressed, with all the Privileges, and appurtenances,  
 thereto belonging & appertaining unto them and their respective Heirs  
 and assigns forever, upon the following Condition and reservations viz<sup>t</sup>  
 That each Proprietor of the Township of Littleton aforesaid His Heirs  
 or assigns shall plant & cultivate five acres of Land, and build an house  
 at least Eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one Family Settled  
 on Each respective Right within the Term of three years next after the  
 date of these presents On Penalty of the forefieture of each respective  
 right or share of Land in said Township, not so improved or Settled and  
 the same to revert to the Freemen of this State to be by their represen-  
 tatives regranted to such persons as Shall appear to Settle and cultivate  
 the Same, That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved for the  
 use and Benifit of the Freemen of this State.  
 IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed  
 In Council, this Eight day of November In the year of our Lord one  
 thousand Seven hundred and Eighty and in the Fourth year of the  
*Independence* of this State.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
 Thomas Tolman D. Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF LONDONDARY

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FREEMEN OF VERMONT—

L. S.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING:—

KNOW YE that whereas, the General Assembly of this State did at their Sessions, held at Westminster in March last, Resolve to Grant unto a Committee to be appointed for that purpose, a certain tract of Land as hereafter discribed—We have therefore Given and Granted, and by these Presents do give and Grant, unto our worthy Friends, Edward Akin, Samuel Fletcher, & Joseph Tyler Esquires, who are appointed a Committee as aforementioned, and to their heirs and assigns, a certain tract or Parcel of Land, situate within this State, and in the County of Cumberland, bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup>. BEGINNING, *at a black spruce tree two rods from the East side of a brook commonly known by the Name of the south branch of Williams, River, and about two rods North of where the road now goes from Manchester to Chester across said Brook, which tree has been Marked for the southeast corner of Andover, Thence running north sixty three degrees West, seven Miles and three quarters, to a Yellow Birch tree, Thence south Ten degrees West six Miles to a Small black Spruce, Thence south sixty three degrees east seven Miles and three quarters to a Small white beach, Thence North Ten deg<sup>s</sup> East six Miles to the first mentioned bounds*—Reserving five sixty fifth equal parts to be appropriated to public uses as follows viz<sup>t</sup> one equal part for the use & Support of a Simenary or College within this State, one equal part for the use and support of the County Grammer Schools throughout this State, one equal part for the use and support of the first settled Minister of the Gospel in said Town, to be disposed of for that purpose as the Inhabitents thereof shall direct, one equal part for the Support of the Ministry, and one equal part for the benifit and Support of a School or Schools within said Town—An that the same be and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of LONDONDARY. & the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be Infranchised and entitled to all the privileges, and Immunities that other Towns within this State do by Law exercise and enjoy.—To HAVE AND To HOLD the said Granted premises as above discribed, with every privilege and appurtenence therein contained, to the aforesaid Edward Akin, Samuel Fletcher, and Joseph Tyler, to them and their Hiers and assigns forever: IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the seal of this State to be affixed at Arlington in the County of Bennington this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April AD. 1780, and in the fourth year of the Independence of this, and the United States of America.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

Attest  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

## THE CHARTER OF LUTTERLOH

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT,

L. S.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come,* GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas our worthy Friends Col<sup>o</sup> HENRY EMANNUEL LUTTERLOH, Major THOMAS COGSWELL and their associates, have by Petition requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Land within this State, for the purpose of settling a new Plantation to be erected into a Township. WE HAVE therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs & for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving & do by these Presents in the Name & by the authority of the freemen of the STATE OF VERMONT give & grant the Tract of Land hereafter described & bounded unto them the said Henry E. Lutterloh, Thomas Cogswell & the several persons hereafter named their associates viz Gen<sup>l</sup> Joseph Badger, Col<sup>o</sup> Ebenezer Smith, Col<sup>o</sup> Antipas Gilman Noah Dow Charles Clapham Richard S<sup>c</sup>Clear, Gen<sup>l</sup> John Tyler, John Tyler Jun<sup>r</sup> James Lord, Nathaniel Coit, Hezekiah Lord, John Mott, Nathan Geer, Joshua Stanton, Abiel Fellows, Andrew Lester, Noah Holcomb, Ruluff Dutcher, Nehemiah Lawrence, Isaac Lawrence William Peet Tarball Whitney, Joshua Andrews, Nathaniel Lawrence, Rachael Fellows, Elisha Sheldon, Jun<sup>r</sup> Elijah Stanton, David Whitney, Correl Merrills, Samuel B. Sheldon, Calvin Ackley, Andrew Carney, Elisha Lee, Timothy Obrion, Joshua Porter Jun<sup>r</sup> Nergalsharzer Rude, Tunis Sardam, John Moore, Arthur Frinck, John Wheeler, Jacob Galusha, Samuel Moore Jun<sup>r</sup>, Ebenezer Fletcher, Jacob Varshburg, Moses Hinsdill, Ebenezer Reed, Gabriel Dutcher, Isaac White, Andrew Frinck, John Parks, Lemuel Hull, Gideon Smith, Ezra Crane, Jun<sup>r</sup> James Holmes, John Fellows, Caleb Nicols, James Parks, John Russell, Joshua Fitch Jun<sup>r</sup>, Isaac Pick, John Caton, Thomas Selleck & Elias Lord, Together with the five following Rights or equal shares reserved to the several public uses in manner following viz one full right or equal Share for the use and benefit of a College within this State — One Right or equal share for the use & benefit of County Grammer Schools throughout this State, One full share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel in said Township, One full Right for the use benefit & support of the social Worship of God in said Township to be disposed of for that purpose in such manner as the Inhabitants of said Township shall from time to time agree, One full share for the use & support of an English School or Schools in said Township forever. Which Tract of Land hereby given & granted as aforesaid is bounded and described as follows viz BEGINNING at a spruce Tree, being the Northeast Corner of Minden & running North 54<sup>o</sup> West six miles in the North Line of said Minden to a birch Tree, marked Lutterloh Corner Sept<sup>r</sup>. 23<sup>d</sup> 1788, Then North thirty Six degrees East six Miles to a Yellow Birch Tree Marked for

*the Northwesterly Corner of Lutterloh & Southwesterly Corner of Irasburgh Sep<sup>r</sup> 24, 1788 then south 54° East Six Miles to the Westerly line of Barton, then South 36° West six Miles to the bounds began at containing twenty three thousand & forty Acres—*And that the same be & hereby is incorporated into a Township by the Name of LUTTERLOH and the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be Enfranchised & entitled to all the privileges & immunities which the inhabitants of other Towns within this State do & ought by the Laws & Constitution thereof to exercise and enjoy.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises with every privilege and appurtenance thereunto belonging as appertaining unto them and their respective Heirs & assigns forever upon the following conditions & reservations viz. That each Proprietor of the Township of Lutterloh aforesaid his Heirs or assigns shall plant & cultivate five acres of Land & build an House at least Eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one family settled on each respective right or share of Land within the term of four years from the time the outlines of Said Township shall be known and established as the law directs, on penalty of the forfeiture of each respective right or share of Land in said Township not so improved or settled & the same to revert to the freemen of this state to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle & cultivate the same; IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have caused the seal of this state to be affixed this 26 day of June AD 1782 in the 6 year of our independence—

By His Excellency's Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

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## THE CHARTER OF LYNDON

*To all People to whom these presents shall come GREETING:*

KNOW YE that whereas the Hon<sup>bl</sup> Jonathan Arnold and his associates our worthy friends have by petition requested a grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State of six Miles square, in order for settling a new plantation to be erected into a Township, We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their Laudable designs and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, And do by these Presents in the name and by the authority of the Freemen of Vermont, give & grant the Tract of Land hereafter described & bounded unto the said Jonathan Arnold and the several persons hereafter named

his associates viz<sup>t</sup> His Excellency William Green Esq<sup>r</sup> His Excellency Thomas Chittenden Esq<sup>r</sup> The Honorable William West, John Innes Clark, Daniel Cahoon, & Daniel Owen Esquires, Henry Sherburne, Christopher Greene, Israel Angell, William Barton, Samuel Ward, Jeremiah Olney, Elisha Mowry, Adam Comstock, Asa Kimbal, & Ebenezer Flagg Esquires, Joseph Nightinggale, Coggeshal Olney, Ephraim Bowen Jun<sup>r</sup>, William Humphry, John Holden, Oliver Jenks, Ebenezer Maccumber, David Sayles, John Morley Greene, Peter Turner, Samuel Tinney, Elias Cornelius, Stephen Smith & John Wells Gentlemen, Thomas Owen, Joseph Brown, Welcome Arnold, Stephen Jenks, Jonathan Jenks, William Rhodes, Theodore Foster, Olney Winsor, William Bowen, Stephen Randall, Benjamin Raze, Paul Tew Kimbal, Oliver Bowen Jun<sup>r</sup>, Obadiah Brown, Lyndon Arnold, William Arnold (son of Jonathan) James Monro, Thomas Jenkins, John Murray, Joseph Brown Jun<sup>r</sup> & Daniel Hawkins, Yeomen & the Reverend James Manning in proportions annexed to their names respectively as follows, To said Jonathan Arnold five seventieth parts, William Greene one seventieth part, Thomas Chittenden one seventieth part, William West one seventieth part, John Innes Clark two seventieth parts, Daniel Cahoon one seventieth Parts, Daniel Owen two seventieth parts, Henry Sherburne one seventieth part, Christopher Green one seventieth part, Israel Angell one seventieth part, William Barton one seventieth part, Samuel Ward one seventieth part, Jeremiah Olney one seventieth part, Elisha Mowry one seventieth part, Adam Comstock one seventieth part, Asa Kimbal three seventieth parts, Ebenezer Flagg one seventieth p<sup>t</sup>, Joseph Nightinggale two seventieth parts, Coggeshall Olney one seventieth part Ephraim Bowen Jun<sup>r</sup> one seventieth part, William Humphry one seventieth part, John Holden, one seventieth part, Oliver Jenks one seventieth part, Ebenzer Macumber one seventieth part, David Sayles one seventieth part, John Morley Green one seventieth part, Peter Turner one seventieth part, Samuel Tinney one seventieth part, Elias Cornelius one seventieth part, Stephen Smith one seventieth part, John Wells one seventieth part, Thomas Owen one seventieth part, Joseph Brown three seventieth parts, Welcome Arnold one seventieth part, Stephen Jenks one seventieth part, Jonathan Jenks one seventieth part, William Rhodes one seventieth part, Theodore Foster one seventieth part, Olney Winsor one seventieth part, William Bowen one seventieth part, Stephen Randal one seventieth part, Benjamin Raze one seventieth part, Paul Tew Kimbal one seventieth part, Oliver Bowen Jun<sup>r</sup>. One seventieth part, Obadiah Brown one seventieth part, William Arnold one seventieth part, Lyndon Arnold one seventieth part, James Monro one seventieth part, Thomas Jenkins one seventieth part, John Murray one seventieth part, Joseph Brown Jun<sup>r</sup> one seventieth part, Daniel Hawkins one seventieth part, & James Manning one seventieth part which Together with the six following seventieth parts reserved to the several uses in Manner following, include the whole tract or Township, hereafter Bounded & particularly described viz<sup>t</sup>. One

seventieth part for the use of a seminary or College, One seventieth part for the use of county grammar schools within said State, Lands to the amount of one seventieth part for the purpose of the settlement of a Minister & Ministers of the GOSPEL in said Township, Lands to the amount of one seventieth part for the support of the social worship of God in said Township & Lands to the amount of one seventieth part for the support of an English school & schools in said Township which said two seventieth parts for the use of a seminary or College & for the use of county grammar Schools as aforesaid, and the improvements, Rents, Interests & profits arising therefrom shall be under the controul, order, direction, & disposal of the general Assembly of ye Said State forever. And the Proprietors of said Township are hereby authorized & impowered to Locate said two seventieth parts justly & equitably Or quantity for Quality in such parts of said Township as they or their Committee shall judge will Least incommode the general settlement of the said Township And the said Proprietors are hereby further impowered to Locate the Lands aforesaid amounting to three seventieth parts of said Township assigned for the settlement of a Minister & Ministers for their support & for the Use & Support of English Schools in said Town- in such & in so many places as they or their committee shall judge will best accommodate the inhabitants of said Township when the same shall be fully settled and improved, laying the same equitably or Quantity for Quality, which said Lands amounting to three seventieth parts of said Township when Located as aforesaid shall together with their improvements, rights, Rents, profits, dues, & interests remain unalienably appropriated for the uses and purposes for which they are respectively assigned & be under the charge, direction & disposal of the Select Men of said Township in trust to & for the use of said Town forever, And the remaining seventieth part of said Township the Proprietors are hereby impowered to dispose of in such manner as they shall judge best for the encouragement of erecting the first grist Mill & Saw Mill in said Township. And whereas by dividing the said Township into seventy parts, there will be to each right the number of three hundred & twenty nine acres & one seventh part of an Acre, And whereas it is necessary that early provision should be made for accommodating said Township with Lands sufficient for Public Roads & highways which cannot be particularly assigned until the said Township shall be fully surveyed & under some improvement. Therefore by virtue of these presents, there is hereby reserved in every right or seventieth part of said Township the quantity of nine acres & one seventh part of an acre to be appropriated from time to time for the purpose of opening roads or highways in said Town, in such places thro' each right or seventieth part aforesaid as the select Men of said Town or other legal authority shall assign & direct, which said nine Acres & one seventh part of one acre shall be & remain unalienably in each right appropriated for the said purpose of Public roads & highways in & throughout said Township forever. Which Tract of Land is hereby given & granted as afore-

said is bounded & described as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>. BEGINNING at a small forked Elm Tree standing on the eastern bank of Pasumsick river opposite the southern point of a small island in said river a little below the upper great falls marked thus  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} L \\ 1721 \\ \text{K} \end{array} \right]$  and from said tree running East twenty degrees south two miles from [for] the southeast corner, Thence turning  $\text{\textcircled{S}}$  running North twenty degrees East six Miles for the north east corner, Thence turning  $\text{\textcircled{S}}$  running west Twenty degrees North six miles for the northwest corner, Thence turning and running south twenty degrees West Six Miles for the Southwest corner, Thence turning  $\text{\textcircled{S}}$  running East Twenty degrees south four Miles to a larger Elm Tree Standing on the western Bank of said Pasumick river  $\text{\textcircled{S}}$  opposite the point of the aforesaid Island marked thus  $\overset{A}{72}$   $\overset{B}{\text{B}}$  And thence on the same course crossing said river  $\text{\textcircled{S}}$  the point of said Island to the small Elm aforesaid the Beginning boundary. And that the same be and hereby is incorporated into a Township by the NAME of LYNDON and the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit ye said Township are declared to be Enfranchised and entitled to all the privileges & immunities that the inhabitants of other Towns within this State do and ought by Law & the constitution of this State to exercise & enjoy. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted premises as above expressed with all the privileges appurtenances thereto belonging & appertaining to them & their respective Heirs & assigns forever upon the following conditions & reservations Viz<sup>t</sup> That each Proprietor of the Township of LYNDON aforesaid his heirs or Assigns shall plant & cultivate five acres of Land and build a house at least eighteen feet square on the floor or have one family settled on each respective right or seventieth part of Land in said Township within the term of four years next, after the circumstances of the war will admit of a settlement with safety on penalty of the forfeiture of each right or seventieth part of Land in said Town not so improved & settled and the same to revert to the freemen of this State to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle & cultivate the same, That all Pine Timber suitable for a navy be reserved to the use and benefit of the Freemen of this State agreeable to an act of the legislature of said State passed at their session Oct<sup>r</sup> 1781. IN TESTIMONY whereof I have hereunto set my hand & caused the Seal of this State to be affixed This 20<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord 1780 in the fourth year of the independence of this State & fifth of the united States.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By his Excellency's command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.



## THE CHARTER OF MARSHFIELD

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

*To all People to whom these presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE, that whereas the Stockbridge tribe of INDIANS, have by petition requested a grant of a Tract of unlocated land within this State in order for settling a new plantation to be erected into a Township. WE HAVE therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs & for other valuable causes & considerations us hereunto moving, Do by these presents in the name & by the authority of the freemen of the State of Vermont, Give & Grant unto the said STOCKBRIDGE TRIBE OF INDIANS the tract of Land hereafter bounded and described to them & their respective heirs & assigns forever; reserving five full & equal seventy fifth parts to be appropriated to the following uses Viz<sup>t</sup>. One full and Equal 75<sup>th</sup> part for the use of a seminary or College within this State; One 75<sup>th</sup> part for the use & benefit of county grammar Schools throughout this State; One 75<sup>th</sup> part to be given to the first settled Minister of the GOSPEL in said Town forever; One 75<sup>th</sup> part for the benefit & use of supporting the ministry of the Gospel in said Town forever to be disposed of for that use as the inhabitants thereof shall direct, & One 75<sup>th</sup> part for the use & Support of an english School or Schools within s<sup>d</sup> Town forever. Which tract of Land hereby given and granted as aforesaid is bounded & described as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>. BEG-INNING at the southwesterly corner of the Township of Cabot & running south 54 D<sup>o</sup> East six Miles in the southerly line of said Cabot to the south-easterly corner thereof, Then continuing the same course until it intersects the westerly line of Peacham, Then south 48 D<sup>o</sup> West in the said line to the southwesterly corner thereof, Then south 36 D<sup>o</sup> West three miles & a half to a great birch Tree marked MARSHFIELD S E corner May 29<sup>th</sup> 1788, Then north 54 D<sup>o</sup> West four Miles 63 Chains & 87 Links to a hemlock Tree standing in the easterly line of the Township of MONTPELIER marked MARSHFIELD S W Corner 1788, Then north 36 D<sup>o</sup> East one Mile & six Chains to the northeasterly corner of MONTPELIER, Then North 54 D<sup>o</sup> West forty Chains to the southeasterly corner of the Township of Calais, Then north 36 D<sup>o</sup> East six miles to the bounds began at, containing twenty three thousand & forty Acres. AND THAT the same be & hereby is incorporated into a Township by the name of MARSHFIELD and y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be in-franchised & entitled to all the privileges & immunities that the inhabitants of other incorporated Towns, do and ought by the Laws & constitution of this State to exercise & enjoy.

To HAVE and to HOLD the said granted premises as above expressed with all privileges & appurtenances thereto belonging & appertaining unto them & their respective heirs & assigns forever upon the following

conditions & reservations VIZ<sup>t</sup> That each proprietor holding one 75<sup>th</sup> part in the Township of MARSHFIELD aforesaid his heirs or assigns shall plant and cultivate five acres of Land and build a house at least eighteen feet square on the floor or have one family settled on each respective 75<sup>th</sup> part within four years from the time of the surveying the outlines of said Township, on penalty of the forfeiture of his right or share of Land respectively in said Township, who shall neglect or refuse to do the duty aforesaid; & the same to revert to the freemen of this State to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle & cultivate the same. The aforesaid Grant being made the 18<sup>th</sup> October 1782.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed in Council this 22<sup>d</sup> day of June AD 1790 in the 14<sup>th</sup> Year of the independence of this STATE

MOSES ROBINSON

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> command.  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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### MARVIN'S GORE

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT—

*To all Persons to whom these presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE, that we, for divers good causes and considerations us thereunto moving have and do by these presents in the name and by the Authority of the state of Vermont, give, grant, convey and confirm unto Ebenezer Marvin Esq<sup>r</sup> of Huntsburgh in the county of Franklin, in the said state, and unto his heirs and assignees forever a certain tract or parcel of lands situate in the said county of Franklin, lying west of and adjoining to the west line of Huntsburgh aforesaid, being part and parcel of the tract of lands, designated "Marvins Gore," on the surveyor General's map of the state and is more particularly bounded and described as follows to wit BEGINNING *in the line commonly called the province line being the North line of this state and the south line of the province of lower Canada, at the north west corner bound of the town of Huntsburgh, as affixed & placed by the proprietors of said Huntsburgh in their survey thereof,—* Thence west in said North line of this state one hundred and sixty rods to a stake; thence at right angles south seven hundred rods to a stake with stones, thence at right angles East two hundred rods, thence turning northerly in the line marked for Huntsburgh west line to the first mentioned bound, con-

*taining seven hundred & eighty seven acres of land*—TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted premises with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging or appertaining to him the said Ebenezer Marvin and to his heirs and assignees forever to his and their sole use benefit & behoof—

GIVEN AND GRANTED by an act of the Legislature of this state bearing date at Windsor the fourth day of November A. D. one thousand seven hundred and ninety three—

IN TESTIMONY whereof I have hereunto set my hand & caused the seal of this State to be affixed in Council at Newbury this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October A. D. 1801 and of the Independence of the United States the twenty sixth—

ISAAC TICHENOR

By his Excellency's command

Ros. Hopkins Secy. of State.

Recorded Oct. 27th 1801 Ros. Hopkins Secy.

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## THE CHARTER OF MEDWAY

THE GOVERNOR COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

*To all people to whom these presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas the Honorable Joseph Bouker Esq<sup>r</sup>, and his associates thirty four in number have by Petition requested a grant of unlocated Lands within this State for the purpose of settling a new plantation to be erected into a Township—We have therefore thought fit for the Due encouragement of their Laudable Designs and for other Valuable Causes and Considerations us hereunto moving And Do by these Presents in the name and by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont Give and Grant unto the said Joseph Bouker and the several Persons hereafter named his Associates the Tract of Land hereafter Discribed and Bounded to be Divided into equal Shares Viz Ashbael Cook, Simeon Avery, James Claghorn, Asa Fuller, Moses Hale, Asa Hale, John Dagget John Forbs, Gershom Olds, Thaddeus Curtis, David Sturge Ebenezer Wheelock, Enos Ives, Elnathan Guilbert, Gideon Minor, Josiah Hale, John Andrus, Henry Strong, the Heirs of Ebenezer Cook, Samuel Beach, Moses Andrus, Moses Wheelock, David Haskins, John H. Johnson, Jehiel Andrus, Clement Clark, Nathan Fisher, David Hale Samuel Williams, Phinehas Hill, Jonathan Maltbie,

David Taylor, & Joseph Fay together with the four following equal Shares to be appropriated to the use of the Public Viz one equal Share for the Benefit of *the* a College within this State one equal Share for the Benefit of County Grammar Schools throughout this State one equal Share for the first settled minister of the Gospel in said Town and equal Share for the Benefit of an English *Gramm* School within said Town— which tract of Land hereby Given and Granted as aforesaid is described and bounded as follows Viz BEGINNING at the Southeast Corner of Rutland thence North 4 Degrees East on Rutland East Line five Miles and Eighty Rods to the Southwest Corner of the Township of Chittenden then East 20 Degrees North Two Miles and one hundred Rods in the South Line of Chittenden to Killington West Line then south 28 Degrees West four miles and one hundred Rods on Killington Line to the Southwest Corner thence East 28 Degrees South five and a half miles to Shrewsbury southeast Corner then West 4 Degrees North six Miles to the first mentioned Bounds containing about eight Thousand eight hundred and ninety Acres And that the same be and is hereby incorporated into a Township by the name of MEDWAY and the Inhabitants that Do or shall hereafter Inhabit said Township are Declared to be Infranchised and Entitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that Towns within this State Do by Law Exercise and enjoy.—

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises with all the Priviledges and appurtenances belonging or in any ways appertaining unto them their Respective Heirs and assigns forever on the following Conditions Viz that each proprietor of the Township of MEDWAY aforesaid his Heirs or assigns shall Plant and Cultivate five acres of Land and build a House at Least eighteen feet Square on the floor or have one Family settled on each respective Right or Share of Land in said Township within the Term of three years from the first Day of June next on Penalty of the forfeiture of each Respective Right or Share of Land not so Settled and Improved as aforesaid—and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State to be by their Representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to Settle and Cultivate the same.

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have Caused the Seal of this State to be affixed this 23 Day of February AD 1781

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By his Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

### THE CHARTER OF MINDEN

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT,

L. S.

To all People to whom these Presents shall come GREETING:

KNOW YE, That Whereas COL<sup>o</sup> TIMOTHY NEWELL and EBENEZER CRAFT ESQUIRE and their associates our Worthy Friends have by Peti-

tion requested a grant of a Tract of unappropriated Land within this State, in order for settling a New Plantation to be erected into Township, We Have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their Laudable designs & for other valuable Considerations us hereunto moving and do by these Presents In the Name and by the authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter discribed, and Bounded, unto the said Timothy Newel, Ebenezer Craft, and to the several persons hereafter named their associates, viz<sup>t</sup> Timothy Danielson, Jonathan Warner, Phinehas Upham, Abel Mason, Martin Kinsley, Timothy Newell Ju<sup>r</sup>, Meriam Newell, Samuel Crafts, Samuel Crafts Ju<sup>r</sup>, Caleb Kinsley, Jabez Upham Ju<sup>r</sup>, Mehetabel Newell, Samuel Chandler Crafts, William Young, Hezekiah Ward, Abner Morgan, Miriam Newell Jun<sup>r</sup>, Jonathan Warner Ju<sup>r</sup> Thomas Upham, Rachel Newel, Nathan Dean, Jeremiah Bingham, Elisha Lord, Nathaniel Newell, Rebeckah Newell, Daniel Warner, George Baxter Upham, Elisha Lord Ju<sup>r</sup>, Moses Crafts, Mehetable Crafts, Daniel Billing, Phinehas Upham Ju<sup>r</sup>, Lucinda Newell, Metilda Crafts, Augusta Crafts, Ebenezer Clark, Elijah Warner, Samuel Upham, Theophilus Chandler, John Bennet, Winthrop Chandler, Edward Foster, Elijah Mercy, Jonathan Mason, Joseph Scott, Lucretia Crafts, James Upham, Thomas Wheeler, Moses Hastings, Daniel Goodell, Peter Faulkner, Lydia Town, Jacob Corey, Griffen Crafts, Nehemiah Lyon, Daniel Faulkner, Aaron Allen, Abijah Shumway, Job, Hammet, William Blanchard, and Samuel Shumway. which Together with the five following Rights reserved to the several uses in manner following include the whole of said Township viz<sup>t</sup> (READ) which said Tract of Land hereby given and Granted as aforesaid is bounded and discribed as follows viz<sup>t</sup> BEGINNING, *at the Northeasterly corner of Wolcott, Then North 36 D<sup>o</sup> East, in the Line of Hardwick and Greensborough six Miles; Then North 54 D<sup>o</sup> west six Miles, Then South 36 D<sup>o</sup> West six miles to the North westerly Corner of Wolcott, then South 54 D<sup>o</sup> East in the line of Wolcot six miles to the bounds began at.* And that the same be and hereby is incorporated into a Township by the name of MINDEN, and the inhabitants That do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be Infranchised and intituled to all the priviledges and immunities that the Inhabitents of other Towns within this State do and ought by the Laws and Constitution of this State to Exercise and enjoy. To HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said granted Premises as above expressed, with all the Priviledges, and appurtenances, thereto belonging and appertaining, unto them, and their respective Heirs & assigns forever, upon the following Conditions & Reservations viz<sup>t</sup>, That each Proprietor of the Township of MINDEN, aforesaid, his heirs or assigns Shall plant & Cultivate five acres of Land, and build an House at least Eighteen feet square on the Floor, or have one Family settled on each respective right within the Term of three years next after the Circumstances of the War will admit of a Settlement with safety, on penalty of the Forfeiture of Each respective Right of Land in said Township, not so improved or settled, and the

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same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be by their representatives regranted, to such persons as Shall appear to Settle and Cultivate the same; That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved for the use and Benifit of the Freemen of this State, IN TESTIMONY, whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Caused the Seal of this State to be affixed, in Council, this 23<sup>d</sup> Day of August AD, 1781, in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of y<sup>e</sup> Independence of this State, & 6<sup>th</sup> of the UNITED STATES.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command.  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF MONTGOMERY

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT

*To all people to whom these presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas the Honorable STEPHEN RO[WE] BRADLEY Esquire & his associates our worthy friends have by petition requested a grant of a Tract of unlocated Lands within this State, for the purpose of settling a new plantation to be erected into a Township; We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs & for other valuable causes & considerations us hereunto moving, & do by these presents in the name & by the authority of the freemen of the State of Vermont, give & grant unto the said Stephen R Bradley & the several persons hereafter named his associates the Tract of Land hereafter described & bounded to be divided into equal Shares as follows viz, Rev<sup>d</sup> Ezra Stiles DD, Rev<sup>d</sup> John Graham, Rev<sup>d</sup> Daniel Ferrend, Rev<sup>d</sup> Ammi R Robins, Rev<sup>d</sup> Judah Champion, Rev<sup>d</sup> Abel Newell, Rev<sup>d</sup> Peter Starr, Rev<sup>d</sup> Hezekiah Gould, Rev<sup>d</sup> Noble Everett, Rev<sup>d</sup> Jonathan Edwards, Rev<sup>d</sup> Buckley Olcott, Rev<sup>d</sup> David Perry, Rev<sup>d</sup> Joseph Strong, His Excellency Thomas Chittenden, William Gould, Thomas Ives, Pierpoint Edwards, Josiah Fowler, Moses Seymour, Oliver Wolcott, Alexander Wolcott, Andrew Adams Jun<sup>r</sup> Nathan Hart, William Burrel, Seth Smith, James Barlow, John A Dibble, Elijah Barr, Aaron Barlow, Seth Sheldon, Giles Pettibone, Comfort Sage, Asa Smith, Jonas Fay, John Hurlburt, Nathaniel Gridley, Enos Munson, Seth Lee, Elijah Hurlbut, Reuben Atwater, Russel Atwater, Thadeus Bradley, Ezra Stiles Jun<sup>r</sup> Isaac Stiles, Ebenezer Fisk, Solomon Fisk, John Foot, John Alford Foot, William Lambert, Foot, Mathew Griswold, John Tainter, Elisha Burton, Ebenezer Brewster, Sarah Fisk, Ruth Fisk,

Joshua Smith, Hannah Clark, Ira Allen & John Fassett Jun<sup>r</sup>, Together with five equal shares to be disposed of for public uses in manner following viz, one equal share for the use & benefit of a College within this State, One full share for the use & benefit of County Grammar Schools, throug[h] out this State, One equal Share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel in said Town, One full share for the support of the Ministry in said Township, & one full Share for the benefit & support of an English School or Schools in said Township; Which Tract of Land hereby given & granted as afores<sup>d</sup> is described & bounded as follows Viz. BEGINNING *at the Southeast corner of the Township Enosburgh, & running northerly in the easterly line of said Enosburgh so far as to make six Miles on a perpendicular with the north line of the State, Then easterly a parallel line with the North line of the State six Miles, Then southerly so far as to make six Miles on a perpendicular line with the North line of the State, Then westerly a parallel line with the North line of the State six Miles to the first bounds, containing twenty three thousand & forty Acres,—*

AND that the same be & hereby is incorporated into a Township by the name of MONTGOMERY and the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised & entitled to all the privileges & immunities that the inhabitants of other incorporated Towns within this State do by Law exercise & enjoy—

TO HAVE & TO HOLD the said granted premises with all the privileges & appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, unto them & their respective Heirs & assigns forever on the following conditions and reservations viz<sup>t</sup>, that each Proprietor of the said Township of MONTGOMERY his heirs or assigns shall plant & cultivate five acres of Land and build a House at least eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one Family settled on each respective right or share of Land in said Township within the term of three years from the first day of June next, on penalty of the forfeiture of each respective right or share of Land Not so settled & improved as aforesaid, and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be by their Representatives regranted to Such persons as shall appear to Settle and cultivate the same—The aforesaid Grant was made by the Legislature of this State on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1780—IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed in Council this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October A. D. 1789 in the 14<sup>th</sup> year of our Independence

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

## \*THE CHARTER OF MONTPELIER

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT,

L. S.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE, that whereas, Colonel TIMOTHY BIGGELOW. and his associates, our worthy friends, have by Petition, requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State in order for Setling a New Plantation, to be erected into a Township; We Have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs, & for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, & do by these Presents, in the name & by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter discribed and Bounded, unto him the said Timothy Biggelow, & the several persons hereafter named his associates, in equal Shares viz<sup>t</sup> Bethewel Warshburn, John Warshburn, Elijah Rood, Thomas Chittenden, George Foot, Elisha Smith, Jedediah Strong, James Prescott, Jacob Brown, Gideon Ormsby, James Mead, John W. Dana, Timothy Brownson, Gideon Horton, Matthew Lyon, Samuel Horsford, Ithamer Horsford, William Smith, Jacob Spear, Jonas Galusha, Mary Galusha, Noah Smith, Moses Robinson, Moses Robinson Jun<sup>r</sup>, John Fasset Jun<sup>r</sup> Jonas Fay, Abiather Waldo, Thomas Tolman, Timothy Stanley, Joseph Dagget, Ira Allen, Lyman Hitchcock, James Gamble, Alanson Doughlas, Adam Martin, The Heirs of Isaac Nash, Jonathan Brace, Howel Woodbridge, James Brace, Henry Walbridge Ju<sup>r</sup> Joseph Fay, William Goodrich, Sybill Goodrich, Thomas Matterson, Amos Waters, David Galusha, Jacob Davis, Ephraim Starkweather, Shubael Peck, Jacob Davis Ju<sup>r</sup>, Thomas Davis, John Ramsdell, Issacher Read, Isaac G. Lansingh, Ebenezer Davis, Levi Davis, Asa Davis, Ebenezer Stone, & Samuel Allen, which Together with the five following Rights reserved to the Several Public uses in manner following viz<sup>t</sup> READ, which Tract of Land hereby given & granted as aforesaid is bounded and discribed as follows viz<sup>t</sup>

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And that the same be & hereby is incorporated into a Township by the name of MONTPELIER, and the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be Infranchised, & intitled to all the Priviledges & immunities, that the inhabitents of other Towns in this State do & ought by the Laws & Constitution thereof to exercise & enjoy; To HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said Granted Premises as above expressed, with all the Priviledges, & appurtenences, thereunto belonging, unto them & their respective Heirs & assigns forever upon the

\*This charter, recorded on pp. 255-258 of Vol. 1 [Ms.] Vermont Charters, does not give bounds of the lands granted. See later charter on pages immediately following this charter.



following Conditions and Reservations viz<sup>t</sup> That Each Proprietor in the Township of Montpelier aforesaid his Heirs or assigns shall plant & cultivate Five acres of Land & build an House at least Eighteen feet square, on the Floor, or have one Family settled on each respective Right within the Term of three years next after the Circumstances of the War will admit of a Settlement with Safety, on penalty of the forfeiture of each respective Right or share of Land in said Township not so improved or settled, & the same to revert to the Freemen of this State to be by their Representatives regrantod to Such persons as Shall appear to Settle & Cultivate the same, That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved for the use and Benefit of the Freemen of this State, IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed in Council this 14<sup>th</sup>, day of August, in the year of our Lord 1781, & in the 5 year of our Independence.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency's Command  
Thomas Tolman D. Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF MONTPELIER

THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

L. S.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come,* GREETING:

WHEREAS the legislature of the STATE OF VERMONT, at their adjourned Session holden at Windsor, on the first day of February, in the Year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and four; was pleased to pass an Act, entitled "An Act authorising the Governor of this State, to issue a new Charter of Montpelier"—

Now therefore, KNOW YE, that I ISAAC TICHENOR, Governor within and over said State, and in the name & by the Authority of the same, and in pursuance of, and by virtue of the Act aforesaid, do by these presents Give and Grant the tract of Land, hereafter described and bounded unto Timothy Bigelow, and to the several persons hereafter named, his Associates in equal shares, viz<sup>t</sup> Ebenezer Waters, Ebenezer Upham, Elisha Wales, Elisha Smith Wales, Joel Frizzel, Bethuel Washburn, John Washburn, Elijah Rood, Thomas Chittenden, George Foot, Elisha Smith, Jedidiah Strong, James Prescott, Jacob Brown, Gideon Ormsby, James Mead, John W. Dana, Timothy Brownson, Gideon Horton, Matthew Lyon, Samuel Horsford, Ithamar Horsford, William

Smith, Jacob Spear, Jonas Galusha, Mary Galusha, Noah Smith, Moses Robinson, Moses Robinson jun<sup>r</sup>. John Fassett jun<sup>r</sup> Jonas Fay, Abiathar Waldo, Thomas Tolman, Timothy Stanley, Joseph Dagget, Ira Allen, Lyman Hitchcock, James Gamble, Alanson Douglass, Adam Martin, The Heirs of Isaac Nash, Jonathan Brace, Howell Woodbridge, James Brace, Henry Walbridge jun<sup>r</sup>., Joseph Fay, William Goodrich, Sybil Goodrich, Thomas Matterson Amos Waters, David Galusha, Jacob Davis, Ephram Starkweather, Shubael Peck, Jacob Davis jun<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Davis, John Ramsdell, Issachar Reed, Isaac G. Lansing, Ebenezer Davis, Levi Davis, Asa Davis, Ebenezer Stone and Samuel Allen, which together with the five following Rights, reserved to the several public uses, in manner following, include the whole of said tract, or township, to wit, one Right for the use of a Seminary or College; One Right for the use of County Grammar Schools, in said State; Lands to the amount of one Right, to be, and remain for settlement of a Minister or Ministers of the Gospel in said Township forever; Lands to the Amount of one Right, for the support of the Social Worship of God, in said Township; and Lands to the amount of one Right for the support of an English School, or Schools in said Township. Which said two Rights for the use of a Seminary or College, and for the use of County Grammer Schools, as aforesaid, and the Improvements, Rents, Interests, and Profits arising therefrom, shall be under the controul, order, direction, and disposal of the General Assembly of said State forever. And the proprietors of said Township, are hereby authorised and empowered to locate said two rights, justly and equitably, or Quantity for Quality in such parts of said Township, as they, or their Committee shall judge will least in commode the general settlement of said Tract or Township. And the said proprietors are further empowered to locate the lands aforesaid, amounting to three Rights, assigned for the settlement of a Minister and Ministers, for their support, and for the use and support of English Schools, in such, and in so many places, as they or their Committee shall judge will best accomodate the Inhabitants of said Township, when the same shall be fully settled & improved, laying the same equitably, or quantity for quality. Which said lands amounting to the three rights last mentioned, when located as aforesaid, shall together with the Improvements, Rights, Rents, Profits, dues and Interests remain unalienably appropriated to the uses and purposes, for which they are respectively assigned, and be under the charge, direction, and disposal of the Inhabitants of said Township forever. Which Tract of land hereby given and granted, as aforesaid, is bounded and described as follows, to wit. BEGINNING at a Bass wood tree on the North bank of Onion River, marked "MIDDLESEX CORNER JULY 13. 1785;" Thence North thirty six degrees East, six Miles to a Beech Tree marked, "MONTPELIER CORNER JUNE 14. 1786;" Thence South fifty four degrees East six Miles and an half to a Maple Staddle marked "MONTPELIER CORNER JUNE 17. 1786;" Thence South thirty six degrees West five Miles and five Chains, to a Bass wood tree in Barre north line, marked "JUNE 19. 1786;" Thence

*North sixty seven degrees West, One Mile and sixty seven Chains to Onion River; Thence down said River, as it tends to the first bound. And that the same be, and hereby is incorporated into a Township, by the Name of MONTPELIER.—And the Inhabitants that do, or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised, and entitled to all the priviliges and immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State, do, and ought by the Laws & Constitution thereof, to exercise and enjoy.—*

To have & to hold, the said granted premises as above expressed, with all the privileges & appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto them, and their respective Heirs & Assigns forever.

In testimony whereof I have caused these letters to be made patent, and the Seal of our State, to be hereunto affixed.—

Given under my hand at Windsor, this sixth day of February, A. D. one thousand eight hundred & four; and of the Independence of the United States the twenty eighth.—

ISAAC TICHENOR.

By his Excellency's Command.

DAV<sup>d</sup>. Wing Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup> of State.

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The foregoing charter is recorded on pp. 374, 375 of Vol. 1 [Ms.] Vermont Charters. An earlier charter, which does not give bounds of lands granted, is printed on pages immediately preceding this copy.

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## THE CHARTER OF MORRISTOWN

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT,

L. S.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come GREETING.*

KNOW YE, That whereas, DOCT<sup>r</sup> MOSES MORSE and his associates, our worthy Friends have by Petition requested a grant of a Tract of unappropriated Land within this State, in order for settling a New plantation, to be Erected into a Township; We Have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs & for other Valuable consideration us hereunto moving do by these Presents in the Name and by the authority of the Freemen of the State of VERMONT, give and grant the Tract of Land hereafter discribed and bounded, unto him the said MOSES MORSE and to the Several persons hereafter named his associates viz<sup>t</sup> Timothy Meach, Joshua Morse, Daniel Morse, John Norton, Sarah Morse, Charity Wibon, Gershom Randell, John Kelley, Willard Morse, Elijah Adams, Samuel Cook, Jonathan Cook, John

Smith, Daniel Kinney, Nathan Hibbard, Jesse Spawlding, Jacob Kinney, Moses Porter, Simeon Rood, Nathaniel Edwards, Elias Brown, Dennis Mach, Nathan Fay, Joseph Hinesdile, Isaac Kellogg, Aaron Hubbel, Robert Cochran, Caleb Bingham, Joseph Hinesdile Ju<sup>r</sup>, Jedediah Hyde, Jabez Bingham, David Mitchell, Stephen Mitchell, Roger Rose, Ruggles Woodbridge, Noah Goodman, Josiah White, Mary Bingham, Marble Mitchell, Samuel Day, Lois Day, Samuel Day Ju<sup>r</sup>, Winstone Liberty Day, Gideon Beebe, John Morse, Jonathan Merrick, David Merrick, John Merrick, Eliel Todd, Lucy Todd, Israel Jones, Marshal Jones, Isaac Searls, Mary Searls, Andrew Alger, Ebenezer Stratton, Luther Rich, William Farrand, Giles Barnes, Enoch Chapen, Thomas Train, Rosanna Farrand, Isaac Whitney &, Jason Wright. Which Together with the five following Rights reserved to the several uses in manner following include the whole of said Township viz<sup>t</sup> (READ) which Tract of Land hereby given and Granted as aforesaid is bounded and discribed as follows, viz<sup>t</sup> BEGINNING at the North, Easterly Corner of Stow, Then westerly in the Line of Stow (something more than) six Miles to an angle thereof, Then carying that Breadth back North 36 D<sup>o</sup> East so far that to extend a Line north 54 D<sup>o</sup> West across said Breadth will encompass the Contents of six miles square, And that the same be and hereby is Incorporated into a Township By the name of MORRISTOWN, and the Inhabitents, that do or shall hereafter Inhabit said Township, are declared to be Infranchised and entitled to all the Priviledges, and Immunities that the Inhabitents of other Towns within this State do and ought by the Laws & Constitution of this State to Exercise & Enjoy. To HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said Granted Premises, as above expressed in equal shares with all the Priviledges and appurtenences thereto belonging & appertaining, unto them and their respective Heirs and assigns forever, upon the following Condition and Reservations viz<sup>t</sup> that each Proprietor of the Township of Morristown, aforesaid His Heirs or assigns, shall plant and cultivate Five acres of Land, and Build an House at least Eighteen feet Square on the Floor, or have one Family Settled on each respective right within the Term of three years next after the circumstances of the War will admit of a Settlement with Safety on penalty of the Forfieture of each respective Right of Land in said Township not so settled and Improved, and the Same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be by their Representatives regranted to Such persons as shall appear to Settle & Cultivate the same, That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved for the use and Benifit of the Freemen of this State

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed in Council this 24 day of August AD 1781, in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the Independence of this, and 6 of the United States.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
Thomas Tolman Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

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## THE CHARTER OF NAVY

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FREEMEN OF VERMONT

L. S.

To all people to whom these presents shall come GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas, it has been represented to us by our worthy friends ABRAHAM WHIPPLE ESQUIRE, and Company to the number of sixty four, That there is a Tract of vacant Land within this State which has not heretofore been granted, which they pray may be Granted to Them, We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of Settling a new Plantation within this State and other Valuable considerations us hereunto moving, and do by these presents in the name and by the authority of the Freemen of Vermont give and Grant unto the said Abraham Whipple & the Several persons hereafter named his associates, viz<sup>t</sup> William Field, Jeremiah Field, Thomas Field, Pardon Field, Samuel Wightman, John C. Green, Arthur Fenner 3<sup>d</sup>, Eppraim Roberts, Abner Williams, Nathan Burlinghame, Andrew Harris, William Harris, Peter Stone 3<sup>d</sup>, William Potter, Anthony Randall, John Harris, John King Ju<sup>r</sup>, Edward Knight, Andrew Brown, Andrew Harris (of Johnson) Israel Gorton, William Waterman, Nathan Williams, Abner Field, Arther Fenner Ju<sup>r</sup>, John Beverly, George Rounds, Jeremiah Rounds, Edward Fenner, Elisha Brown, Nehemiah Field, Nehemiah Knight, Richard Eddy, John Mathewson, Caleb Harris, Ralph Merry, Thomas Jenkins, Thomas L. Chandler, Benj<sup>a</sup>. Ingraham, John H. Whipple, William Wall, William Wall Ju<sup>r</sup>, Daniel Felton Wall, Cyprian Sterry, John Murry, Charles Murry, William Corlis, Christopher Olney, James H. Olney, Seth Jenkins, Charles Jenkins, Benjamin Jenkins, Cotton Guilson, Nicholas Power, Jonathan Pitcher, Benjamin Bourne, Josiah Gifford, Thomas Smart, Daniel Bucklin, Timothy Carpenter, John Thurston, John Fennor & Benjamin Ingraham Ju<sup>r</sup>, Together with five equal Shares or Rights to be appropriated to the Public uses following viz<sup>t</sup> one Share or Right for the use of a Simenary or College within this State, one share or Right for the use of the County Grammer Schools Throughout this State, one share or Right for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel in said Township to be disposed of for that purpose as the Inhabitents thereof shall direct, one share or Right for the Support of the Ministry, one share or Right for the Benifit and Support of a School or Schools within said Township, the following Tract or Parcel of Land, BEGINNING at the southwesterly Corner of N<sup>o</sup> 31, Then northeast in the northwest Line of N<sup>o</sup> 31, to an angle thereof (supposed to be) about six miles, and Carrying that Breadth back northwest so far as that a paraellel line with N<sup>o</sup> 31, northwest line aforesaid, will contain the Contents of six Miles square. And that the same be and is hereby Incorporated into a Township by the Name of NAVY and the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township, are declared to be

Infranchised, and Entitled to all the priviledges & Immunities that other Towns within this State do by Law exercise and Enjoy. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Granted premises as above expressed with all the Priviledges & appurtenances thereunto Belonging to them & their respective Heirs and assigns forever under the following Conditions and Reservations viz<sup>t</sup> That Each Proprieter of said Township of NAVY his heirs or assigns, Shall plant and Cultivate five acres of Land & build a House at Least Eighteen Feet square on the Floor, or have one Family settled on Each respective Share or Right of Land in said Township within the Term of Four years next after the circumstances of the War will admit of it with Safety on pain of the Forfeiture of his respective share or Right of Land in said Township, and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be by their Representatives regranted to Such persons as shall appear to Settle and Cultivate the same, That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy shall be reserved to and for the use and Benifit of the Freemen of this State, IN TESTIMONY whereof we Have caused the seal of this State to be hereunto affixed, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year of our Lord 1780. in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the Independence of this State, and 5<sup>th</sup> of the United States,

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command.  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF NEWARK

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL, ASSEMBLY, OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

L. S.

*To all People to whom, these Presents shall come* GREETING:

KNO YE, That Whereas, COLONEL WILLIAM WALL. & his associates have requested a Grant of unappropriated Lands within this State, in order for Settling a New plantation, to be Erected into a Township; We have thought fit for the due Encouragement of their Laudable designs, and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving. And do by these Presents in the name and by the authory of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, give and grant the tract of Land hereafter described and bounded unto him the said William Wall, and to his associates in equal Shares, viz<sup>t</sup>, William Wall Ju<sup>r</sup>, Cyprian Sterry, Jeremiah Jenks, Henry H. Tillingast, Daniel Stilwell, Jonathan Jenkins, William Blodget, Joseph Cook, Edward Jones, John I. Clark, Joseph Nightingale, Lydia Clark, Betsey Nightingale, John Mumford Ju<sup>r</sup>, Thomas Jenkins,

Mary Jenkins, Mary Jenkins Ju<sup>r</sup>, Matthew Jenkins, Elisha Jenkins, Frederick Jenkins, Gilbert Jenkins, Thomas Jenkins Ju<sup>r</sup>, Elizabeth Jenkins, Lydia Jenkins, Nicholas Power, Joseph Rogers, John Rogers, William Rogers, Robert Rogers, William Thurber, William Wheaton, Joseph Parker, Caleb Wheaton, James Rhodes, Caleb Teal, Ju<sup>r</sup>, Jabez Gorham, Joshua Salsbury, James Burr, Levi Hall, John Thurston, Ju<sup>r</sup>, Jeremiah Jones Jenkins, Robert Jenkins Thurston, John Holmes Thurston, John Jenkins, William Creed, David Furguson, William Creed Ju<sup>r</sup>, George Creed, John Creed, Mary Creed, Elizabeth Creed, Mary Creed Ju<sup>r</sup>, John Moriarty, Thomas Moriarty, Welcome Arnold, Patience Arnold, Samuel Ward, Isaac Bartlet, Richard Ward, Thomas Arnold, Asa Arnold, Jonathan Arnold, Samuel Green Arnold, and Abigail Arnold; which Together with the five following Rights reserved to the several uses in manner following include the whole of said Tract or Township viz<sup>t</sup>: one Right for the use of a Simenary or College; one Right for the use of County Grammer Schools in said State, Lands to the amount of one Right to be & remain for the purpose of Settlement of a minister, or Ministers of the Gospel in said Township forever; Lands to the amount of one Right for the Support of the social Worship of God in said Township, And Lands to the amount of one Right for the Support of an English School or Schools in said Township, which said Two Rights for the use of a Simenary or College and for the use of County Grammer Schools as aforesaid, and the improvements rights, rents Intrest & Profits arising therefrom shall be under the Controul, order, direction and disposal of the General Assembly of said State forever; And the proprietors of said Township are hereby authorised & empowered to locate said Two rights justly and equitably or quantity for quality in such parts of said Township as they, or their Committee shall judge will least incommode the General settlement of said Tract or Township; And the said Proprietors are hereby further empowered to locate the lands aforesaid amounting to three Rights assigned for the settlement of a minister and ministers, for their Support and for the use and Support of English Schools in such and in so many places as they or their Committee shall judge will best accommodate the Inhabitents of said Township when the same shall be fully settled and improved laying the Same equitably, or quantity for quality, which said Lands amounting to the three last mentioned Rights, when located as aforesaid, shall Together with their improvements Rights, Rents, Profits dues and Intrest remain unalienably appropriated to the uses and purposes for which they are respectively assigned, and be under the charge, direction and disposal of the Inhabitents of said Township forever; Which said Tract of Land hereby given, & Granted, as aforesaid is bounded and discribed as follows viz<sup>t</sup>. *BEGINNING, at the south, Westerly corner of East Haven, Then North, East in the northwest Line of East Haven to an angle thereof (supposed to be) about six miles, and Carrying that breadth back North, West so far as that a parallel Line with East Haven Northwest Line aforesaid will encompass the Contents of six miles square; And that the same be and*

hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the name of NEWARK. and the Inhabitents That do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be Infranchised & Intitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitents of other Towns within this State do and ought by the Law & Constitution of this State to exercise and enjoy.

To HAVE, AND TO HOLD, The said granted Premises as above expressed, with all the priviledges and appurtenences thereto belonging & appertaining unto them and their respective heirs and assigns forever upon the following conditions & Reservations viz: That each Proprietor in the Township of NEWARK aforesaid His heirs or assigns, shall plant and Cultivate five acres of Land, and build an House at least 18 feet square on the floor, or have one family Settled on each Respective Right, within the Term of *three years*, next after the circumstances of the War, will admit of a Settlement with Safety, on penalty of the forfeiture of each respective right of Land in said Township not so improved or Settled, and the same to revert to the freemen of this State to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to Settle and Cultivate the Same. THAT ALL PINE TIMBER be reserved for the use & benifit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY. whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Seal of this State to be affixed in Council, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. 1781. And in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the Independence of this State.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command.  
THOMAS TOLMAN D. SEC<sup>y</sup>.

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[CHARTER OF NORFOLK]

Norfolk THE GOVERNOR COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

L. S.

*To all People to whom these presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE that WHEREAS Bezaleel Woodward Esquire and his Associates our worthy friends have represented that there is a Gore or tract of Land in the northeasterly Corner of this State which hath not been heretofore granted and which they pray may be granted to them.— We have therefore thought fit for valuable Considerations us hereunto moving And Do by these presents in the name and by the Authority of the freemen of the State of Vermont give and grant unto the said Bezaleel Woodward Esq<sup>r</sup> and the several Persons herein after named his Associates (viz<sup>t</sup>) Mary Woodward the wife of the said Bezaleel Woodward



Esq<sup>r</sup> Peter Olcott Esq<sup>r</sup>, Paul Spooner Esq<sup>r</sup>, Samuel Safford Esq<sup>r</sup>, John Strong Esq<sup>r</sup>, Elisha Henman, Timothy Andrus, Phinehas Andrus, Abraham Pettibone, John Knickerbacker and Joseph Safford the following tract or parcel of Land lying and being in the north-easterly part of said State (viz<sup>t</sup>) *that tract which is bounded southwesterly by Canaan (the Charter of which bears date the twenty fifth day of February current) South-easterly by Connecticut River and north by the 45<sup>th</sup> degree of north latitude and containing the whole Parcel of Land within said Boundaries* to be known and distinguished by the name of—NORFOLK. And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Tract of Land are hereby declared to be erected into a Township and enfranchised and entitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that other towns within this State do by Law exercise and enjoy TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises as above described and all the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereunto belonging to the persons above named their respective Heirs and Assigns forever in equal Shares as Tenants in Common and not as Jointenants.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of said State to be hereunto affixed this twenty seventh day of February in the fifth Year of the independence of this State and in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty two.

THO<sup>s</sup>. CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency's Command  
Micah Townsend Secry.

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## THE CHARTER OF NORTHFIELD

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FREEMEN OF VERMONT

L. S.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE, that whereas it has been Represented to us by our worthy Friends Major JOEL MATHEWS and Company, to the number of sixty five, that there is a Tract of Vacant Lands within this State, which has not heretofore been Granted, which they Pray may be granted to them, WE, have therefore Thought fit for the due encouragement of Settling a new plantation within this State, and other valuable Considerations us hereunto moving, And do by these Presents in the name and by the authority of the Freemen of VERMONT, give and Grant unto the said Major Joel Matthews and the Several persons hereafter Named

his associates viz<sup>t</sup> Captain William Gallup, Michael Flin, Oliver Williams, Amos Bicknal, Benjamin Cox, Zebulon Lyon, Timothy Grow, Benjamin Emmons, Steel Smith, Samuel Smith, Samuel Patrick, Zebina Curtis, Elias Taylor, Ebenezer Smith, John Smith, Elisha Smith, Edward Hazen, John W. Dana, Zebulon Lee, Sylvester Smith, James Cady, Joel English, Resolved Sessions, Edmond Hodges, Abel Emmons, Thomas Chittenden, Joseph Parkhurst, Calvin Parkhurst, Moses Kimbal, Paul Spooner, Ammasa Spooner, Jeremiah Richardson, Daniel Gilbert, Amos Robinson, Elias Thomas, Ebenezer Miller, Barnabas Strong, John Throop, Beriah Green, Joseph Kimbal, George Denison, Oliver Gallup, John Payne of (*Pomfret*) Amasa Payne, Elijah Payne, Jacob Clark, Abida Smith, Barkus Green, Elisha Smith, B. A. David Fuller, William Gallup Ju<sup>r</sup> Jesse Safford, Thomas Lowton, Wyllys Hall, Samuel Matthews, Benj<sup>a</sup> Burtch, Oliver Taylor, John Sergeants, Phinehas Williams, Shubal Child, Ebenezer Parkhurst, William Andrews, Perias Gallup, & James Andrews; Together with five equal Shares or Rights to be appropriated to the public uses following viz<sup>t</sup> one Share or right for the use of a Seminary or College within this State, one Share or Right for the use of the County Grammer Schools throughout this State, One Share or Right for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel in said Township to be disposed of for that purpose as the Inhabitents thereof shall direct, one right for the Support of the Ministry, one share or right for the Benifit and Support of a School or Schools within said Township, the following Tract or parcel of Land, BEGINNING, *at the North and most westerly Angle of WilliamsTown, then south 30 D<sup>o</sup> West in the line of Williamston, about six Miles to an angle thereof, Then North 61 D<sup>o</sup> west in the line of Lands heretofore Granted six miles, Then Northerly to the southwesterly corner of Berlin, Then Easterly in the line of Berlin, to an angle thereof, then southerly to the bounds Began at; Provided that it be not before intersected.* And that the same be and is hereby incorporated into a Township by the name of NORTHFIELD. and the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter Inhabit said Township, are declared to be enfranchised and Intitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within this State do by Law exercise and Enjoy. To HAVE & TO HOLD the said granted Premises as above expressed, with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, to them & their respective Heirs and assigns forever, under the following Conditions and Reservations viz<sup>t</sup>. That each Proprietor of said Township of NORTHFIELD his heirs or assigns, Shall plant & Cultivate five acres of Land & build a house at least Eighteen feet Square on the floor, or have one family Settled on Each respective share or right of Land in S<sup>d</sup> Township within the Term of three years next after the circumstances of the War will admit of it with Safety on pain of the forfeiture of his respective right or share of Land in said Township, & the same to revert to the freemen of this State, to be by their Representatives regranted to Such persons as shall appear to Settle and Cultivate the Same: That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy shall be reserved to & for the use and Benifit of the

Freemen of this State, IN TESTIMONY whereof WE, have caused the Seal of this State to be hereunto affixed the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord 1781 in the 5 year of the Independence of this State & sixth of the United States.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command.  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF NORTON

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

*To all people to whom these presents shall come, GREETING:*

KNOW YE that whereas our worthy frends Timothy Andrus & company have by petition requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State, for the purpose of settling a new plantation to be erected into a Township, We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs & for other valuable causes & considerations us hereunto moving, & do by these presents in the name & by the authority of the freemen of the State of Vermont, give & grant the Tract of Land hereafter described & bounded unto him the said Timothy Andrus & the several persons hereafter named his Associates in equal Shares viz<sup>t</sup> Jedediah Norton, Achsah Norton, Benjamin Davis, Jedediah Norton Jun<sup>r</sup> Elizabeth Norton, Isaiah Thompson, Lydia Thompson, Cyrus Thompson, William Thompson, George C, E, Thompson, Polley Thompson, Harriet Thomson, Asa Upson Jun<sup>r</sup>, Ruth Upson, Austin Upson, John Wilcox 2<sup>d</sup>, Eunice Willcox, Seth Wilcox, Datham Wilcox, John Wilcox 3<sup>d</sup>, Abraham Wright, Rebecca Wright, Jedediah N Wright, Samuel Wright, Polley Wright, William Wright, Sally Wright, Eunice Wilcox 2<sup>d</sup>, Sarah Tilden, Elizabeth Tilden, Achsah Tilden, John Mansfield, Stephen Day, Aaron Austin, Obadiah Hotchkiss, David Daggitt, Asa Bray, Uriah Holmes, Jonas Prentice Jun<sup>r</sup> Hezekiah Sabins Jun<sup>r</sup> Henry Daggitt Jun<sup>r</sup> Peter Dewit, Seth Turner, Jacob Thompson, Edward Carrington, Eliphalet Buckley, Peter Woodward, Simeon Bristol, John R. Throop, Uriah Tracy, Jonathan Tuttle, Aaron Eliot, Eleazer Goodrich, Jonas Prentice, Richard Cutler, Enos Munson Jun<sup>r</sup> John Russell, George A. Bristol, & Isaac Davis, Together with the five following Rights or equal Shares reserved to the several public uses in manner following viz<sup>t</sup>, One full Right or equal Share for

the use & benefit of a College within this State, One full Right or Share for the use of County Grammar Schools throughout this State, One Right or share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel in said Township One full Share for the use benefit & support of the social worship of God in said Township, to be disposed of for that purpose, as the inhabitants of said Township shall from time to time agree, One full Share for the use & support of an English School or Schools in said Township forever, Which Tract of Land hereby given & granted as aforesaid is bounded & described as follows viz<sup>t</sup> BEGINNING at a Stake & Stones 10 Links North 55 D<sup>o</sup> East from a Spruce tree in the East line of N<sup>o</sup> 4 marked N<sup>o</sup> 5 N<sup>o</sup> 6 & running North 17 D<sup>o</sup> East four Miles 25 Chains & 28 links to a small spruce standing in the province Line Marked N<sup>o</sup> 4 N<sup>o</sup> 6, Then South 82 D<sup>o</sup>, & 20 Minutes East Nine Miles & three quarters to a Stake & Stones 18 Links, S, 40 D<sup>o</sup> West from a birch Tree Marked N<sup>o</sup> 6, 1785, Then South 40 D<sup>o</sup> West in the line of Averil 5 Miles to a Spruce Tree marked N<sup>o</sup> 5, N<sup>o</sup> 6, Then North 82 D<sup>o</sup> & 20 Minutes West to the bounds began at containing Twenty three thousand & forty Acres—AND that the same be & hereby is incorporated into a Township by the Name NORTON, and the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised & entitled to all the privileges & immunities which the inhabitants of other Towns within this State do & ought by the Laws & constitution thereof to exercise & enjoy—

TO HAVE & TO HOLD the said granted premises as above expressed with all the privileges & appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining unto them & their respective heirs & assigns forever, Upon the following Conditions & Reservations viz<sup>t</sup>. That each Proprietor in the Township of NORTON, afores<sup>d</sup> his heirs or assigns shall plant & cultivate five Acres of Land & build a house at least Eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one family settled on each respective Right or Share of Land within the Term of four Years from the time the outlines of said Township, is known & Established according to Law, on penalty of the forfeiture of each respective Right or Share of Land in said Township not so settled & improved as afores<sup>d</sup> & the same to revert to the freemen of this State to be by their representatives, regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle & cultivate the same—IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the seal of this State to be affixed in council this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 1779 in the third year of our independence—

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excel<sup>y</sup> Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

## THE CHARTER OF ORANGE

L. S.

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.*To all People to whom these presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE, that whereas, Amos Robinson Esq<sup>r</sup> and Captain Ebenezer Green, and their associates our worthy Friends, have by Petition requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated lands within this State in order for Settling a New Plantation to be erected into a Township, We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of Settling a New Plantation and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, and do by these Presents in the name & by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, give & Grant the Tract of Land hereafter discribed & bounded unto them the said Amos Robinson & Ebenezer Green, & the Several persons hereafter Named their associates viz<sup>t</sup> Nathaniel Babbit, Daniel Pinco, Solomon Strong, Artemas Robinson, Eliezer Robinson, Mitchel Clark, Jehiel Robins, Isaac Babbit, Noah Hopkins, Amos Robinson Ju<sup>r</sup> Daniel Robinson, William Wakefield, Joel Marsh, (Sharon), Daniel Babbit, Asa Babbit, Strong Birch, Oliver Taylor, Jedediah Strong, Bartholomew Durkee, Elkanah Sprague, Samuel Webster, Thomas Freeman Ju<sup>r</sup>, David Davis, David Bissel Ju<sup>r</sup>, Simeon B. Bissel, Nathan Leonard, Isaiah Thomas, Asa Taylor, David Bissel, Thomas Chittenden, Moses Robinson, Jeremiah Clark, Mathew Lyon, Jonathan Chase, John Porter, John Griswold, Timothy Bask, John Bush, Paul Brigham, Ebenezer Brewer, Nathaniel Seaver, Thomas Bingham, Samuel Sprague, Noah Payne, Ebenezer Brewster, Nathan Peters, John Hibbard, Thomas Payne, Elias Porter, Isaiah Potter, Noah Payne Ju<sup>r</sup>, Jothem White, Jothem White Ju<sup>r</sup>, Elisha White, Elisha White Ju<sup>r</sup>, Solomon White, Peter Grant, Benjamin Grant, William Conant, John Chamberlain, John Lyman, Samuel Payne, & David Preston. which Together with the five following Rights or equal shares reserved to the several uses in manner following, include the whole of said Tract or Township viz<sup>t</sup> READ. Which Tract of Land hereby Given & Granted as aforesaid is bounded & discribed as follows viz<sup>t</sup> BEGINING at the Northwesterly Corner of Topsham, Then Southerly in the line of Topsham, about six Miles to an angle thereof, Then carrying that Breadth Back North 57 D<sup>o</sup> West so far that a Line being extended parallel with the westerly Line of Topsham across said Breadth will contain (or comprehend) the Contents of six miles square, And that the same be and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the name of ORANGE and the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter Inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised and Intitled to all the Privileges and Immunities that the Inhabitents of other Towns within this State do & ought by the Laws and Constitution of this State to exercise and enjoy. To HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said Granted Premises as above expressed,

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with all the Privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging & appertaining in equal Shares unto them and their respective Heirs and assigns forever, upon the following Conditions and Reservations Viz<sup>t</sup>, That each Proprietor in the Township of Orange aforesaid His Heirs or assigns shall plant and Cultivate 5 acres of Land and build an house at least Eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one family Settled on Each Respective Right within the Term of three years next after the Circumstances of the War will admit of a Settlement with Safety on penalty of the Forfeiture of each Respective Right or share of Land in said Township not so improved or Settled and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State to be by their Representatives regranted to Such persons as shall appear to Settle and cultivate the same, Thall Pine Timber suitable for a navy be reserved for the use & Benifit of the Freemen of this State, IN TESTIMONY. whereof we have hereunto caused the Seal of this State to be affixed this Eleventh day of August AD 1781, and in the 5 year of the Independence of this State.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency Command  
Thomas Tolman D. Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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[PARKER'S GORE]

A Charter of three Thousand Acres of Land granted Jonathan Parker  
Jun Esq<sup>t</sup>

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF VERMONT BY THE GRACE OF  
GOD FREE AND INDEPENDENT

*To all to whom these presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE that we have given granted and Confirmed and by these presents Do give Grant and Confirm unto Jonathan Parker Jun. Esq<sup>t</sup> of Clarendon in the County of Rutland in the State of Vermont one Certain Tract of Parcel of Land and Bounded as follows BEGINNING *at a Hemlock Tree Standing in the Northeasterly Corner of Shrewsbury & running North seventeen Degrees east seventy Two Chains by Saltash to a Birch Tree in the Northeasterly Corner thereof, thence South thirty eight Degrees east four Miles by Medway to a Spruce Tree in the North Line of Shrewsbury Thence South eighty five Degrees east in said North Line of Shrewsbury to the bounds began at Containing three Thousand Acres of Land* with all & Singular the rights Hereditaments & Appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise Appertaining excepting and re-

serving to ourselves all gold and Silver Mines to Have & to Hold the above Described and granted premises unto the said Jonathan Parker Jun Esq<sup>r</sup> His Heirs and Assigns as a good Indefeasible estate of Inheritance forever ON CONDITION Nevertheless that within the Term of seven years to be Computed from the first Day of January next ensuing the Date hereof there shall be one actual settlement made for every six hundred and Forty acres of the said Tract of Land hereby granted Otherwise these our Letters Patent & the Estate hereby granted shall cease & Determine and become Void—IN TESTIMONY whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent & the great Seal of our said State to be hereunto affixed—Witness our Trusty & well beloved Thomas Chittenden Esquire Governor of our said State and Commander in Chief of all the Militia of the same at Rutland this fourth Day of November AD 1796 & in the Twentieth year of our Independence.

By His Excellency

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Secretary

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

[CHARTER OF PARKER'S GORE CONFIRMED]

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

L. S.

*To all to whom these presents shall come* GREETING:

Horace Eaton

WHEREAS the Legislature of the State of Vermont by an act passed on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October AD 1846, and approved on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October AD 1846, confirmed to the grantees of Jonathan Parker and to the grantees of his administrators all that tract of land known by the name of "Parkers Gore" lying between Bridgewater and Sherburne and directed the Governor to issue a charter conveying said tract of land to whomsoever may now have a regular legal conveyance of the same from the said Parker or from his administrator.

Now KNOW YE that in obedience to the said act I have given granted and confirmed and by these presents do give grant and confirm unto whosoever may now have a regular legal conveyance of the same from the said Jonathan Parker or from his heirs or administrators all that tract of land known by the name of "PARKERS GORE" lying between Bridgewater and Sherburne with all the rights hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any way appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described and granted premises to the above described grantees in severalty to the extent of their respective claims under conveyances as aforesaid to them and each of their heirs and assigns as a good indefeasible estate of inheritance forever—PROVIDED that nothing contained in this conveyance shall be construed as creating or recognizing any liability whatever on the part of the state to the heirs representatives or assigns of the said Parker or any other person to secure or defend the title or possession of the land mentioned in this act.

IN TESTIMONY whereof I have caused the seal of this state to be hereunto affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October AD 1846.

By the Governor,

Frederick Billings

Secretary—Recorded October 29<sup>th</sup> AD 1846

J. McM. Shafter

Secretary of State.

## THE CHARTER OF A GORE GRANTED TO THOMAS PEARSALL

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF VERMONT, BY THE GRACE OF  
GOD FREE & INDEPENDENT

*To all to whom these presents shall come GREETING;*

KNOW YE, that we have given, granted & confirmed & by these presents do give grant & confirm unto Thomas Pearsall of the City of New York Merchant, The Tract of Land bounded & described as follows, BEGINNING at the most westerly corner of Victory, being a spruce Tree marked Victory west corner 1786, & running South 28 D° & 27 [minutes]\* East four miles & 15 Chains to a hemlock Tree, marked east corner of Hopkintonia, Thence South 45 D° West, three Miles & ten Chains to a Spruce Tree marked, standing in the West line of Concord, Then North 64 D° & 51 Minutes East in said West line of Concord, to the Northwestern corner thereof, being a beech Tree marked Lunenburgh, West corner 1786, Then South 69 D° West 78 Chains to the South corner of Victory being a hemlock stadle, standing 25 links southwest from a great hemlock Tree, marked victory South corner 1786, Then North 45 D° West in the southerly line of said Victory, five Miles and 45 Chains to the bounds begun at, containing three thousand Nine hundred & thirty six Acres—Together with all &

\*The inference is unavoidable that the word "minutes bracketed above has been omitted from the original record in [Ms.] Vermont Charters, pages 299 and 300, a second record of this charter on pages 362 and 363 of the same Volume contains this word.



singular the rights, hereditaments, & appurtenances, to the same belonging, or in any wise appertaining; excepting & reserving to ourselves all gold & silver Mines & five acres of every hundred acres of the said Tract of Land for highways, To HAVE & TO HOLD the above described & granted premises unto the said Thomas Pearsall, his heirs & assigns, as a good & indefeasible estate of inheritance, forever, On Condition nevertheless, That within the term of seven years to be computed from the first day of January Next ensuing the date hereof, There shall be one actual settlement made on the said Tract of Land hereby granted to every three hundred acres, Otherwise these our Letters patent, & the Estate hereby granted shall, cease, determine & become void. In TESTIMONY whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made patent, and the great Seal of our said State to be hereunto affixed, WITNESS our well beloved & trusty Thomas Chittenden Esquire, Governor of our said State, general & commander in chief of all the Militia of the Same, at Bennington this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand and seven hundred & Ninety one & the 15<sup>th</sup> Year of our independence.

Passed the Secretary's Office the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 1791—  
By His Excellency's Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

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## THE CHARTER OF PHILADELPHIA

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

L. S.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE, That whereas Lieutenant SAMUEL BEACH and his associates, our worthy Friends have by Petition requested a grant of Tract of Land within this State, in order for settling a new plantation to be Erected into a Township: WE HAVE THEREFORE THOUGHT FIT for the due encouragement of their Laudable designs, and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving: And do by these presents, in the name and by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of VERMONT give and grant the Tract of Land hereafter described and bounded, unto him the said Samuel Beach and the several persons hereafter named his associates in equal shares viz; Thomas Keeler, R Ebenezer Keeler, Seth Keeler Jun<sup>r</sup>, John Strong, Jemima Payne, John Clark, Geashom Beach, 2<sup>d</sup>, Silas Keeler, Ebenezer Beach, Alexander Barr, Andrew Richardson,

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*with P C: From thence North Eighty five degr<sup>s</sup> west about six miles to the northeast Corner of Neshobe, Then on the East line of Neshobe to the first Bounds*" And that the same be and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the name of PHILADELPHIA. And the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter Inhabit said Township are declared to be infranchised and Intitled to all the Privileges and Immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State, do, and ought by the Laws and Constitution of this State to exercise and Enjoy. To HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said Granted premises as above expressed, with all the privileges and appurtenences thereto belonging and appertaining unto them and their respective Heirs & assigns forever upon the following conditions & Reservations viz<sup>t</sup>; That each Proprietor in the said Township of Philadelphia his hirs or assigns, shall plant and cultivate five acres of Land, and build an House at least eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one family settled on each respective Right, within the Term of three years next after the circumstances of the present War will admit of a settlement with Safety, on Penalty of the forfeiture of each respective Right or share of Land in said Township not so improved or Settled, and the Same to revert to the Freemen of this State to be by their Representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to Settle and Cultivate the same; THAT ALL PINE TIMBER suitable for a NAVY be reserved for the use and benefit of the Freemen of this State. In Testimony whereof we have caused the seal of this State to be affixed in Council this sixteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred & Eighty. & in the fourth year of our Independence.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command.  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF PITTSFIELD

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF VERMONT.

L. S.

*To all People, to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:*

KNOW YE, that whereas Messieurs Samuel Willcox, Daniel Kinne and Josiah Wright, and their Associates, our worthy Friends, have, by Petition, requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Land within this State, in order for settling a new-Plantation, to be erected into a Township: WE HAVE THEREFORE THO<sup>t</sup> FIT, for the due encouragement

of their laudable Designs, and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving; And Do, by these Presents, in the name, and by the Authority of the Freemen of Vermont, Give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter described and bounded, unto the said Samuel Willcox, Daniel Kinne, Josiah Wright, and their Associates, viz<sup>t</sup>; Jeremiah Cady, Zebulon Norton, Asa Whitcomb, Ezra Norton, Benjamin Sawyer Jun<sup>r</sup>, John Norton, James Goodrich, Josiah Wright Jun<sup>r</sup>, John Wright, Jason Robbins, Joshua Robbins, Enoch Wright, Grove Wright, William Brattle, James Brattle, Joseph Durkee, Stephen Holt, Abiel Holt, Daniel Kimbal, William Martin Jun<sup>r</sup>, Woodbridge Belcher, Warren Cady, John Cady, Ambrose Norton, William Norton, Nathan Chittenden, Dorothy Martin, Nathaniel Rawson, Charles Button, Stephen Morse, Israel Frink, Ephraim Sawyer, Nathan Watkins, Ephraim Sawyer Jun<sup>r</sup>, Josiah Sawyer, John Lessuer, Ebenezer Bacon, Ebenezer Pierce, Stephen Tracy, Jeremiah Smith, Jonathan Smith Jun<sup>r</sup>, Stephen Carpenter, Daniel Morse Jun<sup>r</sup>, Nathaniel Mason, Asa Roper, Samuel Lessuer, Joseph Bennett, William Clark, William Clark Jun<sup>r</sup>, Mark Watkins, Samuel Willcox Jun<sup>r</sup>, Nathaniel Morey, Daniel Brown, Benjamin Sawyer 2<sup>nd</sup>, Joshua Whitney, Ephraim Whitcomb, Joseph Lessuer Abraham Norton, Samuel Belcher, Silas Winchester, Andrew Belcher, Eliezur Burnham, Ebenezer Couch, John Barber, Benjamin Sawyer, Jared Smith, Timothy Meach, Russell Kellogg, John Baker, Peabody Kinne, Enoch Clark, Elijah Clark, Nathaniel Wright, Perez Graves, Elnathan Graves, John James, Jacob Kinne, Christopher Minor, Lyman Kinne, Ephraim Minor, David Stoddard, Obadiah Dickinson Jun<sup>r</sup>, Israel Chapin, Henry Champion Jun<sup>r</sup>, Edward Convers, Elisha Brown, Joseph Mason, James Russell, Joel Holton, Wales Cheney, John Norton Jun<sup>r</sup>, Calvin Burt Belcher, Samuel Winchester, Abigail Belcher, Charles Goodrich, Charles Goodrich Jun<sup>r</sup>, Jacob Ward, Josiah Ward, James Barber, Eliphalet Huntington, Seth Minor, Joseph Huntington, Joseph Huntington Jun<sup>r</sup>, Joseph Strong, Noah Edwards, Israel Stoddard, Thomas May, Solomon Stoddard, Luther Johnson, Joshua Johnson, Solomon Stoddard Jun<sup>r</sup>, David Parsons, Obadiah Dickinson, Elihu Dickenson, Solomon Williams, John Stoddard, Eaphroditus Champion, Henry Champion, Elijah Wait, Abel Willcox, James Sims, Elisha White, David Osgood, Ephraim Whitcomb Jun<sup>r</sup>, Levi Pierce, Nathan Norton, and Benjamin Winchester. Which, together with the Ten following One Hundred and Fortieth Parts of said Land, reserved to the several uses in manner following, include the whole of said Township, viz<sup>t</sup> Two 140<sup>th</sup> Parts for the use of a Seminary or Colledge; Two 140<sup>th</sup> Parts for the use of County Grammar Schools in said State; Lands, to the amount of two 140<sup>th</sup> Parts to be and remain for the Purpose of Settlement of a Minister and Ministers of the Gospel in said Township; Lands, to the amount of Two 140<sup>th</sup> Parts, for the Support of the social worship of God in said Township; and Lands, to the amount of two 140<sup>th</sup> Parts, for the support of an English School or Schools in said Township: which said four 140<sup>th</sup> Parts, for the use of a

Seminary or Colledge, and for the use of County Grammar Schools as aforesaid; and the Improvements, Rents, Interests, and Profits arising therefrom, shall be under the Controul, Order, Direction and Disposal of the General Assembly of said State forever. And the Proprietors of said Township are hereby authorised and empowered to locate said four 140<sup>th</sup> Parts, justly and equitably, or Quantity for Quality, in such Parts of said Township as they or their Committee shall judge will least incommode the general Settlement of said Tract or Township. And the said Proprietors are hereby further empowered to locate the Lands aforesaid, amounting to six 140<sup>th</sup> Parts, assigned for the Settlement of a Minister and Ministers; for their Support; and for the use and support of English Schools, in such, and in so many Places as they or their Committee shall judge will best accommodate the Inhabitants of said Township, when the same shall be fully settled and improved, laying the same equitably, or Quantity for Quality. Which said Lands, amounting to the six 140<sup>th</sup> Parts last mentioned, when located as aforesaid, shall, together with their Improvements, Rights, Rents, Profits Dues, and Interests, remain unalienably appropriated for the uses and purposes for which they are respectively assigned, and be under the Charge, Direction and Disposal of the Inhabitants of said Township forever. Which Tract of Land, hereby given and granted as aforesaid, is bounded and described as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>; "*BEGINNING at the north westerly Corner of Stockbridge; then Southerly in the westerly Line of Stockbridge (about Seven miles and an Half) to the Southwest Corner thereof; then South westerly to the South Easterly Corner of Chittenden; then Northerly in the Easterly Lines of Chittenden and Philadelphia, or continuing the last Course, until a Line being extended from the said North westerly Corner of Stockbridge, North Sixty one Degrees West, will intersect the aforesaid last Course.*" And that the same be, and hereby is incorporated into a Township, by the name of PITTSFIELD. And the Inhabitants that do, or shall hereafter inhabit said Township, are declared to be enfranchised, and entitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State do, and ought, by Law and Constitution, to exercise and enjoy. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises, as above expressed, in equal Shares, that is to say; one 140<sup>th</sup> Part of said Township to each Proprietor, with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever: upon the following Conditions and Reservations, viz<sup>t</sup>; That each Proprietor of the Township of Pittsfield aforesaid, His Heirs or Assigns, shall plant and cultivate Five Acres of Land, or, build an House at least Eighteen Feet square on the Floor, or have one Family settled on each respective Share, or 140<sup>th</sup> Part of said Township, within the Term of Three Years next after the circumstances of the war will admit of a Settlement with Safety; on Penalty of the Forfeiture of each Share, or 140<sup>th</sup> part of the Land in said Township, not so improved, or settled; and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be, by their Representatives, regranted to such Persons

as shall appear, to settle and cultivate the same.

That all Pine-Timber, suitable for a NAVY, be reserved, for the use and Benefit of the Freemen of this State.

IN TESTIMONY whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand, and caused the Seal of this State to be affixed, this 29<sup>th</sup> Day of July, Anno Domini 1781. And in the 5<sup>th</sup> Year of our Independence.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency's Command.

THO<sup>S</sup> TOLMAN DEP<sup>V</sup> SECR<sup>V</sup>.

## THE CHARTER OF RANDOLPH

THE GOVERNOR COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas it has been represented to us by our worthy friends Capt<sup>n</sup> Aaron Stores and company to the number of seventy one that there is a vacant Tract of Land within this State which has not heretofore been granted which they pray may be granted to them. We have therefore thought fit, for the due encouragement of settling a new plantation within this State and other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, And do by these Presents in the name and by the authority of the Freemen of Vermont give & grant unto the said Aaron Stores & the several Persons hereafter named his associates viz<sup>t</sup>. Thomas Eddy, James Blodget, David Woodward, Asahel Woodward, Elijah Pember, Jehiel Woodward, Joseph Kneeland, Stephen Boroughs, Henry Blodget, James Blodget, Jun<sup>r</sup> Henry Walbridge, Dan Parker, Silas Adams, Moses Belknap, Joshua Hendee, Jonathan Wales, Ezra Edgerton, John Payne, Lemuel Payne, Barnabas Perkins, Huekens Stores, Huekens Storrs Jun<sup>r</sup> Caleb Clark, Barnabas Haskill, David Hedges, Samuel Richardson, Benjamin Biggsbee, Joseph Green, Stephen Bond, Joel Kilburn, John Lasel, John Mandevilles William Lewis, John Goodrich, Stephen Fisk, Abraham Wallace, Asa Edgerton, Zebulon Lathrop J<sup>r</sup> Eliazer Huntington, Israel Converse, Bildad Kibbee, Ariel Edgerton, John Woodward, Zebulon Hibbard Jun<sup>r</sup> Dyar Hibbard, Caleb Clark Jun<sup>r</sup>, Edmund Shattuck, Noadiah Bissel, John House, Joseph Griswold, James Steel, Zadock Steel, James McKinney Jun<sup>r</sup> Andrew McKinney, Moses Vincent, Zenas Alden, Oliver Pinney, Eperience Storrs, Elijah House, Bela Turner, John Throop Esq<sup>r</sup> Eperience Davis, Samuel Benedict, William Evans, Timothy Miles, Bezaleel Woodward, Elisha Burton, Elihu Hyde, Jeremiah

Griswold & Samuel Steel, together with five equal shares or rights to be appropriated to the public uses following viz<sup>t</sup> One Share or right for the use of a seminary or College within this State, One Share or right for the county grammar Schools throughout this State, One Share or right for the first settled Minister of the Gospel in said Township to be disposed of for that purpose as the inhabitants thereof shall direct, One share or right for the support of the ministry, One right or share for the benefit & support of the school or Schools within said Township, The following tract or Parcel of Land BEGINNING *at the northwest corner of Tunbridge, Then north sixty one degrees west six Miles, then south thirty six degrees west about six Miles & an half to the Northwest corner of Bethel Then south sixty one degrees East to the northeast corner of Bethel, then Northerly to the southeast corner of said Tunbridge Then North thirty six degrees East six Miles in the line of said Tunbridge to the bounds began at,* And that the same be and is hereby incorporated into a Township by the name of RANDOLPH and the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised and entitled to all the priviledges & immunities that other Towns within this State do by Law exercise and enjoy. To HAVE & TO HOLD the said granted premises as above expressed with all the privileges & appurtenances thereunto belonging to them and their respective heirs and assigns forever under the following conditions & reservations viz<sup>t</sup>. That each Proprietor of said Township of RANDOLPH, his Heirs and Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land and build a house at least eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one family settled on each respective share or right of Land in said Township, within the term of four years next after the circumstances of the wars will admit of it with safety on the pain of forfeiture of his respective share or right of Land in said Township & the same to revert to the Freemen of this state to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle & cultivate the same, That all Pine Timber suitable for a navy shall be reserved to & for the use & benefit of the freemen of this State, IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the SEAL of this State to be affixed hereunto the 29th day of June AD. 1781, in the fourth year of the independance of this State & Fifth of the United States

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency's Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

## THE CHARTER OF RANDOM

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF VERMONT.

L. S.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:*

KNOW YE, that whereas Colonel Joseph Nightingale, and his Associates, our worthy Friends, have, by Petition, requested a Grant of a Tract of Land within this State of Six miles square, in order for settling a new-Plantation, to be erected into a Township. WE HAVE THEREFORE THO<sup>t</sup> FIT, for the due encouragement of their laudable Designs, and for other valuable Considerations us hereunto moving, And Do, by these Presents, in the Name, and by the Authority of the Freemen of Vermont, give and grant the Tract of Land hereafter described and bounded, unto the said Colonel Joseph Nightingale, and the several Persons hereafter named, his Associates, viz<sup>t</sup>; Nicholas Brown, John I. Clark, Joseph Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Mary Brown, Obadiah Brown, Samuel Chace, John Chace, Samuel Devenport, Jeremiah Jenckes, John Carlile, Thomas Carlile, Rhoda Brown, Rufus Hopkins, John Gibbs, Charles Cozens, William Morris, George Throop, William Barton, Oliver Jenckes, Isaac Bartlet, William Thayer, Ebenezer Floyd, Noah Mason, Elisha Brown, Robert Newell, Jabez Bowen, George Olney, Ephraim Bowen Jun<sup>r</sup>, Cyprian Sterry, William Russell, John Mumford Jun<sup>r</sup>, William Bowen, John Smith, Joshua Hacker, Samuel Nightingale Jun<sup>r</sup>, John Howland, Joseph Angell, Jeremiah F. Jenckins, Oliver Bowen, William Jones, William Corlis, William Peck, Nicholas Power, Rebeckah Power, Christopher Sheldon, Pardon Sheldon, William Holroyd, Thomas Bennet, Joseph Rogers, Martha Rogers, John Rogers, Elizabeth Rogers, Thomas Jenckins, Mary Jenckins, Mary Jenckins Jun<sup>r</sup>, Seth Jenckins, Benjamin Jenckins, Robert Folger, Matthew Barnard, Cotton Getston, Stephen Gardner, Charles Lee, and William Blodget; which, together with the five following Rights, reserved to the several Uses in manner following, include the whole of said Township, viz<sup>t</sup>; one Right for the use of a Seminary or Colledge; one Right for the use of County Grammar Schools in said State; Lands to the amount of one Right, to be and remain for the Purpose of Settlement of a Minister and Ministers of the Gospel in said Township forever; Lands to the amount of one Right, for the support of the social worship of God in s<sup>d</sup> Township; and Lands, to the amount of one Right, for the support of an English School or Schools in said Township. Which said two Rights; for the use of a Seminary or Colledge, and for the use of County Grammar Schools as aforesaid, and the Improvements, Rents, Interests, and Profits arising therefrom, shall be under the Controul, Order, Direction and Disposal of the General Assembly of said State forever. And the Proprietors of said Township are hereby authorised and empowered to locate s<sup>d</sup> two Rights, justly and equitably, or quantity for quality, in such Parts of



said Township, as they, or their Committee shall judge will least incommode the general Settlement of said Tract or Township. And the said Proprietors are hereby further empowered, to locate the Lands aforesaid amounting to three Rights; assigned for the Settlement of a Minister and Ministers; for their Support; and for the use and Support of English Schools, in such, and in so many Places as they, or their Committee shall judge, will best accommodate the Inhabitants of said Township, when the same shall be fully settled and improved; laying the same equitably, or Quantity for Quality. Which said Lands, amounting to the three last mentioned Rights, when located as aforesaid, shall, together with their Improvements, Rights, Rents, Profits, Dues and Interests, remain unalienably appropriated, for the uses and Purposes for which they are respectively assigned; and be under the Charge, Direction, and Disposal of the Select-Men of said Township, in trust, to, and for the use of said Town forever. Which Tract of Land, hereby given and granted as aforesaid, is bounded and described as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>

[Slip attached] N: B. These Bounds are on the files of Bounds by the Surveyor G. in the hands of Col<sup>o</sup> Fay, Secr<sup>y</sup> and are,  
for N<sup>o</sup> 31 (Township)

Let them be entered *verbatim* from the Surveyor General,\* excepting where any of the following Numbers maybe used, in which case, *instead* of the Number, write the Town's Name, viz<sup>t</sup>;

For N<sup>o</sup> 29 write East-Haven  
30—Newark  
32—Navy  
33—Caldersburgh

so far as these Numbers maybe used in s<sup>d</sup> Bounds.

And that the same be, and hereby is incorporated into a Township, by the Name of RANDOM. And the Inhabitants that do, or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are declared to be Infranchised, and entitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State do, and ought by the Laws and Constitution of this State, to exercise and enjoy. To HAVE and to HOLD the said granted Premises, as above expressed, with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining, to them, and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever: Upon the following Conditions and

\*State Papers of Vt. (Ms.) 1:92

Bounds of Random (Brighton)

Beginning at the Southwesterly Corner of Ferdinand, Then northeasterly in the North Westerly Line of Ferdinand to an angle thereof (supposed to be) about six Miles, & Carrying that Breadth back North west so far as that a Line being Extended from south west to Northeast across said Breadth will encompass the Contents of six miles square—

Reservations, viz<sup>t</sup> That each Proprietor of the Township of Random aforesaid, his Heirs or Assigns, shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land, and build an House at least eighteen Feet square on the Floor; or have one Family settled on each respective Right, within the Term of Four Years, next after the Circumstances of the war will admit of a Settlement with safety; on Penalty of the Forfeiture of each Right of Land in said Township, not so improved or settled, and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State; to be, by their Representatives, re-granted to such Persons as shall appear to settle and cultivate the same. That all Pine Timber, suitable for a Navy, be reserved to the use and Benefit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof I have hereunto set my Hand, and caused the Seal of this State to be affixed, this Thirteenth Day of August, in the year of our LORD one Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty-one; and in the Fifth Year of the Independence of this State.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency's Command,  
with Advice of Council,  
THO. TOLMAN. Dep<sup>y</sup>. Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF RICHFORD

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FREEMEN OF VERMONT.

L. S.

*To all people to whom these presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas it has been Represented to us by our Worthy Friends Jonathan Wells Esquire and Company to the Number Sixty That there is a Tract of Vacant Land within this State which has not been heretofore Granted which they pray may [be] Granted to them, We have therefore thot fit for the due incouragement of Settling a New plantation within this State, and other Valuable considerations us hereunto moving, And do by these presents in the Name and by the authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont give and Grant unto the said JONATHAN WELLS ESQ<sup>r</sup> and the Several persons hereafter named his associates (viz) Samuel Bishop, Jonathan Fitch, Daniel Lyman, Chancy Whittlesey, John Dishon, John Eells, James Eells, Ozias Eells, Roger Eells, William Wells, John Wells, George Wells, Isaac Wells, Ashbel Wells, Gideon Hale, David Hale, Josiah Hale, Ashbel Hale, Jonathan Bidwell, Benoni Smith, Amos Matson, John Matson, Solomon Wells, Rogers Wells, Samuel Wells, Gideon Wells, Samuel

Wells Ju<sup>r</sup>, Joseph Wells, Thadeus Wells, Ju<sup>r</sup>, Stephen Goodrich, William Goodrich, Elijah White, Elihu White, Samuel Hills, Jonathan Brace, Thomas K. Brace, Howel Woodbridge, Samuel St[r]atton, Elisha Hale, George Hale, Samuel Abby, Thomas Abby, Samuel Gibson, William Mosley, Timothy Easton, Jeremiah Goodrich, Joseph Bewel, John Stevens, Phinehas Grover, Roswell Wells, Jonathan Wells Ju<sup>r</sup>, Nathaniel Niles, John Breed, Joel Brooks, David Huntington, Samuel Rice, Thomas Ives, Benjamin Kent, & Benjamin Hannan Ju<sup>r</sup>—, Together with five equal Shares to be appropriated to public uses as follows (viz) one share for the use of a Simenary or Colledge within this State, one share for the use of the County Grammer Schools throughout this State, one share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel in said Town, to be disposed of for that purpose as the Inhabitans thereof shall direct— one share for the Support of the Ministry, one share for the benifit and Support of a School or Schools within said Town. The following Tract or Parcel of Land (viz) BEGINNING at the Northeast Corner of the Township of Barkshire being in the North line of this State,—Then East in said line six miles, Then Southerly on such point as to gain six Miles on a perpendicular from said line, Then west Parallel with said State line to the southwesterly Corner of said Barkshire—Then Northerly in the Easterly line of said Barkshire to the bounds Began at. will contain the Contents of Six Miles square and no more. And that the same be and is hereby INCORPORATED Into a Township by the name of RICHFORD, and the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter Inhabit the said Township are declared to be INFRANCHISED and Intitled to all the Priviledges and immunities that other Towns within this State do by Law exercise and Enjoy.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Granted Premises as above expressed with all the Priviledges and appurtenences to them and their respective Heirs and assigns forever upon the following conditions and Reservations, viz,

IMPRIMIS That each proprietor of the Township of Richford aforesaid his Heirs or assigns shall plant and Cultivate five acres of Land and build a house (at least) eighteen feet square on the floor; or have one Family settled on each respective right or share of Land in said Township within the Term of Four years next after the circumstances of the present War will admit of Settlement with Safety, on penalty of the forfeiture of his Grant or share of Land in said Town, and the same to revert to the freemen of this State; to be by their Representatives regranted to Such persons as shall appear to Settle and Cultivate the Same.

SECUNDO That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved to the use and benifit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the seal of this State to be afixed this 21<sup>th</sup> day of August AD. 1780 and in the fourth year of the INDEPENDENCE of this state & fifth of the United States.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Note.—The charter here printed from [Ms.] Vermont Charter, Vol. I, pp. 18-20 is again recorded on pp. 18, 19 of "Vol. II" [Ms.] Vermont Charter.

## THE CHARTER OF RIPTOWN

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT.

L. S.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE, That WHEREAS M<sup>r</sup> ABEL THOMPSON, and his associates, sixty in number, have by Petition requested a Grant of a Tract of Land, within this State in order for Settling a new Plantation to be erected into a Township; We have therefore thought fit for the due Encouragement of Laudable designs, and for other valuable Considerations us hereunto moving. And do by these presents, in the name and by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, give and grant the Tract of Land hereafter discribed & bounded unto him the said Abel Thompson, and the several persons hereafter named his associates in equal Shares viz<sup>t</sup> Benjamin Bardsley Ju<sup>r</sup>, Stephen Middlebrook Ju<sup>r</sup>, Theophilus Middlebrook, John Turney Ju<sup>r</sup>, Hawkins Nichols, Aaron Hawley, Wolcott Hawley, David Hawley, Gideon Hawley, Isaac Hawley, James Hawley, Daniel Hawley Ju<sup>r</sup>, Joseph Burroughs, Gideon Peet, Jonathan Nichols, Thomas Hawley, Jeriel French, John French, Samuel French, Eliakim Walker, David Walker, Nathan N, Walker, Solomon Booth, Jonathan Beers, Thomas Wahelee, David Summers, Daniel Salmon, David Summers Ju<sup>r</sup>, Peter Summers, Sillick Summers, Ephraim Sterling, Lewis Fairchild, Augur Judson, Elisha Mills, David Ely, Benjamin DeForeest, Othniel DeForeest, Milton Hawley, Cyrus Hawley, Francis Hawley, Walliston Hawley, Joseph Hawley, John Wooster, Joseph Wooster, Ephraim Wooster, Ely Blackman, John Olcott, Ephraim Curtis, Silas Curtis, Ju<sup>r</sup>, Lemuel Beardslly, Stephen Beardslly, Ezra Curtis, Hezekiah Clark, Matthew Hawley, Isaac Lewis, Elisha Rexford, Abraham Underhill, Stephen Middlebrook, & Abraham Thomson which Together with the five following Rights or equal Shares (i e 5-65ths, of said Tract) Reserved to the Several uses in manner following include the whole of said Tract or Township viz<sup>t</sup> [one Right for the use of a Simonary or College; one Right for the use of County Grammer Schools, in said State; Lands to the amount of one right to be & remain for the purpose of settlement of a minister and Ministers of the Gospel in said Township forever; Lands to the amount of one Right for the Support of the Social Worship of GOD in said Township; and Lands to the amount of one Right for the Support of an English School or Schools in said Township, which said Two Rights for the use of a Seminary or College & for the use of County Grammer Schools as aforesaid, and the Improvements, rents, Intrests & Profits arising therefrom shall be under the Controul, order dircetion & disposal of the General Assembly of said State forever; And the proprietors of said Township are hereby authorised and empowered to locate said Two Rights justly and equitably, or quantity for quality in such parts of said Township as they or their

Committee shall judge will least incommode the General Settlement of said Tract or Township; And the said Proprietors are further empowered, to locate the lands aforesaid amounting to three Rights assigned for the Settlement of a Minister & Ministers for their Support, & for the use & Support of English Schools in such and in so many places as they or their Committee shall judge will Least incommode the Inhabitents of said Township when the same shall be fully settled and improved Laying the same equitably, or quantity for quality, which said Lands amounting to the three Rights last mentioned when located as aforesaid, shall Together with their Improvements Rights, Rents, Profits, Dues, & Intrest remain unalienably appropriated to the uses and purposes for which they are respectively assigned, & be under the charge direction & disposal of the Inhabitents of said Township forever;] Which Tract of Land hereby given and granted as aforesaid is Bounded and discribed as follows viz<sup>t</sup> BEGINNING at the south East Corner of Middleborough, at a Spruce Tree Marked (9) Thence East Ten deg<sup>s</sup> South six miles 39 Rods, 15 Links & 33/120 of a Link to a Beach Tree marked (9) Thence North 10° East six miles Thirty nine Rods fifteen Links & 33/120 of a Link to a Yellow Birch Tree marked (9) Thence West Ten degrees North six Miles, thirty nine Rods 15 links & 33/120 of a Link to a Stake and Stones, Thence South Ten Deg<sup>s</sup> West six miles 39 Rods 15 links & 33/120 of a Link to the first mentioned bounds containing Twenty four thousand acres (24,000; AND that the same be and hereby is incorporated into a Township by the name of RIPTOWN, And the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be Infranchised and entitled to all the Privileges & immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State do & ought by the Law and Constitution of this State to exercise and Enjoy. To HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said Granted Premises as above expressed in equal Shares with all the Priviledges and appurtenences thereto belonging or in any wise appertaing unto them and their Respective Heirs and assigns forever, upon the following Conditions and Reservations viz<sup>t</sup> That each Proprietor in the Township of Riptown aforesaid his Heirs or assigns shall plant & Cultivate Five acres of Land, and build an House at Least Eighteen feet square on the Floor, or Have one Family settled on each respective Right or share of Land in said Township not so improved or Settled & the same to revert to the Freemen of this State to be by their Representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle and Cultivate the Same.— That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved for the use and Benifit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY, whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed in Council this Thirteenth day of April, in the 5 year of the Independence of this State A. D. 1781.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command.  
Thomas Tolman Dep<sup>y</sup>. Sec<sup>y</sup>

## \*THE CHARTER OF ROCHESTER

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF VERMONT.

L. S.

*To all People, to whom these Presents shall come,* GREETING:

KNOW YE, that whereas Asa Whetcomb Esquire, and Mr. Dudley Chace, and their Associates, our worthy Friends, have, by Petition, requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Land within this State, in order for settling a New Plantation, to be erected into a Township; *We Have Therefore Thought Fit*, for the due encouragement of their laudable Designs, and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving,—AND DO, by these Presents, In the Name, and by the Authority of the Freemen of Vermont, Give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter described and bounded unto the said Asa Whetcomb and Dudley Chace, and the several Persons hereafter named their Associates, viz<sup>t</sup>; John Whetcomb, Chapman Whetcomb, Anthony Whetcomb, Joshua Hazen, John Hopson, Ebenezer Sparhawk, Henry Sparhawk, John Mandeville, Joseph Tucker, Elijah Tucker, Silas Hamilton, Ammi Currier, David Ashley, Israel Clark, jun. Thomas Emerson, Samuel Thatcher, Ephraim Miles, Bezaleel Barton, Solomon Aiken, Simeon Belknap, James Aikin Moses Belknap, David Belknap, Caleb Chace, Peter Barton, Isaac Puffer, Abner Brigham, Ezekiel Brigham, junior, Dennis Darling, Enoch Emerson, Stephen Partridge, Jacob Hall, David Currier, Willis Hall, Asa Emerson, Ezekiel Emerson, Daniel Emerson, Ebenezer Rawson, Salmon Chace, Ithamar Chace, Simeon Chace, Heber Chace, Dudley Chace, junior, Daniel Corbet Chace, Baruch Chace, John Sangar, William Page, Ephraim Briggs, David Warren, Joseph Loveland, Moses Brigham, Philocletes Whetcomb, John Raymond, John Strong, James Page, Phineas Sanger, James Lawton, Moses Davis, John Morse, Moses Ashley, Benjamin Lewis, Stephen Child and Simeon Jacobs which, together with the five following Rights, reserved to the several Uses in manner following, include the whole of said Township, viz<sup>t</sup>; one Right for the Use of a Seminary or Colledge; one Right for the Use of County Grammar Schools in said State; Lands, to the amount of one Right, to be and remain for the purpose of Settlement of a Minister and Ministers of the Gospel in said Township forever; Lands, to the amount of one Right for the support of the social worship of God in said Township; and Lands, to the amount of one Right for the support of an English School or Schools in said Township. Which said two Rights, for the use of a Seminary or Colledge, and for the use of County Grammar Schools as aforesaid, and the Improvements, Rents, Interests & Profits arising therefrom, shall be under the Controul, Order,

\*Recorded [Ms.] Vermont Charters, Vol. I, pp. 118-122. Another copy of this charter recorded on pp. 381-384 of the same volume, is printed on pages immediately following this copy. These charters are substantially duplicates except as to the dates.

Direction, and Disposal of the General Assembly of said State forever. And the Proprietors of said Township are hereby authorised and empowered, to locate said two Rights, justly and equitably, or quantity for quality, in such Parts of said Township as they or their Committee shall judge will least incommode the General Settlement of said Tract or Township. And the said Proprietors are hereby further empowered to locate the Lands aforesaid amounting to three Rights, assigned—for the Settlement of a Minister and Ministers—for their Support—and for the use & Support of English Schools, in such, and in so many Places as they or their Committee shall judge will best accommodate the Inhabitants of said Township when the same shall be fully settled and improved, laying the same equitably, or quantity for quality. Which said Lands, amounting to the three last mentioned Rights, when located as aforesaid, shall, together with their Improvements, Rights, Rents, Profits, Dues, and Interests, remain unalienably appropriated for the uses and Purposes for which they are respectively assigned; and be under the Charge, Direction, and Disposal of the Inhabitants of said Township forever. Which Tract of Land, hereby given and granted as aforesaid, is bounded and described as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>; “*BEGINNING at the North Westerly Corner of Bethel, then Southerly in the Westerly Line of Bethel, about Six Miles, to the South Westerly Corner thereof; Then North 61° West, so far, that, turning North 33° East, until, turning South 61° East will strike the Bound began at, and contain the Contents of Six Miles square.*” And that the same be, and hereby is incorporated into a Township by the Name of ROCHESTER. And the Inhabitants that do, or shall hereafter inhabit said Township, are declared to be enfranchised, and entitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State do, and ought, by the Laws and Constitution of this State, to exercise and enjoy. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises, as above expressed, with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining, to them & their respective Heirs & Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions and Reservations, viz<sup>t</sup>; That each Proprietor of the Township of Rochester aforesaid, his Heirs or Assigns, shall plant and cultivate Five Acres of Land, and build an House at least Eighteen Feet square on the Floor, or have one Family settled, on each respective Right, within the Term of Three Years, next after the Circumstances of the War will admit of a Settlement with Safety: on penalty of the Forfeiture of each Right of Land in said Township, not so improved, or settled; and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be, by their Representatives, regranted to such Persons as shall appear to settle and cultivate the same. That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy, be reserved for the Use and Benefit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof I have hereunto set my Hand, and caused the Seal of this State to be affixed, this Thirtieth Day of August, A. D. 1781. And in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of our Independence.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency's Command.

Tho. Tolman Dep<sup>y</sup> Secr<sup>y</sup>.

## [\*CHARTER OF] ROCHESTER

THE GOVERNOR—COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF VERMONT—

*To all People to whom these presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE—that Whereas Asa Whitcomb Esq<sup>r</sup> and M<sup>r</sup> Dudley Chase and their Associates our worthy friends have by petition requested a grant of a tract of unappropriated lands within this State in order for settling a new plantation to be erected into a Township—We have therefore thought fit, for the due encouragement of their laudable designs, and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving—And do by these Presents, in the name and by the authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont—give and grant the tract of land hereafter described and bounded unto the said Asa Whitcomb Dudley Chase and their Associates—Viz—John Whetcomb, Chapman Whetcomb, Anthony Whetcomb, Joshua Hazen, John Hopson, Ebenezer Sparhawk, Henry Sparhawk, John Mandevitte, Joseph Tucker, Elijah Tucker, Silas Hamilton, Ammi Currier, David Ashley, Israel Clark Jun<sup>r</sup>, Thomas Emerson, Samuel Thatcher, Ephraim Miles, Bezaleel Barton, Solomon Aiken, Simeon Belknap, James Aiken, Moses Belknap, David Belknap, Caleb Chase, Peter Barton, Isaac Puffer, Abner Brigham, Ezekiel Brigham Jun<sup>r</sup>, Dennis Darling, Enoch Emerson, Stephen Partridge, Jacob Hall, David Currier, Willis Hall, Asa Emerson, Ezekiel Emerson, Daniel Emerson, Ebenezer Rawson, Salmon Chase, Ithamer Chase, Simeon Chase, Heber Chase, Dudley Chase Jun<sup>r</sup>, Daniel Corbet Chase, Baruch Chase, John Sangar—William Page, Ephraim Briggs, David Warren, Joseph Loveland, Moses Brigham, Philocletes Whetcomb, John Raymond, John Strong, James Page, Phinehas Sanger, James Lawton, Moses Davis, John Morse, Moses Ashley, Benjamin Lewis, Stephen Child, and Simeon Jacobs, which together with the five following Rights reserved to the several uses in manner following include the whole of said Township, Viz, one Right for the use of a seminary or Colledge, one Right for the use of County Gramar Schools in said State, Lands to the amount of one Right to be and remain for the purpose of settlement of a Minister and Ministers of the Gospel in said Township forever, Lands to the amount of one Right for the support of the social Worship of God in said Township, and lands to the amount of one Right for the support of an English School or Schools in said Township—Which said two Rights, for the use of a seminary or Colledge, and for the use of County Grammar Schools as aforesaid, and the improvements, Rents, Interests, and Profits arising therefrom, shall be under the controul, Order, direction and disposal of the General Assembly of said State forever—

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And the proprietors of said Township are hereby authorised and empowered to locate said two rights Justly and equitably or Quantity for Quality in such parts of said Township as they or their Committee shall Judge will least incommode the general settlement of said tract or Township—and the said proprietors are hereby further empowered to locate the lands aforesaid amounting to three rights assigned for the settlement of a minister and ministers for their support, and for the use and support of English Schools in such and in so many places, as they or their Committee shall Judge will best accommodate the Inhabitants of said Township when the same shall be fully settled, and improved, laying the same equitably, or Quantity for Quality—which said lands amounting to the three last mentioned Rights, when located as aforesaid, shall together with their improvements, Rights, Rents, Profits, Dues, and Interests remain unalienably appropriated for the uses and purposes for which they are respectively assigned—And be under the Charge, Direction & Disposal of the Inhabitants of said Township forever—

Which Tract of Land hereby given and granted is described and bounded as follows—*Viz—BEGINNING at the Northwesterly corner of Bethel then Southerly in the Westerly line of Bethel about six miles to the Southwesterly corner thereof, then North Sixty one Degrees West, so far that turning North thirty three Degrees East untill turning South sixty one Degrees east will strike the bound began at, and contains the contents of six miles square—*

And that the same be and hereby is incorporated into a Township by the name of ROCHESTER—and the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township are declared to be enfranchised and entitled to all the priviledges and immunities that the inhabitants of other Towns within this State do, and ought by the Law & Constitution of this State to exercise and enjoy—

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted premises as above expressed with all the Priviledges & Appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining to them and their respective heirs and Assigns forever—upon the following conditions & Reservations—*Viz—*that each proprietor of the Township of Rochester aforesaid his heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate Five Acres of land and build an house at least eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one Family settled on each respective Right within the term of three years next after the Circumstances of the War will admit of a settlement with safety—on penalty of the forfeiture of each Right of Land in said Township not so improved or settled, and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be by their Representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle and cultivate the same—That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved to the use and benefit of the Freemen of this State.

IN TESTIMONY whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this State to be affixed. In Council this Thirtieth Day of

July Anno Domini—One thousand seven hundred and eighty one—And  
in the fifth year of the Independence of this State

THO<sup>s</sup> CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency's Command

Tho<sup>s</sup> Tolman Dep Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Recorded Nov-2<sup>d</sup>-1808—

Att. Th. Leverett Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF ROXBURY

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

L. S.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE, That whereas the HONORABLE BENJAMIN EMMONS ESQUIRE & HIS ASSOCIATES our worthy Friends have by Petition requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State, in order for Settling a new plantation to Erected into a Township, WE have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs, and for other valuable Considerations us hereunto moving, and do by these Presents in the name and by the authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter discribed and bounded, unto him the said Benjamin Emmons, and to the Several Persons hereafter named his associates, viz<sup>t</sup> John Throop, Bryant Brown, Mastin Cabbot, Capt. Edward Aikins, Hezekiah Thompson, Asa Whitcomb, Samuel King, John Cook, Solomon Withull, Steel Smith, Reuben Smith, Joseph Kimball, Isaac Morgan, Roswell Smith, Asa Taylor, Eliakim Spooner, Joseph Tidd, Eldad Brownson, William Lyon, Eben<sup>r</sup> Curtis, Edward Smith, Whitman Jacobs, Edmond Hodges, Joel Butler, John Ransom, Jedediah Strong, William Birch, Zelotes Gates, Paul Brigham, Thomas Brigham, John Marcey, Henry White, Henry Aynsworth, Abel Davis, Thomas Chittenden, Seth Hodges, William Powers, Jonathan Hall, Paul Spooner, Joshua Dodge, Thomas Lawton, Bethuel Cross, Jonathan Burnet, Daniel Gilbert, Jonas Boardman, Solomon Strong, William Gallup, Elisha Gallup, Samuel Dutton, Simon Davis, Daniel Rix, Ebenzer Parkhurst, Shubal Cross, Elias Stevens, Benjamin Wait, Josiah Dunham, Elisha Hawley, John Ranger, Robert Hunter, John Ranger Ju<sup>r</sup>, William Chaplain, Phinehas Parkhurst, Jonathan Chase, and Lathrop Thompson, Which Together with the five rights or equal Shares reserved to the Several uses in manner follow-

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ing, include the whole of said Tract or Township viz<sup>t</sup> READ which Tract of Land hereby Given and Granted as aforesaid is bounded & discribed as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> BEGINNING, at the Northwesterly of Brookfield, then South thirty three D<sup>o</sup> West about Six Miles in the line of Brookfield to an Angle thereof, then carrying that breadth back North 61 D<sup>o</sup> west so far as that a Line being extended North 33 D<sup>o</sup> East across S<sup>d</sup> Breadth, will encompass the Contents of Six Miles Square, And that the same be & hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the name of ROXBURY. and the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter Inhabit said Township are declared to be Infranchised and Intitled to all the Priviledges & Immunities that the Inhabitents of other Towns within this State do and ought by the Law and Constitution of this State to exercise & Enjoy

To HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said Granted Premises as above expressed with all the Priviledges & appurtenences thereto belonging & appertaining unto them and their Respective Heirs and assigns forever, upon the following Conditions & Reservations viz<sup>t</sup> That Each Proprietor in the Township of ROXBURY aforesaid his heirs or assigns shall plant and Cultivate five acres of Land and build an House at least Eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one Family Settled on each Respective Right or Share of Land in said Township & the same to revert to the freemen of this State, to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as Shall appear to Settle and Cultivate the same; That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved for the use and Benifit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed In Council this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August AD. 1781, & in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the Independence of this State

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup>  
Command.  
Thomas Tolman D. Sec<sup>y</sup>.

## THE CHARTER OF ROYALTON

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

L. S.

To all People to whom these Presents shall come GREETING:

KNOW YE that WHEREAS COMFORT SEAVER, ESQ., and his associates our worthy Friends have by Petition requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated lands within this State in order for Settling a New Plantation to be Erected into a Township, WE have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their Laudable Designs, And for other

Valuable Considerations us hereunto moving, And do by these Presents, In the Name and by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, give and grant the Tract of Land hereafter discribed & bounded unto him the said Comfort Seaver, & unto the Several Persons hereafter Named his associates in equal Shares viz<sup>t</sup>, Elias Stevens, Elisha Kent, John Kent, Elisha Kent Ju<sup>r</sup>, John Hibbard, James Hibbard, Jedediah Hyde, (of Royalton) Ebenezer Dewey, Ebenezer Church, Nathan Fish, John Safford, Benjamin Parkhurst, Simon Shepard, Reuben Parkhurst, Daniel Gilbert, Daniel Rix, John Kimbal, Garner Rix, Ebenezer Parkhurst, David Fish, David Brewster, Robert Havens, William Blackmer, Heman Durkee, Ebenezer Brewster, Medad Benton, Nathaniel Morse, Robert Handay, Benjamin Day, Timothy Durkee, John Jillet, Adan Durkee, John Billins, Joseph Fish, John Hibbard Ju<sup>r</sup>, John Willcox, Samuel Benidict, Calven Parkhurst, Josiah Wheeler, Joseph Parkhurst, Elias Curtis, Joseph Havens, Johnson Safford, John Stevens Ju<sup>r</sup>, Isaac Morgan, Zebulon Lyon, Nathan Morgan, Daniel Tuller, William Joiner, Martin Tuller, Daniel Havens, Benjamin Day Ju<sup>r</sup>, John Evans, Jeremiah Trescott, Israel Wallow, William Jones, John House, Tilley Parkhurst, Phinehas Parkhurst, Jabez Parkhurst, Samuel Clap, and Joel Mash (of Sharon) which Together with the five following rights reserved to the Several uses in manner following viz<sup>t</sup> (READ) which said Tract of Land hereby given and Granted as aforesaid is bounded and discribed as follows viz<sup>t</sup> BEGINNING at Sharon Southwest Corner, then North 40 D<sup>o</sup> East 496 chains to Tunbridge, thence North 60 D<sup>o</sup> West 456, chains to Bethel, Thence South 40 D<sup>o</sup> west 496 chains on Bethel Line to Barnard, Thence South 60 D<sup>o</sup> East 456 Chains on Barnard Line to the Place of Begining Containing Twenty Two Thousand three hundred and Twenty Acres, (22,320) AND that the same be and hereby is incorporated into a Township by the name of ROYALTON, AND the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter Inhabit said Township are declared to be Infranchised and entitled to all the Priviledges & Immunities that the Inhabitents of other Towns within this State do & ought by the Law and Constitution of this State to exercise and enjoy. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said Granted Premises as above expressed, with all the Priviledges, and appurtenances thereto belonging, and appertaining unto them and their respective Heirs and assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, and reservations viz<sup>t</sup> That each proprietor in the Township of Royalton aforesaid his heirs or assigns, shall plant and cultivate five acres of Land, and build an House at least Eighteen feet square upon the floor, or have one Family Settled on each respective Right or share within the Term of Eighteen Months from the date hereof, on penalty of the Forfeiture of each Respective right of Land in said Township, not so improved or settled, and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State to be by their representatives regranted to Such persons as shall appear to Settle and Cultivate the same, That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved for the use and Benifit of the Freemen of this State; IN TESTIMONY, whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the

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seal of this State to be affixed in Council this 20<sup>th</sup> day of Dec<sup>r</sup>, 1781, and in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the Independence of this State.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
Thomas Tolman D<sup>y</sup>. Sec<sup>y</sup>.

## THE CHARTER OF ST. JOHNSBURY

L. S.

*To all people to whom these presents shall come* GREETING:

WHEREAS Jonathan Arnold Esquire and his Associates our worthy friends have by petition requested a grant of a tract of unappropriated lands within this State in order for settling a new plantation to be erected into a Township.

WE HAVE THEREFORE thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs, and for other valuable considerations Us hereunto moving, and Do by these presents, in the name and by the Authority of the Freemen of VERMONT, give and grant the Tract of Land herein after described and bounded unto the said Jonathan Arnold and the several persons hereafter named his Associates namely, Samuel Stevens Esquire, John Innes Clark, and Joseph Nightingale, Joseph Lord, Ebenezer Scott jun<sup>r</sup> David Howell Esquire William Page Esquire, Thomas Chittenden Esq<sup>r</sup> John Bridgman Esq<sup>r</sup> John Crawford Arnold Joseph Fay Esquire Ira Allen Esquire Simeon Colle, Benjamin Doolittle Josiah Nichols James Adams Martin Adams, Jonathan Adams James Callender Adams Thomas Todd, William Trescott and Jonathan Trescott, in the proportions annexed to their names respectively as follows To the said Jonathan Arnold Thirteen Seventy first parts and one third of one Seventy first part, to the said Samuel Stevens Eighteen Seventy first parts to the said Clark & Nightingale six Seventy first parts Joseph Lord seven seventy first parts, Ebenezer Scott jun<sup>r</sup> three seventy first parts, David Howell four seventy first parts, William Page two seventy first parts Thomas Chittenden one seventy first part John Bridgman two seventy first parts, John Crawford Arnold one seventy first part, Joseph Fay three Seventy first parts, Ira Allen one seventy first part, Simeon Colle one seventy first part and one third of one seventy first part, Benjamin Doolittle one two hundred and tenth part, Josiah Nichols, one two hundred & tenth part, James Adams one two hundred & tenth part Martin Adams one two hundred & tenth part, Jonathan Adams one two hundred and tenth part, James Callender Adams one Two hundred and tenth part, Thomas Todd one two hundred & tenth part William Trescott one two hundred & tenth part, and

Jonathan Trescott one two hundred and tenth part, which together with Six seventy first parts reserved to the several uses in manner following viz<sup>t</sup>. One seventy first part for the use of a Seminary or College, one seventy first part for the use of County Grammar Schools, within said State, Lands to the amount of One seventy first part for the purpose of Settlement of a Minister and Ministers of the Gospel in said Township, Lands to the amount of one Seventy first part, for the support of the social Worship of GOD in said Township, and Lands to the amount of One Seventy first part for the support of an English School & Schools in said Township which said two Seventy first parts for the use of a Seminary or College, and for the use of County Grammar schools as afores<sup>d</sup> and the improvements, rents, interests and profits arising therefrom, shall be under the Controul, Order direction and disposal of the General Assembly of said State forever, and the proprietors of s<sup>d</sup> Township are hereby Authorized And empowered to locate said Two seventy first parts, justly & equitably or quantity for quality in such parts of said Township as they or their committee shall judge will least incommode the general settlement of said Township. And the s<sup>d</sup> Proprietors are hereby further empowered to locate the lands afores<sup>d</sup> amounting to three seventy first parts, of s<sup>d</sup> Township, assigned for the settlement of a Minister and Ministers, for their support, and for the use and support of English Schools in said Town in such and in so many places as they or their Committee shall Judge will best accommodate the Inhabitants of said Township, when fully settled & improved laying the same equitably and quantity for quality, which said lands amounting to three seventy first parts, of said Township when located as afores<sup>d</sup> shall together with their improvements, Rights, rents, profits, dues & interests, remain unalienably appropriated for the uses & purposes for which they are respectively assigned, and be under the charge direction and disposal of the selectmen of said Township in trust to and for the use of said Town forever, And the remaining lands in said Township the proprietors are hereby empowered to dispose of in such manner as they shall judge best for the encouragement of erecting the first Gristmill & Saw Mill in s<sup>d</sup> Township. And whereas it is necessary that early provision should be made for accommodating said Township, with Lands sufficient for public roads and Highways which cannot [be] particularly assigned until the said Township be fully surveyed and under some improvement, therefore by virtue of these presents there is hereby reserved, Nine Acres in each Seventy first part and in the same proportion in every lesser part to be appropriated from time to time for the purpose of opening public Roads or Highways and remain unalienably for that purpose to be assigned as the Selectmen or other legal Authority shall from time to time direct in & throughout said Township forever. Which said tract of Land given & granted as aforesaid is bounded & described as follows BEGINNING at a Hemlock tree mark'd Barnet Corner—March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1784. being the most Northerly Corner of said Barnet and running North Six degrees and twenty minutes West seven Miles and

*fifty one Chains in the east line of Danville to a Birch tree marked Lyndon SW corner Nov<sup>r</sup> 16. 1786 wich is the Southwest corner of Lyndon E<sup>s</sup> north East corner of Danville thence South Seventy degrees East six miles in the South line of Lyndon to a maple tree marked Lyndon South East Corner Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 1786 then South Eleven degrees and fifty minutes East three miles E<sup>s</sup> Thirty Eight chains to a stake eleven links North 28 degrees west from a beech tree marked Littleton North Corner Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1784. Then South Sixty two degrees west, six miles in the North westerly line of Littleton to a Stake five links east from a white pine tree marked Littleton south west Corner 1784. standing in the Northerly line of Barnet then North Twenty eight degrees west, Sixty eight chains in the said Northerly line of Barnet, to the bounds begun at, and is called and to be known by the name of the Township of ST. JOHNSBURY, and that the same be and hereby is incorporated into a township by the name aforesaid, and the Inhabitants that do or hereafter shall inhabit the said Township are declared to be enfranchised and entituled to all the privileges and immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State do and ought by Law, and the Constitution of this State to exercise and enjoy.*

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted premises as above expressed with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging and Appertaining to them and their respectiv Heirs and Assigns forever upon the following conditions & reservations Viz That each proprietor of the Township aforesaid, his heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five acres of Land and build a house at least Eighteen feet square upon the floor, or have one family settled on each respective right or Seventy first part of Land in said Township within the time limited by a Law of this State on Penalty of the forfeiture of each right or seventy first part of Land in said Township, not so improved or settled and the same to revert to the freemen of this State to be by their representatives re-granted to such persons as shall appear to settle and cultivate the same, That all pine timber suitable for a Navy be reserved to the use and benefit of the freemen of this State agreeable to an Act of the Legislature of said State passed at their Session in October 1781.—

IN TESTIMONY whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Caused the Seal of this State to be affixed, this first day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Eighty six, and in the tenth year of the Independence of this State.

By His Excellency's Command

Micah Townsend Sec<sup>y</sup>.

THO<sup>s</sup> CHITTENDEN

Examined & Recorded Jan<sup>y</sup>. 22<sup>d</sup>, 1791

Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

## THE CHARTER OF SALEM

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT,

L. S.

To all People to whom these Presents shall come GREETING:

KNOW YE, that whereas COL<sup>o</sup> JACOB DAVIS, and his associates, our worthy Friends, have by Petition requested a grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State, in order for settling a new Plantation to be erected into a Township. WE have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their Laudable designs, and for other valuable considerations, us hereunto moving, And do By these Presents, in the name, and by the authority of the Freemen of the State of VERMONT, give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter discribed and bounded, unto the said Jacob Davis, and to the several persons hereafter named his associates viz<sup>t</sup>—Shubael Peck, Thomas Carpenter, Thomas Kempton, Samuel Tobey, Adriel Bless, Israel Nichols, Philip Peck, Nathan Bless, Ebenezer Peck, Ezekiel Smith, Stephen Perry, Joseph Allen, Joseph Waldren, Richard Cranch, Lucy Cranch, Elizabeth Cranch, John May, Joseph May, John May, Jacob Davis Jun<sup>r</sup>, Thomas Davis, Mervin Mower, Jeremiah Davis, Abijah Lamb, Ebenzer Lamb, Edward Wheelock, Lemuel Edwards, Abner Mellen, Job Merrett, William Comins, Jonas Comins, Isaiah Rider, Levi Davis, Jonathan Davis, Pearley Davis, Isaac Learned Ju<sup>r</sup>, Ebenezer Davis, Salem Town, Israel Waters, Isaiah Rider Ju<sup>r</sup> David Cutting, Jonathan Mower, Jonathan Mower Ju<sup>r</sup>, Samuel Robinson (of Charlton), David Lamb, Nehemiah Stone, Nehemiah Stone Ju<sup>r</sup>, Ebenezer Stone, Thomas Hall, Peter Sleman, Paul Wheelock, Samuel Parker, William Tucker, Jonathan Tucker, Seth Tucker, Aaron Tucker, Asa Davis, John Stevens, Thomas Needham, Robert Edwards, Joseph Gibbs, Samuel Davis, Elijah Davis, & John Adams; Which Together with the five following Rights, reserved to the several uses in manner following include the whole of said Township viz<sup>t</sup> (READ) Which said Tract of Land, hereby given, & granted, as aforesaid, is bounded and discribed as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>

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BEGINNING at the South West Corner of Navy, Then Northeast in the North West line of Navy to an angle thereof supposed to be about six miles, and Carrying that Breadth back, northwest so far as that a Parellel Line, with Navy's Northwest line aforesaid will encompass the Contents of six miles Square. And that the same be, & hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of SALEM and the Inhabitents, that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township, are declared to be Infranchised, and Intitled to all the Privileges and Immunities, that the Inhabitents of other Towns within this State do by the Laws and Constitution of this State exercise & enjoy. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said granted Premises in equal Shares, with all the Priviledges and appurtenences thereto belonging, & appertaining unto them and their respective Heirs and



assigns forever upon the following Conditions & Reservations, viz<sup>t</sup> That each Proprietor in the Township of Salem, aforesaid, his heirs, or assigns, shall Plant, and cultivate Five acres of Land and build an House at least Eighteen feet square on the Floor, or have one Family settled on each respective Right, within the Term of three years next after the Circumstances of the War will admit of a Settlement with safety, on penalty of the Forfeiture of Each Respective Right of Land in said Township, not so improved, or settled, and the same to revert to the freemen of this State to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle and Cultivate the Same; That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy, be reserved for the use and benifit of the Freemen of this State—IN TESTIMONY whereof WE, have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed in Council this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August AD. 1781. in the 5th year of the Independence of this, & 6 of the UNITED STATES.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF SEARSBURGH

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

L. S.

*To all People to whom these presents shall come GREETING:*

KNOW YE, That whereas Col<sup>o</sup> WILLIAM WILLIAMS and his associates our Worthy Friends have by Petition requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State in order for Settling a New plantation to be erected into a Township, we have therefore Thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs & for other Valuable considerations us hereunto moving, and do by these presents in the name & by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, Give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter discribed & bounded unto him the said William Williams, and to his associates viz<sup>t</sup> Josiah Lock, Joseph Beaman, Jonathan Evans, Asaph Williams, Daniel Taylor Ju<sup>r</sup>, John Williams, William Griffin, David Parks, Adonijah Bangs, Daniel Taylor, Oliver Wilder, Jonathan Bodwell John Marks, John Whitney, John Wood, James Roberts, Silas Hammilton, Jesse Marks, Joseph Marks, Luke Taylor, Peter Gates, John Pierce, James Williams, William Peirce, and Ebenezer Merrick; which Together with the Two Twenty Eighth Parts of said Tract reserved to the uses in manner

following, include the whole of said Tract viz<sup>t</sup> one 28<sup>th</sup> part of said Tract for the Support of the Social Worship of God in said Township, and one 28 part for the Support of an English School or Schools in said Township And the Proprietors of said Township are hereby authorised and empowered to locate said Two 28<sup>th</sup> parts of said Township in such and in so many places as they or their Committee shall judge will best accommodate the Inhabitents of said Township when the Same shall be fully Settled, and improved, laying the same equitably or quantity for Quality, which said Two 28<sup>th</sup> parts when located as aforesaid, shall Together with their Improvements, Rights, Rents, Profits, dues, & Interst remain unalienably appropriated to the uses & purposes for which they are respectively assigned, and be under, the charge direction & disposal of the Inhabitents of said Township forever, which Tract of Land hereby given and Granted as aforesaid is known and described as follows, viz<sup>t</sup> *It is bounded east on Willmington, Northerly upon Sommerste, Westerly upon Woodford, and Southerly upon Land petitioned for by BENJAMIN HANSWA, [Henshaw] & others, comprising a Tract of Four Miles Square;* And that the same be & hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the name of SEARSBURGH, And the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be Infranchised and Intituled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitents of other Towns within this State do and ought by Law & the Constitution of this State to Exercise & Enjoy. To HAVE & TO HOLD, the said granted premises as above expressed in equal shares with all the priviledges and appurtenences thereto belonging and appertaining unto them and their respective Heirs & assigns forever, upon the following Conditions and reservations viz. that Each Proprietor in the Township of Searsburgh aforesaid His Heirs or assigns, shall plant and Cultivate five acres of Land and build an house at least Eighteen feet square on the floor or have one family settled on Each respective Right or Share of Land in said Township within the Term of three years next after the date of this Grant, on penalty of the Forfiture of Each respective Right or share of Land in said Township not so improved or Settled, and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State to be by their representatives regranted to Such persons as shall appear to Settle and Cultivate the Same, THAT all Pine Timber be reserved (*suitable for a Navy*) for the use & benifit of the freemen of this State, IN TESTIMONY whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Seal of this State to be affixed in Council this 23<sup>d</sup> day of February AD 1781 and in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the Independence of this State,

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command,  
Thomas Tolman D. Sec<sup>y</sup>.

## [CHARTER OF SHEFFIELD]

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT,

L. S.

*To all people to whom these presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE, that whereas Mr. Stephen Kingsbury and his associates have, by petition, requested a grant of unappropriated lands within this state for the purpose of settling a new plantation to be erected into a township; We have, therefore, thought fit, for the due encouragement of their laudable design and for other value considerations us hereunto moving, do by these presents, in the name and by the authority of the freemen of the State of Vermont, give and grant unto the said Stephen Kingsbury and the several persons hereafter named his associates, in equal shares the tract of land hereafter described and bounded viz. Noah Smith, William Hooker, Peter Noble, Abijah Warren, Giles Pettibone, Jun<sup>r</sup> Isaac Stratton, John Tracy, Thomas Chittenden, Joseph Williams, Jedediah Hyde, Thadeus Munson, Theodore Sedgwick, David Welch, Stephen Goodger, Josiah Burr, Ezra Ives, Lazarus Ives, Thomas Catling, William Wadsworth, and James Ives, one share *each*,—John Hubbard, Thomas Chipman and Amos Callender, one share *each*—Abner Callender, Zachariah Goodrich, Moses Fairchild, Stephen Whiting, David Callender, William Beach, Enos Kellogg, Gad Austin, Solomon Lee, Miles Beach, and James Morrice, one share *each*; Thomas L. Whitbeck, Ezra Fellows, John Sibby, Elisha Lee, Peter Vandyke, Joseph Fay, Hezekiah Sanford, Ezekiel Sanford, *one right each*; Aaron and Hezekiah Sanford Jun. one right; William and Zalmon Sanford, one right; David Jackson, Ezekiel and David Jackson jun. one right; Moses and Ephraim Jackson one right; Platt Townsend, Isaac Townsend, William Townsend Francis Townsend Nathaniel Barlow, Lemuel Sanford, James Barlow, Aaron Barlow Joel Barlow, Elijah Burr, Nathan Burr, William Hawley, Nathaniel Bartlett, Daniel Bartlet, Ebenezer and Francis Adams one right *each*; Isaac Gorham, Isaac Gorham, Jun. Jabez Burr, Thomas and Simeon Couch, Jun. one right *each* and John Gray, together with five public rights to be appropriated to the following uses, viz, one right for the use and benefit of a college within this state; one right for the use and benefit of the county grammar schools throughout this state; one right for the *first* settled minister of the gospel in said township forever; one right for the support of the ministry in said town, to be disposed of to that use as the inhabitants thereof shall, from time to time agree; also one right for the use and benefit of an english school or schools in said township, which tract of land is hereby given and granted as aforesaid, bounded and described, as follows viz BEGINNING *at the north east corner of Greensborough, at a birch tree marked Greensborough*

corner May 29<sup>th</sup> 1786, Sheffield September 24, 1788, and running North, thirty six degrees east nine miles, forty three chains and fifty links to a stake and stones, twelve links south eighty 85 D° east from a maple tree marked Sheffield N. Corner, September 26<sup>th</sup> 1788: then south six degrees and fifteen minutes east, eight miles and thirty five chains to a stake eighteen links southeast from a great spruce tree marked Wheelock 1788, on the southeast side and Sheffield corner on the northwest side; then south thirty six degrees west two miles, sixty eight chains and sixty links to a stake and stones, twelve links north thirty six degrees east from a beach tree marked Sheffield S. E. Corner July 19<sup>th</sup> 1788, Wheelock's I.W. Then north fifty four degrees west, five miles fifty five chains and thirty three links to the bounds began at, containing twenty three thousand and forty acres . . . . And that the same be and hereby is incorporated into a township by the name of SHEFFIELD, and the inhabitants that do or shall, hereafter inhabit said township are hereby declared to be enfranchised and entitled to all the privileges and immunities that other towns within this state do, by law exercise and enjoy. To have and to hold the said granted premises as above expressed, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining to them and their respective heirs and assigns forever upon the following conditions and reservations, viz., That each proprietor of the township of Sheffield aforesaid his heirs or assigns shall plant and cultivate five acres of land and build a house at least eighteen feet square on the floor or have one family settled on each respective right or share of land in said township, agreeably to the time limited by law, or to be hereafter limited and prescribed on penalty of the forfeiture of each respective right or share of land not so settled and improved as aforesaid, and the same to revert to the freemen of this State to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle and Cultivate the same.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the seal of this state to be affixed in council this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety three.

THOS. CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency's Command  
Joseph Fay Secretary.  
Recorded November 6, AD, 1827.  
Norman Williams,  
Secretary of State

The words in the foregoing record underscored thus, are interlined in the original charter. N. Williams Sec. of State.

## [CHARTER OF SPOONER'S GORE]

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
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 STATE OF VERMONT

*To all people to whom these presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE, that whereas the Honorable Paul Spooner Esquire and his associates our worthy friends have by petition requested a grant of a tract or gore of unappropriated lands within this state for settlement, situate lying and being between the town of Royalton and Tunbridge in this state bounded as follows, BEGINNING *at a beach tree marked Strafford corner 1783 being the south east corner of Tunbridge—Then North fifty eight degrees west six miles in Tunbridge line to a stake and stones, seven links from a hemlock tree marked, Tunbridge S. W. corner 1783—Then South twenty six degrees West sixty six chains and fifty links to a hemlock being the North west corner of Royalton, then south sixty degrees East four hundred sixty six chains in the northerly line of Royalton to a maple tree the North easterly corner of Royalton and then North forty degrees east fifty chains and fifty links to the bounds began at*—We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable design and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving and do by these presents, In the name and by the Authority of the freemen of the state of Vermont give and grant the gore or tract of Land above bounded and described unto the said Paul Spooner and to the several persons herein-after named his associates viz—The Honorable Peter Olcott Esq<sup>r</sup>. The Reverend Lyman Potter Robert Haven, Joseph Haven, Calvin Parkhurst, John Hutchinson, Abijah Hutchinson, Hezekiah Hutchinson, John Parkhurst, Abel Hendin Moses Arduway, Benjamin Arduway, Elias Stevens and the widow Lois Button in the following places and proportions viz—To the said Peter Olcott three hundred acres to be laid out on the westerly part of the gore hereby granted to be divided from the remainder of said gore by a line running parallel with the westerly line of said gore—To the said Paul Spooner one hundred and ten acres adjoining the three hundred acres above mentioned and to be divided from the remainder of said gore by a line parallel to the easterly line of said three hundred acres—To the said Lyman Potter ninety acres adjoining the said one hundred & ten acres to be divided from the remainder of said gore by a line parallel with the easterly line of said one hundred and ten acres—To Nathan Woodbury one hundred acres adjoining the said ninety acres and to be divided from the remainder of said gore by a line paralel to the easterly line of the said ninety acres, To the said Lois Button two hundred acres in the said tract and the remainder of said gore in equal shares to and among the said several other persons above named—

And the said gore or tract of land be and is hereby annexed unto and

hereafter shall be taken and reputed a part of the town of TUNBRIDGE and the inhabitants which do or shall hereafter inhabit said gore shall be entitled to have and enjoy all the privileges and immunities which the other inhabitants of Tunbridge aforesaid do and ought by law and the constitution of this state to exercise and enjoy.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted premises with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining unto the said grantees and their respective heirs and assigns forever in the places and proportions above mentioned as tenants in common and not as joint tenants upon the following conditions & reservations viz. That each proprietor in the gore before described his heirs or assigns shall plant and cultivate five acres of land and build an house of at least eighteen feet square on the floor or have one family settled on each respective right within the term of three years next after the second Thursday of October which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven on penalty of forfeiture of each respective right or share of land in said premises not so improved or settled. And that the same revert to the freemen of this state to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle and cultivate the same—And that all pine timber on the premises suitable for a navy be reserved for the use and benefit of the freemen of this state—

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the seal of this state to be affixed in Council this twenty first day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five and in the        year of the sovereignty and Independence of this state—THO<sup>s</sup> CHITTENDEN  
By his Excellency's command

Micah Townsend Secy.

Recorded October sixteenth One thousand seven hundred and ninety two.

attest Ros. Hopkins Sec<sup>y</sup> of State.

## THE CHARTER OF STARKSBOROUGH

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT,

L. S.

*To all People, to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas, M<sup>r</sup>. DAVID BRIDIA, and his associates, our worthy Friends, have by Petition requested a grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands, within this State, in order for settling a new Planta-

tion, to be Erected into a Township; We Have therefore thought fit for the due Encouragement of their Laudable designs, & for other valuable considerations, us hereunto moving, And do by these Presents in the name and by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, give and grant the Tract of Land hereafter discribed and bounded, unto the said David Bridia, and the several persons hereafter named his associates, in equal Shares viz<sup>t</sup>. The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Brigadier General John Stark, His Excellency Thomas Chittenden Esq<sup>r</sup> Edward Aikin (Deacon) Wait Palmer, Shadrach Hatheway, Simeon Hatheway Ju<sup>r</sup>, Jesse Belknap, Oliver Scott, Noah Chittenden, Aaron Haynes, John Warner, Alford Hatheway, Levi Hatheway, Zadock Averist, Amos Hale, Ammi Ruhami Robins, Gideon Horton, Phineas Sheldon, Stephen Pearl, Carlos Phinehas Sheldon, Ebenezer Walbridge, David Lee, David Lee Ju<sup>r</sup> William Manly, Andrew French, James Everts, Benjamin Shelton, Samuel Safford, The Heirs of Isaac Nash, Abraham Underhill, Daniel Smith, Asa Farrand, Nathan Allen, Joseph Northrop Ju<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Allen, William Goodrich, Joseph Bowker, Gideon Ormsby, Jonathan Ormsby, Jebez Bingham, David Mitchel, Abraham Hatheway, John Strong, Martin Chittenden, Gills Chittenden, Truman Chittenden, Reuben Munger, Simeon Sears, Gove Meaker, Doctor Ezra Stiles, Noah Smith, Calvin Manley, Nathaniel Chipman, Samuel Herrick, Thadeus Munson, Benjamin Wait, Simeon Hatheway, Ira Allen, Samuel Stacey, Daniel Shelton, Martin Powel, Joseph Safford, James Gamble, Reuben Harmon Ju<sup>r</sup>, William Roberts, Joseph Farrand, and Christopher Roberts—which Together with the five following rights, or shares, that is Five Seventy third parts of said Tract reserved to the several public uses in manner following include the whole of said Township, viz<sup>t</sup>, READ, Which Tract of Land, hereby Given & Granted as aforesaid is bounded and discribed as follows viz<sup>t</sup> BEGINNING, at the northeast corner of Monckton, Thence south in the line of said Monckton to Pocock, then Easterly in the north line of Pocock, to the northeast Corner thereof, then southerly in the east line of Pocock Two miles & an half, then east three miles, Then North to the southerly line of Duxborough, or New Huntington, Then Northwesterly in the southerly lines, of Duxborough, New Huntington, or Williston, to the Easterly line of Hinesburgh, Then South in the East line of Hinesburgh, to the Southeast corner thereof, Then west in the south line of Hinesburgh to the northeast corner of Monckton, the bounds Began at—And that the same be and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the name of STARKSBOROUGH, and the Inhabitents that do, or shall hereafter Inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised, and Intitled to all the Priviledges, and Immunities that the Inhabitents of other Towns within this State do & ought by the Laws & Constitution of this State to exercise and Enjoy—To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Granted Premises as above expressed, in equal Shares, with all the Priviledges and appurtenances thereto belonging, and appertaining, unto them and their respective Heirs and assigns forever, upon the following Conditions & Reservations viz<sup>t</sup> that each Proprietor in the Township of Starksborough, aforesaid, His Heirs

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or assigns shall plant, and cultivate, Five acres of Land, and build an House at least eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one Family settled on each respective Right, or share, within the Term of three years next after the circumstances of the war will admit of a settlement with Safety, on penalty of the forfeiture of Each respective right or share of Land in said Township, not so improved or Settled, and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be by their Representatives re-granted to such persons as shall appear to settle & cultivate the same—That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy, be reserved for the use and Benefit of the Freemen of this State—IN TESTIMONY, whereof We Have caused the seal of this State to be affixed in Council this ninth day of November in the 4 year of the Independence of this State Anque, Domini 1780.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
Thomas Tolman Dep<sup>y</sup>. Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Note.—The charter here printed from [Ms.] Vermont Charters, Vol. I, pp. 213-217 is again recorded on pages 3 and 4 of "Vol. II" [Ms.] Vermont Charters without substantial change.

### [CHARTER OF STERLING]

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT

L. S.

*To all people to whom these presents shall come,* GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas the Honorable Samuel Safford, Esquire and his associates, to the number of sixty three have, by petition, requested a grant of a township of unappropriated lands for cultivation and settlement, We have, therefore, thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving and do, by these presents, in the name and by the authority of the State of Vermont hereby give and grant unto the said Samuel Safford and the several persons hereafter named his associates to wit. Samuel Safford, Junior, John Safford, Frederick Hopkins, Nathaniel Brush, Solomon Purdy, Jonas Rice, John Winchester Dana, Samuel Shepardson, John Gray, Adonijah Strong, Benjamin Paine, Jonathan Ormsby, Daniel Ormsby Abraham-Cornelius Lansing, Joseph Plumb, William Leamon, Junior. John Burgitt, Junior, John Hollenbeck, John Bates Strong Uriah Seymour, John Strong, David Whitney, John Strong Junior, William Douglass, Nathan Osgood, Abel Larkin



John Stark, James Brookins Jotham White, Gideon Spencer, Seth Storrs, Thomas Chittenden, Martin Chittenden, Giles Chittenden, Elias Hall, Joseph Farnsworth, Isaac Tichenor, Stephen Hopkins, Alpheus Hall, Simeon Hathaway, Joseph Willoughby, Joseph Read, Junior, Samuel Fletcher Junior, George Foot, Samuel Robinson Thomas Tolman, Timothy Stanley, Daniel Ford, David Dimick, Benjamin Crane, Darius Post, Elisha Field, Junior, Jared Baldwin, Samuel Strong, John Shumway, Jonas Galusha, Amos Galusha. Nathaniel Spencer, Benajah Andrews, James Draper Junior and Ezekiel Brewster each one seventieth part and to Ira Allen three seventieth parts of the tract situate in the County of Franklin and known on the Surveyor general's map of this state by the name of "STERLING" and is more particularly described and bounded as follows:—BEGINNING at a beach tree in the northwesterly Corner of Stow, marked "August 17, 1786" and running north sixty four degrees and fifteen minutes west in the northerly line of Mansfield to the northwesterly corner thereof, being a spruce tree marked "Underhill Corner Aug. 10, 1786" which is also the Northwesterly Corner of Underhill; thence north thirty six Degrees East, six miles forty three Chains and thirty four links to a stake in the East line of Cambridge Thence South fifty four Degrees East six miles to a Stake in the west line of Morristown bearing south eighty six Degrees East thirty nine links from a beach tree Marked Sterling Sept. 1788 Thence South thirty six Degrees West in the westerly line of Morristown, five miles thirty six Chains and Sixty six links to the place of beginning Containing twenty three thousand and forty Acres of Land in which tract of land there are hereby reserved for Public Uses five equal Rights, or shares as follows: One whole right or share for the use of the first settled minister of the gospel in said township; one right for the support of the ministry in said town; one right for the benefit of a college within this state; one right for the support of County Grammar schools within this state; and one right for the support of an english school or schools within said town. And the said tract is hereby incorporated into a township by the name of STERLING. And the inhabitants who do or shall hereafter inhabit said township are declared to be entitled to all the privileges and immunities, which the inhabitants of other towns, within this State do, by law exercise and enjoy.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted premises as above expressed with all the priviledges and appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the aforesaid proprietors and grantees and to their heirs and assigns forever, upon the following conditions, to wit

That each proprietor of the township of Sterling aforesaid, his heirs or assigns shall plant and cultivate five acres of land and build an house at least eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one family settled on each respective right or share in said township, within the term of time prescribed by the laws of this state, on penalty of the forfeiture of each right or share of land not so settled or cultivated, and the same to revert to

by the Freemen of this state, to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle and cultivate the same.

Given and granted by the General Assembly, by their act bearing date February, twenty fifth A. D. one thousand seven hundred and eighty two.

In testimony of the foregoing I have caused the seal of this state to be hereto affixed.

Given under my hand in the Council, at Danville this eighteenth day of October A. D. one thousand eight hundred and five and of the independence of the United States the thirtieth.

ISAAC TICHENOR.

By his Excellency's command

Dav. Wing Jr. Sec<sup>y</sup> of State

Recorded October 23<sup>d</sup> AD 1827.

Norman Williams,

Secretary of State.

## THE CHARTER OF TURNERSBURGH

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FREEMEN OF VERMONT,

L. S.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come,* GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas Bela Turner Esquire and his associates our worthy Friends have by Petition requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State, in order for settling a New Plantition to be erected into a Township, We have therefore Thought fit for the due encouragement of their Laudable designs, and for other Valuable Considerations us hereunto Moving, and do by these Presents in the name and by the authority of the Freemen of Vermont give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter discribed and bounded unto the said Bela Turner and the Several persons hereafter Named his associates viz<sup>t</sup> His Excellency Thomas Chittenden Esq<sup>r</sup>, Benjamin Huntington Esq<sup>r</sup> Doct<sup>r</sup> Philip Turner Esq<sup>r</sup> Capt. Andrew Perkins, Joshua Perkins, Solomon Perkins, Capt. Simeon Carew, Capt. Joseph Carew, Zephaniah Huntington, Doct<sup>r</sup> Joseph Perkins, Levi Huntington, Joseph Carpenter, Erastus Perkins, Prosper Whitman Perez Tracy, Benjamin Tracy, Peter Lathan, Doctor Elisha Tracy, Doctor Philiman Tracy, John Turner, William Pitt Ju<sup>r</sup>, Bela Turner, Ju<sup>r</sup>, Capt. Jared Tracy, Amasa Smith, Ezra Stiles Esq<sup>r</sup> Amos Robinson, Captain Elisha Burton, John Wheatley Esq<sup>r</sup> Daniel Wells,

Elisha Lothrop Esq<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Perkins, Capt. John Chapman, William Douglas, Caleb Douglas, Samuel Douglas, Joshua Huntington, Barnabas Morse, Asa Utley, William Utley, Nathaniel Wheatley, Ebenezer Curtis, Edmund Hodges, Benjamin Dana, Judah Dana, Thomas Mattison, William Ward (of Shaftsbury) John Lascel, George Douglas, Douglas Chapman, John Chapman, Ju<sup>r</sup> Richard Chapman, Charles Hill, Charles Saxton, Clap Sumner, Elijah Dewey Ju<sup>r</sup>, Terry Douglas, Levi Hyde, Joseph Martin, Nathan Durkee, Asa Edgerton, Hiver Griswold, Daniel Hough, John Woodward, Moses Robinson<sup>r</sup> John House, John W. Dana, Timothy Brownson, Noadiah Bissel, Benjamin Giles, and Simeon Peck; Together with five equal Shares or Rights to be appropriated to the Public uses following, viz<sup>t</sup> one share or Right for the use of a Seminary or College within this State; one share or Right for the use of the County Grammer Schools throughout this State; One share or Right for the first settled Minister of the Gospel in said Township, to be disposed of for that purpose as the Inhabitents thereof shall direct; One Share or Right for the Support of the Ministry, and one share or right for the Benifit of a School or Schools within said Township; The following Tract or Parcel of Land Bounded as Followeth, viz<sup>t</sup> BEGINNING. *at the North west Corner of Vershire, Then Southerly in the Line of Vershire to an angle thereof being the Northeasterly corner of Tunbridge, Then westerly in the line of Tunbridge to an angle thereof, Then Northerly until Turning south 57 D<sup>o</sup> East will Strike the bounds began at and Containing Twenty three Thousand and Forty acres.* And that the same be and is hereby Incorporated into a Township by the name of TURNERSBURGH, and the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be infranchised and intitled to all the Priviledges & Immunities that other Towns within this State do by Law exercise and Enjoy. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said granted premises as above expressed with all the Priviledges & appurtenences thereunto belonging to them and their Respective Heirs & assigns forever under the following conditions & reservations viz<sup>t</sup> that each respective proprietor of said Township of Turnersburgh his heirs or assigns shall plant & cultivate Five acres of Land and build an house at least Eighteen feet square on the Floor, or have one Family Settled on each respective share or right of Land in said Township, within the Term of Four years next after the Circumstances of the War will admit of it with Safety on the pain of the Forfeiture of his respective share or Right of Land in said Township, and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be by their Representatives Re granted to such Persons as shall appear to Settle and Cultivate the same; THAT all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy shall be reserved to and for the use and Benifit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed hereunto this Fourth day of August in the year of our Lord 1781, in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the Independence of this State and Sixth of the United States.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup>  
Command.

Thomas Tolman D. Sec<sup>y</sup>.

## THE CHARTER OF TWO HEROES

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, & GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT,

L. S.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING.

KNOW YE, that whereas, COLONELS, ETHAN ALLEN, & SAMUEL HERRICK, and their associates our worthy Friends, have by Petition requested a Grant of a Certain large Island, lying, and being, situate in Lake Champlain, in this State, and know sometimes by the name of the GRAND ISLE Alias GREAT ISLAND, in order for settling and Cultivating the same and thereon making a New plantation; WE HAVE therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs, and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, and do by these Presents in the name & by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of VERMONT, give and Grant the Tract of Land or Island aforesaid, hereafter more fully discribed & bounded, unto them the said Ethan Allen, & Samuel Herrick, & to the several persons hereafter named their associates viz<sup>t</sup> Thomas Chittenden, Joseph Bowker, Jonas Fay, Timothy Brownson, Ira Allen, Jeremiah Clark, Paul Spooner, John Fassett Ju<sup>r</sup> Thomas Chandler Ju<sup>r</sup> John Throop, Benjamin Emmons, Samuel Fletcher, Benjamin Garner, Nathan Clark, Samuel Robinson, David Galusha, Mathew Lyon, Daniel Comstock, Martin Powel, Joshua Fitch, Adonijah Strong, Moses Robinson (ruport) Ithamer Hibberd Ju<sup>m</sup> Fitch, William Ward, Jesse Belknap, Thomas Rowley, William Gage, Solomon Stanton, Nedebiah Angel, Ezekiel Clark, Aaron Kellogg, Uriah Seymour Ju<sup>r</sup> Samuel Robinson Ju<sup>r</sup>, John Smith (of Rutland east side), Ebenezer Drewry, Timothy Barker, Nathan Foot, Isaac Clark, John Noyce, William Samuel Johnson, Hubbel Wells, Edward Harris, Silas Hamilton, William Williams, Jonathan Underwood, Ebenezer Merrick, Jonathan Knight, Jason Duncan, Abner Miles, Nathaniel Robinson, Joshua Webb, Reuben Jones, Edward Aikin, William Upham, John Russel, Ebenezer Curtis, Benjamin Wait, Andrew Spear, Nathan Howland, Joseph Tucker, Azariah Wright, Judah Moore, Bethel Hurd, John Marsh, Elkanah Sprague, Jonathan Cadey, Joseph Wood, Joel Butler, Alexander Parmalee, Daniel Pinnee, Samuel Webber Ju<sup>r</sup> George Smith, Steel Smith, Noadiah Russel, John Coffin, Gershom Beach, Beriah Green, Joseph Bradley, Hezekiah Hooker, David Robinson, William Hunter, John Powell, Nehemiah Lovel, Elias Keys, Francis Whitmore, Abel Dimmick, John Train, Abner Blanchard, William Hill, Caleb Owen, Amos Peabody, Thomas Hunt, John Hamilton, Samuel King, Josiah Boyden, Isaac Wheeler, Calvin Bill, Thomas Stearns, Matthew Long, William Stearns, John Eliot Chandler, Josiah Locke, Simeon Hatheway, Jesse Safford, William Gallup, Joel Mathews, Joseph Powers, John Spafford, Orange Train, Elisha Kilburn, James Smith, John Ashley, Elkanah Ashley, James Brookins, John Eaton,

Cephas Kent, Amos Brownson, David Safford, John Wood, David Spafford, Thomas Rowley Ju<sup>r</sup> Stephen Pearl, Jonathan Ormsby, Ebenezer Fisk, Trueman Powel, John Payne Ju<sup>r</sup>, Col<sup>o</sup> Roswell Hopkins, Joshua Tucker, Peter Walker, Amos Chamberlain, Robert Johnson, William Powers of Woodstock John Shepardson, William Pitkin (Hartford) Nathaniel Killam, Richard Wallis, Samuel Webster Ju<sup>r</sup> Gideon Warren Ezra Stiles, D. D. Joel Marsh, Nathan Richardson, John Fulsom, Joseph Fay, Benjamin Hopkins, Samuel Safford, John Fisk, Stephen Powers, Amos Robinson, Fradrick Smith, Asa Whetcombe, Nathaniel Brush, Levi Goodnough, Moses Johnson, Daniel Jewet, Jeremiah Williams, John Smith (of Chester) Silas Hamilton Ju<sup>r</sup>, Elisha Pratt, James Gray, Robert Bratten, Abner Moore, Chipman Swift, Bezalael Waffts, Joseph Tyler, Adna Banggs, Isaac Stowell, John Whitney Ju<sup>r</sup> Jabez Sergeants Ju<sup>r</sup> David Thurber, Ignatius Spraugue, Phinehas Rust, Seth Hodges, Lot Whitcombe, Amasa Powers, Fry Bayley, Jacob Wood, Ephraim Wood, Ethan Pier, Ebenezer Hyde, John Tilden, Nathaniel Smith, James Hooker, George Foot, Peter Roberts, Ebenezer Morse, John Cochran, Samuel Benton, Jacob Smith, Jeremiah Whelpley, John Sawyer, David Brydia, Ebenezer Wallis, Curtis Kelsey, Jonas Galusha, Elijah Dewey, Job Stafford, Leonard Spawlding, Isaac Chamberlain, Elias Chamberlian, John Strong 2<sup>d</sup>, James Saunders, James Hopkins, Jabez Bozideth, James Longworthy, Joseph Lyman, Henry Hopkins, Ebenezer Allen, Uriah Seymour, Zebulon Mead, Daniel Purdee, Jesse Sawyer, John Fay, Joseph Safford, Nathaniel Holmes, Daniel Herrick, Leonard Robinson, Daniel Storry, Oliver Sanford, John Fassett, Stephen Fay, Zadock Everist, Parmalee Allen, Andrew Barton, Benjamin Averist, Jonathan Saxton, Benjamin Fay, Jonathan Robinson, Stephen Mead, James Averist, John Stark, Eldad Brownson, Jonathan Fassett, Stephen Hopkins, W<sup>m</sup> Maltbie, John Benjamin, Thomas Cooper, John Lovejoy, Ebenezer Wood, Richard Wait, Solomon Strong, Samuel Allen, John Smith Sylvanus Brown, Thomas Ashley, Josiah Grant, Reuben Rowley, Isaac Tichenor, Joseph Smith, Thomas Sawyer, Reuben Hermon, Gideon Adams, John Boardman, Daniel Coit, Oliver Train, Stephen Jenner, Israel Smith (of Theford), Joshua Stanton, Amos Fassett, Shadrach Hatheway, Samuel Billings, Roswel Hopkins, Jesse Field, Josiah Fay, Moses Robinson Ju<sup>r</sup>, Martin Chittenden, Gills Chittenden, John Lee, James Murdock, Samuel Horsford, Nathan Allen, Jacob Safford, Silas Robinson, Ezekiel Brewster, William Brush, Benjamin Robinson 3<sup>d</sup> Amos Galusha, John Sutherland, Jeremiah Clark Ju<sup>r</sup>, Stephen Lawrence, Nathan Brownson, Benjamin Corey, Peter Harwood, Benjamin Matterson, Ithamer Horsford, Stephen Smith, Timothy Parker, Benjamin Whipple, Nehemiah Whipple, Abraham Jackson Ju<sup>r</sup>, Major Robert Cochran, James Roberts, Elisha Allen, John Grant, Peter How Enoch Woodbridge, Jared Knap, Enoch Eastman, Isaac Knap, John Stewart, James Lewis, Simeon Lyman Ju<sup>r</sup>, William Blanchard, Josiah Perry, Amos Huntington, Richard Barnum, Asahel Blanchard, Amos Watson, Ezra Mead, Robert

Cochran, William Henry, Katey Maltbie, Joseph Rudd, William Hooker, Simeon Hatheway Ju<sup>r</sup>, Henry Walbridge 2<sup>d</sup>, Gideon Spencer, Nathaniel Spencer, Thomas Hooker, Elijah Fay, David Chamberlain, Comfort Starr, Abner Chamberlain, Abner Sealey, Levi Hatheway, Henry Clark, Samuel Sutherland, The Heirs of Abel Moulton, *Abraham Jacob Lansingh*, Jonathan Peirce, *David Stone Peirce*, Azel Warshburn, James Bracket, Peter Farnum, Joshua Smith, Andrew Potter, Luther Filmore, Izaac Miller, Nathan Smith, Solomon Safford, Benjamin Perry, Timothy Bartholomew, Ezra Fellows, Heber Allen, David Hoit, Ebenezer Hovey Ju<sup>r</sup>, Uzziel Clark, Chileab Brainard Smith, Eliphalet Dyer, Thomas Tolman, Timothy Stanley, Noah Chittenden, Elijah Galusha, Silas Safford, The Hiers of Philip Perry, Dec<sup>d</sup>, the Heirs of Thomas Comstock, Dec<sup>d</sup>, the Hiers of John Coburn Dec<sup>d</sup>, Jonathan Wheaton, Solomon Robins, George Harris, Simeon Avvery, Carline Allen & Lorrain Allen. Which Together with the six following Rights or equal Shares reserved to the several Public uses in manner following, include the whole of said Island viz<sup>t</sup> on the south Part thereof, (or what is sometimes called the south Island,) one Right for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel; one Right for the Support of the Ministry, and one Right for the Support of an English School, or Schools, And on the north Part thereof (or what is sometimes called the north Island) an equal Number of Rights, for the same uses, & purposes, the whole to be Located by the Proprietors of said Island justly & equitably, or quantity for quality, in such parts of said Island or Islands, respectively as they or their Committee, shall judge will Least incommode the Inhabitents of said Island when the same shall be fully settled & improved; which said six Rights or equal Shares, when Located as aforesaid, shall Together with their improvements, Rights, Rents, Profiets, Dues, and Intrest, remain Unalianably appropriated to the uses & purposes, for which they are respectively assigned, & be under the charge, direction, and disposal of the Inhabitents of said Island forever. WHICH Tract of Land, or Island, hereby given and Granted, as aforesaid, is bounded & discribed as follows viz<sup>t</sup> BEGINNING, at the south End of a Large Island (commonly called the Grand Isle) (or Grand Deal) situate in Lake Champlain, about three miles north of the mouth of onion River, Then extending Northerly, at low water Mark, both on the Easterly, & westerly shores of s<sup>d</sup> Island to the most Northerly Parts thereof, containing by estimation, about sixteen thousand acres of Land be the same more or less, Then Beginning at the south End of a Large Island commonly called Long Island, situate in Lake Champlain, about one hundred Rods, Northerly of the aforesaid Island, Then Extending Northerly at Low Water Mark, Both on the Easterly & westerly shores of said Island to the most Northerly Part thereof, containing by Estimation about Seven thousand acres of Land be the same more or Less, containing in the whole by estimation about Twenty three Thousand Acres, be the same more or less. AND, that the same be & hereby is Incorporated into one district, Township, or Incorporation by the name of the Two, HEROES. and the Inhabitents that

16,000

7,000 acres

23,000

do or shall hereafter Inhabit said Township, or Islands, by virtue of this Grant are declared to be Infranchised, and Intitled to all the Priviledges & Immunities that the Inhabitents of other Towns do & ought by the Laws & constitution of this State to exercise & Enjoy—TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said Granted Premises as above expressed, in equal Shares or Rights, with all the Priviledges, and appurtenences thereto belonging or appertaining unto them and their Respective Heirs forever, upon the following conditions viz<sup>t</sup> that each Proprietor in the said Two Heroes, his heirs, or assigns, shall Plant & cultivate two acres of Land, or have one Family Settled on each respective Right, within the Term of one year next after the Conclusion of the Present War, on penalty of the Forfeiture of each respective Right or Share of Land in said Island not so improved, or settled, & the same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be by their Representatives, Regranted to such persons as shall appear to Settle and cultivate the same, IN TESTIMONY, whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed In Council this 27 day of October AD 1779. And in third year of the Independence of this State.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF VERSHIRE

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

L. S.

*To all People, to whom these Presents shall come,* GREETING.

KNOW YE, that whereas Captain Abner Seelye, and his Associates, our worthy Friends, have, by Petition, requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State, in order for settling a new Plantation, to be erected into a Township; WE HAVE THEREFORE THOUGHT FIT, for the due encouragement of their laudable Designs, and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving; AND DO, by these Presents, In the Name and by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, Give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter described and bounded unto him the said Abner Seelye, and to the several Persons hereafter named his Associates, viz<sup>t</sup>; Samuel Clark, Nathan Allen, Jesse Leavenworth, John Powell, Amos Chamberlain, William Marston, John Marston, Aaron Post, Timothy Bartholomew, Simeon Marcy, Zenos Marcy, William Goodrich, Silas Peepon, Benjamin Peepon,

Henry W. Dwight, Ariel Bingham, Jonathan Ingersoll, David Pixley, Stephen Nash, Ashbael Strong, Sybbil Goodrich, Joseph Fisk, Roswell Smith, Samuel King, Zebina Curtis, Ebenezer Fisk, John W. Dana, David Dana, Briant Brown, Edward Brownson, John Boardman, Thomas Chittenden, Ebenezer Leonard, Reuben Buckingham, James Anderson, John Fasset, James Hill of Sunderland, John Fasset Jun<sup>r</sup>, Noah Chittenden, Elijah Galusha, Jonathan Sawyer, Joseph Downer, Isaac Chamberlain, Stephen Dewey, Eldad Dewey, Amos Fasset, Thomas Butterfield, Matthew Lyon, Abner Bartholomew, John Woodworth, Jerathmeel Powers, Joseph Bowker, Samuel Smith, Nathaniel Jones, Eleazer Taft, Joel Walker, James Hill, John Chamberlain, Gershom Morse, Aaron Taft, Michael Titus, Lenox Titus, John Clap and Theodorus Woodward; which, together with the five following Rights, reserved to the several uses in manner following, include the whole of said Tract or Township, viz<sup>t</sup>: one Right for the use of a Seminary or Colledge; one Right for the use of County Grammar Schools in said State; Lands, to the amount of one Right, to be and remain for the purpose of Settlement of a Minister and Ministers of the Gospel in said Township forever; Lands, to the amount of one Right, for the support of the social worship of GOD in said Township; and Lands, to the amount of one Right, for the support of an English School or Schools in said Township. Which said two Rights, for the use of a Seminary or Colledge, and for the use of County Grammar Schools as aforesaid, and the Improvements, Rents, Interests and Profits arising therefrom, shall be under the controul, Order, Direction and Disposal of the General Assembly of said State forever. And the Proprietors of said Township are hereby authorised and empowered, to locate said two Rights justly and equitably, or quantity for quality, in such parts of said Township, as they or their Committee shall judge will least incommode the General Settlement of said Tract or Township. And the said Proprietors are further empowered, to locate the Lands aforesaid, amounting to three Rights, assigned for the Settlement of a Minister and Ministers—for their Support—and for the use and support of English Schools, in such, and in so many places as they or their Committee shall judge will best accommodate the Inhabitants of said Town when the same shall be fully settled and improved, laying the same equitably, or quantity for quality. Which said Lands, amounting to the three Rights last mentioned, when located as aforesaid, shall, together with their Improvements, Rights, Rents, Profits, Dues and Interests, remain unalienably appropriated for the uses & purposes for which they are respectively assigned; and be under the Charge, Direction and Disposal of the Inhabitants of said Township forever.—Which Tract of Land, hereby Given and Granted as aforesaid, is bounded and described as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>: “*BEGINNING at the South Westerly Corner of Corinth, then Easterly in the line of Corinth to an Angle thereof, being also the Northwesterly Corner of Fairlee; then Southerly in the line of Fairlee to an Angle thereof, being also the Northeasterly Corner of Strafford; then Westerly in the line*



*of Strafford to an angle thereof; then Northerly to the Bound began at."* And that the same be, and hereby is incorporated into a Township, by the Name of **VERSHIRE**. And the Inhabitants that do, or shall inhabit said Township, are declared to be enfranchised, and entitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State do, and ought, by the Laws and Constitution of this State, to exercise and enjoy. To **HAVE & TO HOLD** the said Granted Premises, in equal Shares, with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining, unto them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever; upon the following Conditions and Reservations, viz<sup>t</sup>, That each Proprietor in the Township of Vershire aforesaid, his Heirs or Assigns, shall plant and cultivate Five Acres of Land, and build an House at least Eighteen Feet square on the Floor, or have one Family settled on each respective Right within the term of Three Years, next after the circumstances of the War will admit of a Settlement with safety: on penalty of the forfeiture of each respective Right of Land in said Township, not so improved or settled; and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be, by their Representatives, regranted to such Persons as shall appear to settle and cultivate the same. That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy, be reserved for the use & Benefit of the Freemen of this State. **IN TESTIMONY** whereof, **WE** have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed, in Council, this Third Day of August A. D. 1781. And in the 5<sup>th</sup> Year of the Independence of this State.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency's Command.

THO. TOLMAN Dep<sup>y</sup>. Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF VICTORY

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF VERMONT.

L. S.

*To all People, to whom these Presents shall come,* GREETING.

KNOW YE that whereas Captain Ebenezer Fisk and his Associates, our worthy Friends, have, by Petition, requested a Grant of a Tract of Land within this State of Six Miles square, in order for settling a New Plantation, to erected into a Township; **WE HAVE THEREFORE THOUGHT FIT**, for the due encouragement of their laudable Designs, and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving; **AND DO**, by these Presents, in the name, and by the Authority of the Freemen of Vermont, Give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter described and bounded, unto the

said Ebenezer Fisk, and the several Persons hereafter named his Associates, viz<sup>t</sup>; Jonathan Bull, Ezekiel Cowles, William Wadsworth, Timothy Root, Seth Lee, Elisha Brewster, Elijah Loveland, George Hubbard, Charles Case, Job Case, Nehemiah Pruden, David Phelps, Elisha Strong, Elijah Cowles Jun<sup>r</sup>, Younglove Cutler, Timothy Porter, Isaac Pratt, Joseph Strong, James Cornish Jun<sup>r</sup>, Ezekiel Messenger, Noah Phelps, Ichabod E. Fisk, Isaac Fisk, Lambert Lockwood, Nathan Holten, Seth Mun, Thomas Wells Dickenson, Jonathan Dickenson, Considerate Dickenson, Lemuel Holton, Titus Dickenson, Moses Tuttle, Samuel Newell, Daniel Curtis, Richard Gay Jun<sup>r</sup>, Benjamin Stebbins, Heman Day, Samuel Leonard, Benjamin Ely, John Miller, John Tuthill, Daniel Tuthill Jun<sup>r</sup>, John Hend<sup>k</sup> Eude, Joshua Lamb Woodbridge, Joshua Woodbridge, Seth Murray, David Murray, Nathan Flint, Ebenezer Field Jun<sup>r</sup>, Rodolphus Wright Field, Bohan Prentice Field, Joseph Clark, Thomas Chittenden, Samuel Merriman, Joseph Stebbins Jun<sup>r</sup>, Asa Stebbins, Dennis Stebbins, Charles Case, Job Case Jun<sup>r</sup>, Noah A. Phelps, John Fisk, Samuel King, James Dana and Solomon Fisk; which, together with the five following Rights, reserved to the several Uses in manner following, include the whole of said Township viz<sup>t</sup>, one Right for the use of a Seminary or Colledge; One Right for the use of County Grammar Schools in said State; Lands, to the amount of one Right, to be and remain for the Purpose of Settlement of a Minister and Ministers of the Gospel in said Township forever; Lands, to the amount of one Right for the support of the social Worship of God in said Township; and Lands, to the amount of one Right, for the support of an English School or Schools in s<sup>d</sup> Township. Which said two Rights, for the use of a Seminary or Colledge, and for the Use of County Grammar Schools as aforesaid, and the Improvements, Rents, Interests and Profits arising therefrom, shall be under the Controul, Order, Direction, & Disposal of the General Assembly of said State forever. And the Proprietors of said Township are hereby authorised and empowered to locate said two Rights justly and equitably, or quantity for quality, in such parts of said Township, as they or their Committee shall judge, will least incommode the general Settlement of said Tract or Township. And the said Proprietors are hereby further empowered to locate the Lands aforesaid, amounting to Three Rights, assigned—for the settlement of a Minister and Ministers—for their Support—and for the Use and Support of English Schools, in such, and in so many Places, as they or their Committee shall judge will best accommodate the Inhabitants of said Township when the same shall be fully settled and improved; laying the same equitably, or quantity for quality. Which said Lands, amounting to the three last mentioned Rights, when located as aforesaid, shall, together with their Improvements, Rights, Rents, Profits, Dues and Interests, remain unalienably appropriated for the Uses and Purposes for which they are respectively assigned; and be under the Charge, Direction, & Disposal, of the Inhabitants of said Township forever. which Tract of Land, hereby given and granted as afores<sup>d</sup> is

bounded and described as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>, “BEGINNING at the North West-erly Corner of Lunenburg; then North 45° West, in the Line of Lands here-tofore granted, Eight Miles; then South 45° West, so far, as that, to turn South 45° East, so far as that a Line being extended from the North West Corner of Lunenburg, southerly, in the line of Lunenburg, & continuing the same Course until it intersects the aforesaid Line, South 45° East, will encompass the contents of Six Miles square.”

And that the same be, and hereby is incorporated into a Township, by the Name of VICTORY. And the Inhabitants that do, or shall hereafter inhabit said Township, are declared to be enfranchised, and entitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State do, and ought, by the Laws and Constitution of this State, to exercise and enjoy. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises, as above expressed, with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining, unto them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions and Reservations, viz<sup>t</sup>; That each Proprietor of the Township of Victory aforesaid, his Heirs or Assigns, shall plant and cultivate Five Acres of Land, and build an House at least Eighteen Feet square on the Floor, or have one Family settled, on each respective Right, within the Term of Three Years, next after the Circumstances of the war will admit of a Settlement with Safety: on penalty of the Forfeiture of each Right of Land in said Township not so improved or settled, and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be, by their Representatives, regranted to such Persons as shall appear to settle and cultivate the same. That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy, be reserved for the use and Benefit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand, and caused the Seal of this State to be affixed, In Council, this Sixth Day of September, A: D. 1781. And in the 5<sup>th</sup> Year of our Independence.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency's Command.  
Tho. Tolman Dep<sup>y</sup>. Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF WAITSFIELD

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT.

*To all People to whom these presents shall come GREETING:*

KNOW YE, that whereas it has been represented to us by our worthy friends the Hon<sup>ble</sup> General ROGER ENOS, COL<sup>o</sup> BENJAMIN WAIT & com-

pany to the number of seventy, that there is tract of vacant Land, within this State, which has not been heretofore granted, which they pray may be granted to them. We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of settling a new plantation, & other valuable considerations us hereunto moving. Do BY by these presents in the name & by the authority of the freemen of the State of VERMONT, give & grant unto the said ROGER ENOS, BENJAMIN WAIT & the several persons hereafter named their associates Viz<sup>t</sup> Joel Mathews, Daniel Mathews, James Mathews, Ephraim Edey, Nathan Edey, Barnabas Strong, Aaron Whipple, Ezekiel Rooks, Charles Nelson, Daniel Brown, Amasa Brown, William Lathrop, Luther Richards, Sanford Kinsbury, Charles Kingsbury, Reuben Spencer, Barnabas Spencer, John W. Dana, Ebenezer Brown, Samuel Harriss, Samuel Treat, Edward Whitman, Ezra Jones, Zebulon Lee, Joseph York, Gideon Luis, Moses Levet, Christopher York, Benja<sup>n</sup> Burk, Enoch Emmerson, John Benjamin, John Strong, Theophilus Clark, Wm Strong, Andrew Spawlding, Ammi Curer, Solomon Burk, Gilbert Hodges, Benajah Strong, Stephen Jacobs, Joseph Farnsworth, Amos Bigelow, Ephraim Smith, Beriah Green, Stephen Tilden John Marsh, Roger Enos Jun<sup>r</sup>, Solomon Strong, Isaac Dana, Charles Killim Ju<sup>r</sup> Isaac Maine, John Hodges, Pascal P. Enos, Noadiah Bissell, John Barret, Stephen Maine, Daniel King, Stephen Keyes, Gilbert Wait, Joseph Fay, Ezra Wait, George Denison, James Hawley, John Bean, Dearing Spears, Josiah Averil John Fay, & Eli Willard, Together with five equal shares to be appropriated to public uses as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> One Share for the use of a Seminary or College within this State. One Share for the use of grammar Schools throughout this State, One Share for the first settled Minister of the GOSPEL in said Township, to be disposed of as the inhabitants within said Town shall direct, One Share for the support of the Ministry to be disposed of in like manner, for that purpose & One Share for the benefit & Support of a school or Schools within said Town to be disposed of for that purpose as aforesaid; The following tract or parcel of Land Viz. BEGINNING at a stake & Stones in the southwesterly corner of Moretown, thence running south forty six degrees 30 Minutes East in the line of Moretown to the Southeasterly corner thereof, thence south forty four degrees west in the westerly line of Northfield, five Miles & 27 Chains to a Spruce Staddle standing in the northerly Line of Roxbury or Warren, Thence in the northerly line of Warren North 61° West about six miles to a beach tree Marked June 17<sup>th</sup> 1787. Thence North 41° East six Miles 67 Chains & 40 Links to the first mentioned bounds, Containing 23, 040 Acres, And that the same be & is hereby incorporated into a Township by the name of WAITSFIELD & the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised & entitled to all the privileges and immunities that other Towns within this State do by Law exercise & enjoy.

To HAVE and to HOLD the said granted premises as above expressed with all the privileges and appurtenances to them and their respective heirs & Assigns forever, Uppon the following CONDITIONS and RESERVA-

TIONS viz<sup>t</sup>. That each proprietor of the Township of WAITSFIELD aforesaid his heirs or assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land & build a house at least Eighteen feet square on the floor or have one family settled on each respective right or share of Land in said Township agreeable to the time allotted by the Legislature of this State, on penalty of the forfeiture of his right or Share of Land in said Township; And the same to revert to the freemen of this State to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle & cultivate the same.

IN TESTIMONY whereof I have hereunto set my hand & caused the Seal of this State to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 1782 & in the Sixth Year of the independence of this State.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By his Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Note.—The foregoing is recorded in [Ms.] Vermont Charters, Vol. I, pp. 265-267. This charter is again recorded in [Ms.] Vermont Charters, Vol. III, pp. 22-25 without substantial change except as to the spelling of the names of some of the proprietors.

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## THE CHARTER OF WALDEN

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT,

L. S.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE, That whereas The Hon<sup>ble</sup> MOSES ROBINSON ESQUIRE, and his associates, our worthy Friends, have by Petition Requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State, in order for settling a New Plantation to be erected into a Township; WE, Have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their Laudable designs and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, And do by these Presents, in the name & by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, give & Grant the Tract of Land hereafter discribed & bounded unto him the said Moses Robinson, and to the several persons hereafter named his associates in equal Shares, viz<sup>t</sup> Hiram Horton, Nathan Allen, Samuel Horsford, Oliver Barret of Williamstown, Jesse Averil, Jonathan Hoit, Aaron Horsford, Thomas Chittenden, Joseph Averil, Ithamer Horsford, Charles McArthur, Heber Squire, Richard Mattison, Daniel Owen, Nathaniel Robinson, Ezra Baker, Colonel John Strong, Ripley Torry, Jonas Sprague, Noah Chittenden, John Knickerbacor, Jabez Palmer, Ethan Allen, Benjamin Fassett, Benjamin Sumner, Asa Jones, Elisha Clark, Matthew Lyon, Elijah Galusha Ju<sup>r</sup>, Beulah

Galusha, John Fassett, John Fasset Ju<sup>r</sup>, John Hancock Douglass, Thomas Lindsey, Lyman Hitchcock, John Sibbly, Jonas Fay, Nathan Fassett, Samuel Herrick, Justus Mitchel, Simeon Sears, Evans Chance, Seth Petibone, Simeon Hatheway Ju<sup>r</sup>, Dudley Averill, James Gamble, Daniel Adams, Ebenezer Adams, Jesse Levensworth, Russel Clark, Zina Dennison, Thomas Trowbridge, William Holmes, Benjamin Webster, Edmund French, Parsons Clark, John Blake, William Levensworth, Daniel Coy, Samuel Forbs, Abigail Gunn, Lemuel Buck Ju<sup>r</sup>, David Smith Ju<sup>r</sup>, Samuel Fletcher, & Lemuel Bradley—which Together with the five following Rights or equal Shares, reserved to the several Public uses in manner following, include the whole of said Tract or Township viz<sup>t</sup> (READ) Which Tract of Land hereby given and Granted as aforesaid is bounded & discribed as follows viz<sup>t</sup> BEGINNING at \*

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Bounds for No. 22 (Walden)

Beginning at the Northwesterly Corner of N<sup>o</sup> 21 Then North Thirty six degrees East six miles, Then south Fifty four degrees East six miles, Then south Thirty six degrees west six miles, Then North fifty four degrees west six Miles to the bounds began at—

And that the same be and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the name of WALDEN, and the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township, are declared to be infranchised, and intituled to all the Privileges & Immunities that the Inhabitents of other Towns within this State, do & ought by the Laws & Constitution of this State to exercise & enjoy.—To HAVE, AND TO HOLD the said Granted Premises as above expressed, with all the Priviledges & appurtenences thereunto belonging & appertaining unto them and their Respective Heirs and assigns forever upon the following conditions and Reservations viz<sup>t</sup> That each Proprietor in the Township of Walden, aforesaid, his heirs or assigns, shall plant & cultivate five acres of Land & build an house at least Eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one Family settled on each respective Right within the Term of three Years next after the circumstances of the war will admit of a Settlement with Safety, on penalty of the forfeiture of each respective Right or share of Land in said Township, not so improved or settled, and the same to revert to the freemen of this State to be by their Representatives Regranted to such persons as shall appear to Settle and cultivate the Same, That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved for the use and

\*Be it remembered that on the sixteenth day of October one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight the boundaries of the town of Walden, certified by the Surveyor General were received on file in this office.

Attest Ros. Hopkins Secy.

Benefit of the Freemen of this State. In Testimony whereof We have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed in Council this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord 1781. & in the 5 year of our Independence.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
Thomas Tolman, D. Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF WALDEN GORE

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
 FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

*To all people to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:*

KNOW YE that whereas our worthy friends, General Samuel Safford and Company to the Number of Eighteen, have by Petition requested a Grant of unlocated Lands within this State, for the Settling; We therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their Laudable designs, and for other valuable Causes and considerations us hereunto moving, do by these presents in the name and by the authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, give and Grant unto the said Samuel Safford and Company, the Tract of Land hereafter described and bounded, to be divided into equal Shares as follows viz<sup>t</sup> James Cowden, Hugh Montgomery, Samuel Smith, Jonathan Bawldin, Noah Smith (of Middletown) Josiah Cheney Richard Hurd, Gideon Olin, Joshua Webb, Peter Olcott, Samuel Fletcher, Solomon Safford, Bramton Hitchcock, Wheler Doughlas, David Fassett, Jacob Bayley, & Jesse Levensworth; which Tract of Land hereby given and Granted as aforesaid, is bounded and described as follows viz<sup>t</sup> *Lying and being east of the Township of Walden, Begining at the southeasterly corner of Walden & runing North 36 D<sup>o</sup> east six miles in the easterly line of Walden to a Stake eight links east from a beach tree Marked Walden Corner 1786, Then south 54 D<sup>o</sup> east one Mile 43 chains & 50 links, Then south 36 D<sup>o</sup> west six miles, then North 54 D<sup>o</sup> west one mile 43 chains & 50 links to the bounds began at, containing five thousand nine hundred & Twenty Eight acres which is equal to Eighteen Rights in Walden—And that the same be & is hereby incorporated into a district by the name of WALDEN GORE — And the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter inhabit said district, Are hereby declared to be Enfranchised, and Entituled to all the privileges and immunities of Citizens & exercise all the Legal Power and authority*

in Support of their enternal rights as fully and amply as other Incorporated districts within this State do by Law exercise and enjoy.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Granted premises as expressed in the aforesaid Grant, with all the privileges and appurtenences thereunto belonging and appertaining to them, and their respective heirs & assigns forever upon the following Conditions & reservations viz<sup>t</sup> that each proprietor of the said district of Walden Gore, his heirs or assigns, shall plant and cultivate five acres of Land and build a house at least eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one family settled on each respective right Within the Term of four years from the Time of Surveying the out lines of said Gore, on penalty of the Forfeiture of each respective right or share of Land in said district not so settled and improved, and the Same to revert to the Freemen of this State to be by their Representatives Regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle and cultivate the same—And that all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy, be reserved for the use & benifit of the Freemen of this State—In Testimony whereof we have caused the seal of this State to be hereunto affixed in Council this 22<sup>d</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord 1782.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Note.—The Charter here printed from [Ms.] Vermont Charters, Vol. I, pp. 311, 312 is again recorded on pp. 379, 386 of said volume without substantial change.

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## THE CHARTER OF WARDSBOROUGH

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FREEMEN OF VERMONT.—

L. S.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING:—

KNOW YE that whereas it has ben represented to us, by our worthy friend William Ward, of New Fane in the County of Windham, in this State, and Company to the Number of sixty that there is a tract of vacant Land within this State which has not heretofore been Granted, which they pray may be granted to them—We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of settling a New Plantation within this State and other valuable consideration us hereunto moving; and do by these presents, in the Name and by the authority of the Freemen of Vermont, Give and Grant unto the said William Ward and the several persons hereafter named his associates viz<sup>t</sup> Gersham Nelson, Joseph Patridge, Jacob Hayward, Caleb Cheeney, John Robinson, Joseph



Gibs, Warfield Hayward, William Sprague, Elias Peniman, Joseph Jones Ju<sup>r</sup>, Abel Munroe, Philip Payne, Moses Robinson, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Nehemiah Nelson, Adam Streeter, James Sumner, Oliver Chapin, Ephraim Parkhurst, Jonathan Jones, Josiah Brown, Daniel Corbitt, Samuel Hayden, Major Gideon Ormsby, Hannah Ward, John Mawney, Samuel Johnson, Timothy Jones, Ezekiel Jones, Isaac Kimball, Ebenezer McFarland, Thomas McFarland, Isaac Chapin, Moses Greenwood, Abraham Ball, Silas Brown, Jonathan Temple Ju<sup>r</sup>, Elisha Taft, Elisha Taft Ju<sup>r</sup>, Jonathan Jones Ju<sup>r</sup>, John Jones, Colonel Ebenezer Walbridge, His Excellency Thomas Chittenden Esquire, Joshua Packer, Oliver Wildair, Aaron Hutson, Abial Lyon, Amos Hail, Ebenezer Harris, James Hail Ju<sup>r</sup> Elkanah Woodcock, Jonathan Edcomb, Silas Hamilton, Elihu Blake, Henry Woodhouse, John Hamilton, Eben<sup>r</sup>, Hutson, Colonel William Williams, Amos Shepardson, Elijah Alford, James Roberts and Philip Jorden,

Together with five equal shares to be appropriated to the public uses following viz<sup>t</sup> one Share or right for the use of a Simenary or College within this State, and one Share or Right for the use of County Grammer Schools throughout this State; One share or Right for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel in said Town, to be disposed of for that purpose as the Inhabitents thereof shall direct, one share or Right for the Support of the Ministry, One share or Right for the benefit and Support of a School or Schools within said Town, the following tract or Parcel of Land, BEGINNING at the Northwest Corner of New Fane, said to be a Beach tree, or rather a S[hub] of a tree having a heap of Stones round it, standing about one rod Northwardly of the union of Two small rivulets, then North 20 D<sup>o</sup> East two Miles in the Westerly line of Townsend, Then North Eighty degrees West about six Miles to the easterly line of Stratton, Then south Ten degrees West about Eight Miles in the Easterly lines of Stratton and Somerset to the north line of Wilmington, Then South Eighty East about four and an half Miles in the Northerly Lines of said Wilmington and Marlborough, to the Southwest Corner of New Fane, Then North Twenty degrees east six Miles in the westerly line of said New Fane to the bounds began at, containing about Twenty six thousand four hundred and sixty four acres: And that the same be and is hereby Incorporated into a Township by the Name of WARDSBOROUGH—and the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township are declared to be Infranchised, and entitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within this State do by Law exercise and enjoy—TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Granted premises as above expressed with all the previledges and appurtenences thereunto belonging to them and their respective hiers and assigns forever, under the following Conditions and reservations viz<sup>t</sup> That Each proprietor of Said Township of Wardsborough, his heirs or assigns, shall Plant and Cultivate, five acres of Land and build a house at least eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one Family settled on each respective right or share of Land in said Township, within the Term of four years next after the circumstances of the War

will admit of it with safety, on pain of the Forfeiture of his respective right or share of Land in said Township, and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be by their Representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to Settle and Cultivate the Same; That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved to and for the use and benefit of the Freemen of this State, IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we have caused the seal of this State to be affixed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year of our Lord 1780, & in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the Independence of this State & 5<sup>th</sup> of the United States.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

Attest Jos. Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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### THE CHARTER OF TWO THOUSAND ACRES OF LAND GRANTED TO COL<sup>o</sup> SETH WARNER WIDOW AND HEIRS

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT.

*To all to whom these Presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas Hester Warner Widow and Relict of Colonel Seth Warner our former worthy friend now Deceased, has in behalf of her self and the heirs of the s<sup>d</sup>, Col<sup>o</sup> Seth Warner Petitioned the Legislature of this State for a Grant of unlocated Lands suitable for settlement, We do therefore, in consequence of the Good Services Rendered this State by the said Colonel Seth Warner in his Lifetime, and for divers other causes and considerations hereby give and Grant unto the said Widow Hester Warner and the Heirs of the said Colonel Seth Warner Two Thousand acres of Land discribed and Bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup>. BEGINNING, at a Stake eight links northeast from a Spruce tree standing in the south line of Hamilton marked Warren 1788, & running south 17 D<sup>o</sup> west three miles & 46 chains to a great Spruce tree Standing in the northerly line of Caldersburgh, Thence north 45 D<sup>o</sup> west in the northerly line of said Caldersburgh, one mile to a Little Birch tree marked, Then north 17 D<sup>o</sup> East to a Stake and Stones 10 links north 55 D<sup>o</sup> east from a spruce tree standing in the southwest corner of Hamilton marked N<sup>o</sup> 5 N<sup>o</sup> 6, thence south 82 D<sup>o</sup> & 20 minutes East about one mile to the bounds began at containing two thousand acres of Land———TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above discribed Premises, with all the privileges and appurtenences thereunto belonging, unto the aforesaid Hester Warner & the Heirs of the said Colonel Seth Warner, to be to their own proper use benefit and behoof forever, agreeable to a Grant of the Legislature made at their Session

on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 1787, On Condition nevertheless, that the aforesaid Hester Warner and the Heirs of Seth Warner aforesaid shall cause Actual settlement to be made on the above said Granted Lands according to Law, and in Like proportion as is Specified in other Grants of Land made by this State; Reserving the usual allowance of Land for Public Highways, IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of this State to be affixed in Council this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 1791, in the 15 year of our Independence.

By His Excellency's Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

## THE CHARTER OF WARREN

THE GOVERNOR COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come GREETING:*

KNOW YE that whereas the Hon<sup>ble</sup> JOHN THROOP Esquire and his associates our worthy friends have by Petition requested a grant of unlocated Lands within this State for the purpose of settling a new Plantation to be erected into a Township. We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their Laudable designs & for other valuable causes & considerations us hereunto moving, And do by these Presents in the name and by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont give & grant unto the said John Throop & the several persons hereafter Named his associates, the Tract of Land hereafter described & bounded as follows viz. David Fuller, Joseph Kimball, Oliver Farnsworth, William Lyon, Joadam Gallup, Jonas Fay, Thomas Tolman, Chapman Whitcomb, Benajah Child, John Jacobs, Stephen Jacobs, Simeon Jacobs, John Marcy Jun<sup>r</sup>, Joseph Marcy, Ebenezer Swan, Noah Hatch, Stephen Marcy, Samuel Marcy, Jedediah Strong, Gersham Olds, Jonathan Brace, Thomas Chamberlain, William Ripley, George Duncan, Jonathan Pierce, William Strong, Asa Whitcomb, Anthony Whitcomb, William Gallup, Elisha Hawley, Bartholomew Durkee, Timothy Child, Parmela Jacobs, James Thomson, Thomas Brainard, George Swan, John Whitcomb, Daniel Adams, Timothy Andrus, William Roberts, Joel Roberts, Elisha Frisbie & Nathaniel Frisbie Lemuel Hopkins & Oliver Wolcott Jun<sup>r</sup> Moses Seymour, & Alexander Catling, Benjamin Kent, Ruggles Kent, David Wilcocks, Oliver Barker, Joel Barlow, John Trumbull, William Moseley, Chauncy Goodrich, Dudley

Baldwin, Abraham Baldwin, Miles Beach, Uriah Tracy, Nathan Hale, Elihu Kent, Thadeus King, Thadeus Leavitt, Asahel Smith, Chauncy Smith, Seth Austin, and Hezekiah Spencer, Together with five equal Shares to be disposed of for public uses in manner following viz, one equal Share for the use and benefit of a College within this State, One equal share for the use & benefit of county grammar Schools throughout this State. One equal Share for the first settled Minister of the GOSPEL in said Town, One full share for the support of the Ministry in said Township, One full share for the use & benefit of an English School or Schools in said Township. Which Tract of Land hereby given & granted as aforesaid is described and bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup>. BEGINNING at the northwest corner of Roxbury which is a stake eleven links north sixty eight degrees east from a birch tree Marked Roxbury N W corner Sept<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1784 & runing south 33° West in the westerly line of Roxbury five Miles & thirty one chains to a stake sixteen links south 70 D° West from a Baswood Tree Marked Roxbury southwest corner 1784, Then north 61° West four Miles & twelve chains to the south line of Lincoln, then east in said line to the southeast corner thereof Then north in the east line of said Lincoln five miles 53 chains & 30 Links, Then south 61° East six Miles 20 chains & 33 Links to the bounds began at also one other Tract, BEGINNING at a stake sixteen links south 33° West from a spruce marked Warren 1788, standing in the Northerly line of Caldersburgh 40 Chains from the Easterly Corner thereof & runing north 45° West, two Miles 44 Chains 69 links to a great spruce marked Warren, Warner 1788 Then north 17° East three Miles & 46 Chains to a stake 8 links Northeast from a spruce tree Marked Warren 1788, Thence south 82° & 20 Minutes East about 2 Miles & Twenty Chains to a birch tree marked Warren 1788, Then South 17° West five miles 17 chains & 30 links to the bounds began at, which two tracts contain twenty three thousand & forty acres. And that the same be & hereby is incorporated into a Township by the name of WARREN and the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised & entitled to all the privileges & immunities that the inhabitants of other incorporated Towns within this state do by Law exercise and enjoy.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any ways appertaining unto them & their respective Heirs & assigns forever, on the following conditions viz<sup>t</sup> that each proprietor of the said Township of Warren his Heirs or assigns shall plant & cultivate five acres of Land & build a house at least eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one family settled on each respective right or share of land in said Township within the term specified by Law, on penalty of the forfeiture of each respective right or share of Land not so settled and improved as aforesaid & the same to revert to the Freemen of this State to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle & cultivate the same, the aforesaid grant was made on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November AD 1780, IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we have caused the seal

of this State to be affixed in Council this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October AD 1789 in the 14<sup>th</sup> Year of our Independence.

MOSES ROBINSON

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF WASHINGTON

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF VERMONT.

L. S.

*To all People, to whom these Presents shall come,* GREETING.

KNOW YE, that whereas Major Elisha Burton and Captain John Strong, and their Associates, our worthy Friends, have, by Petition, requested a Grant of a Tract of Land within this State, of Six Miles square in order for settling a new Plantation, to be erected into a Township; WE HAVE THEREFORE THOUGHT FIT, for the due encouragement of their laudable Designs, and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving,—AND DO, by these Presents, in the name, & by the Authority of the Freemen of Vermont, Give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter described & bounded, unto the said Elisha Burton and John Strong, and the several Persons hereafter named, their Associates, viz<sup>t</sup>; Pierce Burton, Barnabas Burton, Samuel Leonard, John Slaughter, Levi Root, James Gould, Ebenezer Green, Stephen Clark, Jacob Brown, Elisha Smith, Otis Freeman, Hutchins Storrs, Jonas Boardman, Asa Storey, Peter Olcott, Abel Curtis, Ebenezer Fielding, Luther Thurber, Jonathan Freeman, Dan Wright, Roswell Fenton, Timothy Bush, John Bush, William Black, John Burton, Benjamin Smith, Salmon Brown, Comfort Seaver, Daniel Spooner, Benjamin Birch, Isaac Sessions, Joel Matthews, Stephen Powers, Phinehas Powers, Phinehas Williams, Solomon Strong, John Durkee, Timothy Harding, Solomon Matthews, John Marcy, Asa Morris, Jesse Safford, John Curtis, Moses Evans, Nathan Haviland, Thomas Durkee, Darius Chipman, John Throop, Thomas Seaver, Jedediah Fay, Joseph Parkhurst, Steel Smith, Asa Whitcomb, William Gallup, John W. Dana, Edmund Hodges, Thomas Chittenden, Timothy Woodbridge, Howell Woodbridge, William Woodbridge, John House, Simeon House, and Alexander House; which, together with the five following Rights, reserved to the several uses in manner following, include the whole of said Township, viz<sup>t</sup>; One Right for the Use of a Seminary or Colledge; One Right for the Use of County Grammar Schools in said State; Lands, to the amount of one Right, to be

and remain for the Purpose of Settlement of a Minister and Ministers of the Gospel in said Township forever; Lands, to the amount of one Right for the support of the social Worship of God in said Township; and Lands, to the amount of one Right, for the support of an English School or Schools in said Township. Which said two Rights, for the use of a Seminary or Colledge, and for the use of County Grammar Schools as aforesaid, and the Improvements, Rents, Interests, and Profits arising therefrom, shall be under the Controul, Order, direction and Disposal of the General Assembly of said State forever. And the Proprietors of said Township are hereby authoris'd and empowered to locate said two Rights justly and equitably, or quantity for quality, in such Parts of said Township, as they or their Committee shall judge will least incommode the general Settlement of said Tract or Township. And the said Proprietors are hereby further empowered, to locate the Lands aforesaid amounting to three Rights—assigned for the Settlement of a Minister and Ministers—for their Support—and for the use and Support of English Schools, in such, and in so many Places, as they or their Committee shall judge will best accommodate the Inhabitants of said Township, when the same shall be fully settled and improved, laying the same equitably, or quantity for quality. Which said Lands, amounting to the three last mentioned Rights, when located as aforesaid, shall, together with their Improvements, Rights, Rents, Profits, Dues, and Interests, remain unalienably appropriated for the Uses and Purposes for which they are respectively assigned; and be under the Charge, Direction, and Disposal of the Inhabitants of said Township forever. Which Tract of Land, hereby given and granted as aforesaid, is bounded and described as follows, viz': "*BEGINNING at the North westerly Corner of Corinth; then Southerly, in the Line of Corinth about Six Miles, to an Angle thereof; then carrying that Breadth back North fifty seven Degrees West so far that, a Line being extended North Thirty Degrees East across said Breadth, will encompass the Contents of Six Miles square.*" And that the same be incorporated into a Township, by the Name of WASHINGTON. And the Inhabitants that do, or shall hereafter said Township, are declared to be enfranchised, and entitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State do, and ought, by the Laws and Constitution of this State, to exercise & enjoy. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises, as above expressed, with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining, unto them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions and Reservations, viz': That each Proprietor of the Township of Washington aforesaid, his Heirs or Assigns, shall plant and cultivate Five Acres of Land, and build an House at least Eighteen feet square on the Floor, or have one Family settled on each respective Right, within the Term of Three Years, next after the Circumstances of the war will admit of a Settlement with Safety: on penalty of the Forfeiture of each Right of Land in said Township not so improved and settled; and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State,

to be, by their Representatives, regranted to such Persons as shall appear to settle and cultivate the same. That all Pine Timber, suitable for a Navy, be reserved for the use and Benefit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand, and caused the Seal of this State to be affixed, In Council, this Eighth Day of August A. D. 1781.

And in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of our Independence.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency's Command.

Tho<sup>s</sup>. Tolman Dep<sup>y</sup> Secr<sup>y</sup>.

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[CHARTER OF WESTFIELD]

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FREEMEN OF VERMONT

L. S.

*To all people to whom these presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE, that whereas it has been Represented to us by our Worthy Friend DANIEL OWEN and Company, That there is a Tract of Vacant Land within this State which has not been heretofore Granted, which they Pray may be granted to them—We Have therefore thot fit for the due incouragement of Setling a New Plantation with [in] this State, and other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, and Do by these Presents in the name and by the authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont Give and Grant unto the Said Daniel Owen & Com<sup>y</sup> hereafter Named as follows, Viz<sup>t</sup> Thomas Owen 3<sup>d</sup>, Daniel Owen Ju<sup>r</sup>, James Cowen, Jeremiah Sanders, Andrew Waterman, William Waterman, Jesse Foster, Amos Horton, Daniel Warner, Noah Mathewson, Abraham Mathewson, Asaph Wilder, David Arnold Ju<sup>r</sup>, David Richmond, Caleb Arnold Ju<sup>r</sup>, Derious Smith, Simeon Smith, Thomas Wood, Thomas Wood Ju<sup>r</sup>, Humphrey Wood, William Wood, John Wells Ju<sup>r</sup>, Joseph Wells Ju<sup>r</sup>, Stephen Smith, Stephen Smith Ju<sup>r</sup> Thomas Smith, Stephen Killey, Samuel Clarke, Simeon Sweet, Henry Sherburn, Jonathan Smith Ju<sup>r</sup>, William Mathewson, Jesse Ede, Elisha Brown, William Wade, Hon<sup>bl</sup> William West Esq<sup>r</sup>, Caleb Arnold, Thomas Burlingham, John Sprague, Benjamin Wilkerson, Thomas Owen, Daniel Moory, Solomon Owen Ju<sup>r</sup>, William Colgrove, William Barton, Amherst Kimball, William Roads, Stephen Kimball, David Darling, Asa Kimball, Comor Smith, Reuben Mason, Timothy Wilmith Ju<sup>r</sup>, John Kimball, Jesse Brown, Asa Kimball Ju<sup>r</sup>, Jeremiah Smith, Thomas Chittenden Esq<sup>r</sup>,

and Sprague Potter, Together with five sixty fifth parts of said Township to be appropriated to public uses as follows, viz. one share for the use of a Siminary or Colledge within this State, one share for the use of the first settled Minister of the Gospel to be Disposed of for that purpose as the Town shall direct, one share for the County Grammer Schools throughout this State—one share for the support of the Ministry in said Town—and one share for the use & Support of a School or Schools in said Town the following tract or parcel of Land lying and being in this State discribed and bounded as follows (viz) BEGINING *at the Northwest Corner of Montgomery—Then east in the same direction with the south line of Richford six miles Then Southerly on such point as to Gain six miles on a Parellel from the south line of Wyllis—Then west Parellel with said south line of Wyllis to the south east corner of Montgomery—Then Northerly in the easterly line of said Montgomery to the bounds Began at, will contain the contents of six miles square and no more.* AND that the same be and is hereby Incorporated into a Township by the name of WESTFIELD, and the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter Inhabit the said Township are declared to be Infranchised and Intitled to all the priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within this State do by Law exercise and Enjoy.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Granted and discribed tract of Land as above expressed, with all the priviledges and appurtenences to them and their Respective Hiers and assigns forever upon the following conditions and Reservations viz.

IMPRIMIS That each proprietor of the Township of WESTFIELD aforesaid his heirs or assigns shall plant and Cultivate five acres of Land, and build a House at least eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one Family settled on each Respective Right or share of Land within the term of four years after the circumstances of the War will admit of settlement with Safety—on Penalty of the forfeiture of his Right or share of Land in said Township—and the same to revert to the freemen of this State to be by their Representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to Settle and Cultivate the Same.

SECUNDO That all pine and oak Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved to the use and benefit of the freemen of this State—

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the seal of this State to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May AD 1780 and in the fourth year of the Independence of this and the United States of America.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Note.—The Charter here printed from [Ms.] Vermont Charters, Vol. I, pp 13-15, is again recorded in [Ms.] Vermont Charters "Vol. II" pp. 14 and 15, without substantial change.



## THE CHARTER OF WESTFORD

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF VERMONT.

L. S. *To all People, to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:*

KNOW YE, that whereas Captain Uriah Seymour and Abraham Sedgwick, and their Associates, our worthy Friends, have, by Petition, requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State, in order for settling a new Plantation, to be erected into a Township; WE HAVE THEREFORE THOUGHT FIT, for the due encouragement of their laudable Designs, and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving; AND DO, by these Presents, In the Name, and by the authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, Give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter described and bounded, unto the said Uriah Seymour, Abraham Sedgwick, and the several Persons hereafter named, their Associates, viz<sup>t</sup>; Barnabas Dean, Simeon Dean, Levi Robbins, Justus Riley, Josiah Buck Jun<sup>r</sup>, Josiah Robbins, Wait Robbins, Chester Wells, John Wright, Bezaleel Lattimore, Gershom Wolcott, Joseph Webb, Andrew Huntington, Ebenezer Huntington, Daniel Buck, Moses Tryon, Ezekiel Williams, Nathan Perkins, James Camp, Moses Goodman, Samuel B. Webb, John Humphry, David Humphry, Josiah Willard, Samuel Robbins, Josiah Buck 3<sup>rd</sup>, Joseph Merrill, Solomon Woodruff, Joseph Kingman, Ebenezer Burr, Samuel Tibbats, Nehemiah Lawrence, Stephen Lawrence, Eliphalet Ensign, Benjamin Mills, Josiah Moore, Ezra Willcox, Joseph Tiff, Elias Case, Martin Smith, David Robinson, Silas Robinson, Roswell Hopkins, Stephen Williams, Mary Allen, Solomon Lee, Thomas Ives, Phinehas Loomis, Harris Loomis, William Slade, Thomas Chittenden, Daniel Meiggs, Ira Allen, Paul Dewey, Heber Allen, Elijah Owen, John Owen, Mary Washburn, Ebenezer Dewey, Samuel Williams, John Knickerbacor, Asahel Williams and Lorrane Allen; which, together with the five following Rights, reserved to the several Uses in manner following, include the whole of said Township, viz<sup>t</sup>; one Right for the use of a Seminary or Colledge; one Right for the use of County Grammar Schools in s<sup>d</sup> State; Lands, to the amount of one Right, to be and remain, for the purpose of Settlement of a Minister and Ministers of the Gospel in said Township forever; Lands, to the amount of one Right, for the support of the social Worship of God in said Township; and Lands, to the amount of one Right, for the support of an English School or Schools in said Township. Which said two Rights, for the Use of a Seminary or Colledge, and for the use of County Grammar Schools, as aforesaid, and the Improvements, Rents, Interests, and Profits arising therefrom shall be under the Controul, Order, Direction and Disposal of the General Assembly of this State forever. And the Proprietors of said Township are hereby authorised and empowered to locate said two Rights justly and equitably or quantity for

quality, in such parts of said Township as they or their Committee shall judge will least incommode the general settlement of s<sup>d</sup> Tract or Township. And the said Proprietors are further empowered, to locate the Lands aforesaid, amounting to three Rights, assigned, for the Settlement of a Minister and Ministers—for their Support—and for the use and Support of English Schools, in such, and in so many places as they, or their Committee shall judge will best accommodate the Inhabitants of said Township, when the same shall be fully settled and improved, laying the same equitably, or quantity for quality. Which said Lands, amounting to the three Rights last mentioned, when located as aforesaid, shall, together with their Improvements, Rights, Rents, Profits, Dues and Interests, remain unalienably appropriated for the uses and purposes for which they are respectively assigned, and be under the Charge, Direction, and Disposal of the Inhabitants of said Township forever. Which Tract of Land, hereby Given and Granted as aforesaid, is bounded and described as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>: “*BEGINNING at the South West Corner of Newark; then North East in the North west Line of Newark to an Angle thereof (supposed to be) about Six Miles; and carrying that Breadth back North West so far as that a parallel Line with Newark north West Line aforesaid, will encompass the Contents of six Miles square.*” And that the same be, and hereby is incorporated into a Township, by the Name of WESFORD. And the Inhabitants that do, or shall hereafter inhabit said Township, are declared to be enfranchised, and entitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State do, and ought, by the Law and Constitution of the State, to exercise and enjoy. TO HAVE & TO HOLD the said Granted Premises, with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining, in equal Shares, as above described, unto them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever; upon the following Conditions and Reservations, viz<sup>t</sup>: That each Proprietor in the Township of Westford aforesaid, his Heirs or Assigns, shall plant and cultivate Five Acres of Land, and build an House at least Eighteen feet square on the Floor, or have one Family settled on each respective Right, within the Term of Three Years, next after the circumstances of the War will admit of a Settlement with Safety: on penalty of the Forfeiture of each respective Right of Land in said Township not so improved or settled, and the same to revert to the Freeman of this State; to be, by their Representatives, regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle and cultivate the same. That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy, be reserved for the use of the Freeman of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof, WE have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed, In Council, this Seventeenth Day of August, A. D. 1781. In the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the Independence of this, & 6<sup>th</sup> of the United States.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency's Command.

THO. TOLMAN Dep<sup>y</sup> Secr<sup>y</sup>.

## THE CHARTER OF WHEELOCK

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

*To all People to whom these presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE, that whereas DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, & MOORS CHARITY SCHOOL, being situated on the East Bank of Connecticut river, have been and still are of important service in diffusing useful Literature among mankind, & thro' this State in particular, & whereas the Hon<sup>ble</sup> JOHN WHEELOCK Esquire our well beloved friend, for & in behalf of the Honorable Trustees of said College; & in behalf of said SCHOOL, has applied by petition for a grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State, for himself as president of said COLLEGE & SCHOOL & his successors in office & for the Trustees of said College & their Successors. We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement & for promoting the useful & laudable design of said COLLEGE & SCHOOL & for many weighty considerations us hereunto moving. WE DO by these presents in the Name & by the Authority of the freemen of the STATE of VERMONT, give & grant the tract of Land hereafter described & bounded unto him the said JOHN WHEELOCK as president of s<sup>d</sup> School & to the Trustees of s<sup>d</sup> College Viz<sup>t</sup> BEGINNING at the Southwest Corner of the township of Lyndon being a birch tree marked Lyndon S. W. corner Nov. 16-1786, which is also the Northeasterly corner of Danville, & running North 70 D<sup>o</sup> West in the northerly line of s<sup>d</sup> Danville two Miles & fifty Chains to the Northwesterly corner thereof, which is a Spruce tree marked Danville corner, then North forty three degrees & 8 minutes west Six Miles & 4 Chains, to a little beach tree standing in the easterly line of Greensborough, marked Wheelock corner July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1788, then North 36 D<sup>o</sup> East three Miles, 46 Chains & 22 links, in said Easterly line of Greensborough, to the north easterly corner thereof, which is a birch tree marked Greensborough Corner May 29<sup>th</sup>, 1786, Then South fifty four degrees East five Miles 55 Chains & 33 links, to a Stake & Stones twelve links North 36 D<sup>o</sup> East from a beach tree standing on the North side of a flatt Hill marked Sheffield SE, Corner July 19<sup>th</sup> 1788 Wheelock  $\times$  IW, Then north 36 D<sup>o</sup> East two miles 68 Chains & 60 links to a Stake eighteen links Southeast from a Spruce tree on flatt Land marked Wheelock corner 1788, on the Southeast side, & Sheffield Corner on the Northwest side, Then South Six Degrees & 15 minutes East one mile & 54 Chains to a beach tree marked Lyndon Corner July 1, 1787, LA Billymead corner 1788 being the Northwesterly corner of Lyndon, then South 20 D<sup>o</sup> West Six Miles in the westerly line of Lyndon to the bounds began at——\*

on the following Conditions & Reservations Viz that one hundred & fifty Acres of Land be reserved for the use benefit & support of the Ministry of the GOSPEL in s<sup>d</sup> Township or precinct, forever; 150 Acres of Land for the use & support of an English School or Schools in s<sup>d</sup> Township or Precinct forever, to be located as near the center of s<sup>d</sup> Township or precinct on good Tenable Land, as the situation thereof will admit

\*Containing the contents of six Miles square, and that the same be & hereby is incorporated into a Township by the name of WHEELLOCK, And the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Town, or precinct, are declared to be enfranchised & entitled to all privileges & immunities that the inhabitants of other settled Towns within this State do by Law & the constitution thereof exercise & enjoy. The s<sup>d</sup> WHEELLOCK as president & for his successors in Office, TO HAVE & TO HOLD the one moiety of s<sup>d</sup> premises as above described solely & exclusively for the use & benefit of s<sup>d</sup> School forever, and the s<sup>d</sup> Trustees & their Successors in Office. TO HAVE & TO HOLD the other moiety solely and exclusively for the use & benefit of s<sup>d</sup> DARTMOUTH COLLEGE forever; All the privileges & appurtenances thereunto belonging & appertaining, are hereby also granted to the s<sup>d</sup> PRESIDENT & TRUSTEES for the purposes aforesaid,

AND WHEREAS the s<sup>d</sup> Grant of Land is for a public & important use, it is hereby declared that the Land & tenements in every part of said Township, or precinct, shall forever be free & exempt from public Taxes, that is to say so long & while the incomes & profits shall be actually applied by s<sup>d</sup> president, & Trustees & their successors, to the purposes of s<sup>d</sup> College, & School, as above expressed. IN TESTIMONY whereof WE HAVE caused the Seal of this State to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of June, in the year of our Lord 1785, & in the ninth year of the independence of this State.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By his Excellency<sup>s</sup> command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Note.—Copied from [Ms.] Vermont Charters, 1:274-276. Another copy of this charter from pp. 347-349 of the same volume is printed on pages immediately following this.

## [\*CHARTER OF WHEELOCK]

THE GOVERNOR COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT

*To all People to whom these presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas Dartmouth College & Moor<sup>s</sup> Charity School being Situated on the East Bank of Connecticut River have been and Still are of Important service in Dispersing Useful Literature among Mankind and thro, this State in particular and whereas the Hon. John Wheelock Esquire our well beloved Friend for and in behalf of the Hon. Trustees of said College and in behalf of said School has applied by Petition for a Grant of a Tract of Unappropriated Lands within this State for himself as President of said College & School and his Successors in Office and for the Trustees of said College and their Successors we have therefore thought fit for the Due encouragement and for the promoting the usefull and Laudable Designs of said College and School and for many weighty Considerations us hereunto moving we Do by these presents In the name and by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter Described and bounded unto him the said John Wheelock as President of said School and to the Trustees of said College Viz BEGINNING at the south west Corner of Lynden being a Birch Tree Marked Lynden S. W. Corner Nov. the 16 AD 1786 which is also the Northeasterly Corner of Danville and running North 70 Degrees west in the Northerly Line of said Danville Two Miles and fifty Chains— To the Northwesterly Corner thereof which is a Spruce Tree Marked Danville Corner thence North forty three Degrees & eight Minutes west six Miles and four Chains to a Little Birch Tree Standing in the easterly Line of Greensborough Marked Wheelock Corner July the 18 AD 1788 thence North thirty six Degrees east three Miles forty six Chains & Twenty Two Links in said easterly Line of Greensborough to the Northeasterly Corner thereof which is a Birch Tree Marked Greensborough Corner May the 29 AD 1786 then South fifty four Degrees east five miles fifty five Chains and thirty three Links to a Stake and Stones 12 Links North thirty six Degrees east from a Beach Tree Standing on the North side of a Flatt Hill Marked Sheffield S. E. Corner July the 18 AD 1788 Wheelock T. W. then North thirty six Degrees east Two Miles Sixty eight Chains and Sixty Links to a Stake 18 Links South east from a Spruce Tree Standing on flatt Land Marked Wheelock Corner AD 1788 on the South east side and Sheffield Corner on the North west side then South six Degrees 15 Minutes east one Mile & fifty four Chains to a Beech Tree Marked Lynden Corner July the 1 AD 1787 T. A., Billy Meads Corner AD 1788 being the Northwesterly Corner of Lynden then South Twenty Degrees West six miles

\*Copied from [Ms.] Vermont Charters, 1: 347-349. Another copy of this charter from pp. 274-276 of the same Volume is printed on pages immediately preceding this copy.

*in the Westerly Line of Lynden to the Bounds began at Containing the Contents of six miles Square* and that the same be and is hereby Incorporated into a Township or Precinct by the Name of WHEELOCK and the Inhabitants that Do or shall hereafter Inhabit said Tract or Precinct are Declared to be Infranchised and Intitled to all the privilidges and Immunities that the Inhabitants of other settled Towns within this State Do by Law and the Constitution thereof exercise and enjoy the said Wheelock as President and for his Successors in Office to have and to Hold the one moiety of said premises as above Described solely and exclusively for the use & benifit of said School forever and the said Trustees and their Successors in Office to Have and to Hold the other Moity solely and exclusively for the use & Benifit of Dartmouth College forever with all the privilidges & Appurtenances thereunto belonging and Appertaining which are also hereby Granted to the President and Trustees for the purposes aforesaid on the following Conditions and Reservations Viz that one hundred and fifty acres of Land be reserved for the use benifit & support of the Ministry of the Gospel in said Township or precinct forever one hundred and fifty acres of Land for the use and support of an English School or Schools in said Township or precinct on good Tenable Lands as the Situation thereof will admit and whereas the said grant of Land is for a public and Important use it is hereby Declared that the Lands and Tenements in every part of said Township or precinct shall forever be free and exempt from public Taxes that is to say so Long & while the Incomes & profits shall be actually applied by the said president & Trustees & their successors to the purposes of said College or School as above expressed—

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of June AD 1785 an in Ninth Year of our Independence—

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

by his excellencys Command  
Joseph Fay Secry

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**THE CHARTER OF 3 LOTTS OF LAND GRANTED TO  
JONATHAN & ARAD HUNT ESQUIRES  
IN WHITINGHAM**

THE GOVERNOR COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF VERMONT.

*To all People to whom these presents shall come GREETING:*

KNOW YE that whereas Jonathan Hunt & Arad Hunt Esquires our worthy friends have by petition requested & obtained a grant of Land within this State for the purpose of settlement: We have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs and

in consequence of their faithfull performance of the conditions of the grant of Land aforesaid & do by these presents in the name and by the authority of the freemen of the STATE of VERMONT give and grant unto the aforesaid JONATHAN HUNT and ARAD HUNT their heirs and assigns forever the Lotts or Pieces of Land hereafter bounded & described as follows viz<sup>t</sup>—*three Lotts in the Township of Whitingham being a part of three thousand acres of Land granted to Captain John Walker a reduced Officer, said Lotts contain one hundred & ninety six Acres in each Lott & are numbered two three and five as expressed in a certain indenture of release made to the said Jonathan Hunt & Arad Hunt by Samuel Wells & is contained in a grant made by the Legislature of this State to Mrs. Samuel Wells and the aforesaid Jonathan & Arad Hunt on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of October 1782 of three thousand Acres of Land in the aforesaid Whitingham, the aforesaid three Lotts of Land containing in the whole six hundred Acres or thereabouts, reserving to the use of the Public the usual allowance for highways.*

To HAVE and to hold the aforesaid Lotts and Pieces of Land as above described, with all the privileges & appurtenances belonging thereunto the above said Jonathan Hunt & Arad Hunt & each of their respective Heirs & assigns forever, their doing & performing the settlement and duty required by Law on other grants made by this State. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this State to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of Oct<sup>r</sup> AD. 1787—

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

Attest Joseph Fay Secy.



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[WHITINGHAM GORE]

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

*To all People to whom these presents shall come* GREETING:

KNOW YE that whereas that whereas our worthy Friend M<sup>r</sup> AMOS GREEN and Company to the Number of Sixteen have by Petition requested a Grant of Unlocated Land within this State for the purpose of Settlement We have therefore thought fit for the Due encouragement of their Laudable Design and for the other Valuable Causes and Considerations us hereunto Moving Do by these presents in the Name and by the Authority of the Freemen of the STATE of VERMONT give grant unto the said Amos Green & Company the Tract of Land hereafter bounded & Described to be Divided into equal Shares as follows Viz,—

Samuel Moulton, Thomas Day, Samuel Day, James Howard, Seth Howard Benjamin Nelson Benjamin Blodgett Benjamin Blodget Jun, Samuel Nelson Solomon Moulton Asaph White William Nelson, Thomas Blodget Abisha Blodget & Daniel Wallace reserving three hundred Acres out of said Tract of Land for the following Public uses Viz One hundred acres for the use and Benefit of a College within this State One hundred Acres for the use and support of a School or Schools within said Tract & One hundred Acres for the use and support of the first settled Minister of the Gospel within said Tract of Land to be Disposed of for the sole & exclusive purposes aforesaid in such way and manner as the Proprietors or Inhabitants of said Tract shall Judge proper the same to remain unalienable & the Rents profits & moneys Arising therefrom shall be appropriated to the several uses aforesaid and the said three hundred acres shall be Divided into three equal parts & be so Laid out within said Tract as to be equal in Quality and in such situation as will best answer the purposes for which they are reserved—Which Tract of Land hereby given and granted as aforesaid is bounded & Described as follows Viz—BEGINNING at the Southwest Corner of Whitingham at a Maple Tree standing in the North Line of the State of Massachusetts Bay 24 Perches west of the west Bank of Deerfield River & running South 81 Degrees & 30 Minutes East 290 Chains to a Spruce Tree Marked  then [North] 8 Degrees 30 Minutes east 174 Chains & 50 Links to a Maple Tree Marked  standing in the South Line of Col. Fitches Grant then North 81 Degrees & 30 Minutes West 290 Chains to a Stake & Stones then south 8 Degrees & 30 Minutes West 174 Chains & 50 Links to the bounds began at Containing five thousand & sixty Acres & eighty Perches Bounding South on the State of Massachusetts Bay East on Col. Whittings Patent North on Col. Fitches Patent and West on Reedsborough and that the same & hereby is Incorporated into a District by the Name of WHITINGHAM GORE and that the Inhabitants that Do or shall hereafter inhabit said District are Declared to be enfranchised and entitled to all the privileges and Immunities of Citizens & exercise all Legal power & Authority in support of their Internal right as fully & amply and other Incorporated Districts within this State Do by Law exercise and enjoy—To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted premises as expressed in the aforesaid grant with all the priviledges & Appurtenances thereunto belonging & Appertaining to them & their respective heirs & Assigns forever upon the following Conditions Viz that each proprietor of the said District of Whitingham Gore his Heirs or Assigns shall plant & Cultivate five Acres of Land & Build a House at Least eighteen feet Square on the floor or have one Family on each respective right within the Term of four years from the time of surveying the out Lines of said Gore on the Penalty of the forfeiture of each Respective Right or Share of Land not so settled & Improved as aforesaid and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State to be by their Representatives regranted to such persons as



shall appear to settle and Cultivate the same that all pine Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved for the use and benefit of the Freemen of this State—IN TESTIMONY whereof WE HAVE CAUSED THE SEAL OF THIS STATE TO BE AFFIXED at Rutland this 20 Day of October Anno Domini 1796 & in the 20<sup>th</sup> year of our Independence Witness our well beloved Thomas Chittenden Esquire Governor of our said State Captain General & Commander in Cheif of all the Militia of the same

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By his Excellencys Command  
Truman Squier Secretary

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### CHARTER OF LANDS GRANTED TO WHITELAW, SAVAGE, & COIT

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come GREETING:*

KNOW that whereas James Whitlaw, James Savage & William Coit, our worthy friends have by petition requested a grant of a Tract or Tracts of unappropriated Lands within this State in Order to settle and cultivate the same, We have therefore tho't fit for the due encouragement of their Laudable designs and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, And do by these Presents in the name and by the authority of the State of Vermont, give & grant the Tracts of Land hereafter described and bounded unto them the said James Whitlaw, James Savage and William Coit in Manner and in the several proportions as follows viz To the aforesaid James Whitlaw, Twelve sixty Nine parts thereof To the said James Savage sixteen Sixty nine Parts thereof & to William Coit thirty Seven Sixty Nine Parts thereof, Which together with the four following sixty nine parts to be reserved for the several uses in manner following contain the whole of said Tract, namely, Two sixty nine Parts thereof for the support of the social worship of GOD to be laid one sixty ninth part in each of the Ten thousand acre Tracts hereinafter described; Two sixty ninth parts for the support of English Schools to be laid one sixty Ninth part in each of the said Ten Thousand acre Tracts, & the four sixty Ninth Parts last mentioned together with all interests, profits rents & emoluments therefrom arising shall be unalienably appropriated to the uses and purposes for which they are granted & shall be under the care, direction, and at the disposal

of the inhabitants that shall hereafter be settled upon the said Ten Thousand Acre Tracts respectively, Which Tracts of Land hereby given & granted as aforesaid are bounded & described as follows, to wit: One Tract, BEGINNING at a Hemlock Tree standing in the southwest corner of Marshfield Marked Marshfield S. W. corner 1788 Thence South 54 D° east four Miles and Twenty seven chains to a Beach Tree marked S<sup>c</sup> Andrews Corner August 12<sup>th</sup> 1788 Thence South 36 D° West three Miles and seventeen Chains to a Spruce Tree Marked I. W. Corner 1788 standing in the North Line of Orange; Thence North 57 D° West in said Line to the Northwest Corner of said Orange, Thence in a Strait line to Southeast corner of Montpelier, Thence South thirty six degrees East [West] in the Easterly line of Montpelier to the bounds began at containing Ten thousand Acres. One Other Tract BEGINNING at a Stake and Stones standing in the westerly side Line of Johnson which is the Northeasterly corner of Cambridge Thence North 54 D° West in the Northerly side line of Cambridge Two hundred & Twenty four Chains & 50 Links to a Stake & Stones in the Easterly corner of Fletcher, Thence North 20 D° and thirty Minutes East two hundred Chains & Eighty Eight Links to a Birch Tree spotted standing in the [In the] northeasterly corner of Fletcher thence north sixty nine Degrees & 30 Minutes west 100 chains to a beach Tree spotted standing in the Southeasterly corner of Fairfield, Thence North Twenty degrees East in the Easterly side Line of Fairfield two hundred and sixty two Chains & Twenty five Links to a soft Maple Tree spotted in the northeasterly corner thereof, Thence South Seventy Degrees East two Miles and thirty three Chains to a Stake & Stones; Thence a Strait [line] to the Northeasterly corner of Cambridge the bounds began at containing Ten Thousand Acres. Also one other Tract of Land BEGINNING at a little Birch Tree in the Northeasterly side Line of Caldersburgh & running north 45 Degrees West two hundred & sixty seven Chains & Eighty two Links to a Stake & Stones; Thence South Eighty two Degrees & 20 Minutes East to a Stake & Stones fifteen Links West of a Beach Tree marked N° 3, N° 4 1785; Thence South Seventeen degrees West to the bounds began at containing fifteen hundred Acres of Land. Also all & singular the Isleands in Waters of Lake Champlain lying East of the deepest Channel of said Lake within the Limits of the State of Vermont and not heretofore granted under the Seal of the same containing one thousand five hundred & Eighty five Acres. And all the Isleands in the river Otter Creek which are not included in Grants heretofore made from the Mouth of said Creek to the South Line of Weybridge containing thirty Acres, including in all the above Tracts parcels & Isleands the contents of Twenty three thousand and forty Acres of Land—TO HAVE & TO HOLD the said granted Premises as above expressed with all the Privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging and appertaining unto them & their respective Heirs & Assigns forever, Upon the following conditions & reservations, viz, that each of the Grantees aforesaid his heirs or Assigns shall plant & cultivate five Acres of Land & build a House at least Eighteen feet square on the floor or have one family settled on each respective Share on penalty of the forfeiture of each respective

share of Land not so improved or settled and the same to revert to the freemen of this State to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as shall appear to settle & Cultivate the same. That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved for the use & benefit of the freemen of this State—

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed in Council this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty Eight

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command  
Joseph Fay Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF WILDERSBURGH

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF FREEMEN  
OF VERMONT.

L. S.

*To all People, to whom these Presents shall come,* GREETING.

KNOW YE, that whereas Colonel William Williams, and his Associates, our worthy Friends, have, by Petition, requested a Grant of a Tract of Land within this State, of six Miles square, in order for settling a new Plantation, to be erected into a Township. WE HAVE THEREFORE THO<sup>t</sup> FIT, for the due encouragement of their laudable designs, and for other good considerations us hereunto moving,—AND DO, by these Presents, In the Name, and by the authority of the Freemen of Vermont, Give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter described and bounded, unto the said William Williams, and the several Persons hereafter named, his Associates, Viz<sup>t</sup>; Arad Hunt, Elisha Hunt, Moses How, Abel Dimmick, Austin Dimmick, Jesse Cook, Robert Cook, Asaph Williams, Nathan Foster, John Newton, Josiah Locke, Asa Williams, Gershom Clark Lyman, Samuel King, Joseph Williams, Ebenezer Merrick, Benjamin Fuller, Jonathan Evans, Isaac Wheeler, Jonas Galusha, Elijah Galusha, John Fasset Jun<sup>r</sup>, Zadock Grainger, Joseph Church, Joel Adams, Jonas Whitney, Francis Whitmore, Samuel Whitney, Jonathan Warren, John Chandler, Jabez Carey, John Noyce, Jonathan Underwood, John W. Dana, Isaac Dana, Benjamin Dana, Bezaleel Waist, Benjamin Perrey, Jedediah Basset, James Williams, Elijah Dewey, Eldad Dewey, Moses Robinson, Timothy Brownson, Thomas Chittenden, Benjamin Carpenter, Elijah Gore, Amos Gore, David Dennison, Ebenezer Harris, Samuel Robinson, David Robinson,

Obadiah Noble, Isaac Andrus, Thomas Tolman, Timothy Stanley, Joseph Dagget, Matthew Lyon, Martin Chittenden, Timothy Chittenden, Abiathar Waldo, William Fairman Jun<sup>r</sup>, Hazael Shepard and Ebenezer Leonard; which, together with the five following Rights, reserved to the several Uses in manner following, include the whole of said Township, viz<sup>t</sup>; one Right for the Use of a Seminary or Colledge; one Right for the Use of County Grammar Schools in said State; Lands, to the amount of one Right, to be and remain for the purpose of Settlement of a Minister and Ministers of the Gospel in said Township forever; Lands, to the amount of one Right, for the Support of the social worship of God in said Township; and Lands, to the amount of one Right, for the Support of an English School or Schools in said Township. Which said two Rights, for the Use of a Seminary or Colledge, and for the Use of County Grammar Schools as aforesaid, and the Improvements, Rents, Interests & Profits arising therefrom, shall be under the Controul, Order, Direction and Disposal of the General Assembly of said State forever. And the Proprietors of said Township are hereby authorized and empowered to locate said two Rights justly and equitably, or quantity for quality, in such Parts of said Township as they or their Committee shall judge will least incommode the general Settlement of said Tract or Township. And the said Proprietors are hereby further empowered to locate the Lands aforesaid amounting to three Rights, assigned for the Settlement of a Minister and Ministers—for their Support—and for the Use and Support of English Schools, in such, and in so many Places as they or their Committee shall judge will best accommodate the Inhabitants of said Township, when the same shall be fully settled and improved; laying the same equitably, or quantity for quality. Which said Lands, amounting to the three last mentioned Rights, when located as aforesaid, shall, together with their Improvements, Rights, Rents, Profits, Dues and Interests, remain unalienably appropriated for the Uses and Purposes for which they are respectively assigned; and be under the Charge, Direction, and Disposal of the Inhabitants of said Township forever. Which Tract of Land, hereby given and granted as aforesaid, is bounded and described as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>; “BEGINNING at the South Easterly Corner of Berlin; Then northerly in the Line of Berlin, about six Miles, to an Angle thereof; then Easterly, to the North Westerly Corner of Orange; then Southerly, in the Line of Orange, about Six Miles, to an Angle thereof; then Westerly, in the Line of Lands heretofore granted, to the Bound began at.” And that the same be, and hereby is incorporated into a Township, by the name of WILDERSBURGH. And the Inhabitants that do, or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are declared to be enfranchised, and entitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State do, and ought, by the Laws and Constitution of this State, to exercise and enjoy. To HAVE & TO HOLD the said Granted Premises, as above expressed, wth all the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns for-

ever, upon the following Conditions and Reservations, viz<sup>t</sup>; That each Proprietor of the Township of Wildersburgh aforesaid, his Heirs or Assigns, shall plant and cultivate Five Acres of Land, and build an House at least Eighteen feet square on the Floor, or have one Family settled on each respective Right, within the Term of Three Years, next after the Circumstances of the War will admit of a Settlement with Safety: on Penalty of the forfeiture of each Right of Land in said Township, not so improved or settled, & the same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be, by their Representatives, regranted to such Persons as shall appear to settle & cultivate the same. That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy, be reserved for the Use & Benefit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof I have hereunto set my Hand, & caused the Seal of this State to be affixed, in Council, this Twelfth Day of August, A: D. 1781. And in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of our Independence.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency's Command.

Tho<sup>s</sup> Tolman Dep<sup>y</sup> Secr<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF WILLIAMSTOWN

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF VERMONT.

L. S.

*To all People, to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:*

KNOW YE, that whereas Samuel Clark and Absalom Baker, and their Associates, our worthy Friends, have, by Petition, requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Land within this State, in order for settling a new Plantation, to be erected into a Township: WE HAVE THEREFORE THOUGHT FIT, for the due encouragement of their laudable Designs, and for other valuable Considerations us hereunto moving,—AND DO, by these Presents, in the Name, and by the Authority of the Freemen of Vermont, Give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter described and bounded, unto the said Samuel Clark and Absalom Baker, and their Associates, viz<sup>t</sup>; Elisha Baker, Ebenezer Kellogg, William Wells, Josiah Gregory, Reuben Horsford, Ira Rood, Isaac Stratton, Daniel Burbank, Aaron Noble, Bildad Noble, Anthony Farr, Elisha Meach, Samuel Kellogg, Samuel Kellogg Jun<sup>r</sup>, Zadoc Clark, Stephen Davis, Joseph Dunham, Cornelius Lynds, John Winchester Dana, Judah Dana, Israel Putnam Dana, Daniel Davis, Judah Williams, Joseph Jones, Thomas Green, Israel Harris, Pearly Howe, Elisha Baker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Ezra Baker, Ira Baker, John Tracy, Jonathan Woodward, Mat-

thew Lyon, James Lyon, Peter Boudish, John Tibbet, David Pixly, Martin Chittenden, Benjamin Sherwood, John Porter, Ethan Allen, Isaac Kellogg, Oliver Hungerford, David Johnson, The Heirs of Thomas Wheeler, Christopher Whitney, Moses Jeffers, Reuben Hurlbut, Elijah Thomas, Asa Burnham, Reuben Post, Simeon Hine, Jonas Galusha, Noble Everett, William Dyre, Thomas Chittenden, John Fasset Jun<sup>r</sup>, Chester Derby, John Smith, Alexander Huling, Henry Green, Mary Lyon, Elijah Galusha, Stephen Dunning, Joseph Orsborn, Samuel Sherman, David Johnson Jun<sup>r</sup>, Nathaniel Johnson, Thomas Roe, David Galusha, Eusebius Bushnell, Elizabeth Chittenden and Asa Farrand; which, together with the Five following Rights, reserved to the several uses in manner following, include the whole of said Township, viz<sup>t</sup>: one Right for the use of a Seminary or Colledge; one Right for the use of County Grammar Schools in said State; Lands, to the amount of one Right, to be and remain for the purpose of Settlement of a Minister and Ministers of the Gospel in said Township forever; Lands, to the amount of one Right for the Support of the social worship of God in said Township; and Lands, to the amount of one Right, for the support of an English School or Schools in said Township: Which said Two Rights, for the use of a Seminary or Colledge; and for the use of County Grammar Schools as aforesaid; and the Improvements, Rents, Interests and Profits arising therefrom, shall be under the Controul, Order, Direction and Disposal, of the General Assembly of said State forever. And the Proprietors of said Township are hereby authorised and empowered to locate said two Rights, justly and equitably, or Quantity for Quality, in such Parts of said Township as they or their Committee shall judge will least incommode the general Settlement of said Tract or Township. And the said Proprietors are hereby further empowered, to locate the Lands aforesaid amounting to three Rights, assigned for;—the Settlement of a Minister and Ministers; for their Support; and for the use and support of English Schools, in such, and in so many Places, as they or their Committee shall judge will best accommodate the Inhabitants of said Township, when the same shall be fully settled and improved; laying the same equitably, or Quantity for Quality: Which said Lands, amounting to the three last mentioned Rights, when located as aforesaid, shall, together with their Improvements, Rights, Rents, Profits, Dues and Interests, remain unalienably appropriated for the uses and Purposes for which they are respectively assigned; and be under the Charge, Direction and Disposal of the Inhabitants of said Township forever. Which Tract of Land, hereby given and granted as aforesaid, is bounded and described as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>: “BEGINNING at the North west Corner of Washington, then South Thirty Degrees West in the Line of Washington about six Miles to an angle thereof; then carrying that Breadth back North Sixty one Degrees West (provided that if the north westerly Part of this Breadth should interfere with the South Easterly Corner of Berlin, then, in that case, the residue of said Breadth to be still continued on vacant Lands) so far as that a Line, being extended North Thirty Degrees East

across S<sup>d</sup> Breadth (or to Berlin Line) will encompass the contents of six Miles square." And that the same be, and hereby is incorporated into a Township, by the Name of WILLIAMSTOWN. And the Inhabitants, that do, or shall hereafter inhabit said Township, are declared to be infranchised, and entitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State do, and ought, by Law and Constitution, to exercise and enjoy. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises, as above expressed, with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever; upon the following Reservations and Conditions, viz<sup>t</sup>; That each Proprietor of the Township of Williamstown aforesaid, his Heirs or Assigns, shall plant and cultivate Five Acres of Land, and build an House at least Eighteen Feet square on the Floor, or have one Family settled on each respective Right of Land in said Township, within the Term of Three Years next after the Circumstances of the war will admit of a Settlement with Safety; on Penalty of the Forfeiture of each Right or share of Land in said Township not so improved or settled; and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State; to be, by their Representatives, regranted to such Persons as shall appear, to settle and cultivate the same. That all Pine Timber, suitable for a Navy, be reserved for the use and Benefit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof I have hereunto set my Hand, and caused the Seal of this State to be affixed, this Ninth Day of August, Anno Domini 1781, and in the 5<sup>th</sup> Year of our Independence.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency's Command.  
Tho<sup>s</sup>. Tolman Dep<sup>y</sup>. Secr<sup>y</sup>.

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## THE CHARTER OF WOLCOTT

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
 FREEMEN OF VERMONT

L. S.

To all People, to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:

KNOW YE, that whereas Captain Joshua Stanton, and his Associates, our worthy Friends, have, by Petition, requested a Grant of a Tract of Land within this State, of six Miles square, in order for settling a new-Plantation, to be erected into a Township. WE HAVE THEREFORE THOUGHT FIT, for the due encouragement of their laudable Designs, and for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving; AND do, by these

Presents, in the Name, and by the Authority of the Freemen of Vermont, Give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter described and bounded, unto the said Joshua Stanton, and the several Persons hereafter named, his Associates, viz<sup>t</sup>; Major General Oliver Wolcott, Brigadier General John Fellows, Matthew Mead, Aaron Comstock, Samuel Middlebrooks, Isaac Lewis, Clap Raymond, Ahijah Taylor, Levi Taylor, Ozias Marvin, Gamaliel Taylor, John Pynoyer, William Chamberlin, David Phelps, Jedediah Lane, Joseph Cook, Thomas Phillips, Roger Lane, Samuel Lane, James Waterous, Samuel Lee, Theodore Sedgwick, William Bacon, Paul Dewey, Peter Parret, Jonathan Pettibone, Abraham Stevens, Benjamin Seeley, John Adams, Zachariah Fairchilds, Lemuel Kingsbury, Stephen Lawrence, Elizabeth Stanton, Joshua Stanton Jun<sup>r</sup>, Rufus Herrick, Seth Austin, Joel Baldwin, Benjamin Durkee, Giles Pettibone, Judah Burton, Solomon Tyler, Hezekiah Lane, William Dean, David Crocker Dean, William Goodrich, John Sedgwick, David DeForest, Derrick J. Geoes, Ezra Fellows, Gad Austin, Silvia Morgan, Elisha Tyler, William Fellows, John Ashley, Stephen Dewey, Benjamin Keys, Enoch Shepard, John Fellows Jun<sup>r</sup>, Enoch Shepard Jun<sup>r</sup>, Samuel Shed, Joseph Goodrich, John Watson, David Pixley, and Daniel Shepard; which, together with the Five following Rights, reserved to the several uses in manner following, include the whole of said Township, viz<sup>t</sup>; one Right for the use of a Seminary or Colledge; one Right for the use of County Grammar Schools in said State; Lands, to the amount of one Right, to be and remain for the Purpose of Settlement of a Minister and Ministers of the Gopel in said Township forever; Lands, to the amount of one Right for the Support of the social worship of God in said Township; and Lands, to the amount of one Right, for the Support of an English School or Schools in said Township. Which said Two Rights; for the use of a Seminary or Colledge, and for the use of County Grammar Schools as aforesaid, and the Improvements, Rents, Interests and Profits arising therefrom, shall be under the Controul, Order, Direction and Disposal of the General Assembly of said State forever. And the Proprietors of said Township are hereby authorized and empowered to locate said two Rights justly and equitably, or Quantity for Quality, in such Parts of said Township as they or their Committee shall judge will least incommode the general Settlement of said Tract or Township. And the said Proprietors are hereby further empowered, to locate the Lands aforesaid, amounting to three Rights, assigned,—for the Settlement of a Minister and Ministers; for their Support; and for the use and Support of English Schools, in such, and in so many Places, as they or their Committee shall judge will best accommodate the Inhabitants of said Township, when the same shall be fully settled and improved; laying the same equitably, or Quantity for Quality. Which said Lands, amounting to the three last mention<sup>d</sup> Rights, when located as aforesaid, shall, together with their Improvements, Rights, Rents, Profits Dues and Interests, remain unalienably appropriated for the uses and Purposes for which they are respectively assigned; and be



under the Charge, Direction and Disposal of the Inhabitants of said Township forever. Which Tract of Land, hereby given and granted as aforesaid, is bounded and described as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>; “*BEGINNING at the North Easterly Corner of Elmore,—then North 36° East in the Line of Woodbury and Hardwick, six Miles; then North 54° West, six Miles; then South 36° West, six Miles, to the North westerly Corner of Elmore; then South 54° East in the Line of Elmore, six Miles, to the Bound began at.*” And that the same be, and hereby is incorporated into a Township, by the Name of WOLCOTT. And the Inhabitants that do, or shall hereafter inhabit said Township, are declared to be infranchised, and entitled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State do, and ought by the Laws and Constitution of this State, to exercise and enjoy. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises, as above expressed, with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining, unto them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever: upon the following Conditions and Reservations, viz<sup>t</sup>, That each Proprietor of the Township of Wolcott aforesaid, his Heirs or Assigns, shall plant and cultivate Five Acres of Land, and build an House at least Eighteen Feet square on the Floor, or have one Family settled on each respective Right, within the Term of Three Years next after the Circumstances of the war will admit of a Settlement with Safety; on Penalty of the Forfeiture of each Right of Land in said Township, not so improved or settled; and the same to revert to the Freeman of this State; to be, by their Representatives, re-granted to such Persons as shall appear to settle and cultivate the same. That all Pine Timber, suitable for a Navy, be reserved for the use and Benefit of the Freeman of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof I have hereunto set my Hand, and caused the Seal of this State to be affixed, this Twenty-second Day of August Anno Domini 1781. And in the 5<sup>th</sup> Year of our Independence.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency's Command.  
Tho. Tolman Dep<sup>y</sup> Secr<sup>y</sup>

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## THE CHARTER OF WOODBURY

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
 FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

L. S.

To all People to whom these Presents shall, come GREETING:

KNOW YE that Whereas WILLIAM LYMAN ESQUIRE and COLONEL EBENEZER WOOD, and their associates our worthy friends have by Peti-

tion requested a grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State in order for Settling a new plantation to be erected into a Township, We have therefore thought fit for the due Encouragement of their Laudable designs, & for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving, and do by these presents in the name and by the authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont Give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter discribed and bounded unto them the said William Lyman & Ebenezer Wood, and the Several persons hereafter named their associates viz<sup>t</sup> Joshua L. Woodbridge, Seth Murry, Elihu Murry, Israel Chapin, John Stone, Benjamin Sheldon, Samuel Cook, Elisha Porter, John C. Williams, Thomas Hunt, Nathaniel Edwards, Ezra Phillips, Nahum Edgar, Asahel Pomeroy, Park Woodward, John Woodward, Asa Woodward, William Potter, Benedict Eggleston, Thomas Woodward, Joseph Clark, Henry Champion, Henry Champion Ju<sup>r</sup>, Epaphraditus Champion, Thomas Miller, Joel Day, Oliver Wright, Daniel Wright, Samuel Clark, Stephen Jenkins, Zebina Curtis, Abel Adams, Moses Jeffords, Thomas Chittenden, Timothy Brownson, John Fassett Ju<sup>r</sup>, Noble Everit, Jonathan Brace, Gustavus Walbridge, Rodolphus Walbridge, Caleb Benjamin, John Knickerbacer, Daniel Benjamin, Howel Woodbridge, Samuel Bishop, Noah Smith, Daniel Smith, Israel Smith, Chloe Smith, Simeon Hatheway, Shadrach Hatheway, Ana Hatheway, Jale Hatheway, William Gould, Jonathan Burrel, Nathaniel Chipman, Enoch Woodbridge, Stephen Pearl, John Burnham, Joseph Fay, Timothy Follett, Thomas Tolman, & Silas Robinson, which Together with the Five following Rights, or shares reserved to the Several Public uses in manner following include the whole of said Tract or Township viz<sup>t</sup> READ which Tract of Land hereby given and granted as aforesaid is bounded and discribed as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>, BEGINNING, at the North Easterly Corner of Calais, then North 54 D<sup>o</sup> West, in the Line of Calais six miles to an angle thereof, Then north 36 D<sup>o</sup> East six miles, then South 54 D<sup>o</sup> East six miles, Then south 36 D<sup>o</sup> West six miles to the Bounds Began at, And that the same be and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the name of WOODBURY, and the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised & intituled to all the Priviledges and Immunities that the Inhabitents of other Towns within this State do and ought by the Laws & Constitution of this State to Exercise & Enjoy. To Have and to hold the said Granted Premises as above expressed in equal Shares with all the Priviledges and appurtenences thereto belonging & appertaining unto them and their respective Heirs and assigns forever upon the following Conditions & reservations viz<sup>t</sup> that each Proprietor in the Township of Woodbury his hiers or assigns shall plant and Cultivate five acres of Land & build an House at least Eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one family settled on each respective Right within the Term of three years next after the circumstances of the War will admit of a Settlement with Safety, on penalty of the forfeiture of each respective Right or Share of Land in said Township not so improved or settled and the same

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to revert to the freemen of this State, to be by their Representatives re-granted to such persons as shall appear to settle and cultivate the same. That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved for the use and Benifit of the freemen of this State; IN TESTIMONY whereof we have hereunto affixed the Seal of this State in Council this 16 day of August AD (1781) and in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the Independence of this & 6 of the United States.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency<sup>s</sup> Command.  
Thomas Tolman D. Sec<sup>y</sup>.



## APPENDIX



## APPENDIX A

### WOODBIDGE

We reproduce here (from Huse, Vol. XXVI S. P. of N. H. pages 737-8):

WOODBIDGE.—Oct. 26, 1781, a grant of a township of unappropriated lands was made to Maj. Theodore Woodbridge and Company, (Governor and Council, II—126, 127) The granting fees were not paid however, and Ira Allen, as Surveyor General, was “empowered and directed by the Governor and Council in accordance with an Act of the Legislature” to dispose of the township granted to Maj. Woodbridge and use the proceeds in purchasing stores &c., (Governor and Council III—32, 33). Allen, having failed to dispose of the township, advanced funds on his own account and Gov. Chittenden at the request of Allen issued a charter to the latter in Oct. 1786. This act led to the defeat of Gov. Chittenden at the election in 1789, but after the whole matter had been thoroughly investigated by a committee of the legislature and a large balance found to be due Allen, as Surveyor General, from the State, Gov. Chittenden was recalled from private life and held the office of governor continuously thereafter until his death.

The following is from Governor and Council III—512, 513: “The charter of Woodbridge seems never to have been recorded by the Secretary of the Governor and Council, or the Secretary of State, but it was entered by Allen in his record as Surveyor General, and is now in the office of the Secretary of State, in a book erroneously marked as Vol. 2 of town charters. All the town charters in this book, Woodbridge excepted, are in the official record . . . The charter of Woodbridge given to Allen was dated Oct. 26, 1781, the date of the grant to Maj. Woodbridge, and it was recorded by Allen on the 10th of Oct. 1786, in this book, which probably was originally intended for a state record, but was withheld on account of the questionable character of Woodbridge.” See (Ms.) Vermont charters, II—26 to 28. The charter of Woodbridge described it as a tract bounded West on Alburgh and must have covered part at least of Highgate. When Allen’s writ was served upon the state in 1792 the present town of Troy was levied upon as “Woodbridge, so called,” (Governor and Council, IV: 428).

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#### [CHARTER OF WOODBRIDGE]

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

*To all People to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:*

KNOW YE, that, Whereas The Honorable Ira Allen Esq<sup>r</sup> hath by Petition requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands in this

state, for himself and Associates, in order for settling a New Plantation thereon, to be erected into a Township: WE HAVE THEREFORE THOUGHT FIT, for the due Encouragement of this laudable Design, & for other valuable considerations us hereunto moving—AND DO by these Presents, In the Name, & by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, give & grant the Tract of Land hereafter described & bounded, unto him the s<sup>d</sup> Ira Allen, and to the several Persons hereafter named, his Associates, Viz; Marey Warshurn John Lamb, James Lamb Robart Lamb Peter Lamb Charles Lamb Abraham Lamb Charles Davis Richard Davis Peter Payne John Roll Benjamin Dudley Isaac Bunn Theophilus Bentley John Abbot Stephen Abbot Peter Palmer Simeon Palmer Jobe Bunn James Frost Ziba Peck Aaron Sturges Tho<sup>s</sup> Pangburn Roderick Bound Philip Beard Joseph Brady Andrew Liscumb John Jinkins James Prat Sam<sup>l</sup> Starns Obadiah Burton Noble Pearl Partrick Hine William Brasur Zera Dobson Cornelias Vanwick Amos Petibone Peter Weatherbee Rufus Botton David Brownson Heber Sargents Tho<sup>s</sup> Varnum Lodawick Prouty Horris Pebody Cyrus Grandy Oliver Doty Sam<sup>l</sup> Squire Isaac Benedick Reuben Foster Calvin Purdy Benjamin Braton Ralf Chamberlin Seth Osburn Phinehas Rogers Henry Smith Charles Randal Reuben Rud Zadock Clark Andrew Morgan Rolf Brown Ichabod Rogers Coonrod White Joshua Bloodgood Martin Page which, together with the five following Rights, or five Seventieth Parts of s<sup>d</sup> Tract, to be reserved to the several uses in manner following, include the whole of s<sup>d</sup> Tract or Township, Viz; One Right for the use of a Seminary or College,—One Right for the use of County Grammar Schools in s<sup>d</sup> State Lands to the amount of one Right to be and remain for the Purpose of settlement of a Minister or Ministers of the Gospel in s<sup>d</sup> Township forever. Lands to the amount of one Right for the support of the social worship of God in said Township; and Lands to the amount of one Right for the use & support of an English school or schools in s<sup>d</sup> Township. Which s<sup>d</sup> two Rights, for the use of a Seminary or College, & for the use of County Grammar Schools as afores<sup>d</sup> and the Improvements, Rents, Interests & Profits arising therefrom, shall be under the Controul, order, Direction & Disposal of the General Assembly of s<sup>d</sup> State forever. And the Proprietors of s<sup>d</sup> Township are hereby authorised & empowered to locate s<sup>d</sup> two Rights justly & equitably, or quantity for quality in such parts of s<sup>d</sup> Township as they or their Committee shall judge will least incommode the general settlement of s<sup>d</sup> Tract or Township. And the s<sup>d</sup> Proprietors are further empowered to locate the Lands afores<sup>d</sup> amounting to three Rights, assigned for the settlement of a Minister or Ministers—for their support and for the use & support of English Schools, in such, and in so many places as they or their Committee shall judge will best accomodate the Inhabitants of said Township when the same shall be fully settled & improved, laying the same equitably or quantity for quality—Which said Lands amounting to the three Rights last mentioned, when located as afores<sup>d</sup> shall, together with their Improvements, Rights, Rents, Interests, & Profits remain unalienably



appropriated to the uses & Purposes for which they are respectively assigned, & be under the Charge Direction and Disposal of the Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup> Township forever. WHICH Tract of Land, hereby given & granted as afores<sup>d</sup> is bounded & described as follows, viz; BEGINNING at the North East Corner of Alburgh, in the south Line of the Province of Quebec, & north Line of Vermont; Then East in said Line so far that to turn Southerly to the No(r)therly Line of Lands heretofore granted then westerly in such Line to the south Easterly Corner of Alburgh—then No(r)therly in the Line of Alburgh to the Bound began at will contain Twenty three Thousand and Forty Acres.”

And that the same be and hereby is incorporated into a Township by the Name of WOODBRIDGE And the Inhabitants that do, or shall hereafter inhabit s<sup>d</sup> Township, are declared to be enfranchised, & intitled to all the Privileges & immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within this state do & ought, by the Laws & Constitution of this state, to Exercise and enjoy.

To HAVE and to HOLD the s<sup>d</sup> granted Premises, as above expressed with all the Privileges & Appurtenances thereof unto them & their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following CONDITIONS & RESERVATIONS, Viz<sup>t</sup> That each proprietor in the s<sup>d</sup> Township of His Heirs or Assigns, plant & cultivate Five Acres of Land, & build an House at least Eighteen Feet square on the Floor, or have one Family settled on each respective Right, within the Term of Three Years after the Circumstances of the present war will admit of a settlement with Safety: ON PENALTY of the Forfeiture of each respective Right or Share of Land in s<sup>d</sup> Township, not so improved or settled, & the same to revert to the Freemen of this State to be by their Representatives regranted to such Persons as shall appear to settle & cultivate the same. That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy, be reserved for the use & Benefit of the Freemen of this State.

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the seal of this State to be affixed, In Council, this Twenty sixth Day of October In the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty one, and in the 5<sup>th</sup> Year of our INDEPENDENCE

THO<sup>s</sup> CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency's Command

Tho. Tolman Dep. Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Survey<sup>r</sup>, Gen<sup>l</sup> Office Sunderland Oct<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1786

Recorded from the Original Charter

Att. I. Allen Surve<sup>y</sup>r Gen<sup>l</sup>.

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Note:—The foregoing “charter” of Woodbridge found recorded in the (questioned) “Volume II” of [Surveyor-General's] Vermont Charters, pp. 26-7, is here reproduced on account of its historic importance. Upon the flyleaf of the same Volume, above the index, the following is found:—

“The Book found In the hands of Hollace Hastings of St. Albans Franklin County & State of Vermont this 13th Day of Novbr- 1824—he said Hastings says this Book was Given to him at Colchester by Ira Allen, Son to Ira Allen Deceased Late Survey<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> & he said

Hollace Hastings says that he Lived with Said Allen & thear Saw other Books of this Discription which appeared to be fild or rightly fild by Record—which he supposes,—and without dought are the Book or Books In which the Original Charters of the Towns Granted by this State & well as the Ones Granted by New Hampshire, which Are now In this State—this Book the Greatest parts being Blank paper—has this Day be given by Hastings to me.

Joseph Beeman”

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APPENDIX B

[COPY OF CHARTER OF ST. GEORGE]

GEORGE THE THIRD BY THE GRACE OF GOD OF GREAT  
BRITAIN FRANCE AND IRELAND KING DEFENDER OF THE  
FAITH

St. George

Province of New Hampshire

*L. S.* } *To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come GREETING—*

KNOW YE that we of our special Grace, certain Knowledge and meer motion for the due encouragement of settling a new Plantation within our said Province by and with the advice of our trusty and well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor & Commander in Chief of our said Province of New Hampshire in New England and of our Council of the said Province HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations hereinafter made given and granted And by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors do give and grant in equal Shares unto our loving Subjects Inhabitants of our said Province of New Hampshire and our other Governments and to their heirs and Assigns forever whose names are entered on this Grant to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy equal Shares all that tract or parcel of Land situate lying and being within our said Province of New Hampshire containing by admeasurement 23040 Acres Which tract is to contain six miles square and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for highways and unimproveable Lands by Rocks Ponds Mountains and Rivers one thousand and forty Acres free according to a Plan and Survey thereof made by our said Governor's order and returned into the Secretary's office and hereunto annexed Butted and bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup> BEGINNING at the Southeast Corner of Shelburne a Township this day granted being a Stake and Stones in the Northerly side Line of Hindsburgh and from thence running east six Miles to a stake and Stones Then turning off

*and running North six miles to a Stake and Stones Then turning off and running West six miles to the northeasterly corner of Shelburne afores<sup>d</sup> Then running South six miles by Shelburne afores<sup>d</sup> to the Southeasterly Corner thereof the bound began at.* And that the same be and hereby is incorporated into a Township by the name of ST. GEORGE And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township are hereby declared to be enfranchised with and entitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other towns within our Province by Law exercise and enjoy: And further that the said Town as soon as there shall be fifty Families resident and settled thereon shall have the liberty of holding two fairs one of which shall be held on the and the other on the annually— which fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said

And that as soon as the said Town shall consist of fifty Families, a market may be opened and kept one or more days in each week as may be thought most advantageous to the inhabitants. Also that the first meeting for the Choice of Town officers agreeable to the Laws of our said Province shall be held on the third Wednesday in September next Which said meeting shall be notified by M<sup>r</sup> Jesse Hallock who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first meeting which he is to notify & govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of our said Province And that the annual meeting for ever hereafter for the choice of such officers for the said Town shall be on the second Tuesday of March annually To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed together with all Priviledges and Appurtenances to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns for ever upon the following Conditions, viz<sup>t</sup>

I. That every Grantee his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on penalty of the forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township and of its reverting to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township fit for masting our royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use and none to be cut or felled without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained upon the penalty of the Forfeiture of the right of such Grantee his Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are or hereafter shall be enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees a tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the land will admit of shall be reserved and marked out for town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefore to us our heirs and Successors for the space of ten years to be computed from the date hereof the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only on the twenty fifth day of December annually if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty fifth day of December 1763.

V. Every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant shall yield and pay unto us our heirs and successors yearly and every year forever from and after the expiration of ten years from the above said twenty fifth day of December namely on the twenty fifth day of December which will be in the year of our Lord 1773 one Shilling Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he so owns settles or possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser tract of the said Land Which money shall be paid by the respective persons above said their heirs or assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such officer or officers as shall be appointed to receive the same And this to be in lieu of all other rents and Services whatsoever.

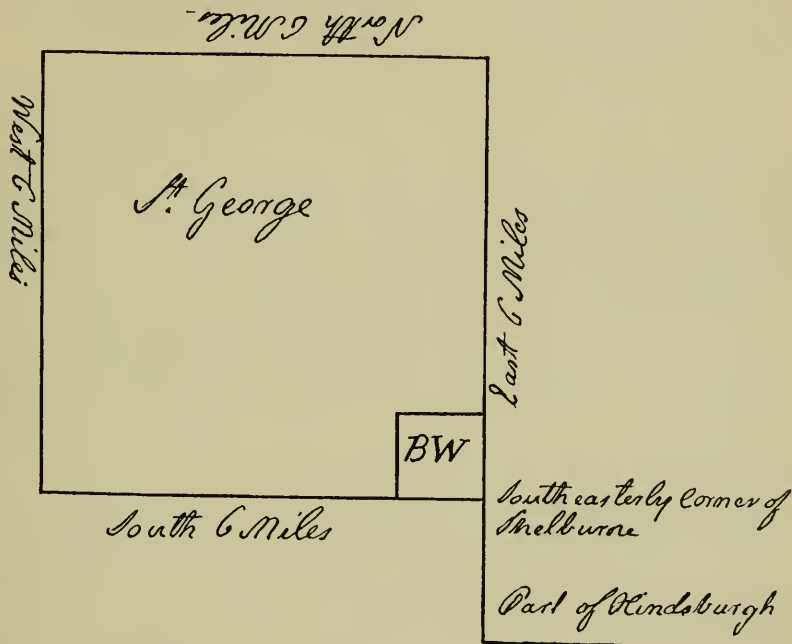
IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness Benning Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August in the Year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and sixty three and in the third Year of our Reign—B. WENTWORTH—By His Excellency's Command—with advice of Council—T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Secy.—

Province of New Hampshire August 18 1763 Recorded in the 3<sup>d</sup> Book of Charters Pages 22 & 23 p<sup>r</sup>. T. Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup>, Secy

Names of the Grantees of St. George viz<sup>t</sup> Isaac How, Jesse Hallock, Samuel Farmer, Christian Farmer, John Farmer, Christian Farmer Jun<sup>r</sup>, Robert Farmer, Peter Farmer, Jeremiah Leming, Thomas Ellison Jun<sup>r</sup>, William Ellison, Simon Ramson, Rem Remson, Isaac Sears, Jesper Drake, Joseph Sacket, Joseph Sacket Doc<sup>t</sup> Frances Sacket, William Butler, Isaac Underhill, Benjamin Underhill, Henry Franklin, Jonathan Courtland, Uriah Wolmon, Amos Underhill, Richard Willits, Samuel Willits, Jacob Watson, Benjamin Ferris, Daniel Prindle, Joshua Watson, Benjamin Seaman, Edmund Seaman, Richard Seaman, Richard Titus, Isaac Man, Isaac Man Jun<sup>r</sup>, John Man, Thomas Man William Man, Ennes Graham, John Jeffreys, Peter Vanderwort, William Hayer, Magnes Garret, Robert Ling, John Dervieux Murphy, Edward Ferrol Murphy, John Dervieux Murphy Jun<sup>r</sup> Thomas Wright, Caleb Wright, John Wright, Timothy Witmore, Timothy Broundige, John Witmore, Benjamin Clap, Benjamin Clap Jun<sup>r</sup>, Henry Clap Jun<sup>r</sup>, Daniel Quinby, Jonathan Quinby, Jonathan Weeks, Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Temple Esq<sup>r</sup>, Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup>, and Mark H. Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> and John Fisher Esq<sup>r</sup>—His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> a tract of Land to contain five hundred Acres as marked BW. in the plan which is to be accounted two of the within Shares.—One whole share for the incorporated Society for

the propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts.—One whole share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law established.—One whole Share for the first settled Minister and one Share for the benefit of a School in said Town forever.—

Province of New Hampshire August 18<sup>th</sup> 1763 Recorded in the third Book of Charters Page 24 pr. T. Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup>, Sec<sup>y</sup>



Province of New Hampshire August 18<sup>th</sup> 1763

Recorded in the 3 Book of Charters Page (21)

pr. T. Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Secy.

State of Vermont Secy's. Office 5<sup>th</sup> Janry 1788

The preceding Charter, List of Grantees & Plan of S<sup>t</sup> George are recorded in this Office at the request of the Proprietors of said Town & are true Copies of the originals.

Attest. Micah Townsend. Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Note.—The foregoing copy of Charter of St. George is found recorded in Vol. III [Ms.] Vermont Charters, pp. 9-14.

## APPENDIX C

[LIEUT. ANDREW F. PHILLIPS GRANT AND MORTGAGE  
THEREOF]

Province of New Hampshire

GEORGE THE THIRD BY THE GRACE OF GOD OF GREAT BRITAIN,  
FRANCE & IRELAND, KING, DEFENDER OF THE FAITH  
Lieut. Andra. F. Phillips Grant

L. S.

*To all to whom these presents shall come, GREETING:*

WHEREAS we have thought fit by our proclamation given at St. James the 7th day of Oct<sup>r</sup> in the 3<sup>d</sup> year of our Reign AD. 1763 amongst other things to testify our Royal sence & approbation of the conduct & bravery of the officers & soldiers of our armies and to signify our desire of rewarding the same & have therein commanded & impowered our several Governors of our respective provinces on the Continent of America to grant without fee or reward to such reduced officers as have served in North America during the late war & to such private soldiers as have been or shall be disbanded there & shall personally apply for such quantities of land respectively as in & by our aforesaid proclamation are particularly mentioned subject nevertheless to the same quit rents & conditions of cultivation & improvements that as other our lands are subject to in the province within which they are granted—And whereas Andrew Faneuil Phillips Gent<sup>n</sup> of Boston in the County of Suffolk and province of the Massachusetts Bay had an appointment under the hands & Seal of George Williamson Esq<sup>r</sup> Colonel and Commanding Officer of our Royal Train of Artillery in America to be conductor of our stores in our said train & serve during the late war in North America and is now reduced & having agreeable to our aforesaid proclamation personally solicited such grantt KNOW YE that we of our special grace, certain knowledge & mere motion do signify our approbation as aforesaid & for encourageing the settlement & cultivation of our land within our province of New Hampshire in New England, have and by and with the advice of our trusty & well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor & Commander in Chief of our said province of New Hampshire & of our Council of our said province agreeable to our aforesaid in part recited proclamation & upon the conditions & reservations herein after mentioned given & granted & by these presents for us our heirs & successors do give & grant unto the said Andrew Faneuil Phillips his heirs & assigns forever a certain tract of land containing two thousand acres lying & being within our said province of New Hampshire butted & bounded as follows viz BEGINNING *at the Northeasterly corner bounds of a tract of land*

*lately granted to Robert Rogers Esq<sup>r</sup> which tract is bounded on the Eastern side line of the township of Stamford in this province and from the said Northeasterly corner of said Rogers said grant to run due West by said Rogers Grant to the Easterly side line of Stamford aforesaid & from thence to carry the length of that line back due North so far as that a parallel line will include two thousand acres of land—*TO HAVE & TO HOLD the said tract of land as above expressed to him the said Andrew Faneuil Phillips & to his heirs & assigns forever upon the following conditions and reservations viz—1<sup>st</sup>. That the said Andrew Faneuil Phillips his heirs or assigns shall plant & cultivate five acres of land within the term of five years for every fifty acres contained in this his grant & continue to improve & settle the same by additional cultivating on penalty of this forfeiture of this his grant and of its reverting to us our heirs & successors to be by us or them regranted to such of our subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the same—2<sup>d</sup> That all white and other pine trees within said tract fit for masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use & none to be cut or felled without our special license for so doing first had & obtained upon the penalty & forfeiture of the right of the grantee his heirs and assigns to us our heirs & successors, as well as being subject to the penalty of any act or acts of parliament that now are or shall hereafter shall be enacted—

3<sup>d</sup> Yeilding & paying therefore to us our heirs and successors for the space of ten years to be computed from the date hereof the rent of one ear of Indian Corn only on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December if annually demanded—

4<sup>th</sup> The said grantee his heirs or assigns shall yield & pay unto us our heirs & successors yearly & every year forever from and after the expiration of ten years from the above said 25<sup>th</sup> day of December namely on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December which will be in the year of our Lord 1774 one shilling proclamaion money for every hundred acres he so owns settles or possesses & so in proportion for a greater or lesser tract of the said land which money shall be paid by the respective owner, settler or possessor as aforesaid in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth in the province aforesaid or to such officer or officers as shall be appointed to receive the same—And this to be in lieu of all other rents & services whatsoever—IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the seal of our said province to be hereunto affixed.—Witness Benning Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> our Gov<sup>r</sup> & Commander in Chief of our said province the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord Christ 1764 & in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of Our Reign—

B WENTWORTH—

By his Excellency's command with advice of Council  
T. Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Secy.

Province of New Hampshire Aug<sup>th</sup> 20th, 1764 Recorded according to the original Charter under the province seal pr. T. Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Secy.

Province of New Hampshire Aug. 20, 1764 I do hereby acknowledge to have received a grant of two thousand acres of land as by the above

pattent will appear in virtue of his Majesty's proclamation above referred to—And I do hereby declare that I never have received any satisfaction of any of His Majesty's Governments before witness my hand

A. F. Phillips

August 20<sup>th</sup> 1764 Recorded from the bottom of the original grant signed by Andrew F. Phillips

attest T. Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Secy.

Copy Exam'd. pr. Joseph Pearson Secy.

State of Vermont Secy office March 23<sup>d</sup> 178[9]

Recorded at the request of the assigns of the grantee.

Attest Ros. Hopkins, Secy.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that Andrew Faneuil Phillips of Boston in the County of Suffolk & province of Massachusetts Bay Gen<sup>t</sup>—for and in consideration of nine pounds Lawful money of Great Britain to me in hand before the delivery hereof well & truly paid by George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup> of Portsmouth in the province of New Hampshire the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have given granted bargained sold & by these presents do give, grant, bargain sell aliene enfeoff and confirm unto the said George Jaffrey his heirs & assigns forever all that Tract or parcel of land containing two thousand acres in the province of New Hampshire but not within the bounds of any township bounded as follows viz BEGINNING at the *Northeasterly corner bounds of a tract of land lately granted to Robert Rogers Esq<sup>r</sup> which tract is bounded on the east side line of Stamford in New Hampshire and from the said Northeasterly corner of said Rogers said grant runs due West by said Rogers grant to the Easterly side line of Stamford aforesaid & from thence carries the length of that line back due North so far as that a parrallel line will include two thousand acres of land* the same being granted to me by charter dated the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Aug<sup>t</sup> 1764 duly executed & recorded—TO HAVE & TO HOLD the said granted premises with all the priviledges & appurtenances to the same appertaining to him the said George Jaffrey his heirs & assigns to his & their only proper use & benefit forever—And the said A. F. Phillips for me my heirs Executors & ad<sup>m</sup> do hereby covenant grant & agree to & with the said George Jaffrey his heirs & assigns that at & until the delivery hereof I am the lawful owner of the said premises am lawful[ly] seized & po[se]sed thereof in my own right in fee simple & have full power & lawful authority to grant & convey the same in manner aforesaid—that the said premises are free & clear of all & every incumbrance what[s]soever—And that I my heirs Executors & administrators shall & will warrant the same to the said George Jaffrey his heirs & assigns ag<sup>t</sup> the lawful claims & demands of any person or persons whomsoever—PROVIDED nevertheless that if I the said Phillips my heirs Ex<sup>rs</sup> or Ad<sup>ms</sup> shall well & truly pay or cause to be paid to the said George Jaffrey his Ex<sup>rs</sup> Ad<sup>ms</sup> or assigns the full & just sum of forty four spanish milld dollars at or before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of Aug<sup>t</sup> 1765 with Int. at the rate of ten per cent



pr. annum till paid then the foregoing deed to be void & of none effect or else to remain in full force & virtue

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 31<sup>st</sup> day of Aug. 1764

A. F. PHILLIPS (L. S.)

Signed Sealed & delivered in presence of Mark Langdon, Samuel Frost Province of New Hampshire Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> 1764 then the above named A. F. Phillips personally appearing acknowledged this Instrument to be his free act & deed before me William Parker Just. Peace

Recorded by request March 23<sup>d</sup> 1789

attest Ros. Hopkins Secy.

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Note.—The foregoing copy of Lieut. Andrew F. Phillips' Grant and mortgage thereof is recorded in Vol, III, [Ms.] Vermont Charters, pp. 15-18.



# Notes

HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE  
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# APPENDIX D

## NOTES

### HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE

ACTON.—About 5,045 acres of land in Windham County granted by Vermont, Feb. 23, 1782, to Moses Johnson & Company, thirty-three in number, *ante* p. 113. This tract was granted under the name of *Johnson's Gore* and it was so known until it was incorporated Nov. 6, 1800, as the township of Acton, which, however, was not by its incorporation given representation in the General Assembly except that its freemen were given the right to assemble with those of Townshend in freemen's meeting in Townshend. In 1824, notwithstanding this attempted restriction, a representative was chosen from Acton, and again in 1825, and these representatives were admitted. In 1825 the act of incorporation was amended by repealing the section by the terms of which the freemen of Acton were to assemble with those of Townshend in freemen's meeting. In Oct, 1840, an act annexing Acton to Townshend was passed. This act, after acceptance by each town, went into effect Feb. 1, 1841.

Laws of Vermont, 1800, p. 29; 1840, p. 59; Thompson's History of Vermont, (Gazetteer), p. 1; *ditto*, edition of 1824, p. 45; Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 5:532; Governor and Council, 4:285; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 71; State Papers Vt., 1:28.

See *Warrenton*, (New York grant), *post*.

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ADDISON.—Town in Addison County, granted by New Hampshire Oct. 14, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:3). The first English fort on Vermont territory was built in this town at Chimney Point in 1690 by a party from Albany under Capt. Jacobus D'Narm. This fort was not permanently occupied. But the French made a settlement at Chimney Point in 1730 which continued until near the time of the New Hampshire grant of Addison. An agreement between the proprietors of Addison and those of Panton was ratified by act of Oct. 24, 1785, giving the proprietors of Panton the ownership of 8,000 acres in the north part of Addison, it proving that Addison, granted three years before Panton, lapped over lands first settled by Panton proprietors. Part annexed to Weybridge Oct. 22, 1804. Part annexed to Waltham Oct. 25, 1804. Legislation as to lines between Addison and Weybridge: Laws of 1856:78, survey to be made; 1859:148, establishing line; 1862:51, establishing line.

The act of Oct. 24, 1785 is found in [ms.] Record of Acts and Laws of the State of Vermont in America, 1:509, and in [ms.] Vermont State Papers, Vol. 1; and is referred to in [Revised] Laws 1797, p. 145 of Appendix; Laws, 1804, pp. 7, 23; 1856, p. 78; 1859, p. 148; 1862, p. 51; Thompson's Gazetteer, p. 1; Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1—1; Child's Gazetteer of Addison County, p. 63; Coolidge and Mansfield's History and Description of New England, p. 731; Conant's Vermont, pp. 67, 72; Governor and Council; Deming's Vermont Officers 1918, p. 71; State Papers Vt. 1:28; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:222-4.

Gov. Dunmore of New York, March 13, 1771, granted a small tract in Addison to Adolphus Benzel, and May 30, 1771, granted 10,000 acres lying in Addison, to Sir John St. Clair. Vermont Hist. Soc. Col. 1:155; Vol. 1, Documentary Hist. of N. Y., map preceding Index.

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AIKIN'S GORE.—About 930 acres in Windham County granted by Vermont Feb. 25, 1782, to Edward Aikin [later spelled Aiken], Nathaniel Brown, Peter Sylvester, Peter Sylvester 2d, William Aikin and Nathaniel B. Brown, and by the terms of the charter annexed to Londonderry which had been granted in 1781, *ante* p. 3. It forms the southwest part of Londonderry, and most, if not all, of this gore was included in the 26,000 acre grant made by New York, Aug. 9, 1770, called Virgin Hall.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Vol. 5, Part 3, under *Londonderry*; Governor and Council; State Papers Vt., 1:28.

See *Virgin Hall*, (New York grant), *post*.

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ALBANY.—Town in Orleans County. A grant was made June 27, 1781, by resolution of the General Assembly to Colonel Henry Emanuel Lutterloh and Major Thomas Cogswell and their associates to the number of sixty-five officers and soldiers then in the continental army, of a tract of land six miles square to be located and return made of the location to Ira Allen, Surveyor General, "to obtain a charter of incorporation." The town was charted as Lutterloh, (sometimes written Lutterlock), June 26, 1782. Col. Antipas Gilman being one of the grantees, *ante* p. 128. Col. Henry Emanuel Lutterloh was a New York officer appointed Deputy Quarter-Master-General by General Washington, June 30, 1777. Major Thomas Cogswell was a Massachusetts officer, then of Haverhill, Mass., and afterwards of Gilmanton, N. H. Name of Lutterloh changed to Albany in 1815.

Laws of 1815, p. 11; 1870, p. 570; Thompson's Gazetteer, p. 2;

*ditto*, edition of 1824, p. 46; Child's Gazetteer of Lamoille and Orleans Counties, p. 189; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, p. 733; Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:46; Governor and Council, 8 vols.;[ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 31; Land Records, p. 535; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 72; State Papers Vt., 1:28, 96.

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ALBURGH.—Town in Grand Isle County granted by Vermont to Ira Allen and his sixty-four associates Feb. 23, 1781, *ante* p. 4. The name is said to be an abbreviation of Allenburgh or Allensburgh. A settlement was made within its bounds by the French in 1731 at Wind Mill Point. This settlement was made under a French grant to Francis Foucault, afterwards confirmed and renewed by the King of France. After the conquest of Canada this grant was confirmed by the King of Great Britain and the title passed from Foucault to Gen. Haldimand, from Haldimand to Henry Caldwell, and from Henry Caldwell to John Caldwell, all British subjects. The tract went, before it was known as Alburgh, successively under the names of Point Algonquin, Point Du Detour, Point Detouror, Turnabout, Missisco Leg, Missisco Tongue, and Caldwell's Upper Manor. Heman Allen acquired the Caldwell title and about 1820 endeavored to establish it in a United States Court but failed. Part of Alburgh was annexed to Highgate, Nov. 1, 1792.

Laws of Vermont, 1792, p. 26; Governor and Council, 3:222; 4, see index under Alburgh; also other of the 8 vols. of *id.* as indexed; and especially map facing p. 430 of Vol. 8. Thompson's Gazetteer, p. 3; *ditto*, edition of 1824, p. 47; Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer 2:487; Child's Gazetteer of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties, p. 214; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, p. 733; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 73; State Papers Vt., 1:29.

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ALBURGH GORE.—Referred to in Governor and Council, 4:352, 354, 358, and 428. Probably that part of Alburgh east of Missisquoi Bay which was annexed to Highgate Nov. 1, 1792. See Laws of 1806, p. 11.

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ANDERSON'S GORE.—About 1730 acres of land in Windham County granted to James Anderson and nine others by resolution of the General Assembly, Feb. 27, 1782, which was read in Council Oct. 17, 1782; see Governor and Council, 3:8. The charter was not issued until Oct. 22, 1801, *ante* p. 6. By the terms of the charter the tract was made a part of the town of Windham.

See *Kent*, (New York grant), *post*.

ANDOVER.—Town in Windsor County granted by New Hampshire, Oct. 13, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:7). The Vermont charter of Benton's Gore, a tract of about 5,000 acres, constituted it a part of Andover after Oct. 25, 1781. Andover was divided Oct. 26, 1799, and the western part thereof with Benton's Gore was incorporated as the town of Weston. By the act of 1799 the two towns of Andover and Weston were restricted to one representative for both, but each town elected a representative in 1823, and from that time on each has had one, though no repeal of the restriction has been found.

Laws of 1799, p. 14. Thompson's Gazetteer, p. 3; *ditto*, edition of 1824, p. 48; Child's Gazetteer of Windsor County, p. 72; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, p. 734; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 74; State Papers Vt., 1:29.

See *Virgin Hall*, (New York grant), *post*.

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ARLINGTON.—Town in Bennington County granted by New Hampshire July 28, 1761, (State Papers N. H. 26:11). Lieut. Gov. Colden of New York granted about 26,000 acres under the name of Princetown, May 21, 1765, to Isaac Vrooman and twenty-five others, covering part of Arlington, Sunderland, Manchester, and Dorset; this being the first New York patent, (except perhaps some of the 154 military patents issued by New York in 1765), for land in what is now Vermont. Oct. 30, 1765, Lieut. Gov. Colden granted (by the second New York patent other than military) to James Napier a tract of 10,000 acres described as "lying partly within the town ships of Shaftsbury, Glastenbury, Sunderland and Arlington, formerly granted under the Province of New Hampshire." March 19, 1771, Gov. Dunmore of New York granted John Munroe 4,000 acres lying chiefly in Arlington. Ethan Allen, Remember Baker, and Thomas Chittenden were sometime residents of Arlington, Chittenden being its first representative and Allen its second.

H. Hall's Early History of Vermont, pp. 80, 81, 133, 134, 276, and citations made by Hall of Documentary History of New York. Thomson's Gazetteer, p. 4; *ditto*, edition of 1824, p. 48; Child's Gazetteer of Bennington County, p. 68; Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:121 to 138; History of Arlington, J. K. Batchelder, 1911; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 75; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1:212; State Papers Vt., 1:29.

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ATHENS.—Town in Windham County granted by Vermont May 3, 1780, *ante* p. 8. Oct. 30, 1794, part of Athens with a part of Putney was incorporated as the town of Brookline. Nov. 13, 1813, that part of



Brookline formerly part of Putney was "annexed" to Athens for the purpose of choosing a representative and voting for state officers. Part of Avery's Gore was annexed to Athens in 1815. Part of Athens was annexed to Grafton, Oct. 30, 1816. Lines between Athens and Westminster established 1839. The New York grant of Warrenton covered part of what is now Athens. May 16, 1767, Gov. Moore of New York granted John Adair a tract of 5,000 acres which lies partly, at least, in Athens.

Laws of 1794, pp. 124-6; 1813, p. 124; 1815, p. 167; 1816, p. 40; 1839, p. 85; 1846, p. 10; Thompson's Gazetteer, p. 5; *ditto*, edition of 1824, p. 50; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, p. 736; Child's Gazetteer of Windham County, p. 80; Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, pp. 357 to 376; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 76; State Papers Vt., 1:30.

See *Warrenton*, (New York grant), *post*.

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AVERILL.—Township in Essex County granted by New Hampshire June 29, 1762, (State Papers N. H., 26:16) The appraised acreage of this and other towns is but an approximation to the real acreage as is illustrated in the case of Averill in which the appraised acreage of 1894 was 21,200 acres, of 1882 was 22,716 acres, and of 1880 was 20,468 acres. Other towns show less discrepancy in their returns which is perhaps accounted for by Averill being one of the three towns yet unorganized in Vermont—Ferdinand and Lewis being the other two.

Thompson's Gazetteer, p. 6; *ditto*, edition of 1824, p. 51; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, p. 737; Child's Gazetteer of Caledonia and Essex Counties, p. 389; Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:943; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 53; Land Records, pp. 1-33, 583-4; State Papers Vt., 1:30.

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AVERY'S GORE.—Samuel Avery was of Westminster as early as 1780 and as late as 1799, and there were issued by Vermont to him or in his behalf, charters of eight tracts of land. Six at least of these tracts both in neighborhood speech and legislative phrase were each called Avery's Gore.

Some of the enactments distinguished the gore to which they applied by adding the name of the county in which it was situated; others did not. The six tracts referred to were all chartered direct to Avery, and one of them, that in Orleans County and now a part of Troy, was often called Avery's Grant as well as Avery's Gore. Direct reference by name to the smallest of the eight tracts, a gore of only 554 acres which was also granted direct to Avery and was between Franklin (then Huntsburgh)

and Sheldon (then Hungerford), has not been found in any enactment or legislative record. The tract chartered on Avery's account to Thomas Pearsall, being the 3,926 acres that from 1803 to 1856 constituted the unorganized township of Bradleyvale and that now forms part of Concord and Victory, probably never went by the name of Avery's Gore. The story of these grants is illustrative of the time.

In an article on New York Land Grants in Vermont it is stated (Vermont Hist. Soc. Collections, 1:157), that to Samuel Avery (and others) there was granted Aug. 16, 1774, 28,000 acres in Lincoln and Ripton; to Humphrey Avery Sept. 6, 1774, 24,000 acres in Lincoln, Ripton and Granville; and Oct. 28, 1775, to Samuel Avery, 40,000 acres under the name of Whippleborough, in Starksborough and vicinity. In each of these cases there is no doubt that the grant was to the party named and his associates. As early as 1780 and 1782 some arrangement seems to have been made between the grantees so that Samuel Avery (who was perhaps a son of Humphrey Avery of New London, Connecticut) had come to own the New York title to the first two tracts, and Mary Whipple (who was perhaps the widow of Daniel Whipple, of Brattleborough) that title to the third, or Whippleborough. (See Avery's caveats against the granting of the first two tracts, Oct. 4, 1780, Vt. [ms.] State Papers, 21:181, 183, and Feb. 18, 1782, *ditto*, 22-23; also Mary Whipple's caveat against granting Whippleborough Feb. 18, 1782, *ditto*, 22:22). Avery also laid claim to 1,000 acres in Middlesex (the New York Grant, now Randolph), as is shown by his caveat of Oct. 4, 1782, Vt. [ms.] State Papers, 1:182; and to some interest in Thomlinson (now Grafton), as is shown by his caveat of Feb. 18, 1782, Vt. [ms.] State Papers, 22:22. He evidently depended mainly on his claim to the first two tracts, covering together 52,000 acres, and from his persistent efforts to obtain them or an equivalent came the numerous Avery's Gores. His original 52,000 acres granted by New York were part of the Lydius tract, or what was known as the Otter Creek Lydius tract, to distinguish it from his Wood Creek tract.

Col. John Henry Lydius, born in Albany, 1694, son of a Dutch minister, became a trader with the Indians, a resident of Montreal until he was banished therefrom in 1730, afterwards a resident on his Wood Creek tract in New York near Fort Edward, and from 1767 a resident in England where he died near London in 1791. He obtained a paper purporting to be a deed from certain Mohawk Indians of a tract extending sixty miles south of the mouth of Otter Creek and to the east twenty-four miles. This covered nearly all of what is now Addison County and a good part of Rutland County. His "deed" was dated Feb. 1, 1732, and is about the only evidence that the Mohawks themselves ever counted the land as theirs. Lydius obtained Aug. 31, 1744, from Gov. Shirley of Massachusetts a paper purporting to be a confirmation of his Indian deed and an absolute conveyance to him of the lands it described in fee, "in obedience to His Majesty's special command of the 5<sup>th</sup> of Oct. last." Hiland Hall thinks there never was any such command;

(Early History of Vermont, p. 496). Lydius also received his title of Colonel from Gov. Shirley. The claimants to parts of this tract have been so numerous that in giving some account of them it is a relief as well as somewhat of a surprise to know that Arthur Orton and Dr. Kenealy never pretended that any of it belonged to the Tichborne estate. About an eighth of it was granted to Mons. Hocquart (to whom curiously was due the banishment of Lydius from Montreal) by a French grant in 1743 or 1745, and Hocquart's tract was sold by him in 1763 to one Michel Chartier de Lotbiniere who was making claim of Great Britain in 1776 for his "Lordship of Hocquart," which "Lordship of Hocquart" was described as lying on the east side of Lake Champlain extending four leagues in front and five leagues in depth. It was opposite Crown Point and was pretty nearly what is now the southwesterly part of Addison County. See Documents Relating to the Colonial Hist. of N. Y., 7:642, and 8:577, 670.

Following the Mohawk-Lydius-Massachusetts claim and the French claim, were the New Hampshire grants made in great number on this tract. Lydius had made a plan of this tract dividing it into thirty-five townships. New York followed, granting a number of townships within its limits and a still greater number of military patents here and there. Durham (now Clarendon) and Socialborough were within its limits. Durham was settled by grantees under the Lydius title who obtained a subsequent charter from New York; and it was in Durham that the "Bennington mobb" in 1773 erected a "judgment seat" upon which Ethan Allen, Seth Warner, Remember Baker, and Robert Cochran, who had been appointed by "the proprietors of the New Hampshire grants \* \* to inspect and set things in order," took their places as judges and held such a court as never was before or has been since on land or sea. (Hall's Early Hist. of Vt. pp. 169 to 177, and Doc. Hist. of N. Y., Vol. 4.). The object of the expedition was to make the settlers recognize the New Hampshire title, not to drive them off the lands they had made settlement on or to make them pay exorbitant prices in recognition of the New Hampshire title. See Allen's letters to the people of Clarendon, Hall's Early History of Vermont, pp. 175-177.

These Durhamites were holding their lands by the same title Avery had to the 52,000 acres claimed by him with the addition that they were actual settlers.

One of Avery's petitions to Vermont, never before in print, is this:

To his Excellency Thomas Chittenden Esq<sup>r</sup> Captain General and Governor in Chief of the State of Vermont, and the Territories depending thereon in America, and the Honorable the General Assembly of said State, now Convened and Sitting at Windsor within and for said State—

The Petition of Samuel Avery a friend to this and the United States of America—

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners and the Rest concerned with him, Did many years since Purchase a tract of Land (now within this State) of Col. John Henry Lydius of Albany, He pretending to have a Title to the same, For which we paid a large sum of money, Bounded and Described as follows, Beginning at the distance of nineteen miles and fifty Chains from the mouth of Otter Creek where it emptieth itself into Lake Champlain, On a Course south forty three degrees east, and from the said place of Beginning, East eight degrees South Six miles and seventy Chains, Then south sixteen degrees west six miles and sixty five Chains, Then west twenty seven degrees north six miles, and from thence to the place of Beginning, Containing twenty four thousand acres of land and the usual allowance for highways, which tract of land we then supposed we had obtained a good title to, But unfortunately for us, we found, that the Government of New York who then Claimed the Jurisdiction of that part of the Country, paid no Regard to Col. Lydius's Title or pretensions to that Tract of Land. But was granting the same to any Persons that would apply to them and pay them their enormous fees, On which your Petitioner supposed himself Reduced to the necessity of Obtaining a grant or Confirmation of the land from the Government of New York.

Accordingly we made application to the State of New York and after a Solicitation of about Six years and paying to the Officers of Gov<sup>t</sup> about Seven or Eight hundred pounds, besides the Expenses of Surveying application &c., to the amount of near fifteen hundred pounds, we Obtained a grant or Confirmation from that State for the same lands, We then supposed we had a good title beyond all dispute. This Grant we Obtained from the Gov<sup>t</sup> of New York nearly on the principles of equity, having been at so great expense in the purchase from Lydius Surveying &c.—But Still unfortunate, Our misfortunes do not end here, those Publick Confusions come on, An intire Revolution Takes place, This State of Vermont set up Jurisdiction and form a Constitution for themselves, by which means our Title is again brought in question and all set affoate

Your Petitioner would beg leave further to observe to your Excellency and this Honorable Assembly, That the lands before described have never been granted by the Government of New Hampshire, or this State of Vermont, nor has any Person any Just Challenge or Pretention, Except your Petitioner—

And that your Petitioner is willing to subject himself to any Regulations or Conditions with Respect to Settlement &c.: To which other lands granted by this State are Subjected—

That your Petitioner has ever been a fast friend to this and the united States of America, which he is well able to prove by those on both sides of the question and early, and ever, both publicly and privately, espoused the Cause of those New Hampshire Grants against the Arbitrary and unjust proceedings of the Gov<sup>t</sup> of New York.

That your Petitioner has been near Twenty years in the pursuit of those Lands, Constantly attending thereto—

That your Petitioner was forty days in the Wilderness without Shelter in the Survey of those lands and gone throug every difficulty Expense and fatigue, till he has nearly expended his whole Interest in the pursuit—He now Humbly Conceives he has the highest degree of Justus in his favour. And that the Granting or Confirming those lands to your Petitioner Cannot be esteemed or made use of as a president, for I presume there is not another Claim or pretention to land in this state Cloathed with the same Circumstances.

Your Petitioner therefore Humbly Prays, that your Excellency and this Honorable Assembly will at this time be favorably Pleased to grant or Confirm to your Petitioner the tract of Land before described, without fees.

And that the same may be created into a Township by the name of \_\_\_\_\_ and Vested with the usual Priviledges Granted to other Townships within This State—

And Your Petitioner as in Duty bound Shall ever Pray—

Samuel Avery

Windsor Feb<sup>y</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1781.

Avery, who in 1781 said he had “been near twenty years in the pursuit of those lands, constantly attending thereto,” continued eight years more in that pursuit before the Vermont legislature in 1789 took the action that resulted in the creation of Avery’s Gores. In October of the last named year he presented the following petition to the legislature (see [ms.] Vt. State Papers, 22:193):

“To the Honorable the General Assembly now Convened at Westminster—

The Petition of Samuel Avery and Associates Humbly Sheweth

That at the Session of this Honorable Assembly in the month of October 1780 your Petitioners presented a Petition [to this assembly] praying for a grant or Confirmation [of a grant of land] therein described, which Petition was laid over for a further hearing at an after Session of the Assembly—

That in the February following your Petitioners again prefered their Petitions, which were taken up and a Committee appointed, who reported that those petitions should have a hearing on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the next Session of this Assembly

That at the Session of this Assembly in February 1782 a Committee of both Houses of this Assembly was appointed who took the matter of our Petition into Consideration and Reported for us to have a grant of the Land described in the Petition which Report was rejected by the Assembly and an Additional Committee appointed, which Committee again agreed to Report in our favor, but was prevented by an Order for an Additional Committee from the Council which Committee after again hearing the matter Reported that they Consider it a matter of uncertainty whether the Land prayed for had not been already granted either by the State of New Hampshire or by this State—Therefore they

advise that the Petition should ly till an Actual Survey is made by the Surveyor General and that no grants should be made to any other Person of any part of the Lands described in our Petition, and those Petitions have ever since lain before this Honorable Assembly—which suspense has been Greatly to the Prejudice of your Petitioners.

Your Petitioners would Therefore Humbly Pray That the Honorable Assembly would take [the matter] of their Petitions into Consideration [and would grant] the Lands described to them if not already [granted and if] granted already to other Persons, Grant your Petitioners Rightious Compensation in other Lands, or in some way, Grant Relief to your Petitioners.

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall ever Pray—

Samuel Avery

Westminster Oct<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>

1789

The original petition above copied is in one place torn and the words printed within brackets are supposed to be those missing.

The committee appointed to consider the foregoing petition reported that in their opinion the facts set up in the original petition were true, that the lands described had been granted to others and recommended that there should be granted to Avery and his associates an equal quantity of unlocated lands.

In Council Oct. 24, 1789, (Governor & Council, 3:198), it appears that: "An Act Granting fifty two Thousand acres of Land to Samuel Avery Esq<sup>r</sup> having passed the General Assembly, was read and concurred, reserving as an Amendment, that the Grants of two Townships, one to Governor Marsh and one to Mr. Randall & Company be first Located and all other Grants yet unlocated, provided said Locations shall be made and returns thereof to the Governor and Council by the 15 day June Next—said Avery to have a Gore of Land east of Starksborough which he has liberty to pitch immedeately."

Pursuant to the above action the following grants were made of tracts which with one or two exceptions each went under the name of Avery's Gore with some distinguishing addition to designate the particular tract referred to.

1. *Avery's Gore in Chittenden County.* This consisted, according to the statement in the charter, of 5,910 acres west of Fayston, but is stated in a table of Avery's patents made by Joseph Fay and found in [ms.] Vt. State Papers, 38:47, to have contained but 4,000 acres. This table<sup>s</sup> is without date but was probably made by Fay in 1794, in which year he ceased to be Secretary to the Governor and Council and removed to New York. This table of the Avery grants includes all of them except one of 554 acres made June 28, 1796, noted hereafter; the filing upon it is: "List of Locations executed to Saml Avery," and it is as follows:

"One Gore of Land adjoining Fayston

Acres  
4000

one gore lying West of Lewis Orang County	10685
One Do do west of Kingston	8744
One do—between Westminster, Athens & Tomlinson	1380
One gore north of Enosburgh	9723
One do west of Duncansboro	11040
One do granted Thomas Pearsall	3926
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2492 remains to be satisfied

True copy from the Several Patents issued to Mr. Avery attest

Joseph Fay Late Secy to  
the Gov & Council  
State of Vermont—”

This gore west of Fayston was one of three gores of which Avery obtained a charter in one instrument dated January 27, 1791, *ante* p. 9.

Part of it was annexed to New Huntington (now Huntington) October 22, 1794, pp. 55-57.

This gore lies between Buel's Gore and Fayston and is commonly mentioned in connection with the former under the name of "Avery's and Buel's Gore;" though the two gores, because now so much reduced in area, or for some other reason, are together called sometimes "Buel's Gore," and sometimes "Avery's Gore." Elias Buel, November 16, 1788, (see [ms.] Vt. State Papers, 22:184, and *post* under Buel's Gore and Coventry), after he had located his "flying grant" of 1784, petitioned to have the land in question given to him and united with his own newly acquired gore under the name of Montzoar, but his request was not complied with and the land became Avery's. Buel's memory is kept green much better by the present arrangement than it would have been by the one he wanted.

2. *Avery's Gore in Addison County.* This gore contained 8,744 acres and was the second one named in the charter of three gores to Avery, dated Jan. 27, 1791, *ante* p. 9. It was bounded north by Lincoln, east by Kingston, (now Granville), south by Hancock and west by Ripton. Part was annexed to Kingston, (Granville since 1834), in 1833, (see Laws of 1833, p. 26); and the remainder was annexed to Lincoln in 1847, (See Laws of 1847, p. 8). (See State Papers Vt. 1:31).

3. *Avery's Gore in Essex County.* This gore of 10,685 acres, still existing as chartered, was the third named in the charter of Jan. 27, 1791, *ante* p. 9. When chartered it was within the bounds of Orange County as that county was then constituted. This gore lies west of Lewis. (See State Papers Vt., 1:31).

4. *Pearsall's Gore.* This was a gore chartered to Thomas Pearsall by a separate charter dated January 27, 1791, *ante* p 156. It was incor-

porated as Bradleyvale in 1803, (Laws, p. 25); and Bradleyvale, which never was represented in the General Assembly, was annexed to Concord and Victory in 1856, (Laws, p. 91). (See State Papers Vt., 1:31).

5. *Avery's Gore in Franklin County.* This gore was chartered to Samuel Avery by charter dated Oct. 29, 1791, *ante* p. 11. It contained 9,723 acres and was in Chittenden County when chartered. The annexation of part to Montgomery was authorized in 1858, and became effective, (Laws, p. 50); and provision was made for establishing the line between it and Belvidere, in 1866, (Laws, p. 75); Laws of 1896:92, Part annexed to Belvidere. According to the Grand List of 1894 it now contains 7,305 acres. (See State Papers Vt., 1:31).

6. *Avery's Gore, in Windham County.* This was a tract of 1,380 acres of land described in a resolution of the General Assembly passed Nov. 3, 1791, as "lying between Thomlinson [name in 1792 changed to Grafton] and Athens." This resolution directed the Governor to issue a charter to Samuel Avery pursuant to a grant made to him in Oct. 1789. No charter of this tract is found recorded but it was for a quarter of a century referred to in legislation as Avery's Gore, and it is not only included in Fay's list ([ms.] Vt. State Papers, 38:47), but Avery in a petition dated Sept. 19, 1799, ([ms.] Vt. State Papers, 20:297), states that "on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 1791 he obtained a grant under the great seal of the State of thirteen hundred and eighty acres of Land lying south of the town of Grafton and in width north and south 115 rods and in length east and west the whole length of the south line of Grafton." Avery, who in a petition dated Oct. 17, 1791, ([ms.] Vt. State Papers, 18:289), described himself as one who "from his many misfortunes with which Divine Providence has been pleased to Visit him is left in low Circumstances with a large family to support," seems to have undergone the last suffering with which Vermont records credit him, in respect of this 1,380 acre grant. In his petition of 1799, referred to, he tells how "one Amos Hale of a place called Johnson's Gore," entered and took possession of his 1,380 acre tract, how he sued Hale and how he was cast in the suit, and asks that the legislature provide that he be given a new trial. This petition was served on Hale but was dismissed by the General Assembly Oct. 19, 1799, and to add insult to injury Samuel Crafts, Clerk, certifies that in General Assembly Nov. 4, 1799, the bill of costs was legally taxed at \$6.25, (\$1.75 being for 35 miles travel and \$4.50 for 9 days' attendance). This taxation of the petitionee's costs came in a good year for Mr. Avery though, because he was awarded April 23, 1799, the sum of \$2,655 of the \$30,000 paid by Vermont to New York, upon distribution of that \$30,000 among claimants by the New York commissioners. In H. Hall's Early History of Vermont, p. 507, it appears that Avery's \$2,655 was awarded on this state of facts: "One of Avery's claims was founded on a patent issued to him and twenty-three associates for 24,000 acres, bearing date Aug. 16, 1774. On the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of the same month these twenty-three associates conveyed their shares to him. Another claim was for 28,000 acres, patented



to Humphrey Avery and twenty-seven others, in Sept., 1774, all of whom on the 29<sup>th</sup> of that month conveyed their titles to him, thus vesting in him the whole 52,000 acres, and showing very clearly that the grants were made for his sole benefit. These two tracts adjoined each other and were in the easterly part of the present county of Addison. These with a claim for 200 acres in Durham and 1,000 in another town [probably the New York Middlesex, now Randolph], of which Samuel Avery was a grantee, [or purchaser from a grantee, see [ms.] Vermont State Papers, 21:181], made up the 53,200 acres for which he was allowed the sum of \$2,655.03. These grants were made by Lt. Gov. Colden. Avery continued his applications for them for some months into the revolutionary period and on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October, 1775, obtained a patent for 40,000 acres [the Whippleborough grant] from Gov. Tryon, after he had fled for safety on board a British man-of-war lying in New York harbor. The land was situated in the vicinity of his former grants, but his claim for it was disallowed by the commissioners, for the reason that it was made after the date which had been prescribed in the New York constitution, as the time when the colonial grants should cease to be valid."

It might be interesting to compare Avery's proofs before the New York commissioners with his statements in his petitions to the General Assembly of Vermont.

Part of Avery's Gore in Windham County was annexed to Athens in 1815, (Laws, p. 167); and the remainder was annexed to Grafton in 1816, (Laws, p. 40). (See State Papers Vt. 1:32).

7. *Avery's Grant*, a tract of 11,040 acres now constituting the north part of the town of Troy. Its charter to Avery did not issue until Dec. 28, 1792, but was dated Oct. 27, 1792, because of an attachment on this tract made by Ira Allen who had sued the State of Vermont in the United States Court. See Avery's Grant, *post*; and also [ms.] letter of Avery to Joseph Fay, Dec. 19, 1792, [ms.] Vermont State Papers, 24:61. (See State Papers Vt. 1:32).

8. A tract of 554 acres for which Samuel Avery received a charter dated June 28, 1796, *ante* p. 12. This tract was a narrow strip of land between Huntsburgh, (now Franklin) and Sheldon. It is not referred to in legislation but probably took its place within town lines by reason of an act establishing the line between Huntsburgh and Sheldon, passed Nov. 5, 1810, (Laws, p. 160). (See State Papers Vt., 1:32).

This last charter of 554 acres left, according to Mr. Fay's list, yet to be granted to him to make up his 52,000 acres, 1,938 acres more, but Mr. Fay called Avery's Gore adjoining Fayston but 4,000 acres while its charter described it as 5,910 acres. Upon this last basis Avery had received within 28 acres of the required 52,000 acres, and no doubt the state "called it even" when the 554 acre charter issued.

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AVERY'S GRANT.—A tract of land now constituting the north part of the town of Troy in Orleans County, containing 11,040 acres of land, granted to Samuel Avery of Westminster by a charter signed

by Gov. Chittenden Oct. 27, 1792, which issued from the Secretary of State's office Dec. 28, 1792, *ante* p. 13, and was in further and part execution of a grant to Avery of 52,000 acres voted by the General Assembly and concurred in by the Governor and Council, Oct. 29, 1789. Avery's Grant and Kelly's Grant (the latter containing 12,000 acres) were incorporated into the township of Missisquoi, (Missiskouie as then spelled), Oct. 28, 1801, and the name of the town was changed to Troy Oct. 26, 1803.

Governor and Council, 3:198; Laws of 1801, p. 78; 1803, p. 6; State Papers Vt., 1:32. See Avery's Gores, *ante*.

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BAKERSFIELD.—Town in Franklin County. Vermont grant of 10,000 acres to Luke Knoulton, Jan. 25, 1791, *ante*, p. 14, in accordance with a joint resolution passed Feb. 28, 1787, ([ms.] Vermont State Papers 30:114). In a committee's report, Oct. 28, 1789, found in [ms.] Vermont State Papers, 30:114, it is referred to as a "Gore of land marked Knowlton in the Plan or Map of this State." While named Bakersfield in the charter it was called until 1792, Bakersfield, *alias* Knoulton's Gore. Part of Fairfield and Smithfield annexed to, Oct. 25, 1792, (Laws, p. 5), and the tract so formed "incorporated into one entire town," to be called Bakersfield, by the same act. Knight's Gore was annexed Oct. 31, 1798, (Laws, p. 40), and part of Bakersfield was annexed to Enosburgh by the same act. Part of Coit's Gore was annexed Oct. 26, 1799, (Laws, p. 16). Part of Bakersfield with remainder of Coit's Gore and part of Belvidere incorporated as Waterville, (Laws of 1824, p. 14). Line with Fairfield established, (Laws of 1817, p. 33); line with Enosburgh, (Laws of 1845, p. 5); and line with Belvidere, (Laws of 1866, p. 275).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:103; Child's Franklin and Grand Isle Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 63. Thompson's Gazetteer and others under title "Bakersfield." Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 77; State Papers Vt., 1:33.

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BALTIMORE.—Town in Windsor County. Incorporated out of part of Cavendish, (Laws of 1793, p. 6), but by this act it was not allowed a representative in the legislature and was not represented until 1824. Journal of the General Assembly, 1823, pp. 51-53. Line with Cavendish was established, (Laws of 1841, p. 58).

Child's Windham Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 80; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 22; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 7; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 77; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 738; State Papers Vt., 1:33.

BAMF.—New York grant of 30,000 acres to Thomas Clark & Co. by Lt. Gov. Colden, Dec. 24, 1774. It covered lands in Burke and vicinity, (Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:157). Marked "Thos. Clark & Co." on map preceding Index to Vol. 1, Documentary History of New York. Bamf must have included Billymead now Sutton, ([ms.] Vermont State Papers, 18:80).

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BARNARD.—Town in Windsor County. New Hampshire grant as Bernard, of 26,000 acres to William Story, Francis Bernard and sixty associates, July 17, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:20.)

Child's Windsor Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 82; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 22; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 7; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 78; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 739; State Papers Vt., 1:33.

See also Thompson's Gazetteer of 1824, where it is stated that: "In 1774, the first permanent settlement was made by Asa and Lot Whitcomb, Thomas W. White and others, emigrants from Massachusetts and Connecticut. At the time of the Battle of Bunker's hill, (properly Breed's hill,) which took place on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July, 1775, the firing was distinctly heard in this town by Thomas Freeman and others, a distance of more than 100 miles. On the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 1780, this town was visited by a party of 21 Indians, who made prisoners of Thomas M. Wright, Prince Haskell and John Newton, and carried them to Canada. Newton and Wright made their escape the spring following, and Haskell was exchanged the succeeding fall. They suffered many hardships while prisoners and on their return, but they all arrived safely at Barnard, and are now all living upon the farms from which they were taken. They were all prisoners in Canada at the time Royalton was burnt and were not then taken as has been stated in the narrative of that event." The author of the foregoing paragraphs from the earlier edition of Thompson, signs his article by the initials A. W. He gets Bunker Hill moved forward a month and his "more than 100 miles" is very nearly 130 miles as the sound would have to go but the writer knows that the tradition of Bunker Hill battle having been heard on Barnard hills has been common in the towns in the vicinity of White River valley, and as distinct as that the people of Montpelier gathered on the hill in Berlin opposite the capitol, and listened to the guns of the battle of Lake Champlain in September, 1814.

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BARNET.—Town in Caledonia County. New Hampshire grant as Barnett of 23,040 acres to Simons Stevens and sixty-six associates, Sept. 16, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:24).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:271; Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 133; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 23; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 8; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 79; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 739; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 75; Land Records, p. 548; State Papers Vt., 1:33; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:249.

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BARRE, CITY OF.—City in Washington County. Incorporated out of part of the town of Barre, (Laws of 1894, 144 to 176; 1896, p. 104, 105; 1902, pp. 278-320). Organized Mar. 5, 1895. The territory included within the city limits is 2535 acres. Barre memorial, 1888; Granite City, W. H. Jeffrey, 1903.

See *Barre*, Town of.

BARRE, TOWN OF.—Town in Washington County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Col. William Williams and sixty-four associates by the name of Wildersburgh Aug 12, 1781, *ante* p 223. Because "the name of the township has ever sounded uncouthly to the inhabitants and settlers and is also disagreeable on account of its length," ([ms.] Vermont State Papers, 29:61), the legislature changed the name of the town to Barre, Oct. 19, 1793, (Laws, p. 5). Boundaries of Barre established, (Laws of 1799, p. 17; 1801, p.88; 1802, p. 48). Part incorporated as the City of Barre, (Laws of 1894, 144 to 176; 1896, p. 104, 105; 1902, pp. 278-320).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 4:23; Child's Washington Co. Gazetteer, 1889, p. 129; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 24; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 9; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 80; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 740; Barre Memorial, 1888. Nickerson & Cox's Historical Souvenir of Barre, 1894; State Papers Vt., 1:34, 164.

See *Newbrook*, (New York grant), *post*.

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BARTON.—Town in Orleans County. Vermont grant to Col. William Barton and Company, sixty-five in number, of a township of land by the name of Providence by act of Oct. 23, 1781—Providence, R. I., being the residence of Col. Barton. A charter was not issued until Oct. 20, 1789, and then to Col. Barton and twenty-eight associates of a township by the name of Barton, *ante* p. 15. (Governor and Council, 2:122; part of Sheffield was annexed, (Laws of 1858, p. 51).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:71; Child's Lamoille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 200; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer,

1849, p. 25; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 12; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 81; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 742; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 91; Land Records, p. 518; State Papers Vt., 1:34.

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BELL ISLAND.—In Lake Memphremagog; annexed to Derby and Auditor of Accounts authorized to sell, (Laws of 1865, p. 244).

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BELVIDERE.—Town in Lamoille County. Vermont grant of 30,100 acres to John Kelly of the City of New York, Nov. 4, 1791, *ante* p. 17. Part of, with Coit's Gore and part of Bakersfield, incorporated as Waterville, (Laws of 1824, p. 17). Part annexed to Eden, (Laws of 1828, p. 15); this act was repealed, (Laws of 1831, p. 12), and the line with Eden established according to the original charter limits. Provision for establishing line with Bakersfield, (Laws of 1866, p. 275). Laws of 1896:92. Part annexed from Avery's gore.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:592; Child's Lamoille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 61; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 25; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 13; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 82; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 742; State Papers Vt., 1:35.

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BENNINGTON.—Town in Bennington County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to William Williams and sixty-two associates, Jan. 3, 1749, (State Papers N. H., 26:29). Vermont post office established March 9, 1787, (Laws, p. 116); this act was repealed Nov. 10, 1797, (R. 1797, Repeals). Line with Pownal established, (Laws of 1800, p. 85).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:138, and 5: Part III; Child's Bennington Co. Gazetteer, p. 80; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 26; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 13; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 82; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 742; Jennings's Memorials of a Century, 1869; Centennial History, by F. W. Coburn; sketches of Historic Bennington by John V. D. S & Caroline Merrill, 1898; State Papers Vt., 1:35; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1: 176-180, 205.

The town of Bennington was the first of the New Hampshire grants to the west of the Green Mountains to be settled under the New Hampshire charters. The literature pertaining to it and its battle is too voluminous to be cited in detail. Lossing, Hiland Hall, B. F. Hall, and

other historians have much concerning it, while James Davie Butler's address and G. F. Houghton's address in 1848, President S. C. Bartlett's oration at the 1877 centennial, and Hon. E. J. Phelps's oration at the dedication of the monument in 1891, should be specially named. The fourth volume of the Documentory History of New York has much interesting reading as to the doings of the "Bennington mobb," and after the revolution began Ethan Allen and others of the "mobb" were in evidence at the capture of Ticonderoga, and Seth Warner and others at the Battle of Bennington from which Allen was absent being still a captive in the hands of the British.

Bennington by its name perpetuates the memory of New Hampshire's governor, Benning Wentworth, and by its battle (fought on New York soil because Stark did not wait for, but went forward to meet, the Hessians) gave bluff and plain and brave John Stark and his embattled New Hampshire farmers a fame, than which from all war there is none more lasting and real or with more dramatic setting. Vermont men, Massachusetts men, and New York men were there to help in the danger and share in the victory, but Stark commanded and his main army consisted of his officers and 1,332 enlisted men who had hurried across the Connecticut valley and the Green Mountains to aid those inhabitants of the New Hampshire Grants whom Burgoyne described as the most rebellious and warlike race on the continent hanging like a gathering cloud on his left.

Bennington was the first New Hampshire grant. Its first settlement is generally stated to have been in June, 1761; but the following extract from the *Vermont Gazette* of July 12, 1825, published in Bennington by Darius Clark, gives a somewhat earlier date:

"*Olden Times*.—The following article of intelligence we copy from an old periodical work published at Boston in 1791:  
'Vermont.'

'Col. Samuel Robinson informs us that the 25th day of March, 1791, completed 30 years since the first stroke was struck by him towards clearing the first piece of land ever cultivated in Bennington; on the same day the Col. informs, he brought the first woman into Bennington that ever became a resident in it. The Col. has lived to see this town contain more than 4,000 inhabitants; and the year before last, by actual return, they made 26,000 yds. of cloth from flax of their own raising.'

At the semi-centennial celebration of the Battle of Bennington held the 16th of August, 1827, according to the *Vermont Gazette* of Aug. 21, 1827, the first toast was "*The Day*;" and the second was: "*General Stark*.—His life was a practical comment upon his farewell sentiment to Green Mountain boys.—'Live free or die, death is not the worst of evils'." Another toast on the same occasion was: "*The famous town of Bennington*.—May the virtue of its inhabitants in 1827 be equal to the bravery of their fathers and brethen in 1777."

The second newspaper, (the *Vermont Gazette*,) printed in Vermont was begun in Bennington by Anthony Haswell in June, 1783; and in

its files and those of its successors, most of which are to be found in the Vermont State Library, are to be found many items of value relative to the history of this most famous Vermont town.

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BENSON.—Town in Rutland County. Vermont grant to James Meacham, James Blair, and associates, May 5, 1780, *ante* p. 18. A New York grant of 5,000 acres by Lt. Gov. Colden to W<sup>m</sup>. Farquahar Sept. 8, 1770, covered lands now in Benson.

Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:155; Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:405; Child's Rutland Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 75; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 27; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 21; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 83; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 747; State Papers Vt., 1:36.

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BENTON'S GORE.—About 5,000 acres of land in Windsor County granted by Vermont Oct. 25, 1781, to Samuel Benton and twenty-three associates, *ante* p. 20. By the charter it was constituted a part of the town of Andover. It became a part of Weston when that town was incorporated Oct. 26, 1799.

Laws of 1799, p. 14; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 22; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 251; State Papers Vt., 1:36.

See *Virgin Hall*, (New York grant), *post*.

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BERKSHIRE.—Town in Franklin County. Vermont grant to William Goodrich and sixty associates, June 22, 1781, *ante*, p. 21. Line with Richford established and sale of a gore of land (Enosburgh Gore) between Berkshire and Enosburgh, Montgomery, and Richford, directed, (Laws of 1802, pp. 158-160). So much of the law of 1802, as directed sale of a gore of land between Berkshire and Richford, was repealed, (Laws of 1803, p. 60). Line with Enosburgh altered and part of Enosburgh annexed, and part of Berkshire annexed to Enosburgh, (Laws of 1838, p. 14).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:109; Child's Franklin and Grand Isle Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 72; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 27; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 22; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 84; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 748. State Papers Vt., 1:36.

BERLIN.—Town in Washington County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Rev. Dr. Chauncy Graham and sixty-three associates, June 8, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:35.) Part to Montpelier, (Laws of 1898, p. 118).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 4:53; Child's Washington Co. Gazetteer, 1889, p. 185; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 28; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 22; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 85; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 749; State Papers Vt., 1:37.

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BESSBOROUGH.—New York grant of 36,000 acres by Lt. Gov Colden, March 20, 1770. It embraced what is now St. Johnsbury and vicinity. Vermont Historical Society Collections 1:154.

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BETHEL.—Town in Windsor County. Vermont grant of 23,060 acres to John Payne, John House, and forty-five associates; the grant was voted October 27, 1779, and the charter issued Dec. 23, 1779, *ante* p. 23. Line with Rochester established, (Laws of 1821, p. 213).

Child's Windsor Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 88; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 24; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 28; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 86; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 749; Thompson's Gazetteer, 1824, p. 64; Illustrated Historical souvenir, F. G. Cox, 1895; State Papers Vt., 1:37.

Bethel was the first town granted and chartered by Vermont. Its settlement began in 1780.

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BILLYMEAD.—Now Sutton, Caledonia County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Jonathan Arnold and twelve associates, Feb. 26, 1782, *ante* p. 24. Billymead was claimed by the proprietors of Bamf (New York grant); ([ms.] Vermont State Papers, 18:80.) Name changed to Sutton, (Laws of 1812, p. 16).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 25; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 227; State Papers Vt., 1:38.

See Sutton.

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BLACK ISLAND.—In Lake Memphremagog; annexed to Derby and Auditor of Accounts authorized to sell, (Laws of 1865, p. 244).



BLAKE'S GORE.—Vermont grant of a tract of land between Sharon and Strafford to Timothy Blake and fourteen associates, June 18, 1785, *ante* p. 27. Set by charter to Strafford.

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BLOOMFIELD.—Town in Essex County. New Hampshire grant as Minehead, of 23,040 acres to Rev. Noah Waddams and sixty-three associates, June 29, 1762, (State Papers N. H., 26:39). Name changed to Bloomfield (Laws of 1830, p. 26).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:950; Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 389; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 25; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 29; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, 87; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 750; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 95-6; Land Records, pp. 68-100,600; State Papers Vt., 1:38.

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BOLTON.—Town in Chittenden County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to George Bunnell and sixty-five associates, June 7, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:43). Part annexed to Richmond, (Laws of 1804, p. 26). Part of Huntington annexed, (Laws of 1794, pp. 55-57; 1808, p. 135). Part annexed to Waterbury, (Laws of 1851, p. 64).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1: 480; Child's Chittenden County Gazetteer, 1883, p. 86; Rann's History of Chittenden County, 1886, p. 384; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 25; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 29; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 88; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 751; State Papers Vt., 1:38.

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BRADFORD.—Town in Orange County. New York grant as Mooretown of 25,000 acres to William Smith by Lt. Gov. Colden, May 3, 1770, (Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:154; H. Hall's Early History of Vermont, pp. 92-94). Name changed to Bradford, Oct. 23, 1788, (Laws, p. 9).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:807; Child's Orange Co. Gazetteer, 1888, p. 161; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 25; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 29; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 89; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 751; McKeen's History of Bradford, 1875; Address of Col. J. H. Benton, Jr., July 4, 1895, at dedication of library; State Papers Vt., 1:39; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:224.

BRADLEYVALE.—Incorporated out of Pearsall's Gore "with all the rights, privileges and immunities enjoyed by other towns in this state; except so far as may relate to the right of representation," Oct. 29, 1803, (Laws, p. 25.) The town was never represented in the legislature, and was annexed to Concord and Victory, (Laws of 1856, p. 91).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 26; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 30; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1851, p. 128; State Papers Vt., 1:40.

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BRAINTREE.—Town in Orange County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Jacob Spear, Levi Davis, and sixty-three associates, Aug. 1, 1781, *ante* p. 28. Part annexed to Rochester, (Laws of 1824, p. 15).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:844, (an interesting historical sketch by Miss Miriam M. Nichols); Child's Orange Co. Gazetteer, 1888, p. 198; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 27; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 30; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p.90; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 752; Braintree Centennial, 1781-1881; History, by H. Royce Bass, 1883; State Papers Vt., 1:40.

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BRANDON.—Town in Rutland County. New Hampshire grant as Neshobe, of 23,000 acres to Josiah Powers and sixty-five associates, Oct. 20, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:47). Name changed to Brandon, Oct. 20, 1784. Part annexed to Philadelphia for school purposes, (Laws of 1812, p. 158). This law repealed if towns so vote (Laws of 1854, p. 60). Part annexed to Goshen (Laws of 1854, p. 59). Annexation of part of Pittsford to Brandon and part of Brandon to Pittsford (Laws of 1854, p. 57).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:428; Child's Rutland Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 84; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 27; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 31; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 91; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 753; State Papers Vt., 1:40; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:239.

See *Halesborough*, (New York grant), *post*.

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BRATTLEBORO.—Town in Windham County. New Hampshire grant of 19,360 acres to William Brattle and fifty associates, Dec. 26, 1753; charter renewed June 11, 1760, and July 6, 1761, (State Papers

N. H., 26:51-8). New Hampshire charter of Dec. 26, 1753, was confirmed by New York grant of 19,500 acres, July 22, 1766, (Vermont Historical Society Collections 1:154). Vermont postoffice established, March 9, 1787, (Laws, p. 116); repealed, Nov. 10, 1797 (R. 1797, Repeals).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 5:17; Child's Windham Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 82; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 28; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 32; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 92; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 755; Early History, by Henry Burnham; B. H. Hall's History of Eastern Vermont, *passim*; State Papers Vt., 1:40.

Thompson (in his 1824 edition) says:—"The first civilized establishment in Vermont was made in the south-east part of this town in 1724, and was called 'Fort Dummer';" also "Col. John Sergeant was the first known white person born in the State of Vermont." Fort Dummer was at least the first white settlement in Vermont east of the Green Mountains, unless it be that in Vernon which was in part included in Northfield, Mass., some of the settlers in the seventeenth century had their farms north of the present Vermont line. Conant in his History of Vermont gives Vernon as first settled.

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**BRIDGEWATER.**—Town in Windsor County. New Hampshire grant of 28,000 acres to Seth and Rufus Field and fifty-nine associates, July 10, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:58).

Child's Windsor Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 95; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 30; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 33; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 93; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 757; State Papers Vt., 1:41.

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**BRIDPORT.**—Town in Addison County. New Hampshire grant of 25,500 acres to Ebenezer Wiswall and sixty-three associates, Oct. 9, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:62).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:16; Child's Addison Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 73; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 31; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1848, p. 33; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 94; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 758; State Papers Vt., 1:41; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:233.

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**BRIGHTON.**—Town in Essex County. Vermont grant to Col. Joseph Nightingale and sixty-four associates, as Random, Aug. 13, 1781, *ante* p. 146. Name changed to Brighton Nov. 3, 1832, (Laws, p. 24).

Part of Wenlock annexed and part of Brighton annexed to Ferdinand, (Laws of 1853, p. 57).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:952; Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 397; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 33; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 35; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 94; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 761; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 88; Land Records, pp. 102-124, 579-80. State Papers Vt., 1:41.

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BRISTOL.—Town in Addison County. New Hampshire grant as Pocock, of 23,600 acres, to Samuel Averill and sixty-three associates, June 26, 1762, (State Papers N. H., 26:66). Name changed to Bristol, Oct. 21, 1789, (Laws, p. 2). Part annexed to Lincoln, (Laws of 1824, p. 17.); Part of Ripton annexed, (Laws 1912, p. 339).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:19; Child's Addison Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 81; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 34; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 35; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 95; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 762; State Papers Vt., 41, 1:120.

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BROOKFIELD.—Town in Orange County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Phineas Lyman and sixty-four associates, Aug. 5, 1781, *ante* p. 30.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:854; Child's Orange Co. Gazetteer, 1888, p. 212; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 34; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 36; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 96; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 763; Centennial of Brookfield Library, 1891; State Papers Vt., 1:42.

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BROOKLINE.—Town in Windham County. Incorporated out of Putney and Athens Nov. 30, 1794, (Laws, pp. 124-6), but was not allowed a representative in the General Assembly until 1823, when the General Assembly determined that the constitutional provision giving each town representation was more potent than any attempted legislative restriction of the right; Vermont Assembly Journal, 1823, p. 52. Part of Putney annexed, (Laws of 1804, p. 20). Part to Athens, (Laws

of 1813, p. 124). Part of Newfane annexed (Laws of 1820, p. 41). Brookline-Westminster Town Line survey recorded in Town Business Putney, 2:443, 1829.

Child's Windham Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 159; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 35; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 36; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 97; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 763; [ms.] Chandler's Atlas and Land Records, 91; 435,518; State Papers Vt., 1:42.

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**BROWNINGTON.**—Town in Orleans County. Vermont grant of two tracts of 16,750 and 3,095 acres to Timothy and Daniel Brown and sixty-four associates, Oct. 2, 1790, *ante* p. 32. The smaller of the two tracts, (called Brownington Gore), annexed to Caldersburg, (now Morgan), (Laws of 1801, p. 82).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:90; Child's Lamoille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 213; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 36; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1847, p. 37; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 97; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 764; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 91; Land Records, pp. 435,518; State Papers Vt., 1:42.

**BROWNINGTON GORE.**—Tract of 3,095 acres granted as a part of Brownington and annexed to Caldersburgh (now Morgan) in 1801; (laws p. 82) and also Brownington, *ante*.

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**BRUMLEY OR BROMLEY.**—Now Peru, (which see). New Hampshire grant as Brumley of 23,040 acres to William Sumner and sixty-five associates, Oct. 13, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:339). Name changed to Peru, Feb. 3, 1804, (Laws, p. 34).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 34; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 187; State Papers Vt., 1:43.

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**BRUNSWICK.**—Town in Essex County. New Hampshire grant of 25,000 acres to Stephen Noble and sixty-three associates, Oct. 13, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:71).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:960; Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 413; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 36; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849,

p. 37; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 98; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 764; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 62; Land Records, pp. 34-66, 565-6; State Papers Vt., 1:43.

**BUEL'S GORE.**—A tract of land in Chittenden County. Vermont grant of 4,273 acres as a part of Coventry to Major Elias Buel and fifty-nine associates, Nov. 4, 1780, *ante* p. 47. Part annexed to New Huntington, (now Huntington), (Laws of 1794, pp. 55-57).

Child's Chittenden Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 93; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 36; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1851, p. 132; State Papers Vt., 1:44.

Coventry was granted in 1780 to be situate about on the line of Rutland and Addison counties but it was found its site was already taken, and in 1784 Capt. Elias Buel obtained that "flying grant" by which, in 1788, he obtained a charter of what is now Coventry, in Orleans County, and of Buel's Gore in Chittenden County. The Coventry charter was not issued or the land under it surveyed till 1788, but its charter was dated back to Nov. 4, 1780. This charter so dated refers, in stating the bounds, to trees marked in September, 1788, and some of the sketches of Coventry change the dates of the marking of the trees back to September, 1780, to fit the date of the charter. The trees were marked in September, 1788, and are rightly referred to in the charter as so marked and the discrepancy occurs by dating the charter back to the year the grant was originally made to Buel.

Buel's petition of Nov. 16, 1788, found in [ms.] Vermont State Papers, relates his difficulties with his "flying grant." It is as follows:

"To the Honl General Assembly of the Stat of Vermont To be Convened at Westminster on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Oct<sup>r</sup> next.

The Petition of Elias Buell of Coventry, in the State of Connecticut Unto Your Hon<sup>rs</sup> Humbly Sheweth—That in 1780 your Pt<sup>r</sup> with his associates to the number of sixty Preferred their Pt<sup>n</sup> for a township of Lands, in this state & by advice of gent<sup>n</sup> Referd to in this State, Located the same Between the townships of Hubbardston, Benson, Sudbury Orwell and Whiting Then supposed to be Vacant Lands for a full Township, and that in Oct<sup>r</sup> 1780 Your Pt<sup>r</sup> Obtained a grant of s<sup>d</sup> Lands at £10 p<sup>r</sup> Right, and Immediately thereon Paid the granting fees then Required in solid Coin.—That some years after it was found by ascertaining the Surveys of s<sup>d</sup> adjoining Towns that the Same Covered the Whole of s<sup>d</sup> Lands, Whereupon your Pet<sup>r</sup> in Oct<sup>r</sup> 1784 Preferred his Pt<sup>n</sup> to the Hon<sup>l</sup> Assembly Stating s<sup>d</sup> facts & Praying for an Equivalent in any of Unlocated Lands in this State, and Obtained a flying Grant for an Equivalent, and that Due Regard Should be had to the quantity, quality, Situation & Time of the former Grant (as by files & Records may appear)

That your Hon<sup>rs</sup> Pt<sup>r</sup> notwithstanding his Indefatigable and Expensive Pursuits for more than Eight years hath never been able to Locate and Obtain a Charter of s<sup>d</sup> Lands, Untill Oct<sup>r</sup> 1788 and that the Lands now Obtained are in three Diferent Parts, and Mostly in the North-erly Extreame of this State, and are but Equal in quantity, (not in quality & situation) With Lands first Granted, that your Pt<sup>r</sup> as a Part of s<sup>d</sup> grant Hath a gore of about 4000 acres Laying East of Starksburrough about Eight miles &  $\frac{3}{4}$  in Length, & about One Mile in width on the North (adjoining on New Huntington and Terminating in a Point at the South & is mostly Broken and mountainous, that it is In-viron'd by an Inacesable Ridge of Mountains on the Starksbury East Line and by Its situation no ways Convenient to be annexed to New Huntington, that on the East adjoining s<sup>d</sup> Gore their is about four Thousand acres of Vacant Lands Laying on the hight & Range of the Green Mountains & adjoin on Fayston Chiefly mountainous, but Interspersed with valeys Capable of Improvement, Which if annexed to the Lands granted to your Pt<sup>r</sup> might make a small Cororate District—Whereupon your Petitioner Prays your Hon<sup>rs</sup> to Grant him s<sup>d</sup> vacant Lands Described as Some Compensation for his Losses & Disappointments on his Paying the Charter fees or on such moderate Granting fees as y<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>s</sup> shall think Just and the Same Incorporate with the gore all-erady granted y<sup>r</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup> by the name of Montzoar and your Hon<sup>rs</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup> further Prays (that your Hon<sup>rs</sup> Considering the Long & accumulated Disappointments Losses Troubles and Expense sustained by y<sup>r</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup> associates) that your Hon<sup>rs</sup> Would grant your Pet<sup>r</sup> and associates Such Parts & Peaces, of Vacant & unlocated Lands in this State as may still be found ungranted (not less than 10000 acres nor Exceeding 40000 acres, on such Granting fees & under such Regulations and Restrictions as your Hon<sup>rs</sup> in your wisdom shall think fit and y<sup>r</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup> in Duty Bound shall Ever

Pray

Elias Buell

Dated at Rutland  
Nov<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1788”

BURKE.—Town in Caledonia County. Vermont grant as Burk of 23,040 acres to Justus Rose, Capt. Uriah Seymour, and sixty-three associates, Feb. 20, 1782, *ante* p. 34. Part known as Burke Tongue annexed to Hopkinsville and the whole incorporated into a town by the name of Kirby, (Laws of 1807, p. 71).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:302; Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 151; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 36; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 37; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 99; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 765; [ms.] Chandler's Land Records, pp. 435, 533-4; State Papers Vt., 1:44.

See *Bamf*, (New York grant), *ante*.

BURKE TONGUE.—See Burke. Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 37.

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BURLINGTON.—City in Chittenden County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Samuel Willis, John Willis, 3d, and sixty-four associates, June 7, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:75). Part incorporated into town of Williston Oct. 27, 1794, (Laws p. 55). Part annexed to Williston and line between the two established, (Laws of 1797, p. 66). Division of Burlington into city of Burlington and town of South Burlington authorized, (Laws of 1852, pp. 85-96). 1864, p. 107; 1865, p. 191; 1872, p. 543; 1896, p. 116; 1906, p. 282; 1915, p. 384). Burlington City organized February 21, 1865.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:487; Child's Chittenden Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 94; Rann's History of Chittenden Co., 1886, p. 392; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 37; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 37; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 99; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 765; Burlington by Chas. E. Allen; Burlington and Thereabout, 1890; Auld's Picturesque Burlington, 1893; Larger Burlington, 1895; Burlington by Chas. S. Lord, 1900; State Papers Vt., 1:44; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:242.

See *Deerfield*, (New York grant), *post*.

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CABOT.—Town in Washington County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Jesse Levingsworth and sixty-five associates, Aug. 17, 1781, *ante* p. 36. Town annexed to Washington County, (Laws of 1855, pp. 68-70). Part annexed to Danville, (Laws of 1834, p. 28).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 4:74; Child's Washington Co. Gazetteer, 1889, p. 201; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 40; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 39; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 100; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 769; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, pp. 4,5; Land Records, pp. 609,610; State Papers Vt., 1:46.

See *Sidney*, (New York grant), *post*.

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CALAIS.—Town in Washington County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Col. Jacob Davis, Stephen Fay and fifty-eight associates, Aug. 15, 1781, *ante* p. 37.



Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 4:128; Child's Washington Co. Gazetteer, 1889, p. 222; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 41; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 39; Treatise on the Town of Calais, R. D. Waters, 1852; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 101; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 770; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 13; Land Records, p. 536; State Papers Vt., 1:47.

See *Penryn*, (New York grant), *post*.

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CALDESBURGH.—Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Col. Jedediah Elderkin and sixty-three associates Nov. 6, 1780, *ante* p. 39. Brownington's and Whitelaw's Gores annexed, east part annexed to Wenlock, and name changed to Morgan Oct. 19, 1801, (Laws p. 82); [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, pp. 56-7; Land Records, pp. 553-4; State Papers Vt., 1:47.

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CALDWELL'S UPPER MANOR.—Same as Alburgh. Nov. 1, 1744, the King of France granted Alburgh to Francis Foucault; after the conquest of Canada the grant was confirmed by the King of Great Britain; the title subsequently passed from Foucault to Gen. Haldimand and thence to Henry and John Caldwell, all British subjects.

Governor and Council, IV:455.

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CAMBRIDGE.—Town in Lamoille County. Vermont grant to Col. Samuel Robinson, Hon. John Fassett, Junior, Esq., Jonathan Fassett, Esq., and seventy-three associates Aug. 30, 1781, *ante* p. 41. Part of Sterling annexed, (Laws of 1828, p. 15).

By the Laws of 1841, page 58, parts (south of Lamoille River) were to be set from Fairfax and Fletcher to Cambridge provided the three towns in interest so voted at the March meeting next ensuing and made certificate thereof to the clerks of the two counties concerned. Cambridge records show a vote in the affirmative. Records of the Franklin County Clerk show acceptance by Fletcher, but no record has as yet been found to show that Fairfax assented. However, there being no question that the act has become effective as regards Fletcher and Cambridge and from the nature of the act a divided annexation not being permissive, upon inspection of the Walling map of 1857 and the Beers Atlas map of 1872 and a knowledge of the conditions

in the field, the opinion seems warranted that this act became effective.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:595; Child's Lamoille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 66; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 43; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 41; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 102; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 772; State Papers Vt., 1:48.

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CAMDEN.—New York grant by Lt. Gov. Colden Nov. 13, 1769' to Robert R. Livingston, Chief Justice of New York, of 35,000 acres' covering land in Jamaica, Wardsborough, and Dover.

Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:154.

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CANAAN.—Town in Essex County. Vermont grant of 15,360 acres to John Wheeler and forty-three associates Feb. 25, 1782, *ante* p. 43. Norfolk annexed Oct. 23, 1801, (Laws, p. 95). Part annexed to Lemington, (Laws of 1837, p. 101). (Laws 1870:569). "Mill Lot" (in Lemington) annexed for school purposes to Dist. number one, in 1872.

Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 415; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, p. 44; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 42; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 103; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 773; [ms.] Chandler,-Atlas, p. 106; Land Records, pp. 124-138, 561-2; State Papers Vt., 1:48.

See *Thirring*, (New York grant), *post*.

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CARTHAGE.—See Jay.

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CASTLETON.—Town in Rutland County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Samuel Brown and sixty-three associates, Sept. 22, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:79). Setting off part of school district No. 9 to No. 11 of Hubbardton legalized, (Laws of 1829, p. 294). Part of Ira annexed, (Laws of 1904, p. 412); effective in March, 1905.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:501; Child's Rutland Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 97; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842,

Part III, p. 45; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 42; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 104; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 773; State Papers Vt., 1:49; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:230.

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CAVENDISH.—Town in Windsor County. New Hampshire grant of 25,000 acres to Amos Kimball and sixty-five associates, Oct. 12, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:83). New York grant by Gov. Tryon of 22,000 acres, Jan. 6, 1772, was a confirmation of New Hampshire charter; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:157. Oct. 19, 1793, (Laws, p. 6), Cavendish was divided into two towns, Baltimore being incorporated but represented jointly with Cavendish, (Vermont Assembly Journal, 1823, p. 51). Line with Baltimore established, (Laws of 1841, p. 58).

Child's Windsor Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 101; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 47; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 43; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 105; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 775; State Papers Vt., 1:49; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:235.

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CHAMPLAIN, LAKE.—History of Lake Champlain, P. S. Palmer, 1866; Lake Champlain, W. H. H. Murray, 1890; History of Lake Champlain, W. H. Crockett.

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CHARLESTON.—Town in Orleans County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres as Navy to Abraham Whipple and sixty-three associates, Nov. 10, 1780, *ante* p. 145. Name changed to Charleston, Nov. 16, 1825, (Laws, p. 33).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:105; Child's Lamoille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 220; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 50; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 44; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 106; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 777; [ms.] Chandler, -Atlas, pp. 94-5; Land Records, pp. 140-155, 555-6; State Papers Vt., 1:50.

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CHARLOTTE.—Town in Chittenden County. New Hampshire grant of 23,060 acres as Charlotta to Benjamin Ferris and sixty-five associates, June 24, 1762, (State Papers N. H., 26:87).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:733; Child's Chitten-

den Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 162; Rann's History of Chittenden Co., 1886, p. 534; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 51; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 45; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 106; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 778; State Papers Vt., 1:50.

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CHARLOTTE.—New York grant of 25,000 acres to Nathaniel Marston & Co. by Lt. Gov. Colden, March 31, 1770, in Chelsea and vicinity; Vermont Historical Society Collections 1:154. This is not to be confounded with the present town of Charlotte, which see, *ante*.

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CHATHAM.—New York grant of 12,750 acres to Lt. John Cruikshank and others by Gov. Dunmore, March 14, 1771, embracing lands principally in Dorset; H. Hall's Early History of Vermont, pp. 131, 132.

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CHELSEA.—Town in Orange County. Vermont grant as Turnersborough of 23,040 acres to Bela Turner and seventy associates, Aug. 4, 1781, *ante* p. 190. Name changed to Chelsea Oct. 23, 1788, (Laws, p. 5).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:870; Child's Orange Co. Gazetteer, 1888, p. 220; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 52; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 46; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 107; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, 779; Chelsea, J. A. Keyes; State Papers Vt., 1:51, 148.

See *Charlotte*, (New York grant), *ante*, and *Gageborough*, (New York grant), *post*.

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CHESTER.—Town in Windsor County. New Hampshire grant as Flamstead of 23,040 acres to John Balbridge and fifty-seven associates Feb. 22, 1754. Regranted as New Flamstead to Daniel Haywood and sixty-six associates Nov. 3, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26: 91-98). The New York grant as Chester of 31,700 acres July 14, 1766, was a confirmation of New Hampshire charter of Feb. 22, 1754; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:154.

Child's Windsor Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 113; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 52; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 46; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 108; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 779; State Papers Vt., 1:52; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:219.

CHITTENDEN.—Town in Rutland County. Vermont grant to Gershom Beach and sixty-five associates March 16, 1780, *ante* p. 44. Part annexed to Philadelphia for school purposes, (Laws of 1812, p. 158). Philadelphia annexed Nov. 2, 1812, (Laws, pp. 48-50). Annexation of part to Sherburne authorized, (Laws of 1829, p. 20). Laws of 1854, p. 60, repeals Laws of 1812, p. 158, annexing part of Brandon to Philadelphia for school purposes provided towns of Brandon and Chittenden so vote.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:547; Child's Rutland Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 109; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 54; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 48; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 109; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 781; State Papers Vt., 1:52.

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CLARENDON.—Town in Rutland County. New Hampshire grant of 23,600 acres to Caleb Willard and sixty-three associates Sept. 5, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:99). Part annexed to Ira, (Laws of 1854, p. 57).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:552; Child's Rutland Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 114; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 55; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 48; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 109; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 782; State Papers Vt., 1:52; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:233.

See *Durham*, (New York grant), *post*.

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COIT'S GORE.—Vermont grant of 10,000 acres to James White-law, James Savage, and William Coit, Oct. 26, 1788, *ante* p. 221. Governor and Council, III:177, 180. Part annexed to Bakersfield, (Laws of 1799, p. 16). Remainder incorporated into town of Waterville, (Laws of 1824, p. 14).

Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, 244; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 56; State Papers Vt., 1:52.

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COLCHESTER.—Town in Chittenden County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Edward Burling and sixty-five associates, June 7, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:103). Part united with part of

Burlington for school purposes, November 1, 1808, (Laws, p. 23). Part annexed to Milton, (Laws of 1868, p. 309). Loomis Island annexed, (Laws of 1872, p. 622). Part incorporated into city of Winooski, (Laws, 1921, pp. 309-332).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:754; Child's Chittenden Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 179; Rann's History of Chittenden Co., 1886, p. 553; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 56; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 49; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 110; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 783; State Papers Vt., 1:53; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:240.

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CONCORD.—Town in Essex County. Vermont grant to Reuben Jones and sixty-four associates, Sept. 15, 1781, *ante* p. 46. Annexed to Caledonia Co., (Laws of 1826, p. 21). Part of Bradleyvale annexed, (Laws of 1856, p. 91).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:966; Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 421; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 57; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 50; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 111; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 784; [ms.] Chandler's Land Records, p. 436; State Papers Vt., 1:54.

See *Kersborough*, (New York grant), *post*.

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CORINTH.—Town in Orange County. New Hampshire grant of 24,000 acres to Jonathan White Esq., and sixty-five associates, Feb. 4, 1764, (State Papers N. H., 26:107). New York grant by Governor Tryon of 23,100 acres March 2, 1772, was a confirmation of New Hampshire charter; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:156. Boundary lines of, Nov. 4, 1799, (Laws, p. 17). Line with Vershire established Nov. 6, 1801, (Laws, p. 88); Nov. 7, 1806, (Laws, p. 120). Part of Vershire annexed Oct. 23, 1811, (Laws, p. 30).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:873; Child's Orange Co. Gazetteer, 1888, p. 244; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 58; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 50; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 112; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 784; State Papers Vt., 1:55.

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CORNWALL.—Town in Addison County. New Hampshire grant of 25,000 acres to Elias Reed and sixty-four associates Nov. 3,

1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:111). Part annexed to Middlebury, (Laws of 1796, p. 56).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:23; Child's Addison Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 90; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 59; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 51; Deming's Vermont officers, 1918, p. 113; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 785; History of Cornwall, Lyman Matthews, 1862; State Papers Vt., 1:56; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:245.

See *Morrisfield*, (New York grant), *post*. See under *Leicester*, *post*, for New York grant.

COVENTRY.—Town in Orleans County. Nov. 4, 1780, Major Elias Buell of Coventry, Conn., obtained from Vermont for himself and associates a grant of "a Certain tract of Land in this State lying between the towns of Shorum, Orwel, Hubbardton Sudbury and Whiting," (Governor and Council, II:55), and paid the granting fees therefor. When it was afterwards found that the surrounding towns covered nearly the whole of the lands granted, the legislature in Oct., 1784, upon a petition filed, allowed Buell to select from the unlocated lands in the state an equivalent for the deficiency, (Governor and Council, III:59). Oct. 24, 1788, a sufficient amount of land having been decreed by the Land Commissioners, in accordance with the "flying grant" of 1784, to make up the deficiency, the Secretary of the Council was directed to issue a charter, (Governor and Council, III:176, 180). The charter dated Nov. 4, 1780, issued to Maj. Elias Buel and fifty-nine associates, included three tracts of land; the present town of Coventry, 16,767 acres, 2,000 acres known as Coventry Leg, which was annexed to Newport in 1816, and Buel's Gore in Chittenden County which then contained 4,273 acres, *ante* p. 47. Coventry Leg annexed to Newport, (Laws of 1816, p. 129). Name of town changed to Orleans, (Laws of 1841, p. 61). Name changed back to Coventry, (Laws of 1843, p. 28).

History of Coventry, P. H. White, 1859; Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:136; Child's Lamoille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 227; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 60; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 52; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 113; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 786; State Papers Vt., 1:60.

See [ms.] Vermont State Papers, 22:69, 184, for petitions of Buell; and also see Buel's Gore, *ante*.

See *St. George*, (New York grant), *post*.

COVENTRY.—A “Will o’ the Wisp” sometime thought to have been seen where Cornwall and Weybridge are. See Governor and Council, 8:366, and map facing p. 430; also Jeffery’s Atlas, Map No. 15. This Coventry is plainly neither the Coventry petitioned for and granted to Major Buel and associates in 1780, nor the present Coventry which was chartered (by charter dated back to Nov. 4, 1780,) to Major Buel and associates in 1788. It is discovered nowhere except on certain maps, and no doubt there appears by the blunder of the draughtsman or engraver mistaking the name of Cornwall, which was granted in 1761; or by thinking (from Coventry, N. H., holding the same relative position to Connecticut River that Cornwall does to Lake Champlain) that he was at work on the New Hampshire Coventry, when really at work on Cornwall. It looks more like a misreading of the name Cornwall on the part of the map maker, for the same map in Jeffery’s contains Betton for Bolton and Woodbury for Newbury. Such carelessness would easily make Coventry out of Cornwall.

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COVENTRY GORE.—Thompson’s History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 60; Hayward’s Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 144; Legislation of Vermont, Cross, 1894, p. 125; Annexed to Newport, (Laws of 1894, p. 406).

See Coventry, *ante*.

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CRAFTSBURY.—Town in Orleans County. Vermont grant as Minden of 23,040 acres to Timothy Newell, Ebenezer Craft, and sixty-one associates Aug. 23, 1781, *ante* p. 136. Since “from a similarity of sound between the names of Minden and Lyndon people often mistake one for the other,” the name was changed to Craftsbury, (Laws of 1790, p. 6).

Hemenway’s Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:164; Child’s Lamoille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 239; Thompson’s History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 60; Hayward’s Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 52; Deming’s Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 114; Coolidge and Mansfield’s History of New England, 1860, p. 787; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 27; Land Records, p. 537; State Papers Vt., 1:60.

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CUMBERLAND.—“Cumberland Township” was the south-west corner of Cumberland County, and covered the present towns of Whit-



ingham and Readsboro. New York grants were made in this territory, one of 10,000 acres to Nathan Whiting and associates March 12, 1770; Vermont Historical Society Collections, I—154. A record of a charter of the town of Cumberland has not yet appeared.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Vol. 5, Part II:189, pp. 684, 685, (Whitingham). See also map preceding Index to Vol. I, Documentary History of New York. See also *Readsboro*, *post*.

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DANBY.—Town in Rutland County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Jonathan Willard and sixty-one associates, Aug. 27 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:115). New York grant of 1,000 acres to John Tudor by Gov. Tryon, Feb. 20, 1772, covered lands in Danby; Vermont Historical Society Collections, I:156.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:576; Child's Rutland Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 122; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 62; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 53; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 115; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 789; Williams' History of Danby (and map) 1869; State Papers Vt., 1:61; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:224.

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DANVILLE.—Town in Caledonia County. Vermont grant of 28,000 acres to Jacob Bailey, Jesse Leavenworth, and associates, Oct. 31, 1786, *ante* p. 49. A committee was appointed to report facts respecting a new charter in 1801, (Laws, p. 85). New Charter in accordance with act of Nov. 6, 1802, (Laws, pp. 92-105), issued Nov. 12, 1802, to seventy-five grantees, *ante* p. 53. Walden Gore annexed Oct. 29, 1792, (Laws, p. 15). Part of Deweysburgh annexed, (Laws of 1810, pp. 108-110). Part of Cabot annexed, (Laws of 1834, p. 28).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:312; Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 172; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 62; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 53; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 116; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 789; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 43; Land Records, p. 546; State Papers Vt., 1:61.

See *Hillsborough*, (New York grant), *post*.

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DELLIUS GRANT.—A New York grant made to Rev. Godfrey Dellius, of Albany, N. Y., Sept. 3, 1696, and three years later set aside and annulled, as having been obtained and issued by fraud. New York

used this grant as showing that her claim of an eastern boundary on the Connecticut River was an ancient one, insisting that the patent covered a tract of land on the west side of Vermont twelve miles in width, commencing at Charlotte and extending south for about fifty miles. Hiland Hall in his Early History of Vermont insists that no part of the Dellius grant covered any Vermont land.

See H. Hall's Early History of Vermont, pp. 488-495, with map, p. 491; see also map facing p. 368, Vol I, Documentary History of New York (quarto).

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DEERFIELD.—New York grant of 35,000 acres to Samuel Wells, & Co. by Gov. Dunmore, June 20, 1771, now Burlington and vicinity, chartered by New Hampshire, 1761; Vermont Historical Society Collections, I:155. Probably covered the greater part of Willison.

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DERBY.—Town in Orleans County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Timothy Andrews and fifty-nine associates, Oct. 29, 1779, *ante* p. 59. Black and Bell Islands annexed and Auditor of Accounts authorized to sell the islands, (Laws of 1865, p. 244). Line with Newport established, (Laws of 1868, p. 310). Annexation of Salem, (Laws of 1880, pp. 236 to 238), effected March, 1881. Part incorporated into city of Newport, (Laws 1917, pp. 298-319).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:178; Child's Lamoille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 250; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 63; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 54; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 117; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 790; State Papers Vt., 1:62.

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DEWEYSBURGH.—Vermont grant of a tract "containing 15 sixty fifth parts of a six mile square township" to Capt. Elijah Dewey and fourteen associates Feb. 28, 1782, *ante* p. 60. Annexed to Danville and Peacham Nov. 2, 1810, (Laws, pp. 108-110).

[ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 55; Land Records, p. 545; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 117; State Papers Vt., 1:62.

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DORSET.—Town in Bennington County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Gideon Lyman, Esq., and sixty-three associates Aug. 20, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:119). Annexation of part of Mt. Tabor authorized, (Laws of 1825, p. 25; 1832, p. 25).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:183; Child's Ben-

nington Co. Gazetteer, 1881, p. 122; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 64; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 55; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 118; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 791; State Papers Vt., 1:62; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:233.

See *Chatham*, (New York grant), *ante*; *Princetown*, (New York grant), *post*; *Arlington*, *ante*, New York grant to J. Napier.

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DOVER.—Town in Windham County. New Hampshire grants of 2,000 acres each to Lieut. Peter Brown, Lieut. Stephen Holland, and Lieut. James Tute July 6, 1764, were of lands now embraced in the town of Dover, (State Papers N. H., 26:123-129). Incorporated out of south district of Wardsboro, (Laws of 1810, p. 79). Line with Wilmington and Marlboro established, (Laws of 1851, p. 65; 1852, p. 66). Part annexed from Wilmington, 1869 (Laws of 1869, p. 289).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Vol. 5, Part II, p. 337; Child's Windham Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 162; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 65; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 55; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 119; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 792; State Papers Vt., 1:63.

See *Camden*, (New York grant), *ante*.

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DRAPER.—New Hampshire grant.

See *Wilmington*.

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DUMMERSTON.—Town in Windham County. New Hampshire grant as Fullam of 19,360 acres to Simeon Stoddard and fifty associates Dec. 26, 1753. Charter renewed June 12, 1760, July 6, 1761, July 7, 1762, and June 7, 1764, (State Papers N. H., 26:130-138). Dummerston was part of a tract of land granted by Massachusetts to Connecticut in exchange for lands granted by the former in the territory of the latter through mistake, and Dummerston was sold at auction by Connecticut in 1716 to Hon. William Dummer and Simeon Stoddard, Esq. Part annexed to Putney, (Laws of 1846, p. 11). Part annexed to Putney, (Laws of 1892, p. 427).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Vol. 5, Part II, p. 1; Child's Windham Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 169; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 65; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 56; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 119; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 792; State Papers Vt., 1:63.

DUNBAR.—New Hampshire grant.  
See *Sudbury*.

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DUNCANSBOROUGH.—Vermont grant, now Newport, which see.

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DUNMORE.—New York grant of 39,000 acres by Lt. Gov. Col- den to John Woods & Co. Aug. 8, 1770, in and near what is now Water- ford, (Vermont Historical Society Collections, I—155).

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DURHAM.—New York grant of 38,000 acres by Gov. Tryon to Benjamin Spencer & Co., Jan. 7, 1772; covered lands granted by New Hampshire in Clarendon and Wallingford; Vermont Historical Society Collections, I:156. Map facing p. 430 of Vol. VIII, Governor and Council, has Durham in Shrewsbury.  
See *Avery's Gores, ante*.

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DUXBURY.—Town in Washington County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Rev. Isaac Brown and sixty-four associates June 7, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:138). Part of Moretown annexed for school purposes, (Laws of 1802, p. 89). Repealed, (Laws of 1822, p. 95).

Child's Washington County Gazetteer, 1889, p. 242; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 66; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 56; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 120; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 795; State Papers Vt., 1:64.

See *Windham*, (New York grant), *post*.

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EASTHAM.—Where Chelsea now is. Supposed to be a New Hampshire grant, (Governor and Council, VIII:366, and map facing page 430). The New York grant of Charlotte covered the same territory. Eastham is found on a map in Jeffery's Atlas, p. 15, printed in 1776.

EAST HAVEN.—Town in Essex County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Timothy Andrews and sixty-three associates Oct. 22, 1790, *ante* p. 64.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:985; Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 439; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 66; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 56; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 121; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 796; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, pp. 86-7; Land Records, pp. 158-189, 597-8; State Papers Vt., 1:64.

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EAST MONTPELIER.—Town in Washington County. Incorporated by dividing Montpelier into two towns, (Laws of 1848, pp. 5-7; 1859, pp. 146-148); organized Jan. 1, 1849.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 4:575; Child's Washington Co. Gazetteer, 1889, p. 255; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 56; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 122; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 796; D. P. Thompson's History of Montpelier, 1860; Vermont Watchman, Souvenir Edition Devoted to Montpelier, 1893.

See *Montpelier*.

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EDEN.—Town in Lamoille County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Col. Seth Warner and seventy-one associates Aug. 28, 1781, *ante*, p. 66. Part of Belvidere annexed, (Laws of 1828, p. 15). Repealed, (Laws of 1831, p. 12), and line with Belvidere established according to original charter limits.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:621; Child's Lamoille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 77; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 66; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 57; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 122; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 796; [ms.] Chandler's Atlas, 28-9; State Papers Vt., 1:65.

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ELMORE.—Town in Lamoille County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Col. Samuel Elmore and sixty-four associates Aug. 21, 1781, *ante* p. 67. Line with Worcester established (Laws of 1837, p. 10.)

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:626; Child's Lamoille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 83; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 67; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 57; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 123; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 797; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, pp. 22-3; Land Records, pp. 525-6; State Papers Vt., 1:65.

ELY.—Authorization of change of name from Vershire, (Laws of 1878, p. 219). Name changed back to Vershire, (Laws of 1882, p. 265). See *Vershire*.

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ENOSBURGH.—Town in Franklin County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Roger Enos and fifty-nine associates May 15, 1780, *ante* p. 69. Part of Bakersfield annexed Oct. 31, 1798, (Laws, p. 40). Provision made for establishing line with other towns and sale of gore of land between Enosburgh, and Montgomery, Berkshire, and Richford directed, (Laws of 1802, pp. 158-160). Laws of 1803, p. 60, repeals so much of Laws of 1802, pp. 158-160, as directs sale of a gore of land between Berkshire and Richford. Part of Berkshire annexed and part of Enosburgh annexed to Berkshire, (Laws of 1838, p. 14). Line with Bakersfield established, (Laws of 1845, p. 5).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:132; Child's Franklin and Grand Isle Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 78; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 67; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 58; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 123; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 797; State Papers Vt., 1:66.

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ENOSBURGH GORE.—Vermont grant of 3,916 acres to Stephen House and Amos Fassett, of Enosburgh, Nov. 9, 1803, in accordance with an act passed Nov. 10, 1802, (Laws, pp. 158-160); *ante* p. 71. See also Laws of 1803, p. 60; 1805, p. 44; 1807, p. 64; [ms.] Vermont State Papers, 31:200. Made a part of Enosburgh by section II of act passed Nov. 10, 1802, (Laws pp. 158-160); State Papers Vt., 1:67.

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ESSEX.—Town in Chittenden County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Edward Burling and sixty-five associates June 7, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:142).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:178; Child's Chittenden Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 193; Rann's History of Chittenden Co., 1886, p. 568; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 68; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 59; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 124; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 798; Memorial Record of Essex, L. C. Butler, 1866; State Papers Vt., 1:67.

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EUGENE.—New York grant of 15,350 acres by Governor Dunmore, June 14, 1771; covered lands in Rupert and Pawlet chartered by New Hampshire.

Hall's Early History of Vermont, p. 131.

FAIRFAX.—Town in Franklin County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Edward Burling and sixty-three associates Aug. 18, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:146). Annexation of part to Cambridge authorized, (Laws of 1841, p. 58). See note under *Cambridge*.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:467; Child's Franklin and Grand Isle Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 88; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 69; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 59; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 125; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 799; State Papers Vt., 1:68.

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FAIRFIELD.—Town in Franklin County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Samuel Hungerford and sixty-three associates Aug. 18, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:150). Part of Smithfield annexed Oct. 25, 1792, (Laws, p. 5), and part of Fairfield annexed to Bakersfield by same act. Line with St. Albans and Swanton established, (Laws of 1816, p. 95). Line with Bakersfield established, (Laws of 1817, p. 33). Line with Swanton established and part of Swanton annexed and part of Fairfield annexed to Swanton, (Laws of 1829, p. 19).

New York grants by Lt. Gov. Colden of 5,000 acres to Henry Gordon, Sept. 1, 1774, and of 5,000 acres to Henry Gordon for Peter Gordon, Dec. 1, 1774, covered lands in Fairfield; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:157. Marked "C. H. Gordon" (and the "John Gordon"?) on map preceding Index to Vol. I, Documentary History of New York.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:467; Child's Franklin and Grand Isle Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 99; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 69; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 59; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 126; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 799; State Papers Vt., 1:69.

See *Meath*, (New York grant), *post*.

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FAIRHAVEN.—Town in Rutland County. Vermont grant to Ebenezer Allen and seventy-six associates Oct. 27, 1779, *ante* p. 73. Oct. 20, 1792 (Laws, p. 3), divided into the towns of Fairhaven and Westhaven, but both represented in the legislature jointly until 1823, when West Haven was allowed a separate representative, (Vermont Assembly Journal, 1823, p. 51). Part of Fairhaven west of Poultney River annexed to New York, provided New York assents and the Congress of the United States approves, (Laws of 1876, p. 38).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:672; Child's Rutland Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 130; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842,

Part III, p. 70; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 60; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 126; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 800; Fair Haven, A. N. Adams, 1870; State Papers Vt., 1:70.

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FAIRLEE.—Town in Orange County. New Hampshire grant of 24,000 acres to Josiah Chauncy and sixty-three associates Sept. 9, 1761 (State Papers N. H., 26:159). Feb. 25, 1797, (Laws, pp. 49-51), divided into two towns, Fairlee and West Fairlee, but both together were allowed only one representative in the General Assembly. West Fairlee was first represented separately in 1823, (Vermont Assembly Journal, 1823, p. 51).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:888; Child's Orange Co. Gazetteer, 1888, p. 264; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 70; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 60; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, 127; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 801; State Papers Vt., 1:70.

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FANE.—New Hampshire grant.

See *Newfane*.

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FAYSTON.—Town in Washington County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Ebenezer Walbridge and sixty-four associates Feb. 27, 1782, *ante* p. 74.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 4:177; Child's Washington Co. Gazetteer, 1889, p. 278; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 71; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 61; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 128; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 802; [ms.] Chandler's Land Records, p. 437; State Papers Vt., 1:70.

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FERDINAND.—Unorganized town in Essex County. New Hampshire grant of 25,000 acres to Thomas Hungerford and sixty-three associates Oct. 12, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:163). Part of Wenlock and part of Brighton annexed, (Laws 1853, p. 57).

Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 443; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 71; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 61; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1851, p. 145; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 802; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, pp. 60-1,66; Land Records, pp. 190-213,601-2; State Papers Vt., 1:71.



FERRISBURGH.—Town in Addison County. New Hampshire grant as Farrisbourg or Ferrissburg of 24,600 acres to Daniel Merritt and sixty-three associates June 24, 1762, (State Papers N. H., 26:171). Part incorporated into the City of Vergennes Oct. 23, 1788, (Laws, pp. 11-19).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:31; Child's Addison Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 101; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 71; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 61; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 129; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 803; State Papers Vt., 1:71; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:235.

See *Mecklenburg*, (New York grant), *post*.

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FINCASTLE.—New York grant of 18,000 acres by Gov. Dunmore June 11, 1771; was in Stockbridge. Chartered by New Hampshire in 1761, (Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:155).

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FLAMSTEAD.—New Hampshire grant.

See *Chester*, *ante*.

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FLETCHER.—Town in Franklin County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Moses Robinson, Jonas Fay, John Fassett, Jr., Major Joseph Tyler, and sixty-one associates Aug. 20, 1781, *ante* p. 76. Annexation of part to Cambridge authorized, (Laws of 1841, p. 58). See note under *Cambridge*.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:468; Child's Franklin and Grand Isle Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 110; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 72; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 62; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 129; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 804; State Papers Vt., 1:72.

See *Kellybrook*, (New York grant), *post*.

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FRANKLIN.—Town in Franklin County. Vermont grant as Huntsburgh of 23,040 acres to Jonathan Hunt and five associates March 19, 1789, *ante* p. 97. Line with Sheldon and Highgate established, (Laws of 1810, p. 160). Name changed to Franklin, (Laws of 1817, p. 28). Avery's 554 A. Gore annexed.

Child's Franklin and Grand Isle Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 115; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 72; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 63; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 130; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 804; State Papers Vt., 1:72, 85.

FRENCH GRANTS.—According to a map of French and English grants facing p. 368 of Vol. I, (quarto), Documentary History of New York, six Seigniories were granted by the French east of Lake Champlain, and within the present State of Vermont.

1. The Seigniory of Hocquart; see Hocquart, *post*.
  2. Concession of July 7, 1734, to M. Contrecoeur, Junior, of land "beginning at the mouth of the Rivière aux Loutres [Otter River] one league and a half above and one league and a half below making two leagues front by three leagues in depth." Vol. I, (quarto) Documentary History of New York, p. 361. This Seigniory was situated just north of the Seigniory of Hocquart, and is marked "A" on map of Lake Champlain (1748), facing p. 358 of Vol. I, Documentary History of New York.
  3. Seigniory conceded to M. De la Perriere July 6, 1734, "beginning at the Mouth of the River Ouynouski one league above and one below making two leagues front by three leagues in depth," Vol. I Documentary History of New York, p. 361, and marked "B" on map facing p. 358.
  4. Seigniory south of No. 3. A record of the grant not found, and the grantee does not appear on the map last mentioned.
  5. Seigniory "La Manaudiere," just north of No. 3, conceded April 30, 1737, to M. Raimbault "containing four Leagues front by five leagues deep, the said four Leagues commencing in descending the Lake, from the Bounds of the Seigniory granted to Sieur La Perriere" . . . . "in which is included the River called A la Mouelle." Vol. I, Documentary History of New York, p. 364; marked "36" on map facing p. 358. Sept. 27, 1766, this Seigniory was sold to Benjamin Price, Daniel Robertson, and John Livingston, pp. 363, 364.
  6. Seigniory just north of No. 5 "two leagues front by three leagues deep on the East side of Lake Champlain" conceded to M. Douville Oct. 8, 1736; Vol. I, Documentary History of New York, p. 361; marked "37" on map facing p. 358.
- The Seigniory granted to M. De Beauvais July 20, 1734 "two leagues in front by three leagues in depth on Lake Champlain together with the peninsula which is found to be in front of said land" and marked "C" on map facing p. 358, is evidently in Vermont territory. Isle la Motte was included within the limits of a Seigniory west of the lake, conceded to M. Pean, April 10, 1733, p. 361; see map facing p. 358.

Part, at least, of Alburgh is in the Seigniory granted M. Lafontaine,

April 5, 1733, "being five quarters of a league in front on the River Chambly by the depth that may be found to the bay of Missiskouy," marked "K" on map facing p. 358. All the above grants except the Seigniories of Hocquart and La Manaudiere (1 and 5) were reunited to His Majesty's Domain, May 10, 1741, the Proprietors not having fulfilled the conditions set forth in their deeds; Vol. I, Documentary History of New York, pp. 360, 361.

Grand Isle, marked "L 30" on map facing p. 358, and which embraced both Heroes as the Seigniorie of M. Contrecoeur was probably forfeited at the same time as the other Seigniories above mentioned.

The Seigniorie of M. Faulcaut, marked "I," probably included part of Alburgh; see Caldwell's Upper Manor, *ante*.

The Seigniorie Bedou on the River Thazy, granted Nov. 1, 1752, included "the Island called à la Mothe, (Isle La Motte); Vol. I, Documentary History of New York, p. 362. Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:119-132,220.

FULLAM or FULLUM.—New Hampshire grant. See Dummerston, *ante*.

GAGEBOROUGH.—New York grant of 24,000 acres by Lt. Gov. Colden, May 10, 1770; included what is now Vershire and vicinity; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:154.

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 73; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1851, p. 146.

GATESBOROUGH.—Township No. 43 on the plan of the state made by the Surveyor General granted to Josiah Gates and Amos Jones and company to the number of 120, about the first of November, 1780; Governor and Council, Vol. II, pp. 54,501. A charter of Gatesborough was never issued, but the township was chartered as Salem, Aug. 18, 1781. See Salem, *post*.

GEORGIA.—Town in Franklin County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Richard Emery and sixty-three associates Aug. 17, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:175).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:468; Child's Franklin and Grand Isle Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 122; Thompson's History of

Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 73; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 63; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 131; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 805; State Papers Vt., 1:73.

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GILEAD.—Same as present town of Brighton. Was granted by the legislature as Gilead, (Governor and Council, 2:52), and chartered as Random, which see.

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GLASTENBURY.—Town in Bennington County. New Hampshire grant as Glossenburry of 23,040 acres to Captain Samuel Robinson and sixty-one associates, Aug. 20, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:180). See Arlington, *ante* for the New York grant to Napier.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:196; Child's Bennington Co. Gazetteer, 1881, p. 131; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 74; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 64; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 132; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 805; State Papers Vt., 1:74.

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GLOVER.—Town in Orleans County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Gen. John Glover and sixty-two associates, Nov. 20, 1783, *ante* p. 78. Record of charter amended by inserting the name of a grantee, William Fellows, omitted by the Secretary of State in recording the charter, (Laws of 1845, p. 35).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:195; Child's Lamoille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 264; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 74; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 64; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 133; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 806; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, pp. 11,100; Land Records, pp. 435,558; State Papers Vt., 1:74.

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GOSHEN.—Town in Addison County. The State of Vermont, Feb. 23, 1782, granted Goshen to Capt. John Powel, William Douglass, and sixty-three associates, (Governor and Council, II:145; III:180). A charter was not issued until Feb. 2, 1792, and that was in the nature of a flying grant, no specific territory being granted, *ante* p. 79. The Land Commissioners in their report to the Governor and Council, March 15, 1788, (Governor and Council, III:179,180), decree: "To Capt. John Powell [John Powell, William Douglass] & c & Company Eleven Thousand Six hundred acres of Land as marked

Goshen in two places to make up the deficiency of their Grant Granted Feb. 23, 1782." These tracts are evidently the two gores chartered as a part of Goshen Oct. 26, 1789. "An Act Granting a tax of one penny p<sup>r</sup> acre on the Lands in Goshen, having passed the General Assembly was read and Concurred with this Amendment, that said Tax shall not be Collectable until the Charter of said Township shall be Issued," (Governor and Council, III:198). A charter in accordance with act passed Nov. 1, 1798, (see Laws pp. 97-103) issued on the date last mentioned granted 13,000 acres in Addison Co., one gore between Walden and Wheelock of 7,339 acres and another gore between Plainfield and Harris Gore containing 2,820 acres, *ante* p. 81. An act passed Nov. 5, 1798, (Laws, p. 56), declared that all the land should be considered as in Addison County. Part of Philadelphia annexed and the town of Goshen incorporated, (Laws of 1814, p. 111). First represented in the General Assembly the following year. Part of Ripton annexed, (Laws of 1820, p. 41). Part of Rochester annexed, (Laws of 1847, p. 7). Two gores in Caledonia Co., severed from Goshen, (Laws of 1854, p. 59). "Clemensland" in Brandon annexed, (Laws of 1854, p. 59).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:35; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 75; Child's Addison Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 109; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 65; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 133; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 807; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, pp. 79, 14, 15; Land Records, pp. 557, 559, 578; State Papers Vt., 1:74.

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GOSHEN GORE. NO. 1.—7,339 acres between Wheelock and Walden chartered as a part of Goshen, Nov. 1, 1798, *ante* p. 81. (Laws, pp. 97-103.) To be considered as in Addison County, (Laws of 1798, p. 56). Severed from Goshen, (Laws of 1854, p. 59). Incorporated as the town of Stannard, (Laws of 1867, p. 66).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 75; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1851, p. 147; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 807; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 144; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, pp. 14-15; Land Records, p. 559; State Papers Vt., 1:75.

See Goshen and Stannard.

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GOSHEN GORE, NO. 2.—2,820 acres between Plainfield and Harris Gore. Chartered as a part of Goshen, Nov. 1, 1798, *ante* p. 81; (Laws of 1798, p. 56). To be considered as in Addison County, (Laws of 1798, p. 56). Severed from Goshen, (Laws of 1854, p. 59). Annexed to Washington Probate District, (Laws of 1855, p. 74). Annexation to Plainfield, (Laws of 1874, p. 380).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 75; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1851, p. 147; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 807; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 144; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, pp. 14-15; Land Records, p. 578; State Papers Vt., 1:75.

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GRAFTON.—Town in Windham County. New Hampshire grant as Thomlinson of 23,040 acres to Jonathan Whitney and fifty-eight associates, April 8, 1754. Charter renewed July 9, 1761. Re-granted Sept. 1, 1763, to Jonathan Whitney and fifty-seven associates, (State Papers N. H., 26:184-192). New Hampshire charter of 1754, was confirmed by New York grant, April 2, 1767; Vermont Historical Society Collections, I:154. Name changed to Grafton, Oct. 13, 1792, (Laws, p. 20). Part of Avery's Gore and part of Athens annexed, (Laws of 1816, p. 40).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Vol. 5, Part II, p. 552; Child's Windham Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 183; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 75; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 65; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 134; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 808; State Papers Vt., 1:76.

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GRANBY.—Town in Essex County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Elihu Hall and sixty-three associates, Oct. 10, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:192).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:987; Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 444; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 76; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 65; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 135; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 808; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, pp. 104-5; Land Records pp. 438, 560, 576; State Papers Vt., 1:76.

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GRAND ISLE.—Town in Grand Isle County. Name changed from Middle Hero, (Laws of 1810, p. 169).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2: 517; Child's Franklin and Grand Isle Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 220; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 76; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 66; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 135; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 809; State Papers Vt., 1:77.

See *Two Heroes, South Hero, and Middle Hero*.

GRANVILLE.—Town in Addison County. Vermont grant as Kingston of 23,040 acres to Reuben King, Sheldon Graham, Jonathan King, Daniel King, and sixty associates, Aug. 2, 1781, *ante* p. 118. New York grant of 28,000 acres by Lt. Gov. Colden to Humphrey Avery & Co., (see Avery's Gores, *ante*), Sept. 6, 1774, covered lands now in Lincoln, Ripton, and Granville; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:157. Part of Avery's Gore annexed, (Laws of 1833, p. 26). Name changed to Granville, (Laws of 1834, p. 28).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:39; Child's Addison Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 112; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 77; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 66; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 136; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 810; State Papers Vt., 1:77,91.

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GREEN AND MOULTON'S GRANT.—Mentioned in Vol. VI, Governor and Council, pp. 390, 401, 402. Probably the same as Whitingham Gore, which was chartered Oct. 20, 1796, to Amos Green, Samuel Moulton, Solomon Moulton, and thirteen associates, *ante* p. 219. In [ms.] Vermont State Papers, 22:51, there is a petition dated Oct. 2, 1783, which describes a certain tract of land as bounded "South on the South Line of Whitingham, West on Lieut. Gambell's New York Patent (since granted by this State to Amos Green and others)." Another petition in the same volume, p. 53, dated Oct. 7, 1783, describing the same tract of land, bounds it "South on Massachusetts Bay West on land granted By the General Assembly to molton and green and company." As the granting fees on a "Gore of Land Granted unto Amos Green, Samuel Moulton and Company" were fixed by the Governor and Council, Feb. 25, 1782, (Governor and Council, II:146), it seems highly probable that the Green and Moulton's Grant appearing in the Governor and Council in 1821, and Whitingham Gore chartered in 1796 to Green, Moulton, and others are one and the same tract of land. State Papers Vt., 1:77.

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GREENSBORO.—Town in Orleans County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Harris Cole and sixty-six associates, Aug. 20, 1781, *ante* p. 83.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:209; Child's Lamaille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 274; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 78; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 67; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 137; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 810; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 11; Land Records, pp. 435, 587-8; State Papers Vt., 1:77.

GROTON.—Town in Caledonia County. Vermont grant as Grotton of 28,000 acres to Lieut. Thomas Butterfield and seventy-eight associates, Oct. 20, 1789, *ante* p. 85. Part of Harris Gore annexed, (Laws of 1890, p. 276).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:321; 4:1145; Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 189; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 78; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 67; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 138; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 811; [ms.] Chandler.—Atlas, pp. 64-5; Land Records, pp. 214, 241, 586; State Papers Vt., 1:78.

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GUILDHALL.—Town in Essex County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Elihu Hall and sixty-three associates, Oct. 10, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:196).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:996; Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 449; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 79; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 68; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 138; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 811; History of Guildhall, R. C. Benton, 1886; [ms.] Chandler's Land Records, pp. 435,449; State Papers Vt., 1:79; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:219.

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GUILFORD.—Town in Windham County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Elijah Williams and fifty-eight associates, April 2, 1754. Charter renewed July 6, 1761, and March 20, 1764, (State Papers N. H., 26:200-206). New York grant of 10,000 acres to Col. Thomas Howard & Co. by Gov. Tryon Nov. 23, 1771, covered lands now in Vernon and Guilford; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:156.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Vol. 5, Part III, p. 3; Child's Windham County Gazetteer, 1884, p. 194; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 79; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 68; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 139; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 812; State Papers Vt., 1:79; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1:207.

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HALESBOROUGH.—New York grant of 23,000 acres to Wm. Sheriff & Co., by Gov. Dunmore June 12, 1771; covered Neshobe, (now Brandon) chartered by New Hampshire; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:155. Marked "Hillsborough" on map preceding index to Vol. I, Documentary History of New York.



HALIFAX.—Town in Windham County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Oliver Partridge and sixty-two associates, May 11, 1750, (State Papers N. H., 26:207).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Vol. 5, Part II, p. 408; Child's Windham Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 216; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 85; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 69; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 140; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 815; State Papers Vt., 1:79; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:208.

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HAMILTON'S GRANT.—Vermont grant of 3,000 acres to Silas Hamilton and seven associates, March 15, 1780; by charter made a part of the township of Whitingham, *ante* p. 87. [Ms.] Vermont State Papers, 31:234; Governor and Council, II:32, 80.

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HANCOCK.—Town in Addison County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Samuel Willcox, Daniel Kinne, Josiah Wright, and one hundred and twenty-seven associates, July 31, 1781, *ante* p. 88. Annexed to Addison County Jan. 18, 1791, (Laws, p. 3). Line with Rochester established Nov. 6, 1792, (Laws, p. 42). Part annexed to Rochester, (Laws of 1834, p. 27). Annexation of part to Rochester authorized, (Laws of 1847, p. 9.) Last act repealed, (Laws of 1848, p. 9). North line established, (Laws of 1894, p. 406).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:43; Child's Addison Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 117; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 86; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 69; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 141; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 816; State Papers Vt., 1:80.

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HARDWICK.—Town in Caledonia County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Danforth Keyes, Jonas Fay, Eliakim Spooner, and sixty-four associates, Aug. 19, 1781, *ante* p. 91.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:323; Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 201; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 86; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 70; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 142; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 816; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, pp. 16-17; Land Records, pp. 435,567-8; State Papers Vt., 1:80.

HARRIS GORE.—Vermont grant of 6,026 acres to Edward Harris and sixteen associates, Oct. 30, 1801, *ante* p. 92. Annexation to Plainfield authorized, and annexed to Washington County Probate District, (Laws of 1855, p. 74). Annexed to Groton and Marshfield, (Laws of 1890, p. 276).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 67; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 144; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1851, p. 151; [ms.] Chandler.—Atlas, pp. 54-5; Land Records, pp. 242-5, 577-8; State Papers Vt., 1:81.

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HARTFORD.—Town in Windsor County. New Hampshire grant of 27,000 acres to Prince Tracy and sixty associates, July 4, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:212). Part of Hartford and part of Pomfret united for school purposes, (Laws of 1804, p. 54). Part annexed to Woodstock and part of Woodstock annexed to Hartford, (Laws of 1852, p. 66).

Child's Windsor Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 123; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 87; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 70; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 142; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 817; Tucker's History of Hartford, 1889; State Papers Vt., 1:81; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:212.

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HARTLAND.—Town in Windsor County. New Hampshire grant as Hertford of 26,000 acres to Samuel Hunt and sixty-four associates, July 10, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:216). Confirmation charter issued by New York to Oliver Willard and others July 23, 1766; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:154. Name changed to Hartland June 15, 1782, (R., 1797.) Part annexed to Woodstock, (Laws of 1852, pp. 66-68).

Child's Windsor Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 137; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 88; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 71; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 143; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 817; State Papers Vt., 1:82; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:213.

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HARWICH.—New Hampshire grant.  
See *Mount Tabor, post*.

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HERTFORD.—New Hampshire grant.  
See *Hartland, ante*.

HIGHGATE.—Town in Franklin County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Samuel and Elisha Hunt and sixty-two associates Aug. 17, 763, (State Papers N. H., 26:220). New York grant of 2,000 acres to S. Metcalf & Co. July 1, 1771, covered part of what is now Highgate; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:156. Part of Alburgh annexed, (Laws of Nov., 1792, p. 26). Marvin's Gore annexed, (Laws of 1806, p. 11). Provision for establishing line with Sheldon, Swanton, and Huntsburgh, (Laws of 1810, p. 160). Part annexed to Swanton, (Laws of 1836, p. 38).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:469; Child's Franklin and Grand Isle Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 131; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 89; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 72; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 144; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 819; State Papers Vt., 1:82.

See *Prattsburg*, (New York grant), *post*.

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HILLSBOROUGH.—New York grant of 36,000 acres to Elias Bland & Co. by Lt. Gov. Colden Aug. 10, 1770, now Danville and vicinity; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:155; State Papers Vt., 1:83.

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HILLSBOROUGH.—The place where this Hillsborough appears is as a New York grant on the Chorographical Map facing p. 430 of Vol. VIII, Governor and Council. It covers the present town of Swanton and part of the territory marked "Prattsburg," on the map preceding index to Vol. I, Documentary History of New York. The New York grant of Hillsborough, including the present town of Danville and vicinity, appears as "Hillsborough" on Chorographical Map first mentioned. The map preceding index to Vol. I, Documentary History of New York, has a "Hillsboro" where Brandon now is,—probably confounded with Halesborough, a New York grant covering Brandon; State Papers Vt., 1:83.

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HINESBURG.—Town in Chittenden County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to David and Zachariah Ferriss and sixty-two associates, June 24, 1762, (State Papers N. H., 26:224).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:792; Child's Chittenden County Gazetteer, 1883, p. 202; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 89; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 72; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 145; Coolidge and Mansfield's

History of New England, 1860, p. 820; Rann's History of Chittenden County, 1886, p. 592; State Papers Vt., 1:83; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:245.

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HINSDALE.—“This township had first been granted by the government of the *Massachusetts-Bay* and upon the settlement of the boundary line between the *Massachusetts* and *New Hampshire*, in 1739, fell within the latter, and by them [was] granted, and fully ratified to the inhabitants and proprietors, who in addition to their title, had also the *Indian* right. This township, by the determination of the boundary line between *New York* and *New Hampshire*, fell within the jurisdiction of the former, and was by them granted to Col. Howard after it had been settled about seventy years.” Appendix written by Ethan Allen and printed Sept. 23, 1774, (Governor and Council, 1:508); State Papers Vt., 1:83.

See *Vernon*, *post*.

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HITCHCOCK'S GORE.—Vermont grant of about 1,000 acres, bounded by Athens, Putney, Dummerston, Newfane, and Townshend, to David Hitchcock and seven associates, June 19, 1783; by its charter it was made a part of Putney, *ante* p. 93.

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HOCQUART, SEIGNIORY OF.—The Seigniory of Hocquart was granted by the King of France to M. Hocquart, Intendant of New France, in two Patents of concession, one dated April 20, 1743, and the other, April 1, 1745, both together comprising a tract of land four leagues in front and five in depth and estimated to have contained 115,000 acres. It, “situate in the said Colony on Lake Champlain opposite Fort St. Frederic,” extended north and embraced the present towns of Panton, Addison, and Bridport, and the towns east of them, (Documentary History of New York, (quarto), 1—351, 352, 375). This Seigniory was sold to M. Michael Chartier, Seigneur of Lotbiniere, the deed of sale bearing date April 7, 1763, for the sum of nine thousand livres, (p. 352). See map facing p. 368, Vol. I, Documentary History of New York; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:119-132.

See also *Avery's Gores*, *ante*.

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HOLLAND.—Town in Orleans County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Timothy Andrews and fifty-nine associates, Oct. 26, 1779, *ante* p. 94.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:231; Child's La-moille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 284; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 91; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 73; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 146; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 21; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 89; Land Records, p. 527-8; State Papers Vt., 1:84.

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HOOSICK.—A New York patent dated June 2, 1688, and which was claimed by New York partisans to have covered lands in the town of Pownal. For a discussion of this patent, see H. Hall's Early History of Vermont, pp. 487, 488.

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HOPKINS GORE.—In the Report of Land Commissioners to the Governor and Council, March 15, 1788, among others was the following Order and Decree: "To Doct. Roswell Hopkins Eleven Thousand & 264 acres in such part of the Gore marked *Hopkins Gore* as he shall choose, Granted Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 1787," (Governor and Council, III—179, 180). Hopkinsville was chartered Oct. 27, 1790, and contained 11,264 acres. Hopkinsville was sometimes called Hopkins Grant (which see), and in the charter of Pearsall's Gore, dated Nov. 4, 1791, a monument in the east corner of Hopkinsville is marked east corner of *Hopkintonia*. Hopkinsville, Hopkins Grant, and Hopkintonia are one and the same tract of land, and Hopkins Gore probably included in addition the 3,936 acres east of this tract chartered to Thomas Pearsall in 1791.

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HOPKINS GRANT.—Same as *Hopkinsville*. Governor and Council, III—203.

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HOPKINSVILLE.—Vermont grant of 11,264 acres to Roswell Hopkins, Oct. 27, 1790, *ante* p. 96. Burke Tongue annexed and both incorporated into Kirby, (Laws of 1807, p. 71). State Papers Vt., 1:84. See *Kirby*.

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HUBBARDTON.—Town in Rutland County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Isaac Searle and sixty-seven associates, June 15, 1764, (State Papers N. H., 26:228). New York patent of 4,000 acres issued May 26, 1772, by Gov. Tryon to Charles Nichol embraced

land now in Hubbardton; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:156. Part annexed to Sudbury, (Laws of 1806, p. 120). Annexation of part of Castleton to part of Hubbardton for school purposes legalized, (Laws of 1869, p. 294).

Sketches of the History of Hubbardton, Amos Churchill, 1855; Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:746; 4:1169; Child's Rutland Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 138; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 91; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 73; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 146; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 821; State Papers Vt., 1:85; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:247.

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HULTON.—New York grant of 12,000 acres to James Abeel & Co., by Lt. Gov. Colden, Aug. 1, 1770, covered lands now in Shrewsbury; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:155. Marked "Abel & Co" on map preceding Index to Vol. 1, Documentary History of New York.

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HUNGERFORD.—New Hampshire grant.  
See *Sheldon, post*.

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HUNT, JONATHAN and ARAD.—Vermont grant of 600 acres in Whitingham to above, Oct. 15, 1787, *ante* p. 218.

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HUNTINGTON.—Town in Chittenden County. New Hampshire grant as New Huntington of 23,040 acres to Edward Burling and sixty-five associates, June 7, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:232). Name changed to Huntington Oct. 27, 1795, (Laws p. 9). Part annexed to Bolton, (Laws of 1794, pp. 55-57; 1808, p. 135).

Brief sketch and history of Town of Huntington, James Johns, 1859; Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:812; Child's Chittenden Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 215; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 93; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 74; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 147; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 824; Rann's History of Chittenden Co., 1886, p. 613; State Papers Vt., 1:85.

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HUNTSBURGH.—Vermont grant.  
See *Franklin, ante*.

HYDE PARK.—Town in Lamoille County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Jedediah Hyde and sixty-four associates, Aug. 27, 1781, *ante* p. 99. Annexation of part from Morrystown, (Laws of 1870, p. 570; 1898, p. 116).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:628; Child's Lamoille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 91; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 94; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 74; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 148, Coolidge and Mansfield's history of New England, 1860 p. 825; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 25; Land Records, p. 524; State Papers Vt., 1:86.

IRA.—Town in Rutland County. Oct. 12, 1780, the petition of Lemuel Roberts and thirty-nine associates was filed asking for a grant of the District of Ira, ([ms.] Vermont State Papers, 21:187). A grant must have been made, for Nov. 9, 1780, the Governor and Council, (II:59), fixed the amount of the granting fees and the time for their payment at June 1, 1781.

The granting fees being unpaid Oct. 20, 1783, a committee of the General Assembly to whom was referred the question of the right of the District of Ira to be represented reported that inasmuch as the district was represented in the convention that formed the constitution and had since been represented and taxed, that the district continue to be allowed a representative. The report was accepted. ([ms.] Vermont State Papers, 22:56) Two years later, however, the following report was adopted, Oct. 25, 1785:

“The Hon<sup>l</sup> General Assembly now Convened.

Your committee appointed to confer with his Excellency the Governor Respecting the granting fees of the town of Ira find that the said Town was granted in Oct. 1780—that a charter was to Issue on the granting fees being paid—and that the greatest part of Said proprietors have as yet Neglected to pay any part thereof although Five years have Elapsed Since Said grant—Therefore it is the opinion of your Committee that a time be allowed s<sup>d</sup> proprietors to pay the fees—and upon their neglect a charter be made to any person that will appear to pay the same—all of which is humbly Submitted by

Sam<sup>l</sup> Williams for Com.”

[Ms.] Vermont State Papers, 22:107; Governor and Council, III: 28). Oct. 31, 1792, the report of a committee on granting fees of Ira showed that only part had been paid, ([ms.] Vermont State Papers, 31:223; see also 38:148). There is no record that the granting fees were ever paid and probably a charter was never issued.

New York grant of 5,000 acres of Henry Van Vleck & Co. by Gov. Tryon, Nov. 6, 1772, covered lands now in Ira; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:157. Part of Ira was incorporated with parts of Wells, Tinmouth, and Poultney into Middletown, Oct. 31, 1804. Part

annexed to part of Poultney for school purposes, (Laws of 1804, p. 49). Part of Clarendon annexed, (Laws of 1854, p. 57). Part annexed to Castleton, (Laws of 1904, p. 412); took effect in March, 1905.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:778; Child's Rutland Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 144; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 95; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 75; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 149; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 826; State Papers Vt., 1:86.

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IRASBURGH.—Town in Orleans County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Ira Allen and sixty-three associates, Feb. 23, 1781, *ante* p. 101. Part of Lowell annexed, (Laws of 1852, p. 66; 1854, p. 56).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:239; Child's Lamoille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 288<sup>2</sup>; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 96; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 75; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 149; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 827; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 33; Land Records, p. 522; State Papers Vt., 1:87.

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ISLE LA MOTTE.—Town in Grand Isle County. Vermont grant to Benjamin Wait and ninety-five associates, Oct. 27, 1779, *ante* p. 103.

Name changed to Vineyard, (Laws of 1802, p. 32). Name changed back to Isle La Motte, (Laws of 1830, p. 25).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:554; Child's Franklin and Grand Isle Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 226; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 96; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 76; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 150; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 827; State Papers Vt., 1:87.

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JACKSON'S GORE.—Vermont grant of 9,700 acres to Abraham Jackson and twenty-nine associates, Feb. 23, 1781; by the terms of its charter it was annexed to and incorporated into the township of Wallingford, *ante* p. 105. Oct. 31, 1792, incorporated with parts of Ludlow and Wallingford into town of Mt. Holly, (Laws of 1792, pp. 20-23).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 96; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1851, p. 154; State Papers Vt., 1:87.

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JAMAICA—Town in Windham County. Vermont grant to Samuel Fletcher and sixty-five associates, Nov. 7, 1780, *ante* p. 106.



Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Vol. 5, Part II, p. 423; Child's Windham Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 222; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 96; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 76; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 151; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 828; State Papers Vt., 1:87.

See *Camden*, (New York grant), *ante*

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JAY.—Town in Orleans County. The present town of Jay was granted by the State of Vermont, March 13, 1780, under the name of Wyllis "To the officers of the Connecticut line, being sixty in number." (Governor and Council, 11:25). A charter of Wyllis was never issued in accordance with this grant, for the reason probably that the granting fees were not paid. How and when the town received the name of Carthage is a question hard to answer. In 1783 it was called by that name, for, Oct. 20 of that year, the salary of Gov. Chittenden for the years 1781 and 1782 was ordered to "be paid, the one half in forfeited rights of Land in the town of Carthage, at nine pounds per right," etc., (Governor and Council, 111:28; [ms.] Vermont State Papers, 31: 108). Since 1792 the name of the town has been Jay. Vermont granted 7,600 acres of the town to His Excellency Thomas Chittenden, Nov. 7, 1792, *ante* p. 110, and 15,360 acres to John Jay and John Cozine of New York City, by charter dated Dec. 28, 1792, *ante* p. 108. Line with Richford established, (Laws of 1802, pp. 158-160; 1803, p. 60).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:265; Child's Lamoille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 288; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 97; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 76; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 152; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 828; State Papers Vt., 1:48, 88.

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JERICO.—Town in Chittenden County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Edward Burling and sixty-five associates, June 7, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:236). Part incorporated with parts of Williston and New Huntington into Richmond, Oct. 27, 1794, (Laws, pp. 55-57). Part united with part of Underhill for school purposes, (Laws of 1812, p. 35).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:829; Child's Chittenden Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 223; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 97; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 76; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 152; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 828; Rann's History of Chittenden Co., 1886, p. 623; History of Jericho, C. H. Hayden, 1916; State Papers Vt., 1:88; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:245.

JOHNSON.—Town in Lamoille County. Vermont grant to Rev. Jon<sup>a</sup> Edwards, William Samuel Johnson, Charles Chauncey, and sixty-two associates, Jan. 2, 1792, *ante* p. 111. Annexation of part of Sterling (Laws of 1855, pp. 76-79; 1856, pp. 76-78).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:669; Child's Lamoille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 104; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 99; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 78; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 153; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 830; History of Johnson Oread Literary Club, 1907; State Papers, Vt., 1:89.

See *King's College*, (New York grant), *post*.

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JOHNSON'S GORE.—Vermont grant of 5,045 acres to Moses Johnson and thirty-two associates Feb. 23, 1782, *ante* p. 113. Incorporated into a town by the name of Acton, Nov. 6, 1800, (Laws, p. 29).

Deming's Vermont Officers, 1851, p. 155; State Papers Vt., 1:90.

See *Acton*.

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KELLYBROOK.—New York grant of 30,000 acres by Lt. Gov. Colden to Luke Knowlton July 20, 1774; covered lands in Fletcher and vicinity; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:157.

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KELLYBURGH.—Mentioned in a petition for a road in [ms.] Vermont State Papers, 18-137, and from the direction of the road as described in the petition Kellyburgh must have included Kellyvale, or Kelly's Grant No. 2, or both. It is evident from a report of a committee to assess granting fees that Kellyburgh covered the four tracts chartered to John Kelly in 1791. The report of the committee adopted by the General Assembly Jan. 25, 1791, is in [ms.] Vermont State Papers, 31:222, and contains the following: "We find the legislature of Vermont on the fifth day of March one Thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven made a Grant to the said Kelly of Sixty nine Thousand and one hundred Acres of land lying in the tract commonly called Kelly burgh."

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KELLYVALE.—Vermont grant of 31,000 acres to John Kelly of the City of New York June 7, 1791, *ante* p. 117. Kelly's Grant No. 2 adjoining Kellyvale annexed, (Laws of 1825, p. 33). Name changed to Lowell, (Laws of 1831, p. 11); State Papers Vt., 1:90.

See *Lowell*.

KELLY'S GRANT NO. 2.—Vermont grant of 6,000 acres to John Kelly June 6, 1791, *ante* p. 114. This tract was situated east of Kelly's Grant No. 1, which was chartered as Kellyvale. In 1825 Kelly's Grant No. 2 was annexed to Kellyvale, (Laws of 1825, p. 33), and both comprise the present town of Lowell; State Papers Vt., 1:90.

KELLY'S GRANT NO. 3.—In March, 1787, Vermont granted to John Kelly 69,100 acres of land, 39,000 acres of which was free of fees, (Governor and Council, III:180; [ms.] Vermont State Papers 31-222). Four charters were issued in 1791, three in June comprising 39,000 acres, and one Nov. 4, of 30,100 acres, the granting fees for the last having been paid Oct. 22, 1791, (Governor and Council, IV:20). The tract which was called No. 3 of Kelly's was the one chartered in Nov., 1791, as Belvidere, which see. A fourth tract of 2,000 acres chartered June 8, 1791, *ante* p. 115, which with Kellyvale and No. 2 made up the 39,000 acres, was situated south of Belvidere and west of Johnson and was the part of Belvidere incorporated with Coit's Gore and part of Bakersfield into the town of Waterville in 1824. See Laws of 1824, p. 17, where it is called *Belvidere Leg*; State Papers Vt., 1:90, 91.

In a petition dated Feb. 26, 1787, ([ms.] Vermont State Papers 22:137), Kelly gives a list of the tracts of land to which he claims to have a New York title and for which he asks the grant of an equivalent from Vermont. He also states the Vermont territory in which his lands are situated:

	<i>Under New York</i>	<i>Under the State of Vermont.</i>
6,000 acres,	in Warrenstown.	In Jamaica.
2,000 "	" Campden.	" Wardsborough.
3,000 "	a military patent to Capt. Hamilton.	" Athens.
1,000 "	" " " " Col. Cleaveland.	" Ira.
5,000 "	in Kingsborough.	" Wildersburgh & Montpelier.
4,000 "	" Newbrook.	" " & Williamstown.
6,500 "	" Fincastle.	" some town southwest of Bethel [Stockbridge?].
2,000 "	" Kelso	In Middletown.
8,000 "	" Meath.	Partly in Cambridge and partly
3,000 "	" Smithfield.	Ungranted [vacant.]
8,000 "	" St. George.	"
10,000 "	" Kellybrook.	"
600 "	Two lots in Royalton.	Royalton under Vermont.
10,000 "	Goldsbrow Banyar purchased from citizens	
	in this state and "petitioner as his attorney prays	
69,100	a grant thereof."	

KELLY'S GRANT.—Vermont grant of 12,000 acres by charter dated Oct. 30, 1792, the date on which the granting fees were paid, *ante*

p. 116; (Governor and Council, IV:36). This tract with Avery's Grant was incorporated into the township of Missiskouie, (Laws of 1801, p. 78); since 1803 the present town of Troy; State Papers Vt., 1:91.

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KELSO.—New York grant of 21,500 acres by Lt. Gov. Colden May 20, 1770; included land in Tinmouth and vicinity; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:154.

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KEMPTON.—New York grant of 16,000 acres by Lt. Gov. Colden to Pierre G. De Peyster & Co., Nov. 24, 1769, in what is now Orange County; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:154. In town of Orange.

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 100; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1851, p. 156.

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KENT.—New York grant of 26,000 acres by Lt. Gov. Colden to John Rogers & Co., Feb. 13, 1770, now Londonderry, including Windham and Anderson's Gore probably; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:154.

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KERSBOROUGH.—New York grant of 20,000 acres to Archibald Hamilton & Co. by Lt. Gov. Colden, Oct. 13, 1770; covered lands in Orange Co.; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:155. Probably what is now Concord and vicinity.

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KILBY.—New York grant of 30,000 acres to Wm. McAdams & Co. by Gov. Dunmore, July 3, 1771; covered lands in Middlesex and vicinity; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:156.

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KILLINGTON.—New Hampshire grant.  
See *Sherburne*, *post*.

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KINGSBOROUGH.—New York grant of 35,000 acres to John M. Scott & Co., by Lt. Gov. Colden, June 25, 1770; covered land in Montpelier and vicinity; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:155.

KING'S COLLEGE.—New York grant of 20,000 acres by Lt. Gov. Colden, Aug. 16, 1774; covered lands in Johnson and vicinity; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:157. Marked "Governors of King's College" on map preceding index to Vol. I, Documentary History of New York. On this map there is another tract marked "Governors of King's College" which covers the present town of Washington, and which is marked Kingsland on map facing p. 430, Vol. VIII, of Governor and Council. On the New York map there is a third tract marked "Kings College C. J. Southrer Esq.," which is in the vicinity of the present towns of Worcester and Elmore.

See *Kingsland*, *post*.

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KINGSLAND.—New York grant to King's College, New York City, it has been said, though at what date granted does not appear. Kingsland embraced the present town of Washington and was undoubtedly a New York grant. It belonged to King's College, Feb. 17, 1772, for on that date steps were taken toward a settlement of the town. It was the shire town of Gloucester County, (Governor and Council, 1:268, and VIII:379). Marked "Governors of King's College" on map preceding index to Vol. I, Documentary History of New York.

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 100; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1851, p. 156.

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KINGSTON.—Vermont grant.

See *Granville*, *ante*.

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KIRBY.—Town in Caledonia County. Incorporated out of Burke Tongue and Hopkinstown, Oct. 28, 1807, (Laws, p. 71).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:336; Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 223; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 100; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 78; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 154; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 831; State Papers Vt., 1:92.

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KNIGHTS GORE.—Vermont grant by act of Nov. 8, 1794, (Laws, p. 66). A charter was issued to Samuel Knights of Brattleborough, Oct. 27, 1795, of 1,947 acres and of certain islands in the Onion River, making in all 2,000 acres, *ante* p. 120. Annexed to Bakersfield, (Laws of 1798, p. 40).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 100; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1851, p. 156; State Papers Vt., 1:92.

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KNIGHTS, SAMUEL.—Vermont grant to Samuel Knights of Brattleboro, Oct. 27, 1795, of 1,947 acres (Knights Gore) and certain islands in the Onion River, being all the islands below the upper line of Middlesex not before granted, in all 2,000 acres, *ante* p. 120. This charter was issued in accordance with act passed Nov. 28, 1794, (Laws, p. 66); State Papers Vt., 1:92.

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KNOWLTON'S GORE.—Same as Bakersfield, which see; also [ms.] Vermont State Papers, 23:368.

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 100; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1851, p. 156; State Papers Vt., 1:92.

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LANDGROVE.—Town in Bennington County. Vermont grant to William Utley and twenty-one associates, Nov. 9, 1780, *ante* p. 122. Line with Peru established, (Laws of 1835, p. 29).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:196; Child's Bennington Co. Gazetteer, 1881, p. 133; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 101; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 79; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 155; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 831; State Papers Vt., 1:93; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:235.

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LEICESTER.—Town in Addison County. New Hampshire grant of 23,000 acres to Aaron Brown and sixty-five associates, Oct. 20 1761, (State Papers N. H. 26:240). New York grant of 51,000 acres by Gov. Dunmore to A. McLure and fifty others (really a grant by Gov. Dunmore to himself), July 8, 1771; covered lands chartered by New Hampshire in Leicester, Salisbury, Middlebury, Cornwall, and Whiting; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:156; H. Hall's Early History of Vermont, p. 101. Line with Salisbury established, (Laws of Oct. 1789, p. 3; 1796, p. 52). Alteration of boundary with Salisbury and annexation of part to Salisbury and part of Salisbury to Leicester authorized, (Laws of 1840, p. 61). Leicester voted to accept the provisions of this act, but the volume of records of Town Meetings of Salisbury in which the action taken should have been recorded has been for many years missing from the Salisbury Clerk's office; and, after diligent search

and inquiry, it cannot be found. However, inasmuch as an amendment to the Act of 1840 is found in Laws of 1842, page 125, seeking to correct a clerical error in the Act of 1840, the presumption would seem to be warranted that the Act of 1840, as amended in 1842, became effective. Union of part of Leicester and part of Salisbury for school purposes, (Laws of 1803, p. 45).

Hemenway's Vermont Gazetteer, 1:44; Child's Addison Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 119; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 102; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 79; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 155; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 832; State Papers Vt., 1:93; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:245.

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LEINSTER.—New York grant of 35,000 acres by Gov. Dunmore, July 4, 1771; included lands chartered by New Hampshire in Somerset and Woodford; Vermont Historical Society Collections I:156; map preceding index to Vol. I, Documentary History of New York.

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LEMINGTON.—Town in Essex County. New Hampshire grant as Limington of 23,040 acres to Samuel Averill and sixty-three associates, June 29, 1762, (State Papers N. H., 26:244). Part annexed to Canaan, (Laws of 1837, p. 161). Annexation of part to Canaan (Laws of 1870, p. 569), for school purposes, Mar. 1872.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:1014; Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 457; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 102; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 80; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 156; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 833; [ms.] Chandler's Land Records, pp. 264-280, 603-4; State Papers Vt., 1:93.

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LEWIS.—Unorganized town in Essex County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Eleazer Hinman and sixty-three associates, June 29, 1762, (State Papers N. H., 26:248).

Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 459; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 103; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 80; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1851, p. 157; [ms.] Chandler's Land Records, 246-262; State Papers Vt., 1:94.

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LEYDEN.—New York grant of 24,000 acres by Lt. Gov. Colden, Aug. 7, 1770; covered Northfield and vicinity; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:155.

LINCOLN.—Town in Addison County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Col. Benjamin Simonds and sixty-four associates, Nov. 9, 1780, *ante* p. 123. Part annexed to Warren, (Laws of 1824, p. 16). Part of Bristol annexed, (Laws of 1824, p. 17). Part of Avery's Gore annexed, (Laws of 1847, p. 8). Part of Ripton annexed, (Laws of 1869, p. 288). See Ripton for New York grant.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:48; Child's Addison Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 122; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 103; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 80; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 157; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 833; State Papers Vt., 1:94.

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LINFIELD, LINTFIELD, or LITCHFIELD.—“Linfield” on maps in Jeffery's Atlas, 1776, pp. 15, 17, where Royalton is, on map preceding index to Vol. I, Documentary History of New York. The date of the latter map is 1779 and does not represent Royal Town as claimed by New Hampshire. “Litchfield” is found on map facing p. 430 of Vol. VIII, Governor and Council, and room is made for it between Royalton and Barnard which are adjoining towns. “Lintfield” is in the list of New York grants published in the Rural Magazine in 1795, 1:90, and copied in Slade's Vermont State Papers, pp. 13, 16, and the Provincial and State Papers of New Hampshire X:204 to 207, the date of the grant being Aug. 4, 1763. But John Kelly “being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists” testified in the city of New York on the 6th day of March, 1771, that he had in his possession a map procured in New Hampshire as an authentic draft of the lands granted by Gov. Wentworth in Vermont with the dates of the patents, and Lintfield does not appear in his list; Vol. IV, (octavo) Documentary History of New York, pp. 704-707. There are other differences between these lists as pointed out in Governor and Council, VIII:364 to 366, but the copy of charters in the Secretary of State's office at Montpelier, Vt., which was certified to by the Secretary of State of New Hampshire in 1857 as correct, and supposed to include all grants in Vermont territory, has all the towns on both the lists above mentioned except Lintfield.

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LITTLETON.—Vermont grant.  
See *Waterford, post*.

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LONDONDERRY.—Town in Windham County. Vermont grant to Edward Akin, Samuel Fletcher, and Joseph Tyler, April 20, 1780, *ante* p. 127. Part incorporated with Mack's Leg into Windham, but



the latter not allowed a representative in the General Assembly, (Laws of Oct., 1795, p. 21). Part of Windham annexed, (Laws of Oct., 1797, p. 21). Windham allowed a representative, (Laws of 1804, p. 16).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Vol. 5, Part III, p. 15; Child's Windham Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 238; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 103; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 80; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 158; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 833; State Papers Vt., 1:95, Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:243.

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LOWELL.—Town in Orleans County. Vermont grant as Kellyvale to John Kelly. Name changed to Lowell, (Laws of 1831, p. 11). Part annexed to Irasburgh, (Laws of 1852, p. 66; 1854, p. 56.) Annexation of part to Montgomery, (Laws of 1858, p. 48).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3-269; Child's Lamoille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 288<sup>33</sup>; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 104; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 81; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 159; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 834; State Papers Vt., 1:95.

See *Kellyvale*

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LUDLOW.—Town in Windsor County. New Hampshire grant of 24,000 acres to Jacob Lee and sixty-four associates Sept. 16, 1761. (State Papers N. H. 26:252). Part annexed to Mt. Holly, (Laws of Oct., 1792, pp. 20-23).

Child's Windsor Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 150; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 104; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 81; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 159; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 835; State Papers Vt., 1:96.

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LUNENBURGH.—Town in Essex County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to David Page and sixty-nine associates, July 5, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:257).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:1015; Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 459; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 107; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 82; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 160; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 837; State Papers Vt., 1:96.

LUTTERLOH.—Name changed to Albany in 1815. See *Albany*.

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LYNDON.—Town in Caledonia County. Vermont grant to Jon<sup>a</sup> Arnold and fifty-two associates, Nov. 20, 1780, *ante* p. 129.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:338; Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 229; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 108; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 82; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 161; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 838; sketch of Lyndon, Jonathan Greenleaf; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 45; Land Records p. 541; State Papers Vt., 1:97.

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MACK'S LEG or MARK'S LEG.—Gore of land in Windham Co., incorporated with a part of Londonderry into Windham, Oct. 22, 1795, (Laws, p. 21).

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MAIDSTONE.—Town in Essex County. New Hampshire grant of 25,000 acres to Agur Judson and sixty-three associates, Oct. 12, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:261).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:1025; Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 477; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 108; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 82; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 162; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 838; [ms.] Chandler's Land Records, pp. 282-8, 563-4; State Papers Vt., 1:97; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:241.

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MALDEN.—Where Vershire now is. Supposed to be a New Hampshire grant, (Governor and Council, VIII:366). See also map facing page 430 of Vol. VIII, Governor and Council. Gageborough was the New York grant covering the same territory. Malden is found on a map in Jeffery's Atlas, printed in 1776, pp. 15, 17.

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MANCHESTER.—Town in Bennington County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Ephraim Cowen and sixty-three associates, Aug. 11, 1761. (State Papers N. H., 26:265).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:198; Child's Benning-

ton Co. Gazetteer, 1881, p. 136; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 109; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 83; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918 p. 163; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 839; Early History of Manchester, Loveland Munson, 1876; State Papers Vt., 1:98; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:220.

See under *Princetown*, (New York grant), *post*.

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MANSFIELD.—New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres, June 8, 1763, to Jeremiah Fravise and sixty-four associates, (State Papers N.H., 26:514). Part annexed to Underhill, (Laws of 1839, p. 86). Authorized to be annexed to Stowe, (Laws of 1848, pp. 11-13); repealed in part, (Laws of 1853, pp. 59-61).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:680; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 109; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 83; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 164; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 840; State Papers Vt., 1:98.

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MARLBORO.—Town in Windham County. New Hampshire grant as Marleborough of 23,040 acres to Timothy Dwight and sixty associates, April 29, 1751. Charter renewed Sept. 21, 1761. Regranted as New Marlborough, April 17, 1764; (State Papers N.H. 26:269-279). Line with Dover and Marlboro established, (Laws of 1851, p. 68; 1852, p. 66).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Vol. V, Part II, p. 441; Child's Windham Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 248; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 110; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849; p. 83; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 164; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 841; State Papers Vt., 1:99; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:214.

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MARSHFIELD.—Town in Washington County. Vermont grant Oct. 16, 1782. Charter issued to the Stockbridge tribe of Indians, June 22, 1790, *ante* p. 133. Part of Harris Gore annexed, (Laws of 1890, p. 276).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 4:197; Child's Washington Co. Gazetteer, 1889, p. 284; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 112; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 84; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 165; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 842; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 71; Land Records, p. 538; State Papers Vt., 1:99.

MARVIN'S GORE.—Vermont grant by act passed Nov. 4, 1793. Charter issued for 787 acres to Ebenezer Marvin of Huntsburgh, Oct. 27, 1801, *ante* p. 134. It was situated between that part of Highgate which was formerly Alburgh Gore and Huntsburg (now Franklin) and was annexed to Highgate in 1806, (Laws of 1806, p. 11).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 112; State Papers Vt., 1:99.

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MEATH.—New York patent of 25,000 acres issued by Lt. Gov. Colden to Josiah Willard & Co., Feb. 11, 1775. Embraced territory in Fairfield and vicinity chartered by New Hampshire in 1763; Vermont Historical Society Collections, I:157. Marked "Josiah Willard & Co.," on map preceding index to Vol. 1, Documentary History of New York.

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MECKLENBURGH.—New York grant of 30,000 acres by Gov. Dunmore to Geraldus W. Beekman, June 26, 1771. Embraced territory chartered by New Hampshire in 1762—Ferrisburg and vicinity; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:155.

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MEDWAY.—Vermont grant of 8,890 acres to Joseph Bouker and thirty-three associates, Feb. 23, 1781, *ante* p. 135. Mistake in charter rectified Oct. 30, 1794, (Laws, p. 134). Parker's Gore annexed and name changed to Parkerstown Nov. 7, 1804, (Laws, p. 121). Now *Mendon*.

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 112; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 166; State Papers Vt., 1:100.

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MENDON.—Vermont grant as Medway. Name changed from Parkerstown, (Laws of 1827, p. 38).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:784; Child's Rutland Co. Gazetteer, p. 148; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 113; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 84; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 166; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 843; State Papers Vt., 1:100.

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MIDDLEBURY.—Town in Addison County. New Hampshire grant of 25,040 acres to John Evarts and sixty-one associates, Nov. 2, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:279).

Two grants comprising 3,210 acres to Adolphus Benzel by Gov. Dunmore of New York, March 13 and 25, 1771, covered lands in Middlebury; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:155. Part of Cornwall annexed Oct. 25, 1796, (Laws, p. 56). Part united with part of New Haven for school purposes, (Laws of 1801, p. 88; 1802, p. 79). Act of 1802 repealed, (Laws of 1811, p. 82). Part annexed to Ripton, (Laws of 1814, p. 141).

History of Middlebury, Samuel Swift, 1859; Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:50; Child's Addison Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 127; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 113; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 85; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 166; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 843; State Papers Vt., 1:100; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:226.

See under *Leicester* for New York grant.

See *Morrisfield*, (New York grant), *post*.

MIDDLE HERO.—Vermont grant as part of Two Heroes to Ethan Allen, Samuel Herrick, and three hundred and sixty-three others Oct. 27, 1779, *ante* p. 192. Two Heroes divided into North and South Hero, providing that they shall have jointly one representative in the legislature, Oct. 25, 1788, (Laws, p. 7). Providing clause repealed and each allowed a representative Jan. 18, 1791, (Laws, p. 4).

Nov. 7, 1798, South Hero was divided, and the north part of the island was incorporated as Middle Hero, but both towns were jointly represented in the Assembly by one member, (Laws of 1798, pp. 42-44), until 1810 when Middle Hero was first represented by Asa Lyon. Certain islands annexed, (Laws of 1800, p. 30). Name changed to Grand Isle, (Laws of 1810, p. 169).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 115; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1851, p. 161; State Papers Vt., 1:101.

MIDDLESEX.—Town in Washington County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Jacob Rezeau and sixty-two associates, June 8, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:283) New York grant by Gov. Dunmore of 30,000 acres as Kilby to William McAdams and others July 3, 1771, was of land now Middlesex and vicinity; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:156. Part annexed to Waterbury, (Laws of 1850, p. 46). Line with Moretown established, (Laws of 1906, p. 257).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 4:222; Child's Washington Co. Gazetteer, 1889, p. 302; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 115; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 85; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 167; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 847; State Papers Vt., 1:101.

MIDDLESEX.—New York grant by Lt. Gov. Colden of 35,000 acres (where Randolph and Bethel now are), to Augustus Van Cortlandt, Jan. 22, 1770; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:154.

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MIDDLETOWN.—Incorporated Oct. 28, 1784, out of parts of Wells, Tinmouth, Poultney, and Ira, (Laws, R., 1797). Name authorized to be changed to Middletown Springs, (Laws of 1884, p. 269).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:794; Child's Rutland Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 151; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 115; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 86; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 168; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 848; History of Middletown, Barnes Frisbie; State Papers Vt., 1:101.

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MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS.—Town in Rutland County. Authorization of change of name from Middletown, (Laws of 1884, p. 269).

See *Middletown*.

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MILTON.—Town in Chittenden County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Samuel and Isaac Rogers and sixty-one associates, June 8, 1763, (State Papers, N. H., 26:287). So much of Colchester as lies north and west of Lamoille river annexed, (Laws of 1868, p. 309).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:839; Child's Chittenden Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 238; Rann's History of Chittenden Co., 1886, p. 636; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 116; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 86; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 169; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 848; State Papers Vt., 1:101.

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MINDEN.—Vermont grant of a township six miles square to Timothy Newell, Ebenezer Crafts, and sixty-one associates, Aug. 23, 1781, *ante* p. 136. Name changed to Craftsbury, (Laws of 1790, p. 6).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 117; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 114; State Papers Vt., 1:102.

See *Craftsbury*.

MINEHEAD.—New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Rev. Noah Waddams and sixty-three associates, June 29, 1762 (State Papers N. H., 26:39). Name changed to Bloomfield, (Laws of 1830, p. 26).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 117; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 87; State Papers Vt., 1:103.

See *Bloomfield*.

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MINTO.—New York grant of 30,000 acres to Andrew Elliott by Gov. Tryon, Oct. 9, 1772. This patent covered lands in Richmond and vicinity chartered by New Hampshire in 1763; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:157.

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MISSISQUOI.—Incorporated out of Kelly's and Avery's grants, Oct. 28, 1801, (Laws, p. 78). Name changed to Troy, Oct. 26, 1803, (Laws, p. 6).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 117, (Missisco); Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 232; State Papers Vt., 1:103.

See *Troy*.

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MONCKTON.—New York patent of 23,000 acres granted by Gov. Dunmore to Abraham Lott, April 30, 1771; covered lands granted by New Hampshire in 1763, in the present town of Whiting; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:155.

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MONKTON.—Town in Addison County. New Hampshire grant of 24,000 acres to Abraham Dow and sixty-three associates, June 24, 1762, (State Papers N. H., 26:291). Part annexed to Starksboro, March 4, 1797, (Laws, p. 47). Part annexed to Starksboro, (Laws 1908, p. 183).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:65; Child's Addison Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 156; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 117; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 87; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 170; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 849; State Papers Vt., 1:104; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:246.

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MONROE.—Vermont grant as Woodbury of a township six miles square to William Lyman and Col. Ebenezer Wood and sixty-three

associates, Aug. 16, 1781, *ante* p. 229. Name changed from Woodbury, (Laws of 1838, p. 7). Name changed back to Woodbury, (Laws of 1843, p. 27).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 119; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 261; State Papers Vt., 1:104.

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MONTGOMERY.—Town in Franklin County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Stephen R. Bradley and fifty-nine others, Oct. 8, 1789, in accordance with an act passed March 15, 1780, *ante* p. 138. Provision made for establishing line with other towns and sale of a gore of land between Enosburg, Berkshire, Richford, and Montgomery directed, (Laws of 1802, pp. 158-160). So much of Laws of 1802, pp. 158-160, as directs sale of gore of land between Berkshire and Richford repealed, (Laws of 1803, p. 60). Part of Lowell annexed, (Laws of 1858, p. 48). Part of Avery's Gore annexed, (Laws of 1858, p. 50).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:469; Child's Franklin and Grand Isle Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 140; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 118; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 87; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 170; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 850; State Papers Vt., 1:104.

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MONTPELIER.—City in Washington County. Vermont grant, Oct. 21, 1780. Charter issued in accordance therewith to Timothy Bigelow and fifty-nine associates, but not defining the boundaries of the township, Aug. 14, 1781, *ante* p. 140. Feb. 6, 1804, a new charter was issued in accordance with act passed Feb. 1, 1804, (Laws, pp. 22-24), defining the bounds of grant of 23,040 acres, *ante* p. 141. Seat of government located at, (Laws of 1805, p. 215). Divided into Montpelier and East Montpelier, (Laws of 1848, pp. 5-7; 1859, pp. 146-148). City incorporated, (Laws 1894, p. 177-200); organized Mar. 5, 1895. Part of Berlin annexed, (Laws 1898, p. 118). Boundaries, Laws of 1896, p. 170; 1900, p. 134.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 4:251; Child's Washington Co. Gazetteer, 1889, p. 320; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 119; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 88; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 171; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 820; D. P. Thompson's History of Montpelier, 1860; *Vermont Watchman*, Souvenir Edition Devoted to Montpelier, 1893; State Papers Vt., 1:105.

See *Kingsborough*, (New York grant), *ante*.



MOORETOWN.—New York grant of 25,000 acres to Wm. Smith by Lt. Gov. Colden, May 3, 1770; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:154. Name changed to Bradford, Oct. 23, 1788, (Laws, p. 9). Deming's Vermont Offices, 1918, p. 89.

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MORETOWN.—Town in Washington County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Jonah Forster and sixty-four associates, June 7, 1763, (State Papers N. H. 26:295). Part annexed to Duxbury for school purposes, (Laws of 1802, p. 89). Repealed, (Laws of 1822, p. 95). Line with Middlesex established, (Laws of 1906, p. 257).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 4:593; Child's Washington Co. Gazetteer, 1889, p. 399; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 121; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 89; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 172; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 853; State Papers Vt., 1:105.

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MORGAN.—Name changed from Caldersburgh, Oct. 19, 1801, (Laws, p. 82). Line established with Wenlock, Jan. 31, 1804, (Laws p. 12).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:282; Child's Lamoille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 288<sup>29</sup>; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 121; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 89; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 173; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 853; [ms.] Chandler's Land Records, 437, 553-4; State Papers Vt., 1:106.

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MORRISFIELD.—New York grant of 21,940 acres by Gov. Dunmore to G. H. Ludlow, June 21, 1771. Embraced territory chartered by New Hampshire in 1761 as Cornwall and Middlebury; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:155.

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MORRISTON.—Appears as a New York grant on map facing p. 430, Vol. VIII, Governor and Council, covering lands in the vicinity of the present towns of Brandon and Goshen, and is marked "Monckton" on map preceding index to Vol. I, Documentary History of New York.

MORRISTOWN.—Town in Lamoille County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Dr. Moses Morse and sixty-four associates, Aug. 24, 1781, *ante* p. 143. Part of Sterling annexed, (Laws of 1855, pp. 76-79; 1856, pp. 76-78). Part annexed to Hyde Park, (Laws of 1870, p. 570; 1898, p. 116).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:680; Child's Lamoille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 114; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 122; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 90; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 173; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 853; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 21; Land Records, p. 547; State Papers Vt., 1:106.

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MOUNT HOLLY.—Town in Rutland County. Incorporated from Jackson's Gore and parts of Ludlow and Wallingford, Oct. 31, 1792, (Laws, pp. 20-23).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:845; Child's Rutland Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 157; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 123; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 90; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 174; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 855; State Papers Vt., 1:107.

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MOUNT TABOR.—Town in Rutland County. New Hampshire grant as Harwich of 23,040 acres to Jonathan Willard and sixty-one associates, Aug. 28, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:299). Name changed from Harwich, (Laws of 1803, p. 68). Part of Peru annexed, (Laws of 1805, p. 19). Part annexed to Dorset, (Laws of 1825, p. 25; 1832, p. 25).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:866; Child's Rutland Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 164; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 123; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 91; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 175; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 856; State Papers Vt., 1:82, 107.

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NAVY.—Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Abraham Whipple, Esq., and sixty-three associates, Nov. 10, 1780, *ante* p. 145. Name changed to Charleston, Nov. 16, 1825, (Laws, p. 33).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 124; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 106; State Papers Vt., 1:107.

NESHOBE.—New Hampshire grant of 23,000 acres to Josiah Powers and sixty-five associates, Oct. 20, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:47). Name changed to Brandon, Oct. 20, 1784, (R. 1797).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 124; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 91; State Papers Vt., 1:108.

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NEWARK.—Town in Caledonia County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Col. William Wall and sixty-four associates, Aug. 15, 1781, *ante* p. 146. Formerly in Essex County and annexed to Caledonia County, (Laws of 1824, p. 15). Annexed to Caledonia Probate District, (Laws of 1826, p. 21).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:356; Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 259; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 124; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 91; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 176; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 856; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, pp. 38-9; Land Records, pp. 290-307, 594; State Papers Vt., 1:108.

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NEWBROOK.—New York patent of 23,000 acres to Jacobus Van Zant and Co., June 13, 1770, of lands now probably in Barre and Williamstown; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:154.

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NEWBURY.—Town in Orange County. New Hampshire grant to Jacob Bailey and seventy-one associates, May 18, 1763. (State Papers N. H., 26:303). New Hampshire charter confirmed by New York March 19, 1772, (25,000 acres); Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:156. Vermont post-office established, March 9, 1787, (Laws, p. 116). Repealed, Nov. 10, 1797, (R. 1797, Repeals). Line with other towns established, Nov. 4, 1799, (Laws, p. 17; 1801, p. 88; 1802, p. 48).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:915; Child's Orange Co. Gazetteer, 1888, p. 269; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 124; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 91; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 176; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 856; Days of Old, S. L. Bates; Well's History of Newbury, 1902; State Papers Vt., 1:109.

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NEWFANE.—Town in Windham County. New Hampshire grant as Fane of 23,040 acres to Abner Sawyer and sixty-eight associates, June 19, 1753. Regranted as New Fane to Benj. Flagg and sixty-four associates, Nov. 3, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:307-315). New Hamp-

shire charter confirmed by New York May 11, 1772, (20,000 acres). Part annexed to Brookline, (Laws of 1820, p. 41).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Vol. 5, Part II, p. 455; Child's Windham Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 255; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 126; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 92; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 177; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 860; Town of Newfane, 1877. State Papers Vt., 1:109; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:228.

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NEW FLAMSTEAD.—New Hampshire grant.  
See *Chester, ante*.

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NEW HAVEN.—Town in Addison County. New Hampshire grant of 25,040 acres to John Evarts and sixty-one associates, Nov. 2, 1761, (State Papers N. H., p. 315). New York patent issued by Gov. Dunmore for 7,000 acres to Col. John Reid, June 7, 1771, embraced land now in Pantton and New Haven; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:155. New Haven Gore annexed, (Laws of 1790, p. 2). Part of New Haven incorporated into the city of Vergennes, Oct. 23, 1788, (Laws, pp. 11-19). Part annexed to Vergennes, Nov. 1, 1791, (Laws, p. 5). Part annexed to Weybridge, Oct. 25, 1791, (Laws, p. 6). Act of Nov. 1, 1791, annexing part to Vergennes repealed Oct. 31, 1796, (Laws, pp. 53-55), and that part incorporated into town of Waltham. Parts of New Haven and Middlebury united for school purposes, (Laws of 1801, p. 88; 1802, p. 79). Act of 1802 repealed, (Laws of 1811, p. 82).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:68; Child's Addison Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 163; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 127; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 93; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 178; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 861; State Papers Vt., 1:110; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:236.

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NEW HAVEN GORE.—Bounded north on Monkton, east on Bristol, south on New Haven, and west on Ferrisburg. Annexed to New Haven, Oct. 21, 1790, (Laws, p. 2); State Papers Vt., 1:110.

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NEW HUNTINGTON.—New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Edward Burling and sixty-five associates, June 7, 1763, (State Papers

N. H., 26:232). Part incorporated, with parts of Jericho and Williston, into Richmond, and parts of Avery's and Buel's Gores and part of Williston annexed Oct. 27, 1794, (Laws, pp. 55-57). Part annexed to Bolton, Oct. 27, 1794, (Laws, pp. 55-57; 1808, p. 135). Name changed to Huntington Oct. 27, 1795, (Laws, p. 9).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 128; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 147; State Papers Vt., 1:111.

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NEWPORT, CITY OF.—City in Orleans County. Incorporated from the towns of Newport and Derby, (Laws of 1917, pp. 298-319); organized March 15, 1918.

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NEWPORT.—Town in Orleans County. Vermont grant as Duncansborough of 23,040 acres to Nathan Fisk, George Duncan, and sixty-three associates, Oct. 30, 1802, *ante* p. 62. Name changed to Newport, (Laws of 1816, p. 38). Line established with Derby, (Laws of 1868, p. 310). So much of Province Island as lies within the state annexed, (Laws of 1845, p. 6). Auditor of Accounts authorized to sell Province Island, (Laws of 1865, p. 244). Coventry Leg and part of Salem annexed, (Laws of 1816, p. 129); Coventry Gore annexed, (Laws of 1894, p. 406); part incorporated into the City of Newport, (Laws of 1917, pp. 298-319).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:293; Child's Lamoille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 288<sup>34</sup>; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 128; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 93; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 179; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 862; [ms.] Chandler's Land Records, pp. 515-6; State Papers Vt., 1:63, 111.

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NEWPORT.—Is found on map preceding index to Vol. I, Documentary History of New York, as a town between Strafford and Sharon, and it also appears on map facing p. 430, Vol. VIII, Governor and Council, as a New York grant. Not to be confounded with Newport, a town in Orleans County.

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NEW RUTLAND.—New York grant of 23,000 acres by Lt. Gov. Colden to Nathan Stone & Co., Sept. 8, 1774; covered Sheldon chartered by New Hampshire; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:157. Marked "Nathan Stone & Co." on map preceding index to Vol. I, Documentary History of New York.

NEWRY.—New York grant by Gov. Dunmore, June 24, 1771, of 37,000 acres, covering land in Sherburne and vicinity; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:155.

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NORBURY.—New York patent of 32,000 acres issued April 14, 1772, by Gov. Tryon to himself in the names of Edmund Fanning and others. This township was situated in the vicinity of the towns of Worcester and Calais.

Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:156; H. Hall's Early History of Vermont, p. 103.

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NORFOLK.—Vermont grant of the northeasterly corner of the state to Bezaleel Woodward and eleven associates Feb. 27, 1782, *ante* p. 148. Annexed to Canaan, (Laws of 1801, p. 95).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 128; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1851, p. 167; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 103; Land Records, pp. 561-2; State Papers Vt., 1:112.

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NORTHFIELD.—Town in Washington County. Vermont grant to Joel Matthews and sixty-four associates, Aug. 10, 1781, *ante* p. 149. East part of Waitsfield annexed, (Laws of 1822, p. 35; 1823, p. 4; 1846, p. 11).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 4:612; Child's Washington Co. Gazetteer, 1889, p. 406; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 128; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 93; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 180; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 863; Gregory's History of Northfield, 1878; Looking Backward, White; State Papers Vt., 1:112.

See *Leyden*, (New York grant).

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NORTH HERO.—Town in Grand Isle County. Vermont grant as part of Two Heroes to Ethan Allen, Samuel Herrick, and three hundred and sixty-three associates, Oct. 27, 1779, *ante* p. 192. Two Heroes divided into North and South Hero, but to be jointly represented in the legislature, Oct. 25, 1788, (Laws, p. 7). Each allowed a representative, Jan. 18, 1791, (Laws, p. 4). Butler's and Knight's Islands annexed, (Laws of 1821, p. 203). Hyde's Island, formerly Wood's Island, annexed, (Laws of 1822, p. 35). Wood's Island annexed to St. Albans, (Laws of 1845, p. 6).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:563; Child's Franklin and Grand Isle Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 230; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 129; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 94; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 180; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 864; State Papers Vt., 1:113.

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NORTON.—Town in Essex County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Timothy Andrus and fifty-nine associates Oct. 26, 1779, *ante* p. 151. Annexed to Essex County, (Laws of 1842, p. 126). Act to organize, (Laws of 1884, p. 252). First represented in the legislature in 1886.

Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, p. 482; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 129; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 94; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 181; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, pp. 109-10; Land Records, pp. 439-448, 549-550; State Papers Vt., 1:113.

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NORWICH.—Town in Windsor County. New Hampshire grant as Norwich of 23,000 acres to Eleazer and Ebenezer Wales and sixty-two associates July 4, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:319).

Child's Windsor Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 158; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 129; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 94; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 182; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 865; History of Norwich, Goddard and Partridge, 1905; State Papers Vt., 1:113; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:214-18.

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ORANGE.—Town in Orange County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Amos Robinson, Esq., Capt. Ebenezer Green and sixty-three associates Aug. 11, 1781, *ante* p. 153. Line with Barre established Nov. 4, 1799, (Laws, p. 17). Repealed Nov. 6, 1801, (Laws, p. 88). Boundaries established Nov. 3, 1802, (Laws, p. 48).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:956; Child's Orange Co. Gazetteer, 1888, p. 327; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 131; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 95; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 183; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 867; State Papers Vt., 1:115.

See *Truro*, (New York grant), *post*, and *Kempton*, (New York grant), *ante*.

ORLEANS.—Name changed from Coventry, (Laws of 1841, p. 61). Name changed back to Coventry, (Laws of 1843, p. 28).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 132; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 113.

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ORWELL.—Town in Addison County. New Hampshire grant of 23,500 acres to Benjamin Underhill and sixty-three associates Aug. 18, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:323). New York grant of 3,000 acres by Lt. Gov. Colden to Alexander Wallace July 31, 1770, embraced lands now in Orwell; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:155. Annexed to Addison County, (Laws of 1847, p. 7).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:73; Child's Addison Co. Gazetteer, p. 182; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 133; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 96; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 183; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 868; History of Orwell, Roswell Bottum, 1881; State Papers Vt., 1:115.

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PAGNELL.—Is found on map preceding index to Vol. 1, Documentary History of New York, as a town between Thetford and Norwich; it also appears as a New York grant on map facing p. 430, Vol. VIII, Governor and Council.

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PANTON.—Town in Addison County. New Hampshire grant of 25,000 acres to James Nichols and sixty-nine associates Nov. 3, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:327). New York grant of 7,000 acres by Gov. Dunmore to Col. John Reid, June 7, 1771, covered lands in Panton and New Haven chartered by New Hampshire in 1761; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:155. New York grant of 10,000 acres by Gov. Dunmore June 14, 1771, also covered lands in Panton. Agreement with Addison Oct. 24, 1785, (R. 1797, App.). Part incorporated into the City of Vergennes Oct. 23, 1788, (Laws, pp. 11-19). Part annexed to Weybridge, (Laws of 1806, p. 28).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:77; Child's Addison Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 191; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 135; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 97; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 184; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 870; State Papers Vt., 1:116; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:221.



PARKER'S GORE.—Vermont grant by act of Oct. 22, 1793. Charter of 3,000 acres issued to Jonathan Parker Nov. 4, 1796, *ante* p. 154. Annexed to Medway and both incorporated into Parkerstown Nov. 7, 1804, (Laws, p. 121). Annexed to Sherburne, (Laws of 1822, p. 35). Titles confirmed to grantees, (Laws of 1846, p. 6; *ante* p. 155. The part "No Town" not claimed by Sherburne annexed to Stockbridge, (Laws of 1884, p. 270).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 135; State Papers Vt., 1:116.

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PARKERSTOWN.—Incorporated out of Parker's Gore and Medway Nov. 7, 1804, (Laws p. 121). Parker's Gore annexed to Sherburne, (Laws of 1822, p. 35). Part annexed to part of Rutland for school purposes, (Laws of 1822, p. 36). Name changed to Mendon, (Laws of 1827, p. 38).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 135; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1851, p. 169; State Papers Vt., 1:116.

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PAWLET.—Town in Rutland County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Jonathan Willard and sixty-one associates, Aug. 26, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:331). New York grant of 2,000 acres by Lt. Gov. Colden to John Thompson, June 19, 1775, covered lands in Pawlet granted by New Hampshire in 1761; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:157. Provision for establishing line with Rupert, (Laws of 1809, p. 93).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:870; Child's Rutland Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 166; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 135; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 97; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 185; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 870; Pawlet for One Hundred Years, Hill Hollister, 1867; State Papers Vt., 1:117; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:210.

See *Eugene*, (New York grant), *ante*.

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PEACHAM.—Town in Caledonia County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to David Smith and sixty-nine associates, Dec. 31, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:335). Part of Deweysburgh annexed, (Laws of 1810, pp. 108-110).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:358; Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 269; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 136; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p.

98; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 186; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 871; [ms.] Chandler's Atlas, pp. 1-3; State Papers Vt., 1:117; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:248.

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PEARSALL'S GORE.—About 3,936 acres granted by Vermont to Thomas Pearsall of the city of New York, Jan. 27, 1791, *ante* p. 156. This gore, though chartered to Pearsall, was one of the tracts granted for the purpose of compensating Samuel Avery for the 52,000 acres of land he so long sought to obtain and the charter in some way inured to Avery's benefit. Incorporated as Bradleyvale, (Laws of 1803, p. 25); State Papers Vt., 1:117.

See *Avery's Gores, ante*.

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PENRYN.—New York grant of 22,000 acres by Gov. Tryon, March 10, 1772, covering lands in Calais and vicinity; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:156; map preceding index to Vol. 1, Documentary History of New York.

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PERU.—Town in Bennington County. New Hampshire grant as Brumley of 23,040 acres to William Sumner and sixty-five associates, Oct. 13, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:339). Name changed to Peru, Feb. 3, 1804, (Laws, p. 34). Part annexed to Mount Tabor, 1805, (Laws, p. 19). Line with Landgrove established, (Laws of 1835, p. 29).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:206; Child's Bennington Co. Gazetteer, 1881, p. 150; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 138; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 98; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 187; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 873; State Papers Vt., 1:117.

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PHILADELPHIA.—Vermont grant to Samuel Beach and sixty-four associates, March 16, 1780, *ante* p. 157. Part of Chittenden, Brandon, and Pittsford joined with part of Philadelphia for school purposes, (Laws of 1812, p. 158). North part annexed to Goshen, (Laws of 1814, p. 111). Annexed to Chittenden, (Laws of 1816, pp. 48-50).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 138; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 187; State Papers Vt., 1:118.

PITTSFIELD.—Vermont grant to Samuel Willcox, Daniel Kinne, Josiah Wright, and one hundred and twenty-seven associates, July 29, 1781, *ante* p. 159. Part annexed to Rochester, (Laws of 1806, p. 36; 1824, p. 16). Part of Stockbridge annexed, (Laws of 1813, p. 144). Parts of Stockbridge and Sherburne annexed, (Laws of 1822, p. 36). So much of Pittsfield as was set off from Sherburne, 1822, annexed to Sherburne, (Laws of 1827, p. 38). Provision for establishing line with Stockbridge, (Laws of 1851, p. 68), accepted.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:935; Child's Rutland Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 172; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 138; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 99; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 188; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 874; State Papers Vt., 1:118.

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PITTSFORD.—Town in Rutland County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Ephraim Doolittle and sixty-three associates, Oct. 12, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:343). Part annexed to part of Philadelphia for school purposes, (Laws of 1812, p. 158). Part annexed to Brandon and part of Brandon annexed to Pittsford, (Laws of 1854, p. 57). Part incorporated into Proctor, (Laws of 1886, pp. 88-91).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:939; Child's Rutland Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 178; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 139; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 99; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 188; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 874; Caverly's History of Pittsford, 1872; State Papers Vt., 1:119; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:231.

See *Socialburgh*, (New York grant), *post*.

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PLAINFIELD.—Town in Washington County. Incorporated out of St. Andrew's Gore, Nov. 10, 1797, (Laws, p. 64). Goshen Gore annexed, (Laws of 1874, p. 380).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 4:713; Child's Washington Co. Gazetteer, 1889, p. 435; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 140; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 99; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 189; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 875; State Papers Vt., 1:119.

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PLYMOUTH.—Town in Windsor County. New Hampshire grant as Saltash of 25,600 acres to Jeremiah Hall and sixty-three associates, July 6, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:347). New York grant by Gov. Tryon of 25,000 acres confirmed New Hampshire grant, Nov. 8, 1772;

Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:157. Name changed to Plymouth, Feb. 23, 1797, (Laws, p. 52). Part annexed to Shrewsbury, (Laws of 1823, p. 3).

Child's Windsor Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 169; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 140; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 100; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 190; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 876; State Papers Vt., 1: 119.

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POCOCK.—New Hampshire grant of 23,600 acres to Samuel Averill and sixty-three associates, June 26, 1762, (State Papers N. H., 26: 66). Name changed to Bristol, Oct. 21, 1789, (Laws, p. 2).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 142; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 95.

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POMFRET.—Town in Windsor County. New Hampshire grant of 23,500 acres to Isaac Dana and sixty-five associates, July 8, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:351). Part united with part of Hartford for school purposes, (Laws of 1804, p. 54). Part annexed to Sharon, (Laws of 1807, p. 7). Line established with Woodstock, (Laws of 1880, p. 231).

Child's Windsor Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 177; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 142; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 100; Deming's Vermont Officers 1918, p. 191; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 877; State Papers Vt., 1:120; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:237.

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POULTNEY.—Town in Rutland County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Samuel Brown and sixty-three associates, Sept. 21, 1761, (State Papers N. H. 26:355) New York grant of 12,000 acres, Feb. 28, 1771, by Gov. Dunmore embraced lands in Poultney chartered by New Hampshire, Sept. 21, 1761; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:155. Part incorporated with parts of Ira, Tinmouth, and Wells, into town of Middletown, Oct. 28, 1784, (R. 1797, App.). Part of Wells annexed, (Laws of 1798, p. 38). Part of Ira annexed for school purposes, Oct. 31, 1804, (Laws, p. 49).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:964; Child's Rutland Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 183; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 143; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 101; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 192; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 877; Joslin's History of Poultney from Settlement to 1875; State Papers Vt., 1:120; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921 1:238.

POWNAI.—Town in Bennington County. New Hampshire grant of 23,000 acres to Seth Hudson and fifty-six associates, Jan. 8, 1760, (State Papers N. H., 26:359). Line with Bennington established, (Laws of 1800, p. 85). Provision for establishment of line with Stamford, (Laws of 1849, p. 26).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:212; Child's Bennington Co. Gazetteer, 1881, p. 154; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 144; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 101; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 193; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 878; State Papers Vt., 1:121; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:211.

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PRATTSBURGH—New York grant of 30,000 acres by Gov. Dunmore, July 6, 1771, covering Highgate and Swanton, chartered by New Hampshire in 1763; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:156. Marked "Pratsburg" on map preceding index to Vol. 1, Documentary History of New York, and "Pratsborough" on map of French and English grants facing p. 368 of the same volume, (quarto).

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PRINCETOWN.—A grant made May 21, 1765, by Lt. Gov. Colden, of New York, of 26,000 acres to Isaac Vrooman and twenty-five others covering part of Arlington, Sunderland, Manchester and Dorset. The first patent (except perhaps some military patents) issued by New York for land in what is now Vermont. It was issued to the patentees for 1,000 acres each as tenants in common and within a few weeks, all the patentees except one, Robert Colback, conveyed their shares to John Taber Kempe, James Duane, and Walter Rutherford.

H. Hall's Early History of Vermont, pp. 78-80; map preceding index to Vol. 1, Documentary History of New York.

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PROCTOR.—Town in Rutland County. Incorporated out of parts of Rutland and Pittsford, (Laws of 1886, pp. 88-91).

Facts about Proctor, F. C. Partridge, 1886; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 194.

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PROVIDENCE.—See Barton.

PROVINCE ISLAND.—In Lake Memphremagog; so much of it as lies within the limits of this state annexed to Newport, (Laws of 1845, p. 6). Auditor of Accounts authorized to sell, (Laws of 1865, p. 244).

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PUTNEY.—Town in Windham County. New Hampshire grant of 19,360 acres to Josiah and Nathan Willard, and forty-eight associates, Dec. 26, 1753. Charter renewed June 12, 1760, and July 6, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:363-369). New York grant of 19,300 acres by Gov. Moore, Nov. 14, 1766, confirmed New Hampshire charter of Dec. 26, 1753; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:154. Hitchcock's Gore comprising 1,000 acres bounded by Athens, Putney, Dummerston, Newfane, and Townshend, which was granted by Vermont June 19, 1783, to David Hitchcock and seven associates, was, by its charter, made a part of Putney, *ante* p. 93. West part incorporated with a part of Athens into Brookline, Oct. 30, 1794, (Laws, pp. 124-126). Part annexed to Brookline, (Laws of 1804, p. 20). Part of Dummerston annexed, (Laws of 1846, p. 11). Part of Dummerston annexed, (Laws of 1892, p. 427).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Vol 5, Part II, p. 217; Child's Windham Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 272; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 145; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 102; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 194; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 879; State Papers Vt., 1:121.

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RANDOLPH.—Town in Orange County. Vermont grant to Capt. Aaron Storrs and seventy associates, June 29, 1781, *ante* p. 162. New York grant as Middlesex of 35,000 acres by Lt. Gov. Colden, Jan. 22, 1770, covered lands in Randolph and vicinity; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:154; map facing p. 430, of Vol. VIII, Governor and Council.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:971; Child's Orange Co. Gazetteer, 1888, p. 339; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 146; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 102; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 195; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 881; Nickerson and Cox's Historical Souvenir of Randolph, 1895; State Papers Vt., 1:122.

See *Wickham*, (New York grant), *post*.

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RANDOM.—Vermont grant, see *Brighton*, *ante*.  
Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 147; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 94; State Papers Vt., 1:122.

READING—Town in Windsor County. New Hampshire grant of 23,000 acres to Zedekiah Stone and sixty-one associates, July 6, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:369). New York grant of 22,000 acres by Gov. Tryon, May 20, 1772, was a confirmation of New Hampshire charter; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:156.

Child's Windsor Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 189; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 147; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 103; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 196; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 882; History of Reading, Gilbert A. Davis, 1874 and 1903; State Papers Vt., 1:123.

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READSBORO.—Town in Bennington County. New Hampshire grants, one of 2,000 acres to Andrew F. Phillips, Aug. 11, 1764, and one of 3,000 acres to Robert Rogers, July 4, 1764, were of lands now in Readsboro, (State Papers N. H., 26:373-378). New York grant of 29,000 acres as Readsborough by Lt. Gov. Colden to John Reade, April 24, 1770, covered lands now embraced in Readsborough and Searsburg; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:154. The New York "Township of Cumberland" covered Readsboro, which see.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:218; Child's Bennington Co. Gazetteer, 1881, p. 164; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 148; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 104; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 196; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 883; State Papers Vt., 1:123.

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RENSELAERWICK.—A New York patent dated Nov. 4, 1685, which was construed by the New York advocates to cover the south-west corner of Vermont. For an elaborate discussion of the New York claim see H. Hall's Early History of Vermont, pp. 485, 486.

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RICHFORD.—Town in Franklin County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Jonathan Wells and fifty-nine associates, Aug. 21, 1780, *ante* p. 166. Provision made for establishing line with Berkshire and sale of a gore of land between Berkshire, Montgomery, Enosburgh, and Richford directed, (Laws of 1802, pp. 158-160). So much of Laws of 1802, pp. 158-160, as directs sale of a gore of land between Berkshire and Richford repealed, (Laws of 1803, p. 60).

Child's Franklin and Grand Isle Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 145; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 148; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 104; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 197; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 884; State Papers Vt., 1:123.

RICHMOND.—Town in Chittenden County. Incorporated out of parts of Jericho, Williston, and New Huntington, Oct. 27, 1794, (Laws, pp. 55-57). Part of Bolton annexed Oct. 25, 1804, (Laws, p. 26). New York grant of 30,000 acres as Minto by Gov. Tryon, Oct. 9, 1772, covered lands in Richmond and vicinity; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:157.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:843; Child's Chittenden Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 249; Rann's History of Chittenden Co., 1886, p. 656; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 149; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 104; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 198; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 884; State Papers Vt., 1:124; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:248.

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RICHMOND.—New York grant of 24,000 acres by Gov. Dunmore to John Davan and company, June 28, 1771; covered Wells and vicinity chartered by New Hampshire; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:156; map preceding index to Vol. 1, Documentary History of New York. Not the present town of Richmond in Chittenden County.

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RIPTON.—Town in Addison County. Vermont grant of 24,000 acres to Abel Thompson and fifty-nine associates, April 13, 1781, *ante* p. 168. New York grant by Lt. Gov. Colden of 24,000 acres to Samuel Avery & Co., Aug. 16, 1774, and of 28,000 acres to Humphrey Avery & Co., Sept. 6, 1774, covered the towns of Lincoln, Ripton, and Granville; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:157; map preceding index to Vol 1, Documentary History of New York. Part of Middlebury annexed, (Laws of 1814, p. 141). Part of Goshen annexed, (Laws of 1820, p. 41). Part of Salisbury annexed, (Laws of 1832, p. 26). Part annexed to Lincoln, (Laws of 1869, p. 288). Part annexed to Bristol, (Laws 1912, p. 339).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:85; Child's Addison Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 197; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 149; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 104; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 199; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 885; State Papers Vt., 1:124.

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ROCHESTER.—Town in Windsor County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Asa Whitcomb, Dudley Chase, and sixty-three associates, July 30, 1781, *ante* p. 170, 172. Line with Hancock established, Nov. 6, 1792, (Laws, p. 42). Line with Bethel established, (Laws of 1821.



p. 213). Part of Pittsfield annexed, (Laws of 1806, p. 36; 1824, p. 16). Part of Braintree annexed, (Laws of 1824, p. 15). Part of Hancock annexed, (Laws of 1834, p. 27.) Parts of Goshen annexed, (Laws of 1847, p. 7). Part of Hancock authorized to be annexed, (Laws of 1847, p. 9). Repealed, (Laws of 1848, p. 9).

Child's Windsor Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 197; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 149; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 105; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 199; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 885; History of Rochester, W. W. Williams, 1869; State Papers Vt., 1:124.

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ROCKINGHAM.—Town in Windham County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Samuel Johnson and sixty-eight associates, Dec. 28, 1752, (State Papers N. H., 26:378).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Vol. 5, Part II, p. 495; Child's Windham Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 286; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 150; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 105; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 200; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 886; History of Rockingham, L. S. Hayes, 1907; State Papers Vt., 1:125.

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ROXBURY.—Town in Washington County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Benjamin Emmons and sixty-four associates, Aug. 6, 1781, *ante* p. 174.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 4:735; Child's Washington Co. Gazetteer, 1889, p. 444; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 151; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 106; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 201; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 888; State Papers Vt., 1:125.

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ROYALTON.—Town in Windsor County. New York grant by Lt. Gov. Colden, Nov. 13, 1769, of 30,000 acres, covering land in Royalton and vicinity; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:154. Vermont grant of 22,320 acres to Comfort Seaver and sixty-two associates, Dec. 20, 1781, *ante* p. 175.

Child's Windsor Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 205; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 152; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 107; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 202; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 888; History of Royalton, Mary Evelyn Wood Lovejoy, 1911; State Papers Vt., 1:126; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:238.

RUPERT—Town in Bennington County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Capt. Samuel Robinson and sixty-one associates, Aug. 20, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:382). Provision for establishing line with Pawlet, (Laws of 1809, p. 93).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:220; Child's Bennington. Co. Gazetteer, 1881, p. 175; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 152; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 107; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 203; Coolidge, and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 890; Rupert, G. S. Hibbard, 1898; State Papers Vt. 1:126; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:230.

See *Eugene*, (New York grant), *ante*.

RUTLAND, CITY OF.—City in Rutland County. Part of the town of Rutland incorporated into the City of Rutland, (Laws of 1892, pp. 111-142); organized Mar. 7, 1893. Part annexed to Town of Rutland, (Laws of 1894, p. 242). Boundaries, Laws, 1906, p. 424; Laws, 1908, p. 276; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 204.

See *Rutland, Town of*.

RUTLAND, TOWN OF.—Town in Rutland County. New Hampshire grant of 26,500 acres to John Murrey and sixty-three associates, Sept. 7, 1761, (State Papers N. H. 26:386). Vermont post-office located at, March 9, 1787, (Laws, p. 116). Repealed Nov. 10, 1797, (R. 1797, Repeals). Union of parts of Parkerstown and Rutland for school purposes, (Laws of 1822, p. 36). Part incorporated into Proctor, (Laws of 1886, pp. 88-91). Part incorporated into West Rutland, (Laws of 1886, pp. 91-93). Part incorporated into the City of Rutland, (Laws of 1892, pp. 111-142). Part of City of Rutland annexed, (Laws of 1894, p. 242).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3-1009; Child's Rutland Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 193; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 153; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 108; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 205; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 891; Rutland, C. K. Williams, 1870; Historical Rutland, F. E. Davison, 1911; State Papers Vt., 1:126; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:236.

See *Socialburgh*, (New York grant), *post*.

RYEGATE.—Town in Caledonia County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Richard Jenness and ninety-three associates, Sept. 8, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:390). Petition to New York for con-

firmation of New Hampshire charter, June 15, 1772, advised to be granted when his Majesty's instructions will permit grant to be made of said township; Documentary History of New York, IV:478. New York grant by Lt. Gov. Colden of 20,000 acres June 20, 1775; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:157.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, I:375; Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 283; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 154; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 109; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 205; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 895; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 73; Land Records, p. 520; History of Ryegate, Edward Miller and Frederick P. Wells, 1912; State Papers Vt., 1:127; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:250.

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ST. ALBANS CITY.—City in Franklin County. Incorporated from a part of St. Albans Town, (Laws 1896, pp. 179-210); organized Mar. 2, 1897.

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ST. ALBANS.—Town in Franklin County New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Stephen Pomroy and sixty-three associates, Aug. 17, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:439). Line established with Fairfield and Swanton, (Laws of 1816, p. 95). Johnson's Island annexed, (Laws of 1842, p. 125). Wood's Island annexed, (Laws of 1845, p. 6).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:472; Child's Franklin and Grand Isle Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 159; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 156; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 109; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 206; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 906; State Papers Vt., 1:127; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:248.

See *Townshend*, (New York grant), *post*.

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ST. ANDREW'S GORE.—10,000 acres granted by Vermont to James Whitelaw, James Savage, and William Coit, Oct. 26, 1788, *ante* p. 221. Earliest appearance as St. Andrew's Gore in the state records is in a petition of the inhabitants dated Oct. 31, 1797, asking that the gore be incorporated into a town by the name of Plainfield, ([ms.] Vermont State Papers, 20:71). In the charter of Goshen, and also in the act in accordance with which the said charter was issued, (Laws of 1845, pp. 99, 102), a monument in the boundary of Goshen Gore "marked St. Andrews Gore, Aug. 12, 1788," or "marked St. Andrews corner, 1788." Incorporated into a town by name of Plainfield, Nov. 6, 1797, (Laws, p. 64).

Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 189; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 156; State Papers Vt., 1:128.

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ST. GEORGE.—Town in Chittenden County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Jesse Hallock and sixty-three associates, Aug. 18, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:443) *ante*, p. 238.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:851; Child's Chittenden Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 256<sup>8</sup>; Rann's History of Chittenden Co., 1886, p. 666; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 156; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 110; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 207; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 907; State Papers Vt., 1:128.

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ST. GEORGE.—New York grant of 30,000 acres by Lt. Gov. Colden to John Woods & Co., Nov. 10, 1774; included lands in Coventry and vicinity; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:157. Marked "John Wood or St. Geo. Township" on map preceding index to Vol. I, Documentary History of New York. Not the present town of St. George in Chittenden County.

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ST. JOHNSBURY.—Town in Caledonia County. Vermont grant to Jonathan Arnold and twenty-two associates, Nov. 1, 1786, *ante* p. 177.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:386; Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 309; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 157; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 110; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 207; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 908; The Town of St. Johnsbury, E. T. Fairbanks, 1914; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas p. 67; Land Records, p. 544; State Papers Vt., 1:129.

See *Bessborough*, (New York grant), *ante*.

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SALEM.—Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Col. Jacob Davis and sixty-four associates, Aug. 18, 1781, *ante* p. 180. Part annexed to Newport, (Laws of 1816, p. 129), remainder annexed to Derby, (Laws of 1880, pp. 236-238), effective March 1881.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:306; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 157; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 112; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 208; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 896; [ms.] Chandler,—

Atlas, p. 99; Land Records, pp. 529-530; State Papers Vt., 1:129; annals of Salem, White.

See *Gatesborough*, *ante*.

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SALISBURY.—Town in Addison County. New Hampshire grant of 25,040 acres to John Evarts and sixty-one associates, Nov. 3, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:394). New York grant by Gov. Dunmore indirectly to himself, July 8, 1771, covered lands in Salisbury chartered by New Hampshire in 1761; Vermont Historical Society Collections, I-156; H. Hall's Early History of Vermont, 101, 102. Line established with Leicester Oct. 23, 1789, (Laws, p. 3); Nov. 8, 1796, (Laws, p. 52). Part united with part of Leicester for school purposes, (Laws of 1803, p. 45). Alteration of boundary with Leicester and annexation of part to Leicester and part of Leicester to Salisbury authorized, (Laws of 1840, p. 61; 1842, p. 125). See note under *Leicester*. Part annexed to Ripton, (Laws of 1832, p. 26).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:88; Child's Addison Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 200; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 158; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 112; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 209; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 897; Weeks's History of Salisbury, 1860; State Papers Vt., 1:130; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:246.

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SALTASH.—New Hampshire grant (State Papers N. H., 26:347). Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 159; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 190; State Papers Vt., 1:130.

See *Plymouth*.

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SANDGATE.—Town in Bennington County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to John Park and sixty-five associates, Aug. 11, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:398).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:229; Child's Bennington Co. Gazetteer, 1881, p. 181; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 159; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 113; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 209; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 898; State Papers Vt., 1:131; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:239.

SEARSBURG.—Town in Bennington County. New York grant of 29,000 acres to John Reade April 24, 1770, called Readsborough and covered the present towns of Readsborough and Searsburg; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:154. Vermont grant of 10,240 acres to Col. William Williams and twenty-five associates, Feb. 23, 1781, *ante* p. 181. Line with Wilmington established, (Laws of 1850, p.46; 1852, p. 65; 1853, p. 58).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:231; Child's Bennington Co. Gazetteer, 1881, p. 184; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 159; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 113; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 210; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 899; State Papers Vt., 1:131.

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SHAFTSBURY.—Town in Bennington County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to John Brown and sixty-one associates Aug. 20, 1761, (State Papers N. H. 26:402). New York grant of 1,800 acres by Gov. Dunmore to Ebenezer Cole March 13, 1771, covered lands in Shaftsbury chartered by New Hampshire; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:155.

H. Hall's Early History of Vermont, 80, 81, note, 135, 466; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:153; Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:231; Child's Bennington Co. Gazetteer, 1881, p. 190; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 159; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 113; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 211; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 899; State Papers Vt., 1:131; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1:218.

See under *Arlington*, *ante*, New York grant to Napier.

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SHARON.—Town in Windsor County. New Hampshire grant of 22,000 acres to John Taylor and sixty-one associates Aug. 17, 1761, (State Papers N. H. 26:406). On petition for confirmation of New Hampshire charter by New York, see Documentary History of New York, IV:477. Part of Pomfret annexed, (Laws of 1807, p. 7).

Child's Windsor Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 216; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 160; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 114; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 212; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 900; State Papers Vt., 1:131; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:221.

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SHEFFIELD.—Town in Caledonia County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Stephen Kingsbury and seventy-three associates Oct.

25, 1793, *ante* p. 183. Former surveys legalized, (Laws of 1810, p. 162). Part annexed to Barton, (Laws of 1858, p. 51).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:412; Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 300; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 160; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 114; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 213; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 900; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, pp. 80-1, 91; Land Records, pp. 539-40; State Papers Vt., 1:132.

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SHELBURNE.—Town in Chittenden County. New Hampshire grant of 23,500 acres to Jesse Hallock and sixty-two associates Aug. 18, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:410).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:854; Child's Chittenden Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 254; Rann's History of Chittenden Co., 1886, p. 670; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 160; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 114; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 213; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 901; State Papers Vt., 1:132; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:228.

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SHELDON.—Town in Franklin County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres as Hungerford to Samuel Hungerford and sixty-three associates, Aug. 18, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:414). Name changed to Sheldon, Nov. 8, 1692, (Laws, p. 71). Line with Highgate, Huntsburg, and Swanton established, (Laws of 1810, p. 160).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:470; Child's Franklin and Grand Isle Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 152; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 161; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 115; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 214; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 902; State Papers Vt., 1:133.

See *New Rutland*, (New York grant), *ante*.

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SHERBURNE.—Town in Rutland County. New Hampshire grant as Killington of 24,640 acres to Samuel Yeates and sixty-five associates July 7, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:419). Name changed to Sherburne Nov. 4, 1800, (Laws, p. 28). Part of Parkerstown (formerly Parker's Gore) annexed, (Laws of 1822, p. 35). Part annexed to Pittsfield, (Laws of 1822, p. 36). Re-annexed to Sherburne, (Laws of 1827, p. 38). All that part of what was formerly Parker's Gore commonly called "No Town" not claimed by Sherburne annexed to Stockbridge, (Laws of 1884, p. 270).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:1121; Child's Rut-

land Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 229; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842 Part III, p. 161; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 115; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 215; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 902; State Papers Vt., 1:91, 133.

See *Newry*, (New York grant), *ante*.

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SHOREHAM.—Town in Addison County. New Hampshire grant of 25,000 acres to John Chandler and sixty-one associates Oct. 8, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:423). New York grant of 4,000 acres to W<sup>m</sup> Nichols by Gov. Tryon March 3, 1772, covered lands chartered by New Hampshire in Shoreham; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:156. Surveys, (Laws 1811, p. 28).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:93; Child's Addison Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 207; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 162; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 115; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 216; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 903; History of Shoreham, J. F. Goodhue, 1861; State Papers Vt., 1:133; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:229.

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SHREWSBURY.—Town in Rutland County. New Hampshire grant of 24,000 to Samuel Ashley and sixty-three associates Sept. 4, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:427). New York grant called Hulton of 12,000 acres by Lt. Gov. Colden to James Abeel & Co., Aug. 1, 1770, covered lands in Shrewsbury granted by New Hampshire; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:155. Part of Plymouth annexed, (Laws of 1823, p. 3).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:1124; Child's Rutland County Gazetteer, 1882, p. 232; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 162; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 116; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 216; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 903; State Papers Vt., 1:134.

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SIDNEY.—New York grant of 23,000 acres by Lt. Gov. Colden to John Felthausen & Co. Sept. 27, 1774, in Cabot and vicinity; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:157. Marked "John Felthausen & Co." on map preceding index to Vol. 1, Documentary History of New York.



SMITHFIELD.—New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Samuel Hungerford and sixty-three associates Aug. 18, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:154). New York grant of 25,000 acres by Lt. Gov. Colden to Samuel Ashley & Co. covered lands granted by New Hampshire in Smithfield; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:157. Also see map preceding index to Vol. 1, Documentary History of New York. Annexed to Bakersfield and Fairfield, (Laws of 1792, p. 5).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 163; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 217; State Papers Vt., 1:134.

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SOCIALBOROUGH or SOCIALBURGH.—New York grant of 48,000 acres by Gov. Dunmore April 3, 1771; included Rutland and Pittsford chartered by New Hampshire. Called "Socialburgh" in Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:155; H. Hall's Early History of Vermont, 129, 167. Marked "Socialborough" on map preceding index to Vol 1, Documentary History of New York. See also town of Clarendon, in index to each volume of Governor and Council where it is said Clarendon was called Socialborough.

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 163; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1851, p. 182.

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SOMERSET.—Town in Windham County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Thomas Denny and sixty-one associates, Sept. 9, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:431). Parts provisionally annexed to Wilmington and Stratton, (Laws of 1858, p. 49; 1859, p. 51). A diligent search of the records of Stratton has failed to disclose acceptance on her part. However, the undisputed facts appear to be that Somerset lost a strip off the east side about two miles wide, which went at first, 1858-9, to Wilmington and to Stratton. By subsequent legislation, Laws of 1868, page 310, and 1869, page 289, that part previously set to Wilmington, (which extended from the south northerly to the northwest corner of Dover) was passed on to Dover, and Stratton today holds, from the original Somerset, the remaining or northerly end constituting a tract about two miles square.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Vol. 5, Part II, p. 528; Child's Windham Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 304<sup>15</sup>; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 163; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 116; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 218; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 904; State Papers Vt., 1:134.

See *Leinster*, (New York grant), *ante*.

**SOUTH BURLINGTON.**—Town in Chittenden County. Incorporation authorized by the charter of the city of Burlington, being the remainder of the town of Burlington, (Laws of 1852, pp. 85-96; 1864, pp. 107-124). Organized March 7, 1865. Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 218.

Rann's History of Chittenden Co., 1886, p. 684.

See *Burlington*.

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**SOUTH HERO.**—Town in Grand Isle County. Vermont grant as part of Two Heroes to Ethan Allen, Samuel Herrick, and three hundred and sixty-three associates, Oct. 27, 1779, *ante* p. 192. Two Heroes divided into North and South Hero, providing they shall have jointly one representative in the legislature, Oct. 21, 1788, (Laws, p. 7). Providing clause repealed and North and South Hero each allowed a representative, Jan. 18, 1791, (Laws, p. 4). Divided into two towns, South and Middle Hero, with joint representation in legislature, (Laws of 1798, pp. 42-44). Middle Hero first represented as such in 1810. Certain islands annexed, (Laws of 1800, p. 30). Part of Grand Isle, (Savage Island), authorized to be annexed, (Laws of 1832, p. 25). Repealed, (Laws of 1834, p. 28).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:570; Child's Franklin and Grand Isle Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 234; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 163; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 116; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 219; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 904; State Papers Vt., 1:135.

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**SPRINGFIELD.**—Town in Windsor County. New Hampshire grant of 25,000 acres to Gideon Lyman and sixty-one associates, Aug. 20, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:435). New Hampshire charter confirmed by New York, May 25, 1772; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:156.

Child's Windsor Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 219; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 163; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 117; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 220; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 905; State Papers Vt., 1:135; History of Springfield, C. H. Hubbard, 1895.

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**STAMFORD.**—Town in Bennington County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Elisha Cook and sixty associates March 6, 1753. Charter renewed Sept. 21, 1761. Regranted as New Stamford, to Francis Bernard and sixty-five associates, June 9, 1764, (State Papers

N. H., 26:447-456). Provision for establishing line with Pownal, (Laws of 1849, p. 26).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:237; Child's Bennington Co. Gazetteer, 1881, p. 201; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 164; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 117; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 221; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 910; State Papers Vt., 1:135.

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STANNARD.—Town in Caledonia County. Name changed from Goshen Gore, (Laws of 1867, p. 66). First represented in General Assembly in 1868. Town incorporated, (Laws of 1869, p. 55).

Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 306; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 221; State Papers Vt., 1:136.

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STARKSBORO.—Town in Addison County. Vermont grant to David Bridia, Gen. John Stark, and sixty-six associates, Nov. 9, 1780, *ante* p. 186. Formerly in Chittenden Co., but annexed to Addison Co., Oct. 29, 1794, (Laws, p. 91). Part of Monkton annexed, March 4, 1797, (Laws, p. 47). Part of Monkton annexed, (Laws 1908, p. 183).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:103; Child's Addison Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 220; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 164; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 118; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 222; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 910; State Papers Vt., 1:136.

See *Whippleborough*, (New York grant), *post*.

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STERLING.—Vermont grant by act passed Feb. 25, 1782. Charter issued for 23,040 acres to Samuel Safford and sixty-two associates, Oct. 18, 1805, *ante* p. 188. Part annexed to Cambridge, (Laws of 1828, p. 15). Remainder divided among Johnson, Morristown, and Stowe, (Laws of 1855, pp. 76-79).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:693; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 165; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 118; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 223; State Papers Vt., 1:138.

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STOCKBRIDGE.—Town in Windsor County. New Hampshire grant of 28,100 acres to William Dodge and sixty-five associates, July 21, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:456). Part annexed to Pittsfield,

(Laws of 1813, p. 144; 1822, p. 36). Union of part of Stockbridge and part of Pittsford for school purposes, (Laws of 1804, p. 27). That part of Parker's Gore not claimed by Sherburne annexed, (Laws of 1884, p. 270). Line established with Pittsfield, (Laws of 1851, p. 68). See Stockbridge Land Records Book 11, p. 71-2.

Child's Windsor Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 236; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 165; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 118; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 223; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 911; State Papers Vt., 1:139.

See *Fincastle*, (New York grant), *ante*.

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STOWE.—Town in Lamoille County. New Hampshire grant as Stow of 23,040 acres to Joshua Simmons and sixty-three associates, June 8, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:461). Annexation of Mansfield authorized, (Laws of 1848, pp. 11-13). Act of 1848 in part repealed, (Laws of 1853, pp. 59-61). Annexation of part of Sterling, (Laws of 1855, pp. 76-79). Provision for establishing line with Underhill, (Laws of 1861, p. 42), and establishment Sept. 6, 1862.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:695; Child's Lamoille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 128; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 166; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 119; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 224; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 911; Stowe Notes, Edward M. Taber, 1893; State Papers Vt., 1:139.

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STRAFFORD.—Town in Orange County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Solomon Phelps and sixty-three associates, Aug. 12, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:465). Blake's Gore granted by Vermont to Timothy Blake and fourteen associates, June 18, 1785, by charter was made a part of Strafford, *ante* p. 27. Line with West Fairlee and Vershire established, (Laws of 1802, p. 199).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:1067; Child's Orange Co. Gazetteer, 1888, p. 399; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 166; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 119; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 224; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 912; State Papers Vt., 1:140; Remarks on Strafford, J. S. Morrill; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:234.

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STRATTON.—Town in Windham County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Isaac Searl and sixty-two associates, July 30, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:469). New York grant of 24,000 acres

to Edmund Fanning by Lt. Gov. Colden, June 22, 1775, covered Stratton; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:157. Stratton Gore annexed Oct. 28, 1799, (Laws, p. 15). Boundaries established, (Laws of 1803, p. 105). Part of Somerset provisionally annexed, (Laws of 1858, p. 49; 1859, p. 51). See note under *Somerset*.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Vol 5, Part II, p. 519; Child's Windham Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 304<sup>18</sup>; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 168; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 120; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 225; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 913; State Papers Vt., 1:140.

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STRATTON GORE.—Annexed to Stratton Oct. 28, 1799, (Laws, p. 15). First appearance as Stratton Gore in State Papers is in a petition of the inhabitants dated Oct. 2, 1799, asking to be annexed to Stratton, ([ms.] Vermont State Papers, 20:309).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 168; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1851, p. 186.

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SUDBURY.—Town in Rutland County. New Hampshire grant of 14,424 acres to Capt. Silas Brown and forty-seven associates, Aug. 6, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:473). Same territory granted as Dunbar by New Hampshire to Isaac Searl and sixty-six associates, June 15, 1764, (23,040 acres), (State Papers N. H., 26:477). Part of Hubbardton annexed, (Laws of 1806, p. 120).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:1137; Child's Rutland Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 239; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 168; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 121; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 226; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 913; State Papers Vt., 1:141.

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SUNDERLAND.—Town in Bennington County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Isaac Searl and sixty-one associates, July 29, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:481). See under Princetown, *ante* for New York grant, and under Arlington, the New York Grant to J. Napier; also see Laws of 1803, p. 105,—boundaries of town of Stratton established.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:238; Child's Bennington Co. Gazetteer, 1881, p. 206; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 168; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 121; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 227; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New

England, 1860, p. 914; State Papers Vt., 1:141; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:230.

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SUTTON.—Town in Caledonia County. Change of name from Bilymead, (Laws of 1812, p. 16).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:423; V, Part III—History of, by John E. Willard; Child's Windham Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 345; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 169; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 121; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 227; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 915; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, pp. 47, 91; Land Records, p. 543, State Papers Vt., 1:144.

See *Bamf*, (New York grant), *ante*.

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SWANTON.—Town in Franklin County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Joshua Goodrich and sixty-three associates, Aug. 17, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:485). Line with Highgate and Sheldon established, (Laws of 1810, p. 160). Line with St. Albans and Fairfield established, (Laws of 1816, p. 95). Line with Fairfield established, and part of Fairfield annexed, part of Swanton annexed to Fairfield, (Laws of 1829, p. 19). Part of Highgate annexed, (Laws of 1836, p. 38).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 4:933, 1185; Child's Franklin and Grand Isle Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 198; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 170; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 122; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 228; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 915; State Papers Vt., 1:144.

See *Prattsburg*, (New York grant), *ante*.

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THETFORD.—Town in Orange County. New Hampshire grant of 23,200 acres to John Phelps and sixty-one associates, Aug. 12, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:489). Line established with West Fairlee and Strafford, (Laws of 1802, p. 199).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:1090; Child's Orange Co. Gazetteer, 1888, p. 419; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 170; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 122; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 229; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 916; State Papers Vt., 1:145; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:222.

THIRMING.—New York grant of 20,000 acres by Lt. Gov. Colden to Edmund Fanning & Co. Feb. 16, 1775; covered the northeast corner of the state, now Canaan; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:157. Marked "Ed Tanning & Co" on map preceding index to Vol. 1, Documentary History of New York.

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THOMLINSON.—New Hampshire grant, (State Papers N. H., 26:184-192).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 172; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 134.

See *Grafton*, *ante*.

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TINMOUTH.—Town in Rutland County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Joseph Hooker and sixty-three associates, Sept. 15, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:493). Part incorporated with parts of Ira, Poultney, and Wells, into Middletown Oct. 28, 1784. Part annexed to Wallingford Oct. 19, 1793, (Laws, p. 7).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:1141; Child's Rutland Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 245; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 171; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 123; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 230; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 171; State Papers Vt., 1:146; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:244.

See *Kelso* for New York grant.

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TOPSHAM.—Town in Orange County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to George Frost, Esq., and eighty-one associates, Aug. 17, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:497). New York grant confirming New Hampshire charter June 12, 1776; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:157. Boundary lines established, (Laws of 1799, p. 17; 1801, p. 88; 1802, p. 48).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:1104; Child's Orange Co. Gazetteer, 1888, p. 451; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 171; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 123; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 231; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 919; State Papers Vt., 1:146.

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TOWNSHEND.—Town in Windham County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to John Hazeltine and sixty-eight associates, June

20, 1753. Charter renewed Aug. 20, 1762, (State Papers N. H., 26:501-506). New Hampshire charter confirmed by New York grant April 2, 1767; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:154. Annexation of Acton authorized, (Laws of 1840, p. 59).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Vol. 5, Part II, p. 532; Child's Windham Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 304<sup>20</sup>; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 172; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer 1849, p. 124; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 231; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 919; Townshend, Collections, J. H. Phelps, 1877; State Papers Vt., 1:147; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:210

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TOWNSHEND.—New York grant of 30,000 acres by Gov. Tryon to Lord Geo. Townshend & Co., June 5, 1772, covered lands in St. Albans and vicinity chartered by New Hampshire; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:157. Not the present town of Townshend in Windham County.

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TROY—Town in Orleans County. Name changed from Missisquoi, Oct. 26, 1803, (Laws, p. 6). Missisquoi (or Missiskouie) was incorporated out of Avery's Grant (11,040 acres) and Kelly's Grant (12,000 acres) Oct. 28, 1801, (Laws, p. 78; Governor and Council, III-198).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:309; Child's Lamoille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 288<sup>48</sup>; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 173; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 124; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 232; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 921; State Papers Vt., 1:147.

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TRURO.—New York grant of 22,000 acres by Gov. Tryon, April 14, 1771; covered lands in Orange and vicinity; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:156.

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TUNBRIDGE.—Town in Orange County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Abraham Root and sixty-four associates, Sept. 3, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:506). Vermont grant of a gore between Royalton and Tunbridge to Hon. Paul Spooner and fourteen associates, June 21, 1785, by its charter was made a part of Tunbridge, *ante* p. 185. Governor and Council, III:150.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2: 1114; Child's Orange



Co. Gazetteer, 1888, p. 471; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 174; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 125; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 233; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 922; State Papers Vt., 1:147.

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TUNBRIDGE GORE.—Vermont grant of a gore between Royalton and Tunbridge to Hon. Paul Spooner and fourteen associates, June 21, 1785, by its charter made a part of Tunbridge, *ante* p. 185; Governor and Council, III:150. Mentioned in Governor and Council, 5:205, 232.

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TURNERSBURGH.—Vermont grant.  
See *Chelsea*.

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TWO HEROES.—Vermont grant to Ethan Allen, Samuel Herrick, and three hundred and sixty-three associates, Oct. 27, 1779, *ante* p. 192. Divided into North and South Hero, Oct. 21, 1788, (Laws, p. 7); Jan. 18, 1791, (Laws, p. 4); State Papers Vt., 1:148.  
See *North Hero* and *South Hero*.

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UNDERHILL.—Town in Chittenden County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Joseph Sackett, Jr., and sixty-four associates, June 8, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:510-518). Union of part of Underhill and part of Jericho for school purposes, (Laws of 1812, p. 35). Part of Mansfield annexed, (Laws of 1839, p. 86). Provision for establishing line with Stowe, (Laws of 1861, p. 42), and establishment Sept. 6, 1862.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:886; Child's Chittenden Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 256<sup>10</sup>; Rann's History of Chittenden Co. 1886, p. 687; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 175; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 125; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 234; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 923; State Papers Vt., 1:148.

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VERGENNES.—City in Addison County. City incorporated out of parts of New Haven, Panton, and Ferrisburg, Oct. 23, 1788, (Laws, pp. 11-19); organized July 1, 1794. Part of New Haven annexed Nov. 1, 1791, (Laws, p. 5). Right to representation in the General Assembly, Nov. 1, 1793, (Laws, p. 52). Act of Oct. 31, 1796, (Laws, pp. 53-55),

repeals act of Nov. 1, 1791, annexing part of Waltham to Vergennes and incorporates such part into the town of Waltham to be represented in the General Assembly jointly with Vergennes. Waltham first represented as such in 1824; see Vermont Assembly Journal, 1823, pp. 51-55.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, I:106; Child's Addison Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 226; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 175; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 126; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 234; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 924; State Papers Vt., 1:149; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, p. 230.

VERNON.—Town in Windham County. The town of Hinsdale, N. H., embraced lands on both sides of the Connecticut River; see State Papers of New Hampshire, 24:142 and 25:115. See also Hinsdale, *ante*. The name of Hinsdale, Vermont, was changed to Vernon, Oct. 21, 1802, (Laws, p. 3).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Vol. 5, Part II, p. 271; Child's Windham Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 304<sup>41</sup>; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 176; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 126; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 235; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 925; State Papers Vt., 1:151.

See under *Guilford*, *ante*, for New York grant.

VERSHIRE.—Town in Orange County. Vermont grant to Abner Seelye and sixty-four associates, Aug. 3, 1781, *ante* p. 195. Line with West Fairlee and Strafford established, (Laws of 1802, p. 199). Line with Corinth established, (Laws of 1804, p. 45; 1806, p. 120). Part annexed to Corinth, (Laws of 1811, p. 30). Change of name to Ely authorized, (Laws of 1878, p. 219). Name changed back to Vershire, (Laws of 1882, p. 265).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:1131; Child's Orange Co. Gazetteer, 1888, p. 492; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 177; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 127; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 236; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 927; State Papers Vt., 1:151.

See *Gageborough* (New York grant), *ante*. 295

VICTORY.—Town in Essex County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Capt. Ebenezer Fisk and sixty-four associates, Sept. 6, 1781, *ante* p. 197. Part of Bradleyvale annexed, (Laws of 1856, p. 91).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, I:1045; Child's Essex

and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 483; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 177; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 127; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 237; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 927; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 51 (on back cover); Land Records, pp. 309-332, 596; State Papers Vt., 1:151.

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VINEYARD.—Name changed from Isle La Motte, (Laws of 1802, p. 32). Name changed back to Isle La Motte, (Laws of 1830, p. 25). See *Isle La Motte*.

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VIRGIN HALL.—New York grant of 26,000 acres by Lt. Gov. Colden, Aug. 9, 1770, covering Aikin's Gore and part of Andover, including part, at least, of what is now Weston; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:155; map facing p. 430 of Vol. 8, Governor and Council, and p. 330 of Vol. 4, Documentary History of New York. Also map preceding index to Vol. 1, Documentary History of New York. See petition as to part of lands in, ([ms.] Vermont State Papers, 21:188).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 178; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1851, p. 191.

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WAITSFIELD.—Town in Washington County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Roger Enos, Benjamin Wait, and sixty-eight associates, Feb. 25, 1782, *ante* p. 199. East part annexed to Northfield, (Laws of 1822, p. 35; 1823, p. 4; 1846, p. 11).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 4:769; Child's Washington Co. Gazetteer, 1889, p. 462; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 178; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 127; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 237; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 927; History of Waitsfield, M. B. Jones, 1909; State Papers Vt., 1:152.

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WALDEN.—Town in Caledonia County. Vermont grant to Moses Robinson and sixty-five associates, Aug. 18, 1781. Boundaries were not defined in charter, but were certified by the Surveyor General, Oct. 16, 1798, *ante* p. 201. Walden Gore annexed to Danville, (Laws of 1792, p. 15).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:425; Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 355; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 179; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849,

p. 128; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 238; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 929; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 6; Land Records, pp. 333-349, 607-8; State Papers Vt., 1:153.

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WALDEN GORE.—Vermont grant of 5,928 acres to Gen. Samuel Safford and seventeen associates, as a district of Walden, Oct. 22, 1782, *ante* p. 203. Annexed to Danville, Oct. 29, 1792, (Laws, p. 15); State Papers Vt., 154.

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WALLINGFORD.—Town in Rutland County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Capt. Eliakim Hall and sixty-five associates, Nov. 27, 1761, (State Papers N. H. 26:518). Part incorporated into Mt. Holly, Oct. 31, 1792, (Laws, pp. 20-23). Part of Tinmouth annexed, Oct. 19, 1793, (Laws, p. 7).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:1161; Child's Rutland Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 252; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 179; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 128; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 238; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 929; Wallingford, Walter Thorpe, 1911; State Papers Vt., 1:153; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:243.

See *Durham*, (New York Grant), *ante*.

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WALLINGFORD GORE.—“An Act relinquishing Wallingford Gore from paying Town Taxes” passed the legislature, Oct. 24, 1788, (Governor and Council, III:177). In [ms.] Vermont State Papers, 18:136, is a petition which was filed in the legislature in Oct., 1792, asking for the privilege of running a lottery in order to repair a road “from Landlord greens in Ludlow to Landlord Randals in what is called Wallingford gore.”

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WALLUMSCOCK.—A New York patent dated June 15, 1739, which some advocates in behalf of New York insisted covered lands in the south-western part of Vermont; see H. Hall's Early History of Vermont for a full discussion of the claim, p. 488.

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WALTHAM.—Town in Addison County. That part of New Haven annexed to Vergennes, Nov. 1, 1791, incorporated into Waltham,

Oct. 31, 1796, (Laws, pp. 53-55), but to be represented in General Assembly jointly with Vergennes. First represented in 1824, (Vermont Assembly Journal, 1823, pp. 51-53). Part of Addison annexed, Oct. 25, 1804, (Laws, p. 23).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, I:108; Child's Addison Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 240; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 180; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 129; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 930; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 239; State Papers Vt., 1:154; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:232.

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WARDSBORO.—Town in Windham County. New Hampshire grant of 3,000 acres to John Walker Oct. 17, 1764, covered land now in Wardsboro, (State Papers N. H., 26:522). Vermont grant of 26,460 acres to William Ward and sixty-one associates, Nov. 7, 1780, *ante* p. 204. New York Grant of 10,000 acres by Lt. Gov. Colden to James Abeel & Co., Sept. 4, 1770, was in or near Wardsborough; Vermont Historical Society Collections, I:155; also marked "Abel & Co." on map preceding index to Vol. I Documentary History of New York. Divided into two districts, (Laws of 1788, p. 3). South District incorporated into town of Dover, (Laws of 1810, p. 79).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Vol. 5, Part III, p. 111; Child's Windham Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 304<sup>48</sup>; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 180; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 129; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 240; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 931; Wardsboro, J. P. Warren, 1886; State Papers Vt., 1:154.

See *Camden*, (New York grant), *ante*.

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WARE.—A town on the map (1779) preceding index to Vol. 1, Documentary History of New York between Hartford and Norwich, and marked as a New Hampshire grant, and likewise appears on map facing p. 430 of Vol. VIII, Governor and Council, as a New Hampshire grant. Jeffrey's Atlas, (1776), p. 15, has no town between Norwich and Hartford; p. 17 has no Hartford, but there is a blank where the name should appear.

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WARNER'S GRANT or WARNER'S GORE.—Vermont grant of 2,000 acres to Hester Warner, widow, and the heirs of Col. Seth Warner, Nov. 29, 1791, *ante* p. 206.

Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 490; Thomp-

son's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 181; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 144; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1851, p. 192; State Papers Vt., 1:154.

WARREN.—Town in Washington County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres in two tracts, one in Essex Co., one in Washington, to John Throop and sixty-seven associates, Oct. 20, 1789, *ante* p. 207. Whole to be considered as in Addison County Nov. 5, 1798, (Laws, p. 56). Part of Lincoln annexed, (Laws of 1824, p. 16). Annexed to County of Washington, (Laws of 1829, p. 13).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 4:801; Child's Washington Co. Gazetteer, 1889, p. 475; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 181; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 130; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 241; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 931; State Papers Vt., 1:155.

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WARREN GORE.—Vermont grant—being one of two tracts granted John Throop and sixty-seven associates, Oct. 20, 1789, as Warren, *ante* p. 207.

Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 490; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 181; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 144; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1851, p. 193; State Papers Vt., 1:155.

See *Warren*.

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WARRENTON.—New York grant by Lt. Gov. Colden, Nov. 8, 1769, of 14,000 acres, covering land in Acton and Athens.

Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:154, marked as Warren, (and without the Y which distinguishes New York grants) on the "Chorographical map" facing p. 430 of Vol. 8, Governor and Council, and p. 330 of Vol. 4, Documentary History of New York; and marked as Warrenston on map preceding index to Vol. 1, Documentary History of New York.

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WASHINGTON.—Town in Orange County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Major Elisha Burton and sixty-four associates, Aug. 8, 1781, *ante* p. 209. Boundaries established, (Laws of 1799, p. 17; 1801, p. 88).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:1138; Child's Orange Co. Gazetteer, 1888, p. 499; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842

Part III, p. 181; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 31; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 241; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 932; State Papers Vt., 1:155.

See *Kingsland*, (New York grant), *ante*.

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**WATERBURY.**—Town in Washington County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to John Stiles, Esq., and sixty-five associates, June 7, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:525). Part of Middlesex annexed, (Laws of 1850, p. 46). Part of Bolton annexed, (Laws of 1851, p. 64).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 4:813; Child's Washington Co. Gazetteer, 1889, p. 487; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 182; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 131; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 242; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 933; State Papers Vt., 1:156; Early History of Waterbury, C. C. Parker; History of Waterbury, I. G. Lewis, 1915.

See *Newbrook*, *ante*.

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**WATERFORD.**—Town in Caledonia County. Vermont grant as Littleton of 23,040 acres to Benjamin Whipple and sixty-four associates, Nov. 8, 1780, *ante* p. 125. Name changed to Waterford, March 9, 1797, (Laws, p. 94).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:430; Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 368; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 183; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 132; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 243; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 934; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 69; Land Records, p. 542; State Papers Vt., 1:95, 156.

See *Dunmore*, (New York grant), *ante*.

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**WATERVILLE.**—Town in Lamoille County. Incorporated out of Coit's Gore and parts of Bakersfield and Belvidere, (Laws of 1824, p. 14).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:768; Child's Lamoille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 143; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 183; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 132; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 244; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 934; State Papers Vt., 1:156.

See under *Smithfield*, *ante*, for New York grants.

WEATHERSFIELD.—Town in Windsor County. New Hampshire grant of 23,000 acres to Gideon Lyman and sixty-one associates, Aug. 20, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:529). New York grant of 22,000 acres, confirming New Hampshire charter, issued April 30, 1772.

Child's Windsor Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 241; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 184; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 132; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 244; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 935; State Papers Vt., 1:157.

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WELLS.—Town in Rutland County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Capt. Eliakim Hall and sixty-three associates Sept. 15, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:533). Part incorporated with parts of Ira, Tinmouth, and Poultney, into town of Middletown Oct. 28, 1784. Part annexed to Poultney Oct. 31, 1798, (Laws, p. 38).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:1189; Child's Rutland Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 256<sup>3</sup>; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 185; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 133; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 245; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 936; History of Wells, Hiland Hall, 1869; State Papers Vt., 1:157; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:234.

See *Richmond*, *ante*, for New York grant.

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WENLOCK.—New Hampshire grant of 25,000 acres to Israel Woodward and sixty-three associates Oct. 13, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26-167). East part of Caldersburg annexed, (Laws of 1801, p. 82). Line established with Morgan, Jan. 31, 1804, (Laws, p. 12). Annexed to Brighton and Ferdinand, (Laws of 1853, p. 57).

Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 186; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 133; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1851, p. 195; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, pp. 58-9; Land Records, pp. 369-90, 551-2, 581-2; State Papers Vt., 1:157.

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WESTENHOOK.—A New York patent dated March 6, 1705, and it was claimed by New Yorkers that "its western bounds are about 30 miles from Hudson's River."

See H. Hall's Early History of Vermont for an elaborate discussion, pp. 486, 487.



WEST FAIRLEE.—Town in Orange County. Fairlee divided into two towns, Fairlee and West Fairlee, Feb. 25, 1797, (Laws, pp. 49-51), but both towns represented jointly in the General Assembly. West Fairlee first represented as such in 1823, (Vermont Assembly Journal, 1823, p. 51). Line with Vershire, Strafford, and Thetford established, (Laws of 1802, p. 199).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:909; Child's Orange Co. Gazetteer, 1889, p. 506; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 186; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 246; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 937; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 133; State Papers Vt., 1:158.

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WESTFIELD.—Town in Orleans County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Daniel Owen and fifty-nine associates May 15, 1780, *ante* p. 211. Provision made for establishing line with other towns and sale of a gore of land directed, (Laws of 1802, pp. 158-160). Laws of 1803, p. 60, repeals so much of Laws of 1802, pp. 158-160, as directs sale of a gore of land between Berkshire and Richford.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 3:342; Child's Lamoille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 288<sup>58</sup>; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 186; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 134; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 247; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 937; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, pp. 36-7; Land Records, p. 571. State Papers Vt., 1:158.

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WESTFORD.—Town in Chittenden County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Henry Franklin and sixty-four associates, June 8, 1763. (State Papers N. H., 26:537).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:890; Child's Chittenden Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 256<sup>17</sup>; Rann's History of Chittenden Co., p. 695; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 187; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 134; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 247; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 938; State Papers Vt., 1:159.

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WESTFORD.—Vermont grant. This is not the present town of Westford in Chittenden County.

See *Westmore*.

WEST HAVEN.—Town in Rutland County. Incorporated out of part of Fair Haven, Oct. 20, 1792, (Laws, p. 3), but represented jointly with Fair Haven in the legislature. First represented as West Haven by Josiah Bascomb, 1823, (Vermont Assembly Journal, 1823, p. 51).

Child's Rutland Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 256<sup>8</sup>; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 187; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 134; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 248; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 938; State Papers Vt., 1:159.

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WESTMINSTER.—New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to John Halbirt and sixty-seven associates, Nov. 9, 1752. Charter renewed, June 11, 1760, (State Papers N. H., 26:541-546). New Hampshire charter confirmed by New York grant of 23,500 acres, March 26, 1772; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:156. Provision for establishing line with Athens, (Laws of 1839, p. 85) and line established May 11, 1841.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1891, Vol. 5, Part II, p. 1; Child's Windham Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 304<sup>57</sup>; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 187; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 134; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 249; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 938; State Papers Vt., 1:159; Historic Westminster, C. W. Dickinson.

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WESTMORE.—Town in Orleans County. Vermont grant as Westford of 23,040 acres to Capt. Uriah Seymour and sixty-four associates, Aug. 17, 1781, *ante* p. 213. Name changed to Westmore, Oct. 26, 1787, (Governor and Council, III:158).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:365; Child's Lamoille and Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 288<sup>64</sup>; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 188; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 135; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 943; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 250; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, pp. 40-1, 91; Land Records, pp. 391-412, 589; State Papers Vt., 1:160.

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WESTON.—Town in Windsor County. Incorporated out of Benton's Gore and part of Andover, Oct. 26, 1799, (Laws, p. 14), but represented jointly with Andover until 1823, (Vermont Assembly Journal, 1823, p. 52). New Hampshire charter of Andover, Oct. 13, 1761, (State Papers N. H., 26:7); Vermont charter of Benton's Gore, Oct. 25, 1781, *ante* p. 20.

Child's Windsor Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 250; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 189; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 135; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 251; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 944; State Papers Vt., 1:160.

See *Virgin Hall*, (New York grant), *ante*.

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WEST RUTLAND.—Town in Rutland County. Incorporated out of part of Rutland, (Laws of 1886, pp. 91-94).

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WEST WINDSOR.—Town in Windsor County. Windsor divided into two parishes, Oct. 17, 1783, (Laws of 1799, p. 82). The two parishes of Windsor incorporated into towns of Windsor and West Windsor, (Laws of 1814, p. 52). Repealed, (Laws of 1815, p. 67). Windsor divided into Windsor and West Windsor, (Laws of 1848, p. 8).

Child's Windsor Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 255; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 252; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 945.

See *Windsor*.

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WEYBRIDGE.—Town in Addison County. New Hampshire grant, Nov. 3, 1761, of 25,000 acres to Joseph Gilbert and sixty-three associates, (State Papers N. H., 26:546). Part of New Haven annexed Oct. 25, 1791, (Laws, p. 6). Part of Addison annexed Oct. 22, 1804, (Laws, p. 7). Part of Panton annexed, (Laws of 1806, p. 28). Provision for establishing line with Addison, (Laws of 1856, p. 78; 1859, p. 148; 1862, p. 51).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:109; Child's Addison County Gazetteer, 1882, p. 248<sup>4</sup>; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 189; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 136; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 252; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 945; State Papers Vt., 1:161; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:248.

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WHEELOCK.—Town in Caledonia County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Dartmouth College and Moors Charity School, June 14, 1785, *ante* pp. 215, 217.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:432; Child's Essex and Caledonia Co. Gazetteer, 1887, p. 381; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 189; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849,

p. 136; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 253; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New York, 1860, p. 946; Early Days of Wheelock, F. W. Chase; State Papers Vt., 1:161.

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WHIPPLEBOROUGH.—New York grant of 40,000 acres by Gov. Tryon to Samuel Avery, Oct. 28, 1775; included Starksborough and vicinity; Vermont Historical Society Collections, I:157.

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WHITELAW'S GORE.—Vermont grant to James Whitelaw, James Savage, and William Coit, Oct. 26, 1788—about 1,500 acres, *ante* p. 221. Annexed to Caldersburg, (Laws of 1801, p. 82). Sometimes called Whitelaw's Grant, (Governor and Council, IV:343, 358); State Papers Vt., 1:162.

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WHITELAW, SAVAGE, AND COIT.—Vermont grant to James Whitelaw, James Savage, and William Coit of 10,000 acres, (St. Andrew's Gore, now Plainfield), 10,000 acres, (Williamsburgh or Coit's Gore), 1,500 acres, (Whitelaw's Gore), all the islands in Lake Champlain lying east of deepest channel within this state and not heretofore granted by the state—1,585 acres, and islands in the Otter Creek not heretofore granted, to south line of Weybridge—30 acres, in all 23,040 acres, Oct. 26, 1788, *ante* p. 221; (Governor and Council, III:180); State Papers Vt., 1:163.

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WHITING.—Town in Addison County. New Hampshire grant as Whiteing of 14,424 acres to Daniel Pond and forty-seven associates, Aug. 6, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:550). New York grant of 1,000 acres by Gov. Tryon to John Lawrence, Nov. 17, 1772, covered land now in Whiting; Vermont Historical Society Collections, I:157.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, I:115; Child's Addison Co. Gazetteer, 1882, p. 248<sup>9</sup>; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 190; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 136; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 254; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 946; State Papers Vt., 1:164; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:243.

See under *Leicester* for New York grant. See *Monckton*, (New York grant), *ante*.

WHITINGHAM.—Town in Windham County. Mar. 12, 1770, a charter was issued by Lt. Gov. Colden of New York to Nathan Whiting and associates of 10,000 acres, in the present town of Whitingham, then called Cumberland; Vermont Historical Society Collections, I:154. Vermont grants in Whitingham: (1) March 15, 1780, of 3,000 acres to Silas Hamilton and seven associates, (Hamilton's Grant), by charter made a part of Whitingham, *ante* p. 87; (2) Oct. 15, 1787, 600 acres to Jonathan and Arad Hunt, *ante* p. 218; (3) Oct. 20, 1796, 5,060 acres to Amos Green and fifteen associates incorporated into a district by the name of Whitingham Gore, *ante* p. 219. Power to unite part with part of Wilmington for school purposes granted, (Laws of 1803, p. 40).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Vol. 5, Part II, p. 684; Child's Windham Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 304<sup>76</sup>; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 191; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 137; History of Whitingham, Leonard Brown, 1886; Green Leaves from Whitingham, Clark Jillson, 1894; Some Facts about Early History of Whitingham, A. A. Butterfield, 1916; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 254; State Papers Vt., I:164; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 947.

See "Cumberland" on map preceding index to Vol. I, Documentary History of New York.

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WHITINGHAM GORE.—Vermont grant of 5,060 acres to Amos Green and fifteen associates, Oct. 20, 1796, *ante* p. 219.

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WICKHAM.—New York grant of 36,000 acres by Lt. Gov. Colden to Phinehas Lyman & Co., Oct. 27, 1774, in Randolph and vicinity; Vermont Historical Society Collections, I:157. Marked "Phineas Lyman & Co." on map preceding index to Vol. I, Documentary History of New York. This grant certainly covered a part, at least, of Brookfield; see Governor and Council, II:134, 135.

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WILDERSBURG.—Vermont grant. See *Barre*.

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WILLIAMSBURGH.—The boundary of a tract of 2,000 acres which is now a part of Waterville and which was granted to John Kelly was described in its charter dated June 8, 1791, as running "in the easterly line of a Grant made to Whitelaw & Company called Williamsburgh," *ante* p. 115. The charter of Belvidere dated Nov. 4, 1791, described that

town as extending "to the easterly Line of a Tract of Ten thousand Acres of Land granted to James Whitelaw & others Called Williamsburgh," *ante* p. 17. A charter dated Oct. 26, 1788, issued to Whitelaw, Savage, and Coit, conveyed among others one tract of 10,000 acres in the locality above described, which must have been Williamsburgh and which was afterwards known as Coit's Gore, *ante* p. 221; State Papers Vt., 1:165.

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WILLIAMSTOWN.—Town in Orange County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Absalom Baker, Samuel Clark, and seventy-three associates, Aug. 9, 1781, *ante* p. 225. Boundary lines established, (Laws of 1799, p. 17; 1801, p. 88).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:1139; Child's Orange Co. Gazetteer, 1888, p. 511; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 192; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 138; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 255; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 947; State Papers Vt., 1:165.

See *Newbrook*, (New York grant), *ante*.

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WILLISTON.—Town in Chittenden County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Samuel Willis and sixty-four associates, June 7, 1763, (State Papers, N. H., 26:553). Oct. 27, 1794, (Laws, pp. 55-57), parts of Williston, Jericho, and New Huntington incorporated into Richmond, part of Williston annexed to New Huntington, and part of Burlington annexed to Williston. Line established with Burlington and part of Burlington annexed Nov. 8, 1797, (Laws, p. 66).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:900; Child's Chittenden Co. Gazetteer, 1883, p. 256<sup>23</sup>; Rann's History of Chittenden Co., 1886, p. 704; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 192; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 138; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 256; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 949; A History of the Town of Williston, 1913; State Papers Vt., 1:165.

See *Deerfield*, (New York Grant), *ante*.

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WILMINGTON.—Town in Windham County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Phineas Lyman and sixty associates, April 29, 1751, (State Papers N. H., 26:557). Regranted by New Hampshire as Draper to Francis Bernard and sixty-six others, June 17, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:562). Line with Searsburg established, (Laws of 1850, p. 46; 1852, p. 65; 1853, p. 58). Line with Marlboro and Dover es-

tablished, (Laws of 1851, p. 68; 1852, p. 66). Power to unite part of Wilmington and part of Whitingham for school purposes granted, (Laws of 1803, p. 40). Part of Somerset provisionally annexed, (Laws of 1858, p. 49; 1859, p. 51). Annexation of part to Dover authorized, (Laws of 1868, p. 310). Part provisionally annexed to Dover, (Laws of 1869, p. 289). See note under *Somerset*.

History of Wilmington by Rev. Volney Forbes; Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Vol. 5, Part III; Child's Windham Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 304<sup>84</sup>; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 193; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 138; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 257; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 949; Wilmington, Vermont, J. H. Walbridge, 1900; State Papers Vt., 1:167.

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WINDHAM.—Town in Windham County. Incorporated out of east part of Londonderry and Mack's Leg, Oct. 22, 1795, (Laws, p. 21), but represented jointly with Londonderry in the Legislature. Part annexed to Londonderry Oct. 21, 1797, (Laws, p. 21). Anderson's Gore made a part of by charter, Oct. 22, 1801, *ante* p. 6. Windham allowed a representative in the legislature, Oct. 23, 1804, (Laws, p. 16).

History, by Mrs. Lucy B. Wood; Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Vol. 5, Part III; Child's Windham Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 304<sup>97</sup>; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 193; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 140; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 258; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 950; State Papers Vt., 1:167; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:244.

See *Kent*, (New York Grant), *ante*.

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WINDHAM.—New York grant of 35,000 acres by Gov. Tyron to Joseph Beck & Co., March 25, 1772, in Duxbury and vicinity; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:156; map preceding index to Vol. 1, Documentary History of New York. Not the present town of Windham, in Windham County.

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WINDSOR.—Town in Windsor County. New Hampshire grant, July 6, 1761, of 23,500 acres to Samuel Ashley and fifty-eight associates, (State Papers N. H., 26:566). New York grant confirming New Hampshire charter, March 28, 1772; Vermont Historical Society Collections, 1:156. Vermont post-office established, March 9, 1787, (Laws, p. 116). Repealed, Nov. 10, 1797, (R. 1797, Repeals). Divided into two societies, Oct. 17, 1783, (Laws of 1799, p. 82). Societies incorporated in

two towns, Windsor and West Windsor, (Laws of 1814, p. 52). Repealed, (Laws of 1815, p. 67). Windsor divided into Windsor and West Windsor, (Laws of 1848, p. 8).

Child's Windsor Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 260; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 194; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 141; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 258; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 951; State Papers Vt., 1:167; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:222.

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WINHALL.—Town in Bennington County. New Hampshire grant of 23,040 acres to Osce Webster and sixty-one associates, Sept. 15, 1761. (State Papers N. H., 26:569).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1:245; Child's Bennington Co. Gazetteer, 1881, p. 209; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 196; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 142; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 259; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 955; State Papers Vt., 1:168.

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WINOOSKI, CITY OF.—City in Chittenden County. Incorporated from a part of the town of Colchester, (Laws of 1921, pp. 309-332).

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WOLCOTT.—Town in Lamoille County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to Capt. Joshua Stanton and sixty-four associates Aug. 22, 1781, *ante* p. 227.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 2:773; Child's Lamoille & Orleans Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 148; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 197; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 142; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 260; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 955; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 19; Land Records, pp. 531-2; State Papers Vt., 1:168.

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WOODBIDGE.—Oct. 26, 1781, a grant of a township of unappropriated lands was made to Maj. Theodore Woodbridge and Company, (Governor and Council, II:126, 127). The granting fees were not paid however, and Ira Allen, as Surveyor General, was "empowered and directed by the Governor and Council in accordance with an Act of the Legislature" to dispose of the township granted to Maj. Woodbridge and use the proceeds in purchasing stores, &c., (Governor and Council III: 32, 33). Allen, having failed to dispose of the township, advanced funds



on his own account and Gov. Chittenden at the request of Allen issued a charter to the latter in Oct. 1786. This act led to the defeat of Gov. Chittenden at the election in 1789, but after the whole matter had been thoroughly investigated by a committee of the legislature, and a large balance found to be due Allen, as Surveyor General, from the state, Gov. Chittenden was recalled from private life and held the office of governor continuously thereafter until his death.

The following is from Governor and Council III:512, 513: "The charter of Woodbridge seems never to have been recorded by the Secretary of the Governor and Council, or the Secretary of State, but it was entered by Allen in his record as Surveyor General, and is now in the office of the Secretary of State, in a book *erroneously* marked as Vol. 2 of town charters. All the town charters in this book, *Woodbridge excepted*, are in the official record . . . . The charter of Woodbridge given to Allen was dated Oct. 26, 1781, the date of the grant to Maj. Woodbridge, and it was recorded by Allen on the 10th of Oct. 1786, in this book, which probably was originally intended for a state record, but was withheld on account of the questionable character of Woodbridge." See *ante* p. 235. The charter of Woodbridge described it as a tract bounded West on Alburgh and must have covered part at least of Highgate. When Allen's writ was served upon the state in 1792 the present town of Troy was levied upon as "Woodbridge, so called," (Governor and Council, IV:428). See also [ms.] Vermont State Papers, 23:368; State Papers Vt., I:168.

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WOODBURY.—Town in Washington County. Vermont grant of 23,040 acres to William Lyman, Col. Ebenezer Wood, and sixty-three associates Aug. 16, 1781, *ante* p. 229. Name changed to Monroe, (Laws of 1838, p. 7). Part annexed to Walden, (Laws of 1840, p. 54). Name changed back to Woodbury, (Laws of 1843, p. 27).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 4:873; Child's Washington Co. Gazetteer, 1889, p. 518; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 198; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 142; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 261; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 956; [ms.] Chandler,—Atlas, p. 9; Land Records, pp. 413-434, 605-6; State Papers Vt., I:169.

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WOODBURY.—See under Coventry, *ante*. This is not the present town of Woodbury in Washington County.

WOODFORD.—Town in Bennington County. New Hampshire grant, March 6, 1753, of 23,040 acres to Elihu Chauncy and fifty-eight associates, (State Papers N. H., 26:573-578). Charter renewed Aug. 12, 1762.

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, I:248; Child's Bennington Co. Gazetteer, 1881, p. 21; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 198; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 142; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 261; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 956; State Papers Vt., 1:169.

See *Leinster*, *ante* for New York grant.

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WOODSTOCK.—Town in Windsor County. New Hampshire grant, July 10, 1761, of 24,900 acres to David Page and sixty-one associates, (State Papers N. H., 26:579); New York grant of 23,200 acres confirming New Hampshire charter, June 3, 1772. Part annexed to Hartford, and part of Hartford and part of Hartland annexed to Woodstock, (Laws of 1852, pp. 66-68). Line with Pomfret established, (Laws of 1880, p. 231).

Child's Windsor Co. Gazetteer, 1884, p. 285; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 198; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 143; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 262; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 957; Dana's History of Woodstock, 1889; State Papers Vt., 1:169; Crockett's History of Vermont, 1921, 1:225.

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WORCESTER.—Town in Washington County. New Hampshire grant as Worster, of 23,040 acres to Joshua Mason and sixty-four associates, June 8, 1763, (State Papers N. H., 26:583). Line with Elmore established, (Laws of 1837, p. 10).

Hemenway's Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 4:883; Child's Washington Co. Gazetteer, 1889, p. 530; Thompson's History of Vermont, 1842, Part III, p. 199; Hayward's Vermont Gazetteer, 1849, p. 143; Deming's Vermont Officers, 1918, p. 263; Coolidge and Mansfield's History of New England, 1860, p. 960; State Papers Vt., 1:170.

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