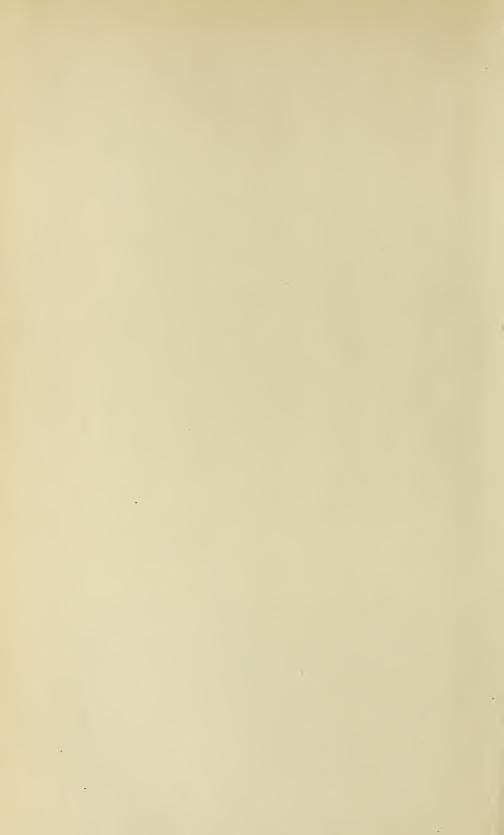


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This is to certify that Book 5, Original Records of the Town of Watertown, has been transcribed by Miss Helen Hadley of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and this is a true copy correctly made of the same.

Wm. P. Onc. Quire.

Town Clerk.

MIDDLESEX, SS:

February 15, 1928.

Personally appeared the above-named William P. McGuire, Clerk of the Town of Watertown, and made oath to the truth of the statement before me.

Millauflin

Justice of Peace.



### WATERTOWN RECORDS

COMPRISING

THE FIFTH BOOK

OF

TOWN PROCEEDINGS

AND

THE SIXTH BOOK

OF

TOWN PROCEEDINGS 1769 TO 1792

INCLUDING NOTES OF WATERTOWN LANDS; GRANTS AND POSSESSIONS

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AND ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO VOLUMES I, II, III, and IV OF WATERTOWN RECORDS

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# NOTES ON WATERTOWN LANDS, GRANTS AND POSSESSIONS

By J. GARDNER BARTLETT

Part 2 of the Printed Vol. I of the Watertown Records has from pages 15 to 146 three Inventories of Grants and Possessions; the so-called First Inventory covering pages 15-67, the so-called Second Inventory covering pages 68-113, and the so-called Third Inventory covering pages 114-146.

The purpose of these notes is to show that these Inventories have been erroneously numbered chronologically; that the so-called Second Inventory was really the First one made; that the so-called Third Inventory was really the Second one made; and that the

so-called First Inventory was really the Third one made.

At the General Court held 9 September 1639, an order was passed "To record all mens houses and lands, being certified under the hands of the men of every towne, deputed for the ordering of their affairs." (Records of Colony of Massachusetts Bay, Vol. 1

[printed], p. 276.)

In compliance with this law, on 4 Jan. 1641/2, the selectmen of Watertown "ordered that Simon Eire shall write a Transcript of the Lands in a Booke and give it in to the Court." (Watertown Records, printed Vol. 1, Part 1, p. 7.) Mr. Evre, the Town Clerk, soon undertook this compilation and first made an Inventory of all the GRANTS only; this actual FIRST INVEN-TORY is the erroneously so-called Second Inventory, and covers pages 68-113. This really First Inventory was therefore started after 4 Jan. 1641/2, and must have been completed before 10 May 1642, as on that date the allotments of the large farms in Weston were made, and none of these grants are included in this Inventory. (See printed Vol. 1, Part 2, pp. 11-14.) This Inventory was the one turned into the General Court on 18 May 1642, when "Watertowne delivering in a transcript of their lands, nott being perfect was lent them back again." (Records of Colony of Massachusetts Bay, Vol. 2 [printed], p. 2.)

The above Inventory was "nott perfect" as it did not include the large farm grants of 10 May 1642 and the records of possessions acquired by inheritance or purchase. Therefore a SECOND INVENTORY was made by Mr. Eyre of such POSSESSIONS only, which is the erroneously so-called Third Inventory and covers pages 114-146. Internal evidences show that this Second Inventory of Possessions was made after 20 July 1642, as John Sherman possessed an 8 acre meadow lot he had bought on that date from Samuel Saltonstall (See Watertown Records, Vol. 1, Part 2, p. 138, and Suffolk County Deeds, Vol. 1, p. 41); also after 9

Nov. 1643, as William Page possessed a 6 acre upland lot he had bought on that date from Widow Simson (See Watertown Records, Vol. 1, Part 2, p. 145, and Suffolk County Deeds, Vol. 1, p. 56); also after 2 Nov. 1643, as Isaac Sterne possessed a 60 acre upland lot no. 25 in the 3d division which he had bought on that date from Thomas Ruck (See Watertown Records, Vol. 1, Part 2, p. 117, and Suffolk County Deeds, Vol. 1, p. 46); also after 1 Dec. 1643 as John Biggellye [Bigelow] possessed a 20 acre upland lot, no. 15 in the 1st division which he had bought on that date from William Bridges (See Watertown Records, Vol. 1, Part 2, p. 140, and Suffolk County Deeds, Vol. 1, p. 46). But it was made before 16 Nov. 1644 as on that date Thomas Boyden bought a 2 acre meadow lot from George Parkhurst who possessed it when this Second Inventory was made (See Watertown Records, Vol. 1, Part 2, p. 142, and Suffolk County Deeds, Vol. 1, p. It therefore appears that this Second Inventory of Possessions (erroneously called the Third Inventory), was made between 1 Dec. 1643 and 16 Nov. 1644.

Having thus listed, first the Grants, and secondly the Possessions, Mr. Eyre from these two compiled a THIRD INVENTORY OF GRANTS AND POSSESSIONS being the results of the other two Inventories, and this Third Inventory is the erroneously so-called First Inventory and covers pages 15-67. This THIRD INVENTORY was made after 1 Dec. 1643 as John Biggelye is listed as owner of the 20 acre upland lot no. 15 in the 1st division which he had bought on that date from William Bridges (See Watertown Records, Vol. 1, Part 2, p. 58, and Suffolk County Deeds, Vol. 1, p. 46). But it was made before 16 Nov. 1644 as on that date Thomas Boyden bought a two acre meadow lot from George Parkhurst who is listed as the owner of this lot when this Third Inventory was made (See Watertown Records, Vol. 1, Part 2, p. 62, and Suffolk County Deeds, Vol. 1, p. 54).

To sum up:

The actual First Inventory, of Grants only, (erroneously called the Second Inventory and covering pages 68-113), was made between 4 Jan. 1641/2 and 10 May 1642.

The actual Second Inventory, of Possessions only, by inheritance or purchase, (erroneously called the Third Inventory and covering pages 114-146), was made between 1 Dec. 1643 and 16 Nov. 1644.

The actual Third Inventory of ownership both by Grants and by Possessions by purchase and inheritance, (erroneously called the First Inventory and covering pages 15-67), was a combined compilation of the actual First and Second Inventories, and was made subsequent to the latter, but between 1 Dec. 1643 and 16 November 1644.

## ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO VOLUMES ONE TO FOUR

#### By ELIZABETH FRENCH BARTLETT

The following list of additions and corrections to the indices of the first four published volumes of the Watertown Records have been compiled in part from an annotated copy of these volumes, now in the library of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, but formerly the property of the late Charles F. Fitz of Watertown, a member of the committee which had charge of publishing these volumes, and in part from notes made by me.

Vol. 1. Index of Land Grants and Possessions. Index to Inventories.

Saltenstall, Samuel, for 45 read 48.

Vol. 1. INDEX OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Bacon, John, omit 63. Barron, Lydia, omit 45. Bartlett, Thomas, add 10. Bowman, Martha, add 56. Bright, add Joseph, 65. Bull, Andrew, add 54. Church, Thomas, omit. Coolidge, Daniel, for 35 read 55. Dow, Mary, omit 42. Eddy, Jonathan, omit. Fay, Mary, omit 15. Fisk, Daniel, omit. Grant, Caleb, for 59 read 54. Grant, Susanna, omit. Harrington, Joseph, omit 65.
"Martha,, omit. Hawkins, Hannah, for 6 read 7. Timothy, for 6 read 7.

Jones, Jonah, omit. Kemball, John, for 4 read 5. Lewis, Mary, omit 16. Mason, Mary, add 8. Meddup, Sarah, omit 65. Perry, Joanna, for 25 read 35. Sary, omit 65. Peirce, Benjamin, add 53. Joseph, add 59. Pierson, Jonathan, omit. Robinson, omit Ebenezer. Rogers, Thomas, omit 54. Simpson, omit Hannah. Stearns, omit Theophilus. Stone, omit Jane, 38. Sweetman, Sary, for 3 read 38. Waters, Anne, omit 11.

Vol. 2. INDEX OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Bail, Samuel, Susanna and William should read, Ball, Samuel, Susanna and William. Ball, Samuel, omit 11, and for 107 read 103.

Add Bull, Samuel, 11. Bigelow, Mary, omit 23. " add Mercy 23.

#### TOWN PROCEEDINGS.

Vol. 2. INDEX OF SUBJECTS.

Precincts, for 207 read 209, for 276 read 277, for 314 read 315.

Vol. 3. INDEX OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Adams, for Silome read Silence. Babcock, Elizabeth, add 170, 179, Alden, add Rebecca, 236.

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Barnard, Elizabeth, add 185. Child, add Ebeneber, 129. James, add 185. 66 Maj. Samuel, add 185. " 66 Sarah, add 195. 66 Baxter, Eunice, add 176. Newton, add 176. Add Beal, Ebenezer, 146. Bellows, for Samuel Moore read Samuel Morse. Bemis, David, add 137. add John, 145. Mary, add 137. Benjamin, Mary, add 131. Samuel, add 131. Bigelow, Eleazer, add 119. "George Tyler, omit 194. 66 66 " " " Marv, add 119. Tyler, add 194. Bird, add Hitty, 194. " add Marshall, 194. Bisco, add Jonas, 161.
" omit Joseph, 160.
Add Bolter, Eliza, 219. Add " James Davis, 219. Bond, Elias, for 164 read 161. Henry, add 178. 66 Hitty, omit 194. " 66 Joseph, omit 194. 66 Lydia, add 235. " omit Marshall, 194. Mary, add 222, 242, and omit 228. 66 add Nancy, 228. Sarah, add 131. 66 add Susan, 186. 66 Bradish, James, for 157 read 151. Bridge, Sally, omit 167, 168.
" Sarah, add 167, 168. Bright, Hannah, add 123. John, for 129 read 130. " Jonathan, add 213. " Joseph, add 111. Josiah, add 154. Susanna, add 188. Brown, Adam, for 151 read 181. for Catty read Catherine. 66 Jonathan, omit 162. " Sally, add 177. 66 add Samuel, 151. " Sarah, omit 151. Carter, Betsey, add 199. omit Prince, 199. Add Chase, Thomas, 240. Chenry, Chenery, Ebenezer, add 117. tha, 114. Moses, for 183 Fanning, omit Fanny, 222. read 188. Add Fanny, Lydia, 222.

William, add

171.

omit Eleazer. Jonathan, add 204. Joseph, add 160. Nancy, add 204. Clark, Elizabeth, add 163. Uriah, add 122, 136. Cockran, add John, 175. Cook, Hannah, add 243. John, add 170. Samuel, for 170 read 171. Susanna, add 170. Coolige, Coolidge, Dorothy, for 142 read 143. add Elijah 115. Elizabeth, add 198. Hannah Stowell, omit 191. add Hannah Wellington, Hephzebah, add 155. Joseph, for 120 read 126. Mary, add 134. a d d Nathan, 150. Nathaniel, for 142 read 143. Samuel, add 127, 138. Simon, add 127. Susanna, a d d 153. William, add 153. Cornwall, for David read Daniel. " Thomas, add 187.

Davis, add Eliza, 222, 241.

" Elizabeth, omit 222, 241. omit Elizabeth, 121. James, add 120. Sarah, add 120. Dix, add Elijah, 121. omit Elizabeth, 121. Dudley, John, omit 234. add Samuel, 234. Durant, John, for 236 read 227. Maria, for 227 read 236. Esty, Easty, for 239 read 237. Everett, add Sarah 170. Fairbanks, for Martin read Mar-

Faxon, Nathaniel, for 228 read 238.

Add Felton, Benjamin, 136.

Goddard, omit Jonah, 119. Josiah, add 119. Godding, Joanna, omit 112. William, add 146. Grant, Mary, omit 120. " Mercy, add 120. Gray, Sarah, for 157 read 151. Greenwood, add Joseph 125. Add Grimes, James, 113, 120. Keziah, 120. Samuel, 120. 66 66 66 Sarah, 120. " Grover, Hannah, 113. Hagar, Margery, add 217. Mary, add 139. Samuel, add 139. Susanna, for 138 read 139. Hammond, Abigail, omit 137. Add Abijah, 137. Harrington, Anna, add 122. " Charles, omit 210. 66 Edward, add 122. " Grace, add 148. 66 Peter, add 129. 66 Sally, add 210. 66 Susanna, add 182, 183. 66 William, add 166, 169. Harris, Anna, add 137. Elijah, for 213 read 243. Hannah, for 252 read 212. Sarah, add 137. Stephen, add 137, 145, 149. Hastings, for Ann read Anna. 66 Jonas, add 174. Simon, omit 162, add 117. Add Hathaway, Simon, 162. Haynes, Lydia, add 197. Higgins, Luke, add 235. Honey, Calvin, for 229 read 234. Hosmen, John, should read Hos-

Add Felton, Lucy, 136.

Samuel, add 140.

add Susan, 129.

Fowle, Mary, add 169. French, omit Ebenezer, 125.

" add Esther, 124. Gardner, Eleanor, add 145.

150.

George, add Mary Ann, 204.

Gilman, Samuel, for 219 read 218.

Gobble, Joanna, for 231 read 234.

Gilbert, omit Mary.

add Elizabeth, 172.

Hannah, for 151 read

" omit Esther, 124. Frost, add Ebenezer, 125.

Fisk, Lucy, omit 179. "Lydia, add 179.

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mer, John. Hunt, omit Daniel, Henry and Lucy. Hunting, John, for 199 read 198. Jackson, add Susanna, 163. Jenison, Abigail, add 119, 126. Samuel, add 189. Kemball, John, add 133. Mary, add 151. Kendall, Paul, for 131 read 231. Lawrence, add Abigail, 112. Anna, omit 183. " add Nathaniel, 183. Learned, Abigail, add 145. 66 Bezaleel, add 129. 66 Daniel, omit 126. 66 add David, 126. " Elisha, add 153. 66 Fanning, add 145. 66 add John, 154. 66 Jonas, add 145. 66 Maria Coolidge, 239. 66 Mary, add 126. 66 Mercy, add 145, omit 126. Phineas, for 206 read 66 240. 66 Sarah, add 153. " Tabitha, add 1+5. Thomas, add 152, 235. 66 "William, add 152, 2
William, add 154.
Leathe, Lethe, Ann, add 231.
"add Frances, 174.
"Francis, add 149.
"Hannels Hannah, add 136, for 128 read 228. Leverett, add Katherine, 178. Add Lincoln, Anna, 236. Caleb, 214, 240. Harriet, 210, 239. Livermore, Amos, for 115 read 111 omit Frances, 149. Ruth, add 124. Malay, James, omit 227. Mallard, James, add 227. Mason, Grace, add 119, 123. 66 add Isaac, 176. " Joseph, add 119, 123. 66 Martha, add 176. 66 Sarah, add 123. Meacham, add Albert, 203. Mead, add Betsy, 170. " Israel, add 128, 129. Morse, Nancy, for 231 read 234. Nichols, Mary, add 204, 211.

Norcross, Sally, omit 152.

"add Seth, 152.
Peirce, Joseph, add 193, 226.

William, add 193.

Perry, Hannah, add 120.

"Josiah, add 120.
Pike, add Betsey, 230.
Pratt, add Susannah, 243.
Prentice, Benjamin, for 150 read
156.

" Smith, add 123. " add Stanton, 114.

For Prevett, read Privett.
Prichard, omit John, 196.
Ray, for Elijah Rowell, read Elijah Roswell.

Richardson, John, add 196.

Thomas, for 147 read 197.

Robbins Nathaniel, for 223 read 225.

Ruggles, Mary, for 136 read 139. Russell, for Eliza C., read Eliza Crocker.

" for Jane Ann K., read Jane Ann Kendall.

" Lucy, for 207 read 206.
" for Lucy S., read Lucy Stimpson.

Add Ryant, Rachel, 232. Saltmarsh, Mary, omit 115. Sanderson, Hanna, add 161.

" add Hannah Prentice, 183, 226.

" Isaac, add 161.
" add Lydia, 192.

Sanger, Abraham, add 216. "Nathaniel, add 143.

" Samuel, add 143. Sawin, Daniel, add 142.

" John, add 113, 132. Sherman, Charles, add 210. Smith, Grace, add 181, 185.

" Lydia, add 181.

Soden, omit Anna and Grace.
" add Mary, 154.

"Samuel, add 144, 148, 154, 171, 221.

" Susanna, omit 137, 221. Somes, add John, 221.

" add Samuel, 221, 241.
Add Souther, Moses, 158.
Add Southworth Pelegge, 139.

Add Southworth, Rebecca, 139. Spring, Convers, for 147 read 149. " Jedediah, add 137.

" Lydia, add 122.

" Sarah Sewell, for 227 read 229.

Stearns, Hannah, add 178.

"Peter, add 118.

Stone, Elizabeth, add 136.

Hannah, add 132, 171.

" Jonathan, add 132.

Stone, add Malinda, 236.
" omit Matilda, 236.
" Moses, add 132, 181.

" Rhoda, add 197, 231.

" William, add 181. Stratton, Joshua, omit 143.

" Mary, add 129.
" William, omit 143.
Swift, add Elizabeth, 236.
Taylor, add John, 162.
Tayntor, add Clarissa, 229.

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"Hannah, add 178.
"add Rebecca, 111.

" Samuel, add 142.

" Susanna, add 134, 158 and omit 133.

Add Temple, Hannah, 205. Add " Jerusha, 235. Add Tenny, Lydia, 242. Thatcher, Ebenezer, for 120 read

129.

" add Samuel, 134.
Thayer, for Zephear, read Zepheon, and add 191.

Thomas, Sarah, add 240. Add Tilton, Patty, 231.

Tolman, add Mehitable, 231.
" add Sally, 186, 226.

Tower, add Augustus, 182, 225. Tufts, Benjamin, for 194 read 199. " add Mary, 158.

Turner, Joseph, add 195. Add Twitchell Jonas, 115. Upham, for Lavis read Lewis. Wales, Susanna, add 166. Warren, add Elijah, 123.

" Elizabeth, add 123.
" Joshua, add 123.

Add Waters, Daniel, 241. Weeks, add Daniel Pinkney Park-

er, 221. David, add 221.

" Nancy, add 221. Add Webb, Deliverance, 141. Weld, omit Deliverance, 141. Wellington, Enoch, omit 231.

" add Ephraim, 231.
" Rebecca S., for 227
read 229.

Wheeler, John B., for 230 read 236.

White, Abigail, omit 169, 202, 236. "Abijah, add 169, 202, 236.

" omit Alvarious, 223.
" John, for 140 read 144.

Add Whiting, Sally, 225. Whitney, Abigail, add 166, 168, 169.

" Alvarious. add 223.

Whitney, Catherine, add 230. Charles, add 175.

66 Elisha, add 131. 66

Israel, add 116.

66 Jemima, omit 116, 133. 66 Johanna, add 116, 133.

66 John, omit 119. 66

add Joshua, 116. add Lemuel, 228. 66 66 Leonard, omit 228.

66 Mary, add 170.

44 Maria, for 199 read 198. Relief, add 160.

Whitney, Samuel, add 121.

Simon, omit 121. 66 Sukey, for 191 read 195.

Susanna, for 174 read 170.

Williams, William, for 232 read 111.

Woodward, add Nathaniel, 231.
Wyeth. After Jonathan Wyeth,
203, 237, the following names,
Joshua, Lydia, Lydia W., and
Mary, should have the name
Wyeth prefixed.

Vol. 4. INDEX OF EAST PRECINCT AND PASTORS' RECORDS. Barnard, Jonathan, omit 156.



### WATERTOWN RECORDS

Fifth Book, begun March 3rd, 1745-6

1745/6. [1] At a General Town Meeting of the free-holders and other Inhabis: of Watertown Regulerly Assembled at the Publick Meeting house in said Town on the Third day of March A. D. 1745 for the Choice of Town Officers &c Voted and Chose Mr Jonas Bond Moderator for sd meeting.

 $\label{eq:Voted and Choose for Selectmen} Voted and Choose for Selectmen \left\{ \begin{array}{l} Joseph \ Mason \ Esq^r. \\ M^r \ Jonas \ Bond \\ M^r \ Eben^r. \ Stone \\ M^r \ Oliver \ Livermore \\ M^r \ John \ Bright. \end{array} \right.$ 

Voted and Chose for Town Clerk—Joseph Mason Esqr. Voted and Chose for Town Treasurer Joseph Mason Esqr. Voted to Chose Two Constables for the present Year. Voted and Chose Mr Jonas Coolidge first Constable Voted and Chose Mr Amos Bond Second Constable

Voted and Chose for Assessors

{
 Nath!. Harris Esqr
 Mr Thos: Saltmarsh
 Joseph Mason Esqr.

Voted and Chose for Sealer of Leather Mr Isaac Sanderson

Voted and Chofe for fence Viewers  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Mefs}^{\text{rs}} \text{ Simon Coollidge} \\ \text{Samuel Jenison} \end{array} \right.$ Voted and Chofe for Surveyers of Highways  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} M^{\text{r}} \text{ James Baley} \\ M^{\text{r}} \text{ W}^{\text{m}} \text{: Coollidge} \end{array} \right.$ 

Voted and Choie for Surveyers of Highways (Mr Wm: Coollidge Voted and Choie for Tythingmen { Mr Samuel Cooke Mr Christopher Grant

Voted and Chose for Hogrieves

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\begin{align\*}
M^r Isaac Holdin \\
M^r Josiah Perry jun^r \\
Mr. Tho^s: Saltmarsh \\
M^r Jona^n. Bemis
\end{align\*}
\]

Voted and Chofe for Surveyers { Mr Jonas Coollidge and Meafrs of Timber plank &c } Mr Ebenezer Thornton

Voted and Chose for Hawards { Mr Uriah Clark Mr Saml. Warrin junr Voted and Chose for gager of Cask Mr Smith Prentice Voted and Chose for Saxton Mr Ebenezer Hastings. Voted to pay the Saxton for his care & trouble by Two Contrabutions as Usual.

Then the Town Brought in their Votes for a County Regester. As also their Votes for a County Treasurer.

Then the Town Treasurer Laid his Accts. before the Town And the Amount of ye Acct in the Treasurey old Tener was

£723 : 05 : .4

The Treasurey's Credit of

Sundry payments amounted to 579:06: ..

Outstanding in ye Constables

hands .44 : 15 : .3 In the Treasurey 099 : 04 : .1

£723 : 05 : .4

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[2] The Vote was put whether the Town do Accept and Allow of the Town Treasurers Accts. And the Vote past in the Affirmative.

Voted that the Intrest money Coming to the Town this Year ye Year beginning ye Eleventh of Decemb. Last be Appropriated for the help Maintaing of the Ministry & School in the Town this

prefent Year.

Voted and Granted for ye Revd mr Seth Storers Salery According to Contract One Hundred pounds Old Tenr £100:00:00 Voted as An Addition to ye Revd Mr Storers Salery for this prefent Year to be paid out of ye Interest money abovesaid the sum of One Hundred and Ten pounds Old Tenner.

Voted for the Support of ye Grammer and English School for the prient Year to be paid out of ye Interest mone abovesaid the

sum of One Hundred pounds old Tenner.

Voted and Granted for the Support of ye poor this present Year the Sum of Thirty pounds old Tenner £030:00:00 Voted and Granted the Sum of fifty pounds old Tenner for the Repairs of ye Great Bridge over Charles River in said Town.

50 : 00 : 00

Then a List of ye Debts due from the Town to Sundry Persons was Laid before ye Town Amounting to Thirty Nine pounds 11/6 & Allowed

Voted and Granted the Sum of Thirty nine pounds 11/6 old Tenner to Satisfy and pay the aboves<sup>d</sup> Accounts

.39 : 11 : .6

Voted and Granted to M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Harrington for drawing timber and Clearing ye Country Road ye sum of Ten pounds 15/old Ten<sup>r</sup> & what he shall git of perticuler perfons y<sup>t</sup> owned ye Timb<sup>r</sup>. (if any he doth to be paid to ye Town or Difcounted out of this grant)

10 : 15 : 00

Voted and Granted to Joseph Mason Esqr for his Service in the Town Affairs for the Year 1745

.20:00:00

Voted that the Town Ways be mended by the prefent Surveyrs

this Year with the Arreriges remaining behind in their Lifts of Rates.

Constable Thomas Homans Ask't the Town to Abate Henry Bright jur Decd his Rate 12/4 & Jacob Hills Decd his Rate 13/.

And ye Town by Vote Abated & Sunck sd Rates

& Granted So much as to make them good

The Town Voted and Sunk in Constable Saml Prentices Lists of Rates vizt: all Jacob Hills wch was 46/4 old. Tenr. Widw: Mary Grants 11/8 Henry Bright junt Decd. 25/ which in all makes four pounds 3/ old Tenr.

Voted and Granted ye Sum of four pounds 3/

to make good ye Sink in Conftable Prentices Listes .4: .3: 00 Voted and Sunk in Constable Edw. Harringtons Listes viz Wm. Ward 32/8 Richd King's 23/. Joshua Warrins 14/4 all is 3=10-.. old Ten<sup>r</sup>. and as Mr Harrington had paid ye same & made up wth ye Treasurer.

Voted and Granted to Satisfy Mr Herrington

for wt ye Town Sunk in his Lists wch he had paid &c

Voted and Sunk in Josiah Stearns Listes of Rates vizt. Joshua Warrins 18/4 Andw. Smiths 16/4. Wm. Wards 24/8 old Tenr

all is 2=19=.4 Voted and Granted the Sum of Two pounds Ninteen Shillings & 4d to Satisfy and make good wt was Sunk in sd Starnes Lifts

.2:19:.4 Then

.3 : 10 : 00

[3] Then the Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to purchase that Acrer of Land belonging to ye Widw. Hannah Fisk wch Lyes in Common with Land belonging to ye Ministeral place (Near Thomas Wellingtons) if it may be had on Reasonable Terms. And the Vote past in the Affirmative. Voted not to purchase any wood land at present.

The Vote was put whether it is the mind A & Impower a Committee to purchase ye Land of ye Widw. Hannah Fisk Voted already to be purchased if it may be had. & ye Vote past in ye Affirmative

Voted and Chofe Joseph Mason Esqr Mr Daniel Whitney & Cap<sup>n</sup>. Thomas Homans to be the Committee for ye Ends abovesd.

Voted That ye Committee give Bond in behalf of ye Town to Mrs Fiske in case they Should purchase till the Town Shall Agree how it shall be paid.

In the Case of Mr Saml. Coollidge after Debat thereon. Voted that the Town Leave that Affair to the Discretion of ye Selectmen to mannage with prudence for the Town.

Voted that Swine run at Large under the Regulations in the Law in that behalf provided.

Voted that the by Law referring to horses made Last Year be Confirmed for this Year. vizt. That no person or persons Shall Suffer their horses or horse kind above the Age of Six months to Run at Large with in the Limmetts of Watertown without their being well fettred from the first Day of April next to ye Last day of October following under the penalty or forsiture of Two shillings and six pence for evry one found without setters.

Voted that Joseph Mason & Nath!. Harris Esqrs.. Lay the Same before the Court of General Sessions of ye peace for their Con-

firmation

The Ninteenth Article referring to ye Raifing of Money to Lye as a fund for the highering of men into ye war &c was Red & debated. and the Vote was put whether the Town would Act upon said Ninteenth Article. And the Vote past in the Negative. The Twentyeth Article Vizt. to hear the Petition of sundry of ye Inhabts. of ye Town Relating to Dogs &c. Was by a Vote of ye Town Continued to Next May Meeting.—

N. B. The Vote of the Town Relating to horses &c. was Laid before the Court of Sessions held at Charlstown ye Second Tuesday of March Currant (by me ye Subscriber) and

Confirmed by Said Court Att.

Joseph Mason

[4] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the Widw. Mary Learneds on the 7th. of March A. D. 1745/6. for the Swaring of Town Officers. At sd Meeting the following persons were Sworn to their Respective Offices. vizt.

Joseph Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>. to the Office of Town Clerk, To y<sup>e</sup> Office of Town Treasurer & to the Office of Assessor. Pr Nath<sup>1</sup>. Harris Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Jonas Coollidge Amos Bond Sto ye office of Constable
Nath!. Harris Esqr Afsefsors — — —
Thos. Saltmarsh Simon Coollidge Fence Viewers Sworn ye
Sam! Jenison State Thos. Saltmarsh Dear Rieve — — — — — —
Jonas Coollidge Surveyrs & Measurers of Ebenezr. Thornton Timbr &c — — —
Uriah Clark Sam!. Warrin junr

At the meeting aboves<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Agre'd w<sup>th</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Nath Harrington to keep the Grammer and English School in s<sup>d</sup> Town, And to be paid for his Service after the Rate of One hundred pounds P<sup>r</sup> Year for the time he Shall keep the s<sup>d</sup> School, And if he Should Se cause to Quit the S<sup>d</sup> School befor the End of the

Year in that Case to give the Selectmen timly Notice.

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Joseph Mason Esq. on ye 17th. of March 1745/6.

There being wanting to Compleat the Town's Stock of Powder and Ball According to Law viz<sup>t</sup> better than a Barrel of powder of Ball ab<sup>t</sup>. 200 lb The Selectmen Agred and Defired Joseph Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> Oliver Livermore (Two of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen) to take the Money paid to the Selectmen of y<sup>e</sup> powder Rate &c. and purchase so much Powder and ball as is wanting to Compleat the Towns Stock and if there be Money wanting of ye above Collection, that the Town Treasurer is ordred to pay what is wanting out of y<sup>e</sup> Town Treasury and that an Acc<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>r</sup> proceedings be Laid before y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at y<sup>r</sup> Next Meeting. Whereas M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Child who has had the Care of y<sup>e</sup> Town's Ammunision for a long time is Desireous that an other place may be provided. desired that Miss<sup>rs</sup>. Jonas Bond and Ebenez<sup>r</sup> Stone to go to Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph Coollidge to se whether they could prevail with him to Let it be put into his Mill house Chamber that being a Convenant and Safe place from Danger.

#### [5]

That they had paid out of ye Money paid to ye Selectmen &c. 56=10=.6

And of Money Rec<sup>d</sup> out of y<sup>e</sup> Town
Treafury — — — — — — — — — — 16" 15—.2 72=15=.8

And that they had got ye sd Powder and Ball brought up into the Town

That there Now is in the Town Two Barrels of powder of 205 lb w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Tare And About 400 lb of bullets of Several Sizes and about 700 flints.—

At this Meeting The Selectmen Agreed with M<sup>r</sup> John Coollidge (no other person Appearing) to Board the Widw. Webb for one Year from the Twenty sifth of this Instant March after the Rate of Ten Shillings P<sup>r</sup> week old Tenner and He to Look after her well under her present Circumstances And Insirmities of old Age, and if any Extrordnary care should happen through Sickness or otherwise to be alowed over and Above ye sd 10/ P week Reasonable Satisfaction therefor.—to wch Sd Coollidge Consented.—

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at Ebenezer Ston's on ye 2d day of May 1746.

The Selectmen having Received a Preceipt Requiring y<sup>m</sup> to cause their Town to be forth with Assembled to Elect and Deput a Person to Represent them in a great & General Court or Assembly Appointed to be Convened and held at y<sup>e</sup> Court house in Boston on Wednesday y<sup>e</sup> 28th. of May Currant.

In Observance of s<sup>d</sup> Preceipt the Selectmen Ordred the Clerk To Isue out Warrants to the Constables of said Town to Warn the Freeholders and other Inhabts. of s<sup>d</sup> Town with in their Respective Districts who are Quallified to Vote in y<sup>e</sup> Choice of a Representative, To Assemble and Meet at y<sup>e</sup> Publick Meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town on Wednesday the 14th. day of May Currant at three of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon Then and there to Elect & Depute one meet person to Serve for and Represent them in a great and General Court or Assembly Appointed to be Convened held & kept for his Majesty's Service at the Court house in Boston on the 28th. Day of this Instant May.

—Also to Require the Said Constables to Warn the freeholders and other Inhabts. of sd Town with in their Respective Districts, who are Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs to meet at the Publick Meeting house in sd Town on the sd 14th Day of this Instant May at five of ye Clock after noon for the Ends following:

1. To Choose a Moderator. 2ly. To Act upon the Affair yt was Referred from March Meeting to May Meeting.

3ly. The Committy who were Chosen & Impowred to purchase a piece of Land Lying in Common with Land belonging to ye Ministerel place having purchased the same. To know the Mind of ve Town how they will pay & Satisfy for sd Land. whether by disposing of some piece or pieces of Land belonging to the Town, or by calling in some of ye Money weh is upon Bond and belonging to the Town, and to Act and do any thing or things which they shall Judge proper & Expedent to be done that so the sd Land may be Speedly paid for. 4ly. To hear the Petition of ve Widw Elizh Grover praying that she may have Liberty to set a small building on a Corner of ye Towns Land against the southwest Corner of ye Land belonging to the heirs of Joseph Grant Decd. for Reasons set forth ye Petition 5ly. To hear the Report of ye Comtee. who were chosen to take Advice Relating to the Land which was sold by Waltham at a place Called Bever brook in sd Waltham And for the Town to Act their pleafure Relating to sd Land.

[6] 6<sup>ly</sup>. To hear the Petition of Nathanael Norcross Relating to the Pew in the Meeting House which was Settled upon

6<sup>ly</sup>.

Jonan Benjamin Deceased and for the Town to Act their pleasure with Relation thereunto.—

(Warrants Were Isued out Accordingly)

At the Meeting afores<sup>d</sup> the Selectmen being Notified by Stephen Palmer of Cambridge by Writing under his hand that he had taken into his House w<sup>ch</sup> is in Watertown Mr Saml Andrew and his wife who Came from s<sup>d</sup> Cambridge Ordred the Clerk to Isue out a Warrant directed to y<sup>e</sup> Constables forth with to warn the S<sup>d</sup> Saml Andrew & Wife to Depart out of Watertown.

Which was Accordingly done and Return made Cautioned against at Cambridge Court May 22. 1746.

At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholdrs. and Other Inhabts. of Watertown Quallified to Vote in the Election or Choice of a Representative, Regulerly assembled at the Publick Meeting house in said Town on the 14th. Day of May A. D. 1746. For to Elect and Depute a Meet Person to serve for and Represent them in a Great & General Court or Assembly Appointed to be Conven'd held & kept for his Majestys Service at the Court house in Boston on Wednesday the 28th Day of May Currant.

After the Votes were Called for and given in (the Majer part of ye Selectmen being present) it Appeared by the Sorting and Numbering the Votes that were given in That Mr Jonas Bond was Elected for the Service abovesd by the Majer part of

the Voters then present.—

At a General Town Meeting of ye Freeholdrs. and othr Inhabts. of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs Regulerly Assembled at the publick Meeting house in sd Town on the 14th Day of May A. D. 1746. for ye Ends Mentioned in the Warrant &c.—

Voted and Chose Joseph Mason Esq. Modfirmed by the Court
at Cambridge May
22, 1746.)

Voted and Chose Joseph Mason Esq. Moderator of sd. Meeting. The Petition of Sundry
of the Inhabts. of ye Town Relating to Dogs
Coming to the Publick Meeting-house on Lords
Was Red before the Town. and after Debate thereon The Vote
was put whether it is the mind of the Town That Evry Person
belonging to the Town that shall Let or Suffer his or her Dog
Come to the Publick Meeting-house on the Lords Day shall pay
a fine of five Shillings to the Town for evry Such offence sd. fine
to be Improved towards the Support of ye poor of the Town.
And the Vote past in ye Affirmative.

Voted and Chose Nath! Harris and Joseph Mason Esqrs. to be a Comtee to Lay this Vote of ye Town before the Honourable

his Majestys Justices of the Court of General Sessions of the peace to be holden at Cambridge within & for the County of Midd\*. on the Third Tusday of this Instant May for their Confirmation

Then the Third Article in the Warrant was Red. And the Vote was put whether the Town wld Dispose of Some of their Land and out of the proceeds thereof to pay and Satisfy for the Land purchased by their Comtee: of the Widw. Hannah Fisk for the use of ye Town An the Vote past in the Affirmative

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Sell Some of ye Towns Land Lying West of ye Meeting house and Contigus to Land of Saml. Barnard & Josiah Perry—And the

Vote past in the Affirmative

Then

[7] Then the Vote was put whether it is the mind of the Town to Choose a Comtee to View and Se what Land may be Spared West of ye Meeting house So as not to Incomode the

Publick and the Vote past in the Affirme.

Voted and Chose Capt John Taynter Nath! Harris Esqt. & Doctt. Josiah Convers to be the Committee for the Ends abovesd. Then the Vote was put whether it is the Mind of yte Town to Impower their Committee to Sell So much of said Land as may be Convenantly Spared So as not to Incomode and hurt the Publick and the Vote past in the Affirmative

The Vote was then put whether it is the mind of ye Town that yr Committe who are Impowred to Dispose of ye Land Abovesd (wch may be spared) Shall Dispose of the Same to the

Highest bidder and the Vote past in the Affirmative.

Upon a Motion made & Seconded (the day being spent) the vote was put whether it is the Mind of the Town to Adjourn this Meeting and the Remaining busnifs thereof untill Munday the 21 Day of this Instant May at five of ye Clock after noon at this place and the Vote past in the Affirmative. And the Meeting was Accordingly Adjourn'd.

At a General Town Meeting of ye freeholders and other Inhabts. of Watertown Quallified to Vote in town Affairs Assembled at the publick Meeting house in sd Town on the the 19th of May 1746 by Adjournment.

The Petition of Elizh Grover was Red to the Town praying for Liberty to set a Small Shop or building upon the Towns Land Near the Corner of m<sup>r</sup>. John Haftings Land and Against the front of ye Land belonging to the Heirs of Joseph Grant Decd. And after Confideration thereof, The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Suspend the Acting upon the sd Petition for the present, and in the mean time care be taken to Se if the Petitioner may not be otherwise Accommodated in the Neighbour-

hood there being a favourable prospect thereof. and the Vote

past in the Affirmative.

The Committee who were Chosen to take Advise Respecting the Land Sold by a Comtee: of Waltham wch Land belonged to Watertown Made their Varble Report Relating to the Advise they had Receved, upon hearing and Considering of ye Same the Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Choose the Selectmen to be a Committee to Discourse with the Selectmen of Waltham upon sd Affair in order to know what ye Town of Waltham in tend to Do Relating to Said Land and make yr Report at ye Next Town Meeting. and the Vote past in the Affirmative

Then the Petition of Nath! Norcross was Red to the Town who prays that the Town wld please to Grant him the priviledge & Improvmt. of ye Pew which was Settled on Jonan. Benjamin Deceased under Such Restrictions as the other pews are Settled on. And after the prayer of ye. Petition was Considered The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Grant the prayer of sd Petition the Petitioner paying and Satisfying the Heirs of ye Deceased for the prime Cost of building sd Pew. And the Vote past in the Negative

June 30 1746: At a meeting of ye selectmen at D Coollidges. The prions Approbated ye Last Year were this. the Selectmen agre'd that Mr Benjn. Hastings be defired to take ye care of ye Great Bridge this year. Agre'd to meet on ye 14th of July at Mr. Learneds 3 clock to take care abot ye great Bridge & Desired ye Clark to Notify ye Selectmen of Weston & Waltham to meet

wth them at ye time & place.

[8] At a meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham at ye Widw. Mary Learneds in Watertown on the 14th. Day of July 1746. In order to View the Great Bridge

over Charles River in sd Watertown.

And there being A Necessessity of Rebuilding the North Peer of sd Bridge. Agre'd to Rebuld the Same, but in the following Manner vizt. Instead of having King Posts &c above the Bridge to have a Mudcell Supporters and braces Underneath. Agreed to have a Mudcell Thirty Eight feet in Length and a foot Square of good black oak. A good Cap piece of 22 feet Long and a foot Square of good white Oake. Also Two good white Oak braces of Twelve feet long and 8 and 10 Inches. four Posts or Supporters 10 feet Long and a foot Square 2 of them to be New, Also that there be procured 2 Cap pieces, posts and braces for ye North and South Sides of Sd Peer (the old ones being supposed to be Rotton) Of ye Same Dementions of ye old ones Agreed to procure one Long String piece for sd peer one New one being all ready provided. Agreed yt ye Selectmen of Watertown procure Sd String piece. The Selectmen of Weston procure the Mudcell abovesd the Three Cappieces and the 2 New posts or Supporters abovesd.

Whatelfe may be wanted it is proposed to Improve the old Stuff. Agreed that the Timber be procured and Laid at ye sd

Bridge by the first of Sepr. Next.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham On the 16th Day of Sept. 1746. at the Widw. Learneds in Watertown. In Order to take Effectual Care for the Repairing off or New Errecting the Northerly peer of ye Great Bridge over Charles River in Watertown Agre'd that Mr Ebenezer Stone Mr Nathl. Walker and Mr Jonan Stratton Should be the workmen to Do the Carpentree work and to proceed abot the work forth with, and in order to further the work, Agree'd that the Selectmen of ye Three Towns or So many of them as can Conveniantly Come, To meet on Munday Next at the sd Bridge with the workmen Abovesd. to take up the Bridge in order to Examine the Timbers to Se what may do again, and to Se what is further Wanting. And the Selectmen of Each Town Endeavour to procure some good hands to Assist abot Laying of ye Mudcells and other Waterwork and that ye Selectmen of Watertown procure Stones to Lay on the Ends of the Mudcells.

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown at Mrs. Learneds in Order to take care of ye old Plank and to Dispose of ye Old Timber belonging to ye Bridge. The old plank was all Carryed into Mrs. Learneds Yard and stict up with wt was there before. The old Timber that was fit for nothing but the fire was Sold to James Dix (he being ye higest bidder) for Thirty Shillings old Tener. The Remainder was Sold to Benjamin Hastings for Thirty Shillings old Tent.

The Selectmen Ordred the Clerk to Isue out a Warrant to the Constables To warn One Sarah Cornish Alias Sarah Bemis to Depart out of Watertown who Came from Waltham abt. the 17th of Feby. Last past the Selectmen Resulting to Accept of her to be an Inhabt. in Watertown.

[9] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown at the Widw. Learneds Nov. 20, 1746. For Taking in of ye Accts. of ye Work done by Watertown at the Repairing of ye Great Bridge and Timber bot. the Accts are as follow's. Vizt.

Joseph Mason for 5 Days & ½ work at 10/P and Cash for Drawing of Timbr 1/4 } — £ .2=16—.4

Jonas Bond 5 days and half — — — — — — .2=15—..

Oliver Livermore Two days & ½ — — — — .1—.7—.6

Jonan Bemis 2 Load of Stones 7/P — — — — ..—14—..

Nath! Norcross the best part of a Day — — — ..—10—..

Jonn. Learned 2 Days & ¾ — — — — — .1—12—..

Ebenezer Thornton for 69 feet of Timber at 3/P

Widw. Mary Learned for Expences at ye

Repairing of said bridge vizt for drink 93/4:

for 38 Dinners at 2/6 P 95/

Ebenezer Stone 6 days ½ at 12/P ½ Day at 5 — — Benj <sup>n</sup> . Hastings for his care in mending ye Bridge this year to this Date £2=.5—.6 and for 5 Days ½ at 12/P & half Day 5/ 3=11=	.5=16=.6
W <sup>m</sup> Coollidge one day ½ 20/ carting gravil 18/	.1—18—
Jame Dix Slitwork and Speeks	.1—.5 —.6
Danl Whitney for 12 Load of Stones	
7/P .4—.4—	
& himself a hand & Teem one day	
& ½ 30/P 2—.5—	.69
David Learned for a piece of Timbr & use of	.09
his Conoo	—10—
Jonas Coollidge ½ day work & Drawing Timbr	.1—.6 —
Eleven Hundred & 11 feet Plank 27=15-6:	
$Timb^r .6 = 19 = .2$	34 = 148
-	£85=12=10
	203=12=10

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown Weston and Waltham On November the 24th. 1746. At Richd Cuttings in sd Waltham

The Accts. of the Charge of ye Great Bridge over Charles River in Watertown Since the Last Adjustment were this Day Proportioned And Adjusted Between the Three Towns. (Se the Accts. at Large Signed by ye Selectmen Each Town As Entred in Lib 2. Page 54 In the Treasurey)

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown on ye 1st Day of Decr. 1746 At Mr Oliver Livermore's The Selectmen Ordred ye Clerk to Isue out a Warant to Warn one Abigail Ovring to Depart out of Watertown, who came from Cambridge to sd Watertown abot, the 25th, of Octor. Last, and who now Resides at the House of David Sanger in sd Town.

At this Meeting ye Selectmen Signed An Order to ye Treasurer to pay Out of The Town Treasurey, of ye Last Grant made for ye Great Bridge as follows's.

To Jonas Bond 55/ To Oliver
Livermore 27/6 —4=.2—.6
To Jona<sup>n</sup>. Bemis 14/ To Nath<sup>1</sup>
Norcrofs 10/ To Jona<sup>n</sup>. Learned 32/—2=16—..
To Ebenez<sup>r</sup> Stone 83/ To Benj<sup>n</sup>
Haftings 86/6. To W<sup>m</sup>. Coollidge
38/—10=.7—.6
To Ebenz<sup>r</sup> Thornton £10=.7/ To
y<sup>e</sup> Wid<sup>w</sup> Learned £9=8/4 19—15—.4
To Dan<sup>1</sup>. Whitney £6=9/ To
David Learned 10/ .6=19—..

To Jonas Coollidge 26/ To Joseph Maion 56/4 old Tenner .4

.4 = .2 = .4

£48=.2=.8

And to the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Seth Storer out of ye Last Assessment Old Ten.

100=00=00

[10] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen On the 16th: of February 1746.

The Selectmen Ordred the Clerk to Isue out Warrants to the Constables of Watertown to Warn the Inhabts. of Said Town who are Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs To Meet at the Public Meeting house in Said Town on Munday the Second Day of March Next at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon for the Ends following vizt To Choose a Moderator for sd Meeting To Choose Selectmen to manage the Prudencals of ye Town. To Choose a Town Clark a Town Treasurer A Constable or Constables Assessors and all other Such Town Officers as are to be Chosen in the month of March Annually. To Choose a Saxton, and Agree how he Shall be Satisfyed.

To put in their Votes for a County Treasurer.

To hear the Town Treasurers Accts.

For the Town to Manifest their Minds how ye Interest Money coming to ye Town this present Year (the year beginning the Eleventh Day of December Last past) Shall be Appropriated.

To Grant Money to pay the Revd Mr Seth Storer his Salary

According to Contract for the Ensuing year

To know the Mind of ye Town what Addition they will make to Mr Storers Salary for ye Ensuing Year the Year beginning ye first of March Next. And to Grant what may be Agree'd upon or otherwise Agree upon what way and Method it Shall be Satisfied.

To Grant Money for the Support of the School, or other wife Agree how it Shall be Supported the Year Insuing, beginning

ye first of March Next.

To Grant Money for the Support of ye poor ye Year Ensuing. To hear the Accts. of those Persons to whom the Town are

Indebted, and to Grant Money to pay and Satisfy them.

To Grant Money for the Repairing of ye Meeting houf glass, and to procure a Cover for the Pulpit Cushing and other repairs. To hear the pleass of Some of ye Late Constables for ye Abating of Some persons Rates in their Lists. & for ye Town to Act yr pleasure thereon.

To know the Mind of the Town whether they are willing to Exchaing with Thos. Wellington the Two Acres of Land belonging to the Ministeral place Adjoining to sd Thomas Wellingtons Land for An Equivolent in Land Adjoining to the Ministeral Home Lot (reserving the wood on sd Two Acres for

the Use of the Minister) And in Case the Town sld Come into this Motion then to Chose a Committee to Accomplish the same According to Such Directions as the Town Shall See meet to give to sd Comtee Or in Case ye Town Sld not se meet to Exchainge as Aforesd or sd Wellington sld not come into the Measures of ye Town if they sld be willing to Exchange. Then to know yr Mind, how sd Two Acres shall be fenced and to Do what the Town shall judge proper to Accomplish ye proportion of fence belonging to the Town.

To know the Mind of ye Town whether the High ways and Town way shall be mended by Rate ye Year Infuing, and if the Town Comes into this Method Then to Grant Money for sd Affair, And to Choofe the Surveyors of ye High Ways to be Collectors, to Collect the Same or to Se that it be worked out within the Year Agreeable to Such Directions as the Town may

Se meet to give them.

To know the mind of ye Town how the Remander of ye Bond given to ye Widw Hannah Fiske by ye Towns Committe in yr Name with the Interest Shall be paid and Satisfied.

For the Town to hear the List of juriors, And to do thereon Agreable to ye Directions in ye Law in that behalf made & pro-

vided.

For

[11] For the Town to take Some proper Measures to prevent the Drawing of Timber over the great Bridge in ye Town without Carriages which practice is found to be very prejudical to ye Bridge, as also the drawing of Timbers into the River above and below the Bridge on the Southerly Side of sd River which tends to gull and tare down sd Bank and So prove prejudical to the Town.

Where as there was formerly a Grant made by ye General Court of 1500 Acres of Medow to Watertown web has Not Yet been Satisfied. And where as Watertown together with Weston & Waltham have been at a very great and burdenfome Charge in Building Repairing and Rebuilding once and Again the great Bridge over Charles River in Watertown (where by great benefit Accrews to the publick) and that the three Small Towns abovesd being Still (and like to be) Subject to a Conftant Yearly Charge of Repairing of sd Bridge, which by Long Experance ya find sd Repairs to be a growing burdinsome Charge upon them. To know the mind of the Town whether (upon the fore going Confiderations) they will Impower their Representative to joine in Conjunction wth the Representatives of ve Towns of Weston & Waltham abovesd (or Such Persons as they may Appoint) to Petition the great and General Court for a Grant of so much of the Unappropriated Land belonging to ye Province to be made to the Sd three Towns as the Sd Court in their Wisdom Shall judge Meet and Sufficiant to be in Liew of sd Grant of Medow Land, and also the better to Enable the sd Three Towns cheirfully to bear the growing Charge of sd Bridge, or other wife

in their Wisdom to relieve them Relating to ye premisses.

To know the mind of ye Town whether they are willing with Weston & Waltham to Dispose of yr Farm Lying Near ye great Wachusetts belonging to sd Towns for An Agreeable Valuable Consideration And for the Town to Do and Act with Relation thereunto as they shall see meet.

To hear the Report of y<sup>r</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup>: Appointed to Agree with Perfons w<sup>t</sup> they s<sup>ld</sup> give for Land Lying to y<sup>e</sup> Ways &c. what they have further done Relating to s<sup>d</sup> Affair, & for y<sup>e</sup> Town to

Act yr pleafure thereon

For the Town to be Acquainted that their are Several Persons who had Land Confirmed to them upon Condition of y<sup>r</sup> paying into the Town Treasurey what was Agreed on by y<sup>r</sup> Comm<sup>tee</sup>. (the proceeds of w<sup>ch</sup> Land was given by the Town to the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Storer) who have heitherto Neglected to pay their respective Dues, And for y<sup>e</sup> Town to Act y<sup>r</sup> pleasure with Rlation there unto.—

To know the Mind of ye Town whether they will do their proportion of ye fence between the Land of mr John Sawin and the Buring place, and to do what they shall judge proper

Relating yr unto.

To know the Mind of ye Town whether they will Either Lett or Sell that Small piece of Land belonging to the Town Lying between the Country Road and the Mill Crick Above the Corn Mill, as also to take Some proper Measures for the Removing the Incumbrances from off sd piece of Land, And also whether the Town will Let out the Small Island below the Mills and the Bank Against the River Near Mr David Sangers.

To know the Mind of ye Town whether Swine Shall Run at Large under the Regulations in the Law in that case made

and provided.

To

[12] To know the mind of the Town whether they will

Revive the by Law relating to horses for a Nother Year.

Likewise Order the Constables to Notify Such Persons that the Town are Indebted to to bring in their Accts, to ye Selectmen At the House of ye Widw. Mary Learneds on Wednesday the 25th of this Instant Feby: at three of ye Clock After noon in Order to have them Laid before ye Town

On Febr: 17th: 1746. Warrants were Ishued out and Dilived to the Constables of Sd Watertown P Joseph Mason Town

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At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the Widw. Mary Learneds on the 25 Day of February 1746/7. In order to receive the Acct from those Persons that the Town is Indebted to, weh are as follow's. vizt.

To Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Stone for worke done at y <sup>e</sup> Meeting house 18/ and Nails 5/ To Benj <sup>n</sup> . Hastings for work at y <sup>e</sup> Meeting House  1——	2 = .6 3
& for work done at ye great Bridge81-	8
To the Assessors for their Service in that office ye Year 1746 viz Nath! Harris & Joseph Mason & Thos Saltmarsh £5 Each	· —
for ye Powder &c 3/ for drafting a Report 1/	10=
To Oliver Livermore for 60 feet of Bord to make a place for to put ye Town's Stock of Ammunifion in  To David Livermore for Speaks for ye Great	17—
Bridge in April & Octobr Laft (these were	15=
Year & warning 2 Meetings .1—.	6 =
To Amos Bond Conftable for the Like Service .1—	.6 .
To Wm. Coollidge Surveyer for Plank and	
Timber to mend the Bridge (comonly called Tredaways Bridge) .2=	16=
£36"	.3 .6
[13] At a General Town Meeting of the Freel and other Inhabts, of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Affairs Duly Warned and Regulerly Assembled and Megether on the Second Day of March A. D. 1746/7. for of Town Officers &c.	holders Town eet to-
Voted and Chose Mr Jonas Bond Moderator of sd Meeting	o <del>r</del>
( M <sup>r</sup> Jonas Bond	
Voted and Choic for Selectmen Joseph Mason Esq.	r

Voted and Chofe Jacob Caldwell for Sealer of Leather Samuel Stratton Voted and Chofe for fence Viewers Edwd Harrington Voted and Chofe for Surveyers of High Ways \ William Coollidge Sam! Fiske Voted and Chofe for Tythingmen Nathaniel Stone Moses Stone Uriah Clark Mofes Stone Voted and Chose for Hogrieves ( Ebenezer Thornton Voted and Chofe for Surveyers and Meafrs of Timbr. &c \ Jonas Coollidge Jonathan Stone jung Voted and Chofe for Hawards Josiah Stowel Voted and Chofe Smith Prentice Gager of Cask Voted and Chofe for Saxton Joseph Hastings, who Refused to Serve Voted and Chose Henry Spring Tercous Sexton Voted to pay the Saxton by Two Contrabutions for his Service as has been Ufull Then [14] Then the Town Treasurer Laid his Acct. before the Town which was red, weh was as follow's vizt, What the Treasury was Charged for Amounted to ye Sum of £807".7"3 What ye Treasury had Credit for Amounted to £699 " 13 " 11 there is Remaining in the Constables hands .32 " 14 " .7

£807".7".3

74"18".9

Then the Vote was put whether the Town Alow and Accept of the Treasurers Acc<sup>t</sup> And the Vote past in the Affirmative Voted and Granted One hundred pounds for the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Storers Salary According to Contract old Ten<sup>r</sup> £100=00=00 Voted as an Addition to M<sup>r</sup> Storers Salery the sum of Two hundred pounds old Tener for the present Year. One hundred & Eight pounds to be Assest — — — — — 108—00=00 The other Ninty two pounds to be paid out of the Intrest money Coming to the Town this present Year.

Voted One hundred and Ten pounds of  $\frac{1}{\Lambda}$  Tener for the Support of the Gramer & English School for this Present Year to be paid out of  $y^e$  Interest money Coming to the Town this present Year. Voted and Granted the Sum of forty pounds old Tener for the Support of the poor this present Year — —  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}$ 

£36=.3=.6 old Tener & Alowed

And in the Treasurey

Voted and Granted the Sum of Sixteen pounds old Tener for to pay for Mending the Meeting house glass and for the further Repairing s<sup>d</sup> House and glass — — — — — — — £6=.......

Then Some of the Late Conftables Made their pleafs for the Town's Abating Some perticuler perfons Rates in their Respective Lists. And the Town by a Vote Abated in Constable Thos Homans Lists vizt Thos Newmas Rates 31/8 James Hackletons 40/4 Dan! Stearns 16/ One head in Sam! Benjamins 31/8 in All £5=19=.8 old Tener

Voted and Granted to Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Homans y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 5=19=.8 to Supply y<sup>e</sup> Abatm<sup>ts</sup>. — — — — — — — .5=19—.8

The Town by a Vote Abated in Edw. Harringtons Lifts of Rates James Hackletons Rates £4=18=.4 Ezriah Walkers 15/8 and Nathan Emes in all £7=.1—.. old Tener

Voted and Granted to Edw. Harrington the Sum of £7=.1—to Suply ye abatmts .7—.1—..

The Town by a Vote abated in Sam<sup>1</sup> Hagers Lifts Tim<sup>7</sup> Hoars Rates 13/8 Sam<sup>1</sup> Cambels 13/8 and Gerfham Keys 29/ in all £2=16=4 old Tener

Voted and Granted to Sam<sup>1</sup> Hager to Suply the abatm<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 2=16=4 .2=16=.4

The Town by a Vote Abated Saml Smiths Rate in Christoper Grants Lift of Rates w<sup>ch</sup> was 15/ old Tener.

Voted and Granted 15/ to Supply the abatm<sup>t</sup> in s<sup>d</sup> Grants ..—15—..

The Town by a Vote abated in Sam<sup>1</sup> Prentices Lifts of Rates Rob<sup>t</sup>. Crowls 14/8 And Nath<sup>1</sup> Norcrofs jun<sup>r</sup> 14/8 both is 29/4 old Tener

Voted and Granted 29/4 to Supply the Abatments in s<sup>d</sup> Prentices Lifts .1—.9—.4

Voted and Granted the Sum of £20 to the Town Treasurer for his Service for the Town the Year 1746. — — 20=00-00

Then Voted and Adjorned this Meeting and the Remaining builfness of it to Munday the Ninth Day of this Instant March at two of the clock After Noon.

[15] At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown at the Widw: Mary Learneds on the 6th Day of March A. D. 1746/7.

The Several Persons Under named who were Chosen by the Town at their Annual Meeting the 2<sup>d</sup> Instant were Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of their Respective Offices viz<sup>t</sup>.

Joseph Mason Esqr to the office of	Town Clerk Town Treasurer Assessor	Nath!. Harris Justice peace
Moses Stone } Uriah Clark }	to the Office of Conftable  to ye Office of Afsefsor to ye Office of Fence Viewer  office of Tythingman ye Office of Hogrieve to ye office of Surveyers and Meafrs of Timbr &c to the Office of Haward	P Joseph Mafon Ju <sup>s</sup> . p <sup>s</sup> .

The Selectmen Agre'd wth. Mr Nathl Harrington to keep the Gramer & English School, And to have as a reward After the Rate of one hundred and ten pounds P Year for the time he keeps sd School And if he should Se cause to Leave the School befor the End of one Year to give the Selectmen timely Notice.

The Selectmen with the Constables of sd Town Appointed Mr Samul Fiske of sd Town to be the Sealer of Weights and Measures for the sd Town of Watertown untill a nother Shall be Appointed in his Room.

March 12<sup>th</sup>: 1746 M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>. Fiske was Sworn to y<sup>e</sup> Office of Sealer of Weights & Measures for Watertown before the Court of Gen<sup>l</sup> Sessions of the peace held at Charlstown.

[16] At a General Town Meeting of ye freeholders and other Inhabts, of Watertown on the 9th. Day of March 1746/7 by Adjornment

Voted and Abated in Conftable Joseph Garfields Lifts of Rates Six shillings and one peney in John Becks & Eben<sup>r</sup> Perrys Lates Voted and Granted to Joseph Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> the Sum of Sixteen shillings old Tener for Entring Caution against Joseph Harris & Susana Murch Miners and for ye Constables Service.

Voted and Abated Daniel Stearns Lates 6/ and henry Springs ye 3d 32/ old Tener In Constable Amos Bonds Lifts of Rates. Voted and Granted 38/ old Tener to Supplie what was Sunk in Amos Bonds Lifts.

Voted and Granted to Amos Bond 30/ old Tener for His trouble in Conveying A woman & her Children & Goods from Watertown to ve Conftable in Cambridge

Then the Vote was put whether the Town is Willing to Exchang Land wth Mr Thomas Wellington. And the Vote past in ve Negative

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Choose

a Comter. to Divide the fence between the Land belonging to ye Town adjoining to m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Wellingtons Land that the Town may know y<sup>r</sup> part. And Se what Sort of fence will be most beneficial to be Errected by the the Town on their part, And Make Report at the Next Town Meeting And the Vote past in the Affarmative

Voted and Chofe Enf<sup>n</sup>. Dan<sup>1</sup> Whitney Joseph Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Harrington to be the Committy for ye Ends above said

Voted that the Ways be Mended this Year with the Arreariges w<sup>ch</sup> is in the hands or Rates of the prefent and Late Surveyers of High Ways.

Voted that Nine pounds one shilling and 2<sup>d</sup> be paid out of ye Treasurey by the Treasurer to ye Widw Hannah Fiske to Satisfy the Remainder of the Bond given to her by ye Towns Comtee. and

ye Intrest thereon

A Lift of Juriors was Laid be fore the Town & Red. and After the Town Voted five persons to be taken out, viz¹ Josiah Pery James Baley Walter Beath John Coollidge jun¹ & David Coollidge which were in before, the Addition made to the Lift was Accepted by ye ye Town. The whole Lift Amounting to Eighty three parsons. Twenty being ye forth part. Three was Added three to the Superiour Box (Seventeen being in before). The Three parsons went were by Vote Added were M¹ John Hunt M¹ Joseph Harrington m¹ Joseph Child.

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Choofe a Commtee to take perticuler Observation what Persons they are who Draw Timbrs Over the Great Bridge with out Carrages as also Such as draw Timber into the River above and below the Sd Bridge on ye South Side of the River to the prejudice of ye Town, And to desire such persons that they wild. Not Continue in Such a practice. And if they will not Desist therefrom yn Sd Commtee to make Reporte to the Town, That the Town may take other Measures to prevent Such a practice. And ye Vote past in ye Affirmative

Voted and Chofe Nathl Harris Esqr. Messrs.. John Hunt & Jonas Coollidge to be a Committee for ye Ends abovesd.

Upon Confideration of ye 1500 Acres of Medow Land formerly Granted by the General Court to Watertown not Yet Satisfyed together in Confideration of ye Great and growing Charge of ye great Bridge over Charles River in Watertown the burden whereof Lyes upon ye three Smal Towns of Watertown Weston and Waltham, the Vote was put Whether it is the Mind of

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[17] The Town to Impower their Representative to joine in Conjunction with the Representatives of Weston and

Waltham aboves<sup>d</sup> (or Such Perfons as they May Appoint) To Petition the Great & General Court for a Grant of So much of the Unapropriated Lands belonging to the Province To be made to the S<sup>d</sup> Three Towns as the s<sup>d</sup> Court in their Wisdom shall judge Meet and Sufficiant to be in Liew of s<sup>d</sup> Grant of Medow And also the Better to Enable the s<sup>d</sup> Three Towns, Charfully to bear the Growing Charge of s<sup>d</sup> Bridge (which the publick are So greatly benefited by) or other wise in their Great Wisdom & good ness to relieve the s<sup>d</sup> three Small Towns Relating to the Premises. & y<sup>e</sup> Vote past in y<sup>e</sup> Affirm<sup>e</sup>:

Put to Vote whether it is the Mind of ye Town to Choofe Two Persons to be a Comtee. to joine with Such Persons as are or may be Chosen by ye Towns of Weston and Waltham to git the best Information they can what the present Value of the Farme Near Wachusett belonging to ye sd Towns is Esteemed to be, And to hear the Offers which any Gentleman or Gentlemen may make for sd farm in case sd Towns will dispose thereof. And to Make Report of their doings at ye Next Town Meeting, that the Town May be able to Act more Understandingly in what May be most for their & ye other Towns Intrest in said Affair And the Vote past in the Affirmative.

Voted and Chose Nath! Harris Esqr and Capt. John Taynter

to be a Committee for ye Ends Abovesd.

Then the Com<sup>tees</sup> Report was Red. and the Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Accept of the Com<sup>tees</sup>. Report and that the Land Mentioned therein be Granted and Confirmed to ye sd Joshua Stratton his heirs and Assigns he paying therefor into the Town Treasurey for the Use of ye Town the Sum of sour pounds Ten shillings old Tener as Mentioned in sd Report. and ye Vote past in ye Affirmative

Then the Town was Informed that Mr John Kimbul was one of the Dilinquant Persons who was Indebted to ye Town for Land had of ye Town the proceeds whereof was given to Mr Storer. That Mr Andw. White & Joseph Stearns were the other Persons, that Mr Kimbul Debt was 45/ said Whites 60/ & sd Stearns 80/ Upon hearing hereof Voted yt ye Selectmen call upon ye sd Dilenquant persons to pay yr Respective dues that So ye Revd Mr Sorer may Reap thereby ye benefit of ye Towns Gift formerly made to him—

Voted that if ye sd Joseph Starnes Insist on having a deed of ye Land he had of the Town that the Selectmen give him a deed in

ye behalf of ye Town

Voted to Make One half of the fence against the burying place between the Land of m<sup>r</sup> John Sawin and Said Buring place

Voted to make a good Stone Wall fence between s<sup>d</sup> Sawins Land and s<sup>d</sup> Buring place

Voted to Chose a Committee to procure the Doing of sd fence

Voted and Chose Messurs. And White Dan Whitney & Oliver Livermore to be sd Committee.

Voted and Granted the Sum of Twenty five pounds old Tener to be Improved by s<sup>d</sup> Committee for y<sup>e</sup> making of s<sup>d</sup> wall fence, the Committee to render an Acc<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>r</sup> Doings.

[18] Then the Vote was put whether the Town will Sell that Small piece of Land between the Country Road and the Mill Crick above ye Corn mill And the Vote past in the Negative

The Vote was put whether the Town are of ye Mind to let sd Small piece of Land, and the Vote past in the Affirmative

Put to Vote whether the Town are of y<sup>c</sup> Mind that all Incumbrances should be Removed from off of s<sup>d</sup> piece of Land. And y<sup>e</sup> Vote past in y<sup>e</sup> Affirm<sup>e</sup>.

Voted to Let the Small Island below the Mills.

Then the Vote was put whether the Town will Choose a Commtee to Let ye small piece of Land above the Mill and the Island below the Mill aforesd And to Remove all the Incumbrances from off of sd piece of Land above the Mill between ye High Way & Mill Crick And the Vote past in the Affirmative Voted and Chose Nathl. Harris Esqr. Messurs. Thos Saltmarsh & David Sanger to be a Comtee. to Let the Land abovesd and to Remove the Incumbrances from off ye Land Abovesd.—

Voted that Swine Shall Run at Large this present Year under the Regulations in ye Law in that behalf made & provided

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town that the Town buy Law relating to horses be revived for the prest Year And the Vote past in the Negative—

The Commtee Reporte is as follows. vizt.

We the Subscribrs, ve Comtee: Appointed by ve Town of Watertown to Agree with Persons what they sld. give for Land Lying to ye Ways against ye front of yr Lands &c. Met on ye 16th. Day of Feby. And Agreed wth Joshua Stratton that he Move out the fence Against that piece of Land Mowing Land belonging to him and his mother (part of which is now in possession of his Mother as part of her Thirds) Lying East of Saml Jenisons Land Southerly of ye Highway and West of John Brights Land Vizt to Remove out So far Northerly against the Country Road as the Sd Jenisons Land Extends weh he had of ye Town and to run from Sd Jenisons Notheast Corner Eastward to A Stone Lying in a parrellel Line with the Dividing Line between ve sd Brights Land & ve Medow abovesd the North Line to be a Straight Line from Jenisons Corner aforesd to the aforesd stone, Said Stone Ly's at the Northeast Corner of ye Land to be taken in and the Country Road is full four Rods wide against said Stone or Corner and to be Left So in its full wydth. which bounds incloses and takes in abot Twenty four Rods of Ground, (referving to the Widw. the liberty of Convening Coming at her Thirds) He the sd Joshua Stratton To pay into the Town Treasurey for the same for the Use of ye Town the full Sum of four pounds Ten shillings old Tener when the Town Confirms ye said Twenty four Rods of Land to him his heirs &c.

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Ebenezer Stone
Jonas Bond
Jonan. Brown

Commtee.

March 9th The above sd Joshua gave a Bond to ye Town Treasurer for the Land above mentioned in ye Comtees Report. —

[19] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at Mr Jonas Bonds on the 23<sup>d</sup> Day of March 1746/7 The Selectmen Agre'd with Mr John Coollidge To board the Widw. Webb (who is at his house) and look after for the Space of one Year from the 25<sup>th</sup>. of this Instant March, And to have as a Recompence from the Town therefor After the Rate of Twelve Shillings P week old Tener. And if Any Extrordinary Charge should happen by Reason of Sickness Lameness or other wise to have Reasonable Satisfaction therefor over and Above ye 12/ P week.

Whereas Samuel Warrin gave a Note of hand of Eight pounds Ninteen shillings & Nine pence of w<sup>ch</sup> he paid Ten fhillings & 10<sup>d</sup> afterward. The Remainder Lying dead, And y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Warrin having Offred to give bond for y<sup>e</sup> same for the Use of the Town. The Selectmen Advised the Treasurer to take his Bond for y<sup>e</sup> Use

of ye Town and to give up ye sd Note.

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye Widw. Mary Learneds on the 3d Day of April 1747. This Year being the Year by Law for Preambulation and Renewing of ye Marks on the Lines between the Adjacent Towns. The Selectmen Accordingly Appointed Mefsrs. Jonathan Bemis & Ebenezer Thatcher To preambulate with the Adjacent Towns and with Such as they Shall Appoint to Renew the Marks on the Lines Between Sd Watertown and the Adjacent Towns. And they are Appointed & Directed to meet wth Such perfons as the Selectmen of Cambridge Shall appoint. On the Line between Watertown & Cambridge Near Edward Marrits on Wednesday the Twenty Second day of April Currant at Nine of the Clock in the fornoon. And with Such Persons as the Selectmen of Waltham Shall appoint at one of ye Clock afternoon of sd Day At the Line between Watertown & Sd Waltham Near Thomas Near Thomas Wellingtons.

And with Such Perfons as the Selectmen of Newton Shall Appoint at four of the Clock Afternoon on s<sup>d</sup> Day on the Line between Watertown and Said Newton Near Daniel Cooks. and Make return of y<sup>r</sup> Doings on s<sup>d</sup> Affair to the Town Clerk.

Ordred the Clerk to send Notifications to ye selectmen of the Adjacent Towns to Acquaint them of the Day Appointed for

preambulation and the persons who are Appointed by ye selectmen of Watertown that the Selectmen of ye Adjacent Towns may Conform thereunto. —which was done Accordingly P ye Clerk—

Watertown April 22. 1747.

We the Subscribers Met with Such men as ye Selectmen of Cambridge Appointed, Such men as ye Selectmen of Waltham Appointed & Such Men as ye Selectmen of Newton Appointed & Preambulated & Renew'd ye Bounds between sd Towns.

Jonathan Bemis Ebenezer Thatcher

[20] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at Joseph Mason's on the 7th of May 1747 The Selectmen having recd a Precipt from ve High Sherrif of of ve County of Middx Requiring forthwith to Assamble ye Inhabts. of ye Town for the Choice of a Representative to Represent them at a General Court Appointed to be Convened and held at the Court House in Boston on ye 27th. of This Instant May. In Obedience thereto, Ordred the Clerk to Ifue out Warrants Directed to the Constables of Watertown To warn the free holders and Other Inhabts. of sd Town who are Qualified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative to Meet at the Publick Meeting house in Said Town, On Munday the Eighteenth Day of May Currant At three of ye Clock afternoon then and there to Elect and Depute a Meet Person to Represent them at A General Court or Assembly Appointed to be Convened held and keept for His Majestry's Service at the Court house in Boston on Wednesday the 27th of May Currant.—

And Alfo to Order the S<sup>d</sup> Conftables to Warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs to Meet at S<sup>d</sup> Publick Meeting house on S<sup>d</sup> Eighteenth Day of May at four of the Clock Afternoon for y<sup>e</sup>

Ends following vizt.

- 1. To Choose a Moderator.
- 2. To hear the Report of Several Comtees: who were Appointed to make Report at s<sup>d</sup> Meeting on those Affairs of y<sup>e</sup> Town they were chosen to Act in, And for the Town to Act further Relating to S<sup>d</sup> Affairs if they See Meet.
- 3. To hear the Accts. of Messurs. Joseph Coollidge & Jonas Bond Trustees for Watertown, for the receiving and Leting out the Loan Bills of Credit belonging to said Town, And the Receiving the Interest therefor &c. of their proceedings in that Affair, And for the Town to Act their Pleasure with Relation thereunto.
- 4. To know the mind of ye Town whether they will Revive the the Town buy Law Relating to the fettering horses.
- 5. To know the mind of the Town whether they will

Revive the Town buy Law Relating to Dogs going to the Publick Meeting house on Sabbath days, with Some Addition.

6. To hear the Petition of James Dix Relating to the Shoop that He Errected on the Town Land Near the Mill Crick in s[aid] Town And for the Town to Act their pleasure with Relation thereunto.

Warrants were Isued out Accordingly Pr me Jos: Mason Cler-The Selectmen at this Meeting Appointed to meet on ye 25th of of this Instant May at three Clock Afternoon at Nath!. Harris Esqr. And Desired the Clerk to Send Notifications to Sundry Persons in the Name of ye Selectmen to meet them at ye time and place aforesd. vizt To John Coollidge, David Coollidge, Jabez Stratton & Isaac Holdin To pay or Renew their Bonds, wherein they are Indebted to ye Town. And to John Kimbul & Jos[eph] Stearns to come and pay what is due from them to ye Town for Land they had of ye Town.

[21] At a General Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabts. of Watertown Qualified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative, Regulerly Assembled at the Publick Meeting house in sd Town on the Eighteenth Day of May 1747. for ye

Choice of a Representative.

After the Votes were brot in Sorted and told, it Appeared that Mr Jonas Bond was Chosen to Represent the Town at a Great & General Court or Assembly Appointed to be Convened held & kept at ye Court house in Boston on Wednesday ye 27th. of May Currant P ye Majr part of ye Voters present, the Majr part of ye Selectmen being present.

At a General Town Meeting of ye freeholdrs, and other Inhabts, of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs Regulerly Assembled on the Eighteenth Day of May 1747 for the

Ends Set forth in the Warning.

Voted and Choie Joseph Mason Esqr. Moderator.

The Committee who were Chosen to Divide the fence between the Towns Lands & Mr Thomas Wellingtons & others. Made their Report. And the Vote was put whether the Town Accept of Said Report, and that sd Report be Recorded And the Vote past in the Affirmative.

Voted to Choose a Comtee: to Se the fence belonging to the Town Errected both Wall and Wooden sence Sd Commtee. to Cut down Some Trees on the Towns Land for the Making of ye

Woodin fence and to Compleat the whole.

Voted and Choose Joseph Mason Esqr Messrs. Dan! Whitney Joseph Harrington Jonathan Bemis & Andw. White to be the Comtee: to Errect & Compleat the sence which belongs to ye Town to Do.

The Comtee. Relating to the Farm at Wachusetts Made Report

that Weston had not Acted in Sd Affair, So that ya had not pro-

ceeded to do any thing.

Voted and Continued Said Comm<sup>tee</sup>: And they to Act on the Affair they were Chosen for if the other Town Concerned come in to it. Mr Jonas Bond one of ye Trustees informed the Town that the Trustees had not prepared their Accts. to Lay before ye Town And the Town Voted that the Affair of ye Trustees be continued to the Adjournmt of this Meeting to give them Oppertunity to prepare their Accts. to Lay before the Town, And the Town then to pass on them.

Voted to Revive the Town buy Law Relating to horses as it

Now Stands on Record.

Voted that the Town buy Law Relating to Dogs going to the Publick Meeting house be Revived with this Alteration vizt. That the fine be one half to the poor of ye Town, and the other half to him or them that shall procicut & Sue for the Same.

Voted

[22] Voted that Nath! Harris & Joseph Mason Esqrs. be a Commtee to Lay Said buy Laws before the Court of General

Sessions of the peace for their Confirmation.

Then the Petition of James Dix was Red, praying that the Town wld. please So far to Superceed wt was done at Last March Meeting as to Alow his Shoop to Continue on the Towns Land during the Towns pleasurer. and to Alow him So much of yte Towns Land as the Town shall Judge Necessary & Convenant he

paying a reasonable Rent to the Town for the same.

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town so far to Grant the prayer of ye Petition, That the Petitioners Shoop which Stands on ye Towns Land Near the Mill Crick be alowed to Continue on ye Towns Land during the Towns pleafurer and that ye Petitioner have So much of ye Towns Land aforesd as May be Convenant to Accomodate sd Shoop during the Town's pleafure, he paying a Reasonable Rent to the Town for the Same.—And the Vote past in the Affirmative

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Choofe A Commtee to Let to James Dix So much of ye Towns Land aforesd. As to Accommodate his shoop aforesd, and to Agree with him what Rent he shall pay for the same, and the Vote past in

the Affirmative.

Voted and Chofe Messrs. Oliver Livermore & John Sawin to be a Commtee. for the Ends Abovesaid.

Then Voted and Adjourned this Meeting to Munday the Eight day of June Next five of ye Clock Afternoon to this house.

At a Meeting of ye Inhabts. of Watertown on the 8th Day of June 1747 by Adjournment.

The Meeting being but small, it was moved and Seconded to

Adjourn the Meeting some time Longer.

Accordingly Voted and Adjourned this Meeting & the bufnifs of it to Tuefday ye 16th. of this Inftant June Six of the Clock

afternoon to this place.

June 16th: 1747. The Meeting Adjourned to this Day at Six of ye Clock afternoon. Dropt by Reason of ye Default of ye

Inhabts, in not Attending the Same.

At a meeting of ye Selectmen at Thos Saltmarshs on the 15th. of June 1747. The Selectmen gave their Consent That Thos Saltmarsh Mary Learned & David Coollidge should have their Licences renewed for this present Year, And Nath!. Harris Esqr Renew his Licence to retail.

## [23] The Report Voted to be Recorded.

We the Subscribers a Comtee: Appointed to Divide the fence between the Towns Land Near Thomas Wellingtons with the Owners of ye Adjacent Land. having View'd the Land and Measured the Line between sd Town Land & Thomas Wellingtons Land we find said Line According to our Measure to be abot forty Eight Rods in the whole abot 24 Rods whereof belongs to ve Town to fence upon against sd Wellingtons. And we judge it will be most Convenant for ye Town (all things Confidred) to have their part together, Vizt. beginning at the South End at the Northeast Corner of Mr Wellingtons Land & so runing on the South Line which is abt: fourteen Rods (where wall fence may be Errected) Then runing on the West Line till it comes to the Division which is abt Ten Rods on ye sd West Line, where there must be woodin fence the other half the Sd Wellington Confents to take for his part. There is abt. Two Rods between sd Land & Land of Martha Coollidge. And Abt. 30 Rods as we judge without Measuring between ve Towns Land & land of Wm. Godding, there is upland at both Ends (Mr Godding was not present) We are of Oppinion (if ye Town Se meet) that Sd Godding take his Choice which half of ye Line he will take, to Errect and Maintain fence upon. We are of Oppinion that the Town Make wall fence where it will bear to be Made

All w<sup>ch</sup> is humbly Submitted

P Joseph Mafon Daniel Whitney Com<sup>tee</sup>.

Watertown May 18th: 1747

When this Report was red & Accepted at ye Town Meeting Mr Godding being prefent was Defired to make his Choice which half of ye Line against his Land he would take to Errect and maintain sence upon. & he made choice of the Southerly half.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at Nathl. Harris Esqr. on ye 27 of May 1747 At Sd Meeting Joseph Stearns paid his money for ye Land granted to him by ye Town in the year 1741 as also

for wt was Granted to Andw. White (wch Sd Stearns had bot of sd White) wch grants was in Elbo Hill Lane, which is in both ye Sum of Seven pounds old Tenour. At Sd Meeting John Coollidge Agreed to Renew his Bond, and to pay the Interest of sd Bond from ye Eleventh of Decembr. 1740. He desired that he might have Liberty to Lay his Case before the Town by Petition for Abatmt of Some of ye Intrest, for Resons that He may give to ye Town.

Jabez Stratton & David Coollidge not Appearing at this Meeting Agree'd that they be Notified to come to ye Next Meeting of ye Selectmen

[24] July 20th: 1747. At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye Meeting house. Orderd that a Warrant be Isued out to Warn Thomas Train to Depart out of Watertown, who came from Weston abt. the 5th. of June Last as the Selectmen are Informed and Resides at ye House of Saml Parry.

A Warrant was Isued out accordingly, Service done & Warrant

returned P Constable Nath! Bright.

At a meeting of ye Selectmen at Mr. John Hunts on the 22d of July 1747. The Selectmen being Informed that there is one Jaan Perkens a Widow woman and her Daughter Susanna Perkens (a Minor) come to Reside in Watertown who came from Boston Some time in Octob. Last who Resides Now at the House of Henry Learned, the Selectmen Resusing to Accept of them to be Inhabts. in Watertown. Ordred ye Clerk to Isue out a Warrant to warn them to Depart forth with out of Watertown. Accordingly a Warrant was Isued out.

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the Bridge &c on fryday the 18th: of September 1747. To Confider what is Necessary to be done for the Speedy Repairing of the Bridge over the Mill Crick it being out of Repair. The Selectmen having View'd Said Bridge, they find it Necessary that there be Emediately procured Two Cells to bear the Ends of the String pieces, and One String piece And as the Selectmen of Weston were Desired the Last Year to provid a String piece for sd Bridge, Agreed to send Word to the Selectmen of Weston to bring Down sd String piece & Two Cills to the sd. Bridge by the Middle of the Next week. (word was Emmediatly Sent P Nath. Walker of sd Weston) The Selectmen Agre'd to meet again at Sd Bridge on Thursday the 24 Instant at two Clock afternoon in order to take further Steps relating to ye repairing of sd Bridge.

Thursday the 24th. of Sept. 1747 The Selectmen meet and Agre'd to provid Stones and workmen and to go abot the work

the Next Day.

Sep<sup>r</sup>. 25. The Selectmen Meet, And the Timber being Come from Weston viz<sup>t</sup> one String piece of 41 feet Two Cills of 18

feet Each in Length (abt 34 feet) The Bridge over the Crick was taken up and ye Selectmen found it Necessary to procure a nother String piece Two of the old ones being So rotten yt they wild not do again Accordingly they bought one of Mr Ebenezer Thornton of 32 feet for Eight pounds.—

[25] Sep<sup>r</sup> the 28<sup>th</sup>: 1747. The Selectmen took Acc<sup>t</sup> of the work Done in Repairing the Bridge over the Mill Crick, Meturals and Expences. which are as follow's viz<sup>t</sup>:

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	25 26 28	Benj <sup>n</sup> . Haftings 3 Days 18/P Jona <sup>n</sup> Learned 3 Days Teem one David Learned Man & Teem 2 Days Man 1 Day Nath <sup>1</sup> Harris a Man 3 Days Sam <sup>1</sup> Cook one Day 16/ Eb Thatcher

Weston P Benj<sup>n</sup>. Harrington Sent one String piece 41 feet & 2 Cills 17 feet Each. — — — — — — — — —

Sep<sup>r</sup>. 30 1747 At the Defire of David Coollidge the Selectmen Preambulated with him on the Line between the HighWay and the Small piece of Land bot of ye Towns Comtee: by his Father Thos Coollidge Deceased, against his Swamp (so Called) and the Line runs as follows vizt beginning at the Eastermost bend in the Wall against Sd Swamp and runs abot Nine Rods Easterly parrellel with Dea Joseph Coolledgs wall on the oppifet Side of sd way, Said High way being full four Rods wide at ye End of said Nine Rods, and then with a gradual turn to run to the Northwest Corner of sd Dea: Coollidges Land on ye South Side of sd Way. Said Line departes from the bend aforesd and Entersix the Corner aforesd. and is a bow Line, the Land in closed being abt Thirty set wide in the middle or widest place the two Ends are points. and is the Contents of Land Contained in the Deed in that place.

Sam!. Jenison also Desired the Selectmen to preambulate wth him on the line between his Land at a place Called Dorchester field and the Town way Leading to the flats, the Selectmen Concented that ye sd Jenison Should Straighten his fence Leaving sd Town way the whole Length of it against his Land full two Rods in Width.

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at Ebent Thatchers on ye 30th: of Novt: 1747 at sd Meeting Agreed wth mt Nathl Harrington to keep the Gramer & English School three months from ye 7th of Decembt Next, and as a reward yt for to have from the Town fifteen pounds Pt month old Tenor. Defired Mt Hunt to procure a load of wood for ye school and to be paid therefor out of ye Town Treasurey. The Widt Webb standing in Need of a peticot a pt of stockens & a handkerchif, Agreed that they be procured for her & paid out of ye Treasury.

Samuel Jenison Made Application to ye Selectmen on Acc<sup>1</sup> of Susana Murch who was at his house (Mr. Brindly refusing to let her live in his house) She being in Necessitous Circumstances, the Selectmen desired sd Jenison to Interceed with his Mother for a room for her three months and they Ingage for the rent also Desired sd Jenison to procure a load of wood for her and

to be paid by ye. Town.

[26] At a meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Jonas Bond on the 20th, of January 1747. At Said Meeting the Selectmen Agreed to Send to the Selectmen of Weston to procure fourteen hundred of plank for the great Bridge to be thick as usual and Sixteen feet in length and to bring them to the Bridg as Soon as may be. Desired the Clerk to Send to sd. Selectmen. Agreed to Desire the Selectmen of Waltham to meet the Selectmen of Watertown at Mr Thos, Saltmarshs Inholder in Watertown on Munday the first Day of Feby. Next at Two of the clock afternoon in Order to adjust and proportion yd Accts of ye Charge of the poor and other Affairs where in the Towns are Concerned. Ordred the Clerk to Notify ye Selectmen of Waltham of Sd Meeting. Letters were Sent to yd Selectmen of Weston & Waltham accordingly by ye Clerk.—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown and Waltham at Tho<sup>s</sup>: Saltmaríhs on Feb<sup>y</sup>: 1. 1747/8. The Acc<sup>t</sup>. of the Charge of the poor wear Adjusted Proportioned, and Confented to and Signed by y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Each Town. as P Acc<sup>t</sup>. on file, and Recorded at Large in the Treasurers Records Liber (2) Page (47).

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at Joseph Masons on the 15th of Feby: 1747/8. Ordred the Clerk to Isue out Warrants Directed to the Constables of Watertown to Warn the Free-

holders and other Inhabts, of sd Town who are Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs, To meet at the Publick Meeting house in Said Town on Munday the Seventh Day of March Next at Ten of the Clock before noon for the Ends following. vizt. (1) To Choose a Moderator for sd Meeting. (2) To Choose Selectmen to manage the prudential Affairs of ye Town for ye Year Ensuing. To Choose a Town Clerk a Town Treasurer Constables Assessors and all other Such Town Officers as are by Law to be chosen in the month of March Annually. (3) To Choose a Saxton and Agree how he Shall be Satisfyed. (4) To put in their Votes for a County Treasurer. (5) To know ve mind of ve Town wheth Swine shall run at Large, under ye Regulations of ye Law in yt Respect. (6) To hear the Town Treasurers Accts. (7) For ye Town to manifest yr Minds how the Intrest Money Coming to ve Town this present year (the Year begining ye 11th of Decembr. Last) Shall be Appropriated. (8) To Grant money to pay ye Revd: Mr Storer his Salary according to Contract for the Ensuing Year, the year beginning the first of March Next. And to know the mind of ve Town what Addition they will make to ye Revd Mr Storers Salary for the Enfuing Year, and to Grant what may be Agreed on or otherwise Agree in what way and method it Shall be Satisfied. (9) To Grant money for the Support of the School, or other wife Agree how sd School Shall be Supported the Year Enfuing the year beginning the Eighth day of March Next, And for the Town to manifest yr minds in what way and Method a Schoolmaster shall be procured, and in what way and Method the School shall be Supplied with firewood. (10) To Grant money for the Support of ye Poor for the year Enfuing. And to do Any other thing Relating to the poor. (11) To hear the Accts. of those persons To whom the Town is Indebted, and to Grant money to Satisfy them (12) To Grant money for the Repairing of ye Meeting house Glass. (13) To Grant money for the Repairing of ye Great Bridge over Charles River in sd Town.

(14)

[27] (14) To know the mind of the Town whether the High Ways and Town Ways Shall be mended the Year Ensuing by Rate, and if the Town shall come into this method, Then to make a Grant for Said Affair, And for the Town to State the price of Day Labour both for men and Teems, and that Persons may work out their Respective Rates at wch they are Set (If they se meet) at the price the Town Agrees upon and to Choose the Surveyers of highways to be Collectors of Said Rate or to Se that it be worked out with in the Year in the way and mañer that the Town may or shall Agree upon. (15) To hear the pleas of some of ye Late Constables for the Town to Abate or Sink Some perticuler Persons Rates in their Lists of Rates, and for the

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Town to Act their pleasure wth Relation thereto. (16) To hear ye Petition of Jabez Stratton of Sherbourn wth. Relation to a Bond which He gave to the Towns Committee for Land Sold to him by Said Committee. And for the Town to Act their pleasure with relation thereunto. (17) To hear the Acct. of the Late Trustees who Received Watertowns Proportion of ye £ 60000 Loan of yr proceedings in Said Trust. And for the Town to Act yr pleasure wth Relation thereto. (18) To know the mind of ye Town how the money which was paid by Imprest men in the Town, and wth by Law belongs to the Town Shall be Appropriated. (19) whereas there is a Certain building, Standing Near the Training field to be Sold by Matthias Stone To know the mind of ye Town, whether they will purchase said building for the Use of the Town.

and for the Town to Do any other thing or things that may be for the benefit and Interest of the Town.

And to Order the Constables to notify Such Persons as the Town is Indebted to to bring in their Accts, to the Selectmen at the House of the Widw. Mary Learned on fryday the fourth Day of March Next at three of ye Clock after noon in order to have them Laid before the Town. also to Notify the Late Collectors & Surveyers of High Ways to meet ye Selectmen at sd time and place in order to make up ye Accts.

At a meeting of ye Selectmen at the Widw. Mary Learneds on ye 4th. Day of March 1747/8 for ye Receiving in of ye Acct of Such persons as the Town Are Indebted to in ordr to Ly ym before the Town at yr Next Annual Meeting. The Persons and yr Acct are as follows.

y' Acc' are as follows.	
Benj <sup>n</sup> . Haftings Acc <sup>t</sup> . To 5 days ½ work at y <sup>e</sup>	
great Bridge mending ye same 23/P day	660
Joseph Paterson for Serving Constable & Warning	
2 Meetings	1—.6—
Nath! Bright for Serving Conftable warning 2	
meetings & Conveying a Wooman to Cambridg	1—18—.
Oliver Liver more & Andw. White a Comtee. Chofen	
to to make ye Wall between ye Burving plase and	
Mr Sawins Land. vr Acct was 31-4 ye Grant	
made for sd work £25 ya Received dute to them	6=.4
Proposed to Grant for the mending of ye Gate at ye	
Buring place	1
James Bailey Survey for Plank for 2 whelms and	
mending	3=13=.4
David Livermore for Speeks for ye Great Bridge at	
Sundry times between March 16th 1746/7 & Octor	
9th following	3=.86
Nathl. Harris Esqr for his Service as An Afsefsor	

the year 1747

Thos Saltmarsh for his Service as Assessor the Year 1747  5	
Joseph Mason for his Service as Assessor for ye year 1747  5—	
For Cash paid to ye Clerk of ye Sessions for Entring Watertowns  26=	<b></b> .
by Laws and for his Service as Clerk &  Treafr ye year 1747  20——	
Wm: Coollidge Survey <sup>r</sup> . for Plank procured for Smelt brook bridge & Treadways .1—.7-	
To ye Comtee Chosen to sence ye Ministeral Land Near Thomas Wellingtons vizt	••
To Joseph Mason 5—.7— To Andw. White 8—.2—	
To Joseph Har- rington 7—13— 28=.6—	
rington 7—13— To Jona <sup>n</sup> . Bemis 5—.8— To Daniel Whitney 1—16— V <sup>a</sup> give Cr for Bark .6——	
Due 22—.6— 22—.6-	
83=10-	

At S<sup>d</sup> Meeting M<sup>rs</sup> Coollidge ye Wife of John Coollidge brot Acc<sup>t</sup>. of woork done for ye Widw Webb & Cash Laid out for her amounting 5=17=.8 wch. ye Selectmen Alowed as Also four pound for her Extroordinary trouble wth sd Widow this year.

And Ordred the Treasurer to pay both one Jonan Page was brot to ye Selectmen at ys Meeting from Framingham by a Warrant. the Selectmen desired ye Widw. Mary Learned to take and provide for sd page a few days till after the Town Meeting.

[28] At a General Town Meeting of ye freeholdrs & other Inhabts. of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs Regulerly Assembled at ye Publick Meeting house in Sd Town on the Seventh Day of March A. D. 1747/8 for the Choice of Town Officers & other Buisness &c.—

Voted and Chofe Doctor Josiah Convers Moderator.

Voted and Chose for Selectmen  $\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} M^r \ \ Jonas \ \ Bond \\ Joseph \ \ Mason \ \ Esq^r. \\ Doct^r. \ \ Josiah \ \ Convers \\ M^r \ \ Oliver \ \ Livermore \\ M^r \ \ Jonathan \ \ Bemis \end{array} \right.$ 

Voted and Chofe Joseph Mason Esqr Town Clerk Voted and Chofe Joseph Mason Esqr Town Treasurer.

Voted and Chofe for 1. Conftable Joseph Whitney Voted and Chose for 2d Constable Saml. Fiske. who being prient Refused to Serve.

Voted and Chose for 2d Constable William Godding.

Mr Nathl. Harrington
Joseph Mason Esqr
Mr Thos. Saltmarsh Voted and Chofe for Assessors

Voted and Chose Isaac Sanderson Sealer of Leather

Voted and Chose for fence Viewers Thomas Saltmarsh & Tames Dix.

Voted and Chose for Surveyers of HighWays Nathl. Harring-

ton & Saml. Stratton

Voted & Chofe for Tythingmen Saml Nutting & Simon Coollidge

Voted and Chofe for Hogrievs Jonan Stone Tartus and John

Voted and Chofe for measurers & Surveyrs of Timber &c Ebenr Thornton & Jonas Coollidge

Voted and Chofe for Hawards Joshua Stratton & David Sanger.

Voted and Chose for Gager of Cask Smith Prentice.

Voted and Chofe for Deer rieves (on ye Adjournmt 14 Day) Thos Saltmarsh David Livermore

Voted and Chofe and Chofe Henry Spring Tartus Saxton Voted to pay Sd Saxton by Two Contrabutions as has been Usual in ye years past

Voted that Swine Run At Larg under the Regulations of ye

Law in vt Case

Then The Treasurer Laid his Accts. before The Town and the Sum Total that ye Treasurey was Charged for amounted to £563=11=.7

The foot of the Credit Amounted to £430=19=.8 Outstanding in the Conftables hands or Lifts

117 = 11 = .8And In the Treasurey .15 = .. - .3 £563=11=.7

The Acct. of the Intrest Recd Since 2d of Last

March amounted to-214 = 16 - .6

Their was paid Out by ord<sup>r</sup>. of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen to y<sup>e</sup> Minister & Schoolmaster — — — — — — — — — — — 214=16=.6 Then the Vote was put whether the Town do Alow & Accept of ye Treasurers Accts. and the Vote past in the Affirmative Voted and Appropreated the Intrest money Coming to ye Town this prient Year ye year beginning the Eleventh of Decr Last toward Supporting the Ministry & School.

Voted and Granted ye Sum of One Hundred Pounds old T for ye Revd mr Seth Storers Salary (old Tener) According to Con-

tract.

Voted and Granted the Sum of Three hundred Pounds old

Tener as an Addition to ye Revd. Mr Storers Salary for ye Enfuing Year. ye Year begining the first of this Instant March, Two hundred to be Assest, & one hundred pd out of ye Intrest money

[29] Voted the Sum of Two hundred Pounds old Tenor for ye Support of the School One hundred Pounds to be paid out of the Intref money the other hundred to be Assest.

The Vote was put whether it is the Mind of ye Town to Choose a Commtee. to Procure a Schoolmaster for ye Town at ye Towns

Charge & ye Vote past in ye Affirmative.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee for ve Ends aforesd. Voted that those Persons who Send their Children or Servants to School Shall Supply the School with firewood when yr is Occation for ve Same

Voted and Granted the Sum of Eighty Pounds old Tenr for

the Support of the Poor. the year Enfuing.

Voted that the Arreage of Susan Murch's Rent Due to Fra: Brindley Esqr be paid out of Said Eighty Pounds to Saml Jenison.

Then past to ye 16th. Article in ye Warrant wch. was to hear Jabiz Stratton's Petition &c. (Said Stratton being present) After the Petition was Red and debated on The Vote was put whether it is the mind of the Town to Act any thing on said Article. And it past in the Negative.

Upon a Motion made & Seconded. The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Adjourn this Meeting and ye Remaining builfness to to Munday the 14th Day of this Instant March at one of the clock afternoon at this place. And the Vote

past in the Affarmative. Accordingly it was Adjorned.

At a General Town meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabts. of Watertown on the 14th. of March 1747/8 by Adjournmt

A List of those Persons and their Accts, to whom the Town is Indebted was Laid before the Town and Red Amounting in all to ye Sum of Eighty three Pounds 10/. after they were Confidred. The Vote was put whether the Town do Accept & a Low the Several Accts, as Mentioned in sd Lift, and ve Vote past in the Affirmative.

Voted and Granted the Sum of Eighty three Pounds 10/ old

Tener to Satisfy Said Accts.

Voted and Granted the Sum of Ten Pounds Mending the glass of ye Meeting house.

Voted for the Repairing of ye Great Bridge the Sum of Thirty Seven Pounds to be paid out of ye money Due to ye Town from the Late Trustees.

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ve Town to mend the High Ways and Town ways by Rate this present Year, and ye Vote past in ye Affarmative

Voted and Granted the Sum of Three hundred Pounds old

Tenor for the Mending said Ways

Voted and Chose the present Surveyers of ye HighWays vizt Nath. Harrington & Saml Stratton to be the Collectors of sd Grant to mend the High Ways, or to Se that it be work't out

According to ye Direction of ye Town.

Then the Vote was put whether it is the Mind of the Town that in working at the Way's above s<sup>d</sup> the price of a day for a Single man be Eighteen Shillings & the price of a Day for a man & his Teem be Thirty Six shillings old Tenor, and that Eight hours be Accounted for a Day. and the Vote past in the Affirmative.

Voted and Sunk Thaddeus Coollidges Rates in Conftable Jonan.

Churches Lifts of Rates

Voted

[30] Voted and Abated Allen Browns Rates in Conftable Jofiah Stearns Lifts amounting to Twenty five Shillings old Ten.

Voted and Granted to Josiah Stearns fifteen Shillings in part of

wt was Sunk in his Lift.

Voted that ye Ten Shillings due from ye Town to sd Allen Brown be paid to Said Stearns to make up the Twenty five Shillings Sunk, on sd Browns Acct in his Lifts.

Upon a Motion made the Vote was put whether the Town would Reconfider their Vote made upon the Sixteenth Article Relating to the Petition of Jabez Stratton, And the Vote past on ye Negative

Then the Late Trustees Acc<sup>t</sup>. was Laid before the Town and Red And it Appeared by the Acc<sup>t</sup>. that there was in y<sup>t</sup> hands Due to y<sup>e</sup> Town To Ballance S<sup>d</sup> Affairs the Sum of Thirty Seven

pounds & 3d. —

The Vote was then put Whether it is the mind of ye Town to Accept of ye sd Trustees Acct. and that they pay the Ballance Due from them to the Town, into the Town Treasurey for the use of the Town And the Vote past in the Affirmative.

Then the Eighteenth Article in ye Warrant Relating to the Appropriating the Money belonging to ye Town weh was paid as fines by Imprest men was Red, And the Vote was put whether it is ye Mind of ye Town at this Meeting to Appropriate Said Money or any part thereof, and the Vote past on the Negative.

Then the Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to purchase the Small Building to be Sold by Matthias Stone, for the use of ye Town And the Vote Past in the Negative.

A motion was then made for the Town to purchase a Smal Book of Records of Births & Deaths yt is in John Sawins hands Left by his Father formerly Town Clerk of Watertown.

Put to Vote whether the Town do Grant the Sum of Twenty

five shillings old Tenor to purchase therewith the Said Book of

Records and the Vote past in the Affirmative.

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of the Town to Revive the Town by Law Relating to horses as it Stands on Record vizt. That no Person or Persons Shall Suffer their horses or horse kind Above the Age of Six months to Run at Large with in the Limmetts of Watertown without their being well fettred from the first Day of April Next to the Last Day of October following under the penalty or forfiture of Two Shillings & Six pence for evry one found without fetters. & ye Vote past in the Affirmative.

Voted that Joseph Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>. Lay this Town by Law before the Hon<sup>r</sup>ble Court of Gen!. Sessions of ye peace for the County of Midd\*. and in the Name of ye Town to Desire the Court to

Confirme the Same

[31] March 11th: 1747/8 The Perfons under named were Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of their Respective Offices; at a Meeting of ye Selectmen.

Joseph Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> To the Offices of Town Clerk Town Treast And Assessor. Before Nath! Harris Justice peace

Nath! Harrington To ye office of Assessor. before Nath!

Harris Jus ps.

Joseph Whitney Constable
William Godding Constable
Thos SaltMarsh Assessor
Isaac Sanderson Sealer of Leathr
Thomas Saltmarsh fence View.r
James Dix sence Viewer
Nath! Harrington Surveyer of Highways
Isames Nutring Tything man

James Nutting Tything man
Jonan Stone Tartus Hogrieve

Ebenez<sup>r</sup> Thornton & Jonas Coollidge Surveyers and Measurers of Timber plank &c.—

David Sanger Haward

Smith Prentice Gager of Cask

all Sworn
before
Joseph
Mafon
Juse: peace

At this Meeting after the Selectmen had throuly Examined Jona<sup>n</sup> Page who was bro<sup>t</sup> to Watertown from Framingham Agreed to take Advise of Council in ye Law. Agreed yt Joseph Mason & Oliver Livermore, take advice of Council before the Adjournmt of ye Town Meeting that ye Town may be Aquainted there with. The Selectmen Desired the Widw. Mary Learned at whose house ye sd Page was to take care of him and Supply him wth Victualls & Drink Necessary till further order, and to be Satisfyed therefor by the Town

At a meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr Jonas Bond on the Twenty first Day of March 1747/8. The Selectmen Appointed the Surveyers of High ways their Bounds or Districts for the Mending of the High Ways & Town Ways, which are as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>. Sam<sup>11</sup>. Stratton Surveyer his Bounds or District to be, All the HighWays and Town Ways East of the lane which begins at the Country Road by the Corner of Justice Harris Two Acres So called, and Running by the Meeting house across ye Town to Cambridge Line Near Thos Wellingtons. And the South part of said Lane from the Meeting House.

M<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>1</sup>. Harrington Surveyer his Bounds or Diftrict, is all the HighWays and Town Ways above or Westerly of ye Town way that Leads from the Country Road by Justice Harris Two Acres So Called, and So Running by the Meeting House Across the Town to Cambridge Bounds Near to Thos Wellingtons. And the North part of Said Lane or Way from the Meeting house

This

[32] This Meeting being the time Appointed to take care to put out the Widow Webb to board, No Person Appearing to take her, beside Mr John Coollidge (Pr his Wife) He being willing to take her another Year upon Sutable Incouragmt. as not to be a loofer by the taking of her Mr Coollidge & wife Confidering the sd Widws. Advanced Age, and grat Bodilie Infirmatives thought they could not take the care of her as She ought to be taken care of under Twenty shillings Pr week old Tenor, and for that He ye sd Coollidge was willing to take her ye sd Widw, and take good Care of her a nother Year if she Sld Survive. The Selectmen taking the affair into Confideration and Confidering how well Satisfied ve sd widw, is at sd Coollidges and her manifesting great uneasiness to be removed and fearing the ill Confiquence if removed, also Confidering the great Price of provisions & all Necessaris for house keeping The Selectmen Do Agree in be half of ve Town to give the Said mr John Coollidge after the Rate of Twenty shillings Pr week for boarding and taking care of ye sd Widw. Webb A nother Year the Year to begin the Twenty fifth of this Instant March And if any Extreordinary Charge Arife by Reason of Sickness or other Difastures to be Alowed reasonable Satisfaction therefor.

Agreed and Appointed M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup>. Hastings to take y<sup>e</sup> Care of y<sup>e</sup> great Bridge for the Year Ensuing and mend the same as y<sup>r</sup> Is Occation He to be satisfied therefor.

Joseph Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>, and M<sup>r</sup> Oliver Livermore were Desired to go to Edm<sup>d</sup> Trowbridge Esq<sup>r</sup>, in order to forward y<sup>e</sup> Petition proposed to be preferred to y<sup>e</sup> Court of Sessions at y<sup>r</sup> Adjourn<sup>t</sup> in April Next with Relation to Jona<sup>n</sup>. Page who was Sent to Watertown from Framingham and to in gage Him Sutable Satisfaction.

The Bell or Hangings of ye Bell being out of Order and yr Needed Some Smith work to be done to Secure the Bell, the Selectmen Defired Doct. Convers to speak to Mr Josiah Stearns

to Se what is wanting, and to do what is needfull for the

Security of sd Bell

The School being at prefent Vacant, The Selectmen Defired Mr Jonas Bond and Docter Convers to take upon them the care of Inquiring after a Sutable Gentlman to keep the School, and make Report to ye Selectmen.—

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Joseph Mason

Esqr. on the 29th Day of April AD. 1748.

The Selectmen having Received a Precipt from Authority Requiring them to Assemble the Inhabts. of Watertown for to

Choose a Representative &c.

In Observance of which Precipt, Ordred the Clerk to Isue out Warrants Directed to the Constables of sd Town to warn the freeholdrs, and other Inhabts, of said Town who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative, To Assemble at the Publick Meeting house in Said Town, on Munday the Sixteenth Day of May Next at Two of the Clock Asternoon, Then and there to Elect & Depute a Sutable Person to Serve for and Represent them in a Great and General Court or Assembly Appointed to be Conven'd held and kept for his Majes. Service at the Court house in Boston on Wednesday the Twenty sifth Day of May Next.

Likewise to warn the freeholders, and other Inhabts, of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs to Meet at the Publick Meeting house on the 16th. Day of May Next at three of ye Clock after noon for the Ends following, viz. 1. To Choose a Moderator. (2) To know the mind of ye Town How the money paid by Imprest men belonging to the Town and weh, is brot, into the Town Shall be Disposed off. (3) To know whether it is the Mind of ye Town that the Meeting house Should be Regulerly and Decently Seated again. And to do what is proper with Relation thereto if they Se meet. (4) To know the Mind of ye Town whether they will Dispose of those Pew's in the Meeting house Lately belonging to Persons weh have Disposed of their Estates in Town and which are gon or going out of Watertown.

Warrants were Accordingly Isued out.

This 29th. Day of April One Mary Priest a Single woman was brot by Authority (from Waltham) to the Selectmen. And She being Pregnant & Near her time, the Selectmen being Oblidged to take the care of her, Mr. Jonas Bond & Doct. Josiah Convers

Were

[33] Were Defired to Enterfeed with m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Bond where She had Liv'd and with whose Wife She had been brought up, that they w<sup>ld</sup> take the care of her, and do what is Necessary

for her, under her Present Circumstances; and to keep a true and just Acct And to be well Rewarded by the Town.

At a General Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabts of Watertown Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative. Regulerly Assembled on the 16th. Day of May

AD. 1748. at the Publick Meeting House in sd Town.

At Said Meeting the Votes were given in, and after they were Sorted and Counted it Appeared that Mr Jonas Bond was Chosen to Serve for and Represent the Town at a great and General Court or Assembly Appointed to be Conven'd held and kept for His Majes. Service at the Court house in Boston on the 25 Day of May Currant.

At a General Town Meeting of the freehold<sup>rs</sup>. and other Inhabts. of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs Regulerly Assembled on ye 16th. Day of May AD 1748. Voted and Chose M<sup>r</sup> Jonas Bond Moderator. —

Voted to Appropriate the Money in the Treasurey, wch came

into it by Imprest men, as their fines.

Voted forty Pounds old Tenor of Said Money to Joseph Stearns under his present Difficulty, (he having been prest and paid his fine) To be paid to his Brother Josiah Starnes and to be Improved by him for the Said Joseph's Sole Use and benefit. Voted forty Pounds old Tener of ye Money in ye Treasurey abovesd To John Sanger who has been almost Two Years in the Countrys Service at the Easward, to be paid to him or Order.—Voted that the Remainder in the Treasurey (wch is forty Pounds old Tener) be Appropriated to help hire men for his Majes. Service as there is Occation, and to be Drawn out of ye Treasurey by the Present Commission Officers in the Town belonging to the foot Company as there Shall be Evident Occation therefor.

Then the Vote was put whether it is the mind of the Town that the Meeting house Should be New Seated Again in a Reguler & Decent manner and the Vote past in the Affirmative.

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Choose a Comm<sup>tee</sup>: to New Seat the Meeting house. and the Vote past

in the Affirmative.

Voted and Chose Messurs. Nathl. Bright Jonan Bemis Danl Whitney Andw. White & Thos: Saltmarsh to be the Comtee. for the Ends above said.

Voted that the Comm<sup>tee</sup>: in Seating the Meeting house Should proceed therein According to former Instruction given in that Affair, viz<sup>t</sup>. To have Regard to Age Honour & usefullness also to go according to the Real and Personal Estate as it Stands in the Invoice Alowing one head.

Put to Vote whether it is the mind of the Town to Dispose of

those Pews in the Meetinghouse weh Returns to the Town Agreable to the Conditions of ye first Settlement of the pews; To Such Persons as the Town Shall agree to. And the Vote past in the Affirmative.

Put to Vote whether it is the mind of ye Town That those Persons to whom the Town Shall Dispose of ye Pews to Shall pay into the Town Treasurey, for the same such sums as the Town Shall Agree to. And ye Vote past in ye Affirmative.

Put

[34] Put to Vote Whether it is the Mind of the Town Said Pews Shall Remain under the Same Regulations and Conditions in all Respects that they were built upon And the Vote past in the Affirmative

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Dispose of said Pews to Perticular Persons, at this Meeting.

And ye Vote past in the Affirmative.

Put to Vote whether it is the Mind of the Town that m<sup>r</sup>. Nath<sup>1</sup>. Norcrofs Shall have the Pew under the Stairs that was Lately Jofhua Benjamins He having paid s<sup>d</sup> Benjamin His prime Cost of bulding s<sup>d</sup> pew. And y<sup>e</sup> Vote paft in the Affirmative.

Voted to Dispose next of ye Pew wch was Captt. Thos

Homans, -

The Vote was Put whether it is the mind of the Town That M<sup>r</sup>. Jona<sup>n</sup> Brown jun<sup>r</sup> Should have the Pew w<sup>ch</sup> Lately belonged to

Capt. Homans. And ye Vote past in ye Negative

Put to Vote whether it is the Mind of the Town, That m<sup>r</sup>. Daniel Whitney Should have that Pew w<sup>ch</sup> Lately belonged to Cap<sup>t</sup> Homans, upon the Condition as above Voted. And the Vote pased in the Affirmative.

The Vote was Put whether it is the mind of the Town that m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bemis Should have that Pew w<sup>ch</sup> Lately belonged to Johua Biglo on the Condition aboves<sup>d</sup> Voted. And the Vote

past in the Affirmative. —

Then the Vote was put whether it is the mind of the Town To Adjourn this Meeting to the Second Munday in June Next to this place of five of ye Clock Afternoon to hear and Receive the Report of the Committee Chosen to New Seat the Meetinghouse of what they Shall do in sd Affair &c. and ye Vote past in ye Affirmative.

The Selectmen Ordred a pair of Shoo's to be procured for the Widw. Webb. Agreed that Mr John Coollidges Wife (where sd Webb is) be defired to procure what is Needfull and Necessary for the Mending of ye Sd Widws. Stays and to git them mended and to bring Acct. thereof to ye Selectmen in order to be paid. —

At a General Town Meeting of ye freeholdrs, and other Inhabts, of Watertown on the 13th. Day of June AD. 1748 P

Adjournmt.

Whereas the Town at their Last Meeting Granted to Danl

Whitney That Pew in the Meeting house Lately Capt Thos: Homans; And to Jonan. Bemis That Pew weh was Lately Joshua Bigelo's, And they to pay therefor Such Sums as the Town Agre'd

to: But no Sum then Agre'd upon.

Put to Vote Whether it is the Mind of the Town That the Same Sums which the Town pay's for sd Pews upon yr Return to the Town as the prime Cost thereof Agreeable to the Establishment of the Pews; Be the Sums that the sd Whitney and Bemis pay into the Treasurey for the Said Pew's the Town Voted to them. And the Vote past in the Affirmative.

The Comtee: who were Chosen to Seat the Meeting House gave in their Report as to their proceedings in Said Affair; w<sup>ch</sup> Report was Red to y<sup>e</sup> Town, And After Consideration there on

the Vote was put

Whether it is the mind of the Town to Accept of the sd Report. And the Vote past in the Negative. —

[34½] July 1. 1748. At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Oliver Livermors. The Selectmen Agreable to the trust Reposed in them Relating to the Procuring a Gentleman to keep the School in Watertown (After Several Steps taken in sd Affair) the Selectmen having now a Prospect of a Gentleman Sutable to keep Sd School, Agreed that Jonas Bond Docter Convers & Joseph Mason forthwith Endeavour to Ingage and Secure sd Gentleman to keep ye School in Watertown upon as easey tearms as they can and for So Long time as the sd Gentleman Shall Agree to, not Exceeding the first Munday in March Next, And make Report at the Next Meeting of the Selectmen

July 4. 1748. At a meeting of ye Selectmen at the Widow Mary Learneds, for the Confideration of the List of Licenced Persons in Watertown &c.

The Selectmen Approved of Thos Saltmarsh Mary Learned & David Coollidge having their Licences as Inholders renewed for the ye Year Ensuing. Also mr John Hunt being Licenced as a

Retailer for ye Year Enfuing.

At this Meeting Mefs<sup>rs</sup>. Jonas Bond Josiah Convers & Joseph Mason who were to Agree wth the Gentleman wch the Selectmen had Information was Likely to keep the School. Reported as follow's, That they had this Day Applied to Mr Jonan Sewal (the Gentln abovsd) And had Agreed with him to keep the Grammer & English School in Watertown untill the first Munday of March Next, after the Rate of One hundred and Sixty five pounds a Year, and to pay for or find him his Board. And He ye sd Sewal to begin to keep sd School the Eighteenth day of this Instant July. Agre'd that Joseph Mason & Jonas Bond Endeavor to procure a place for the Schoolmaster to board at and Agree on wt terms. Agre'd that Docter Convers and Jonan Bemis go to Mr Daniel

Bonds and Defire of him the Acc<sup>t</sup>. of the Charge of Mary Priest her Board and Lying in and to know His Demand If he keep her ye Sd Priest any time Longer. and to make Report at the Nex

Meeting of ye Selectmen

July 11. 1748. At a meeting of the Selectmen at Docter Convers Agreed wth. Daniel Bond to keep Mary Priest for a Month from the 15th. Day of this Instant at Six Shillings pr Weak old Tenor and after that to keep her and her Child for her work (if the Child wth is now froward should be more Quet) if she be able to do wt is Equal to her Board.

The

[35] The Widow Mary Maddocks being under low Circumstances no place to shelter in and being now at Mr. Henry Springs junr (where for a long time She has at times crowded her Self in and has been troublesome as well as Chargable to the familie sd Spring loth to turn her out into the streets) Said Spring Applied to the Selectmen (as Sd Widow had done a little before) & Aquainted the Selectmen with the Sd Widows Circumstances and that He could not maintain her alone the Selectmen taking the Matter into Consideration, Desired Mr. Spring to Let sd Widw. have house room and Victuals when She when She Should come to his house destitute (and incourage her to be diligent in arning wt she can) And he ye sd Spring to have a Reasonable Recompence, and He to keep a true Acct.

Agred to Send to the Selectmen of Weston Emmediatly to Send Down the Plank for ye Great Bridge weh, they were to procure

At a meeting of the Selectmen at Jonathan Bemis on the 29th. Day of July AD. 1748. Ordred the Clerk to Isue out a Warrant forthwith to Warn One W<sup>m</sup>. Dennis and one Mary Cornish alis Mary Bemis to Depart out of s<sup>d</sup>

Town, the Selectmen refusing to Accept of them

Mary Cornish at Ben Hastings

Henry Learneds

Wm. Denis at

to be Inhabts. of Watertown. the Sd Dennis came from Roxbury in the County of Suffolk as ye Selectmen are Informed. And the Said Mary Came from Waltham in ye County of Middx where She is a proper Inhabt. thô She came Last from Cambridge where she was warned out as ye Selectmen are Informed —

(A Warrant was Isued Accordingly & Return made & Caution

Entred)

Augst. 1748. The Selectmen Meet at Mr Jonas Bonds And Agre'd to go to Concord Court abot ye Affair of Jonn Page &c Agreed to send a Summons to mr John Arms.

October 13.th: 1748. At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Joseph Mason, The Selectmen having in the behalf of Watertown, Recovred a Bill of Cost at Concord Court Last against Framingham Relating to Jonan Page Amounting to

Twelve pounds Ninteen Shillings (old Tenor) Agreed that s<sup>d</sup> Bill of Cost be paid to Such Perfons to whom it is Due. Viz<sup>t</sup>. The Clerk of y<sup>e</sup> Sefsions Attorney Witnefses &c. Defired Joseph Mason to pay out of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Bill of Cost (w<sup>ch</sup> is in his hands) to those it belongs to. Agreed to give to Edm<sup>d</sup>. Trowbridge Esq<sup>r</sup>. who was Improved by y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen in s<sup>d</sup> Affair of Page beside his see in s<sup>d</sup> Bill the Sum of sour Pounds old Tenor. for his good Service in s<sup>d</sup> Affair. And Desired Oliver Livermore to wait on s<sup>d</sup> Trowbridge w<sup>th</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Mason to satisfy him.

As the Selectmen Defired Enfn. Daniel Whitney to Board the

Prefent

[36] Present Schoolmaster, who under took to Board s<sup>d</sup> Schoolmaster but w<sup>ld</sup>. not Agree upon what Terms till He had the Trial of Him. Desired M<sup>r</sup> Jonas Bond M<sup>r</sup> Jonan Bemis & Docter Convers to Wait on M<sup>r</sup> Whitney to know what his Terms are, and make Report to y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen.

The Meeting house Glass wanting Mending Agre'd that Mr Ebenez<sup>r</sup> Bradish be Desired to mend Said Glass as soon as may be.

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Oliver Livermors on the 10th. Day of Novembr. 1748. In order to Consider what proper Steps to take relating to Sam¹ Coollidge who is Reduced to such poor Circumbstances as requires Some Speedy care to be taken for him both for Support and Clothing to prevent his Suffering. Agre'd to procure forth with for sd Coollidge at the Cost of ye Town vizt. a good Warm Coat a Shurt a pr of Stockens a pr of Shoos and a Hat, and to be paid for out of the Town Treasurey, Desired Joseph Mason and Oliver Livermore to procure the Same. Agre'd that the Selectmen will take proper care to procure a place to board sd Coollidge at, Agreed that Mr John Coollidge at whose house the sd Samuel is at present, be reasonably rewarded by the Town for his boarding of him till the Selectmen have Oppertunity to Seek a place for him.

At a meeting of ye Selectmen at Docter Josiah Convers's on the Eighth Day of Decembr. 1748. The Selectmen being informed that their are Sundry Perfons come to refide in Watertown vizt Patrick Hoburn and Ann his wife, John Hoburn, John Stoal and Ruth Simfon otherwife Margret Wes otherwife Margret Bently who came all from Boston in ye County of Suffolk as ye Selectmen are Informed they all Refide in in the Dwelling House of Frances Brindly Esqr wch is in sd Watertown. also Sarah Chadwick and her Daughter Submitt Chadwick the Said Sarah Came Last from Newton & ye sd Submit Last from Cambridge and some time in Sepr Last. also James Wyer & his Wife and two Children who came from Dracket to Watertown in Octobr Last these Persons Reside in the Dwelling House of Thaddeus Ward wch is in Watertown taken in by him as by Notification under his

hand, the Selectmen refusing to Accept of ye Above Named perfons to be Inhabitants in sd Watertown, Ordred the Clerk to Isue out Warrants to warn the abovesd Perfons to Depart forth with out of

Watertown.

The Selectmen having procured Some Clothing for Saml Coollidge und<sup>r</sup>. His Diftrefsed Circumftances w<sup>ch</sup> will in a few Days be ready for him, but as yet they have not found a place for him, He the s<sup>d</sup> Saml being at this prefent with his Brother Nathl. Coollidge. Agre'd that the s<sup>d</sup> Nathl. be reasonably Satisfyed for his Boarding him, untill further order

The Town at y<sup>r</sup> Meeting in March Last having pased a Vote that Such persons as Shall Send their Children or Servants to School s<sup>ld</sup> provide wood for the fire in the School, but no person's

perticulerly

Appointed

Therefore that the School might not Stop for want of wood, And the Selectmen Apprehending that Eight Shillings old Tenor Prhead for Schollers is Little Enough for the procuring of wood for the sd School, Agre'd that Mr Jonan Sewel our prefent Schoolmafter be Defired to take a Lift of the Schollers wch Com's to the School, and Aquaint their Parents and Mafters that the Selectmen defire them to Send to Said Schoolmafter 8/P head for their Children and Servants which they Send to School, and that the sd Schoolmafter keep an Acct. who pay. And that what is received by him, He deliver to ye Selectmen who will provide wood there with for sd School. (Warrants were Isued out to warn-the above Named persons to Depart &c & Returns Made & Caution Entred at Decr Court. (all but Jno Hoburn)

Decembr. 16: 1748. The Selectmen Delivred to Saml Coollidge the things they had procured for him vizt. A Coat a Shurt a hat a pr of Stockens & a pr of Shoo's wch came to £17=13=.. with the Making, and after a Difcourfe wth Sd Coollidge urging him &c to git in to Some way of bufiness. the Selectmen (who had ingage pay for his board till further order) now told him & his Brother Nathl, that they wld ingage but for one week longer.

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Jonan Bemis on the 26 of Decr. 1748. The Selectmen Agre'd to meet on the Second Munday of January Next at the House of Rihd. Cuttings of Waltham Inholdr. at one of the Clock after Noon, In order to Adjust the Charge of ye Great Bridge, with the Selectmen of Weston and Waltham which has Arrisen for Repairs Since the Last Adjustmt. Desired the Clerk to Send Notifications to the Selectmen of sd Towns to Desire them to Meet them at time & place on sd Affair.

(Notifications were accordingly Sent to ye Selectmen of sd

Towns)

At this Meting Mr Nath! Harrington Surveyer & Collecter for High Ways met with the Selectmen and made up Acct. of his work in Sd Ways. His Lift Ammounted to the Sum of £39=17=.8 New Tenor. which he has worked out Agreeable to the Vote of ve Town. all but Joseph Stearns & Isaac Holdins Rates, one of which is not Capable of work & ye other gone out of the Province.

January 9th: 1748. The Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham Met at Richd. Cuttings in sd Waltham by Appointment. and Adjusted & Proportioned the Charges of Repairing the Great Bridge which has Arrifen Since the Last Adjustmt wch was in Nov<sup>r</sup>, 1746. As Recorded in Liber (2) Page (54) in the Treasurev.

which was Charged to Acct, of Sd Towns

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Then Due from Weston to Watertown — — — £5-.7-10 & from Waltham to Watertown — — — 37—13—.3

[38] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Jonas Bonds Esqr. on the Twentyeth Day of Feby: AD 1748. Ordred the Clerk to Isue out warrants Directed to the Constables of Watertown to Warn the freeholdrs and other Inhabts, of Sd Town who are Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs to Meet at the Publick Meeting house in sd Town on Munday the Sixth Day of March Next at Nine of ve Clock in the Morning for the Ends following vizt.

(1) To Choose a Moderator. (2) To choose Selectmen to Manage the Prudential Affairs of ve Town for ve Ensuing Year. To Choose a Town Clerk a Treasurer a Constable or Constables Assessors and all Such other Town Officers as are by Law to be chosen in the month of March. (3) To Choose a Saxton and Agree how he shall be paid. (4) To put in their Votes for a County Treasurey (5) To know the mind of ye Town whether Swine Shall Run at Large the Enfuing Year under the Regulations of ye Law in that Respect. (6) To hear the Town Treasurers Accts. (7) For the Town to Manifest their mind How the Intrest Money Coming to the Town this present Year (the Year beginning the 11th of December Last) Shall be Appropriated (8) For the Town to Grant a Sutable Salary for ye Revd Mr Storer for the Ensuing Year the Year beginning the first of March Next and Agree how it Shall be paid. (9) To grant money for the Support of ye School or other wife Agree how it Shall be Supported. (10) To grant money for the Support of the Poor for ye Ensuing Year. (11) To hear the Accts of those Persons that the Town is Indebted to, and to Grant Money to Satisfy them (12) To Grant money for the Repairing of the Meeting house, and for the Town to Come into Some Methods for the better

Securing of the Glass of sd House, if ya Se meet. (13) To Grant money for the Repairing of ye Great Bridge over Charls River in Watertown. (14) To Know the mind of the Town whether the High Ways and Town Ways Shall be mended the Ensuing Year by Rate, and if the Town comes into this Method, then to make a Grant for Sd Affair, and for the Town to State Day Labour both for men and Teems, and that Perfons may work out their Respective Rates at wch they are set (If they Se meet) at the price the Town Agrees upon, and to Choose the Surveyers of High Ways to be Collectors of sd Rate, or to se that it be work't out within the Year in ve way & Manner the Town Agrees on. (15) To hear the Report of ye Comtee. Chosen to Agree with Persons wt they Sld. give for Land Lying to the Ways &c. what they have done in Sd Affair, and for the Town to Act thereon. (16) (A Number of the Inhabts. of ye Town & freeholders having Petitioned the Selectmen that the following Article might be Encerted in the Warrants for March Meeting vizt) To know whether it is the mind of ye Town that their Meeting house be Seated, According to the Report made by their Committe Last Chosen to seat sd Meeting house, and that the Inhabts, of the Town do Accordingly take their Respective Seats which are perticulerly set forth & Mentioned in sd Report. (17) To know ye Mind of ye Town what way or Methods they will take to recover their Land fenced in by mr John Kimbal Adjoining to ye Land formerly Uriah Clarks, and whereas ye sd Kimbal has heitherto Neglected, and still refueses to pay for the Land (thô often asked) that the Town Granted him (Near his house) on Condition of his paying for the Same as Reported by the Towns Comtee. to know what Steps the Town will Take with Relation thereunto.

And to ord ye Constables to notify those persons the Town is Indebted to to bring in their Accts to ye Selectmen on ye 3d Day of March next at ye Wid. Learneds at 3 clock after Noon. Also to Notify ye surveyers of Highways &c to to meet ye sd Selectmen at sd Meeting to make up yr Acct. as Collectors.

[39] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of ye Widw. Mary Learneds on Fryday the 3d Day of March AD 1748. for the Reciving those Persons Accts yt the Town is Indebted to, &c. The Sundry Persons Accts. as follow's vizt.

& three weeks before he went to Anapeles at 20/P 3—
11=10=
Joseph Whitney for Serving Conftable 20/ for warning 2 Meetings 6/ Carring 2 Pfons 24 2=10
Jonn. Bemis for Timber for a Smal Whelm
20/ for a lock for School 25/6 2=.5=.6 for a load of wood for the Widw. Stearns .3—
For work at the Ministeral Land abot
fencing 10——
For half a Day work at ye Great Bridge8— 15=13=6
To Joseph Mason for work at the
Ministeral place £.6—— for Cash paid to ye Clerk for buy
Law 5/ half Day at ye Bridge 8/13=
for Service as Assessor £5 for a Report 2/ .5—.2—
for Service as Clerk & Treaf <sup>r</sup> 20—— 31=15=
To Daniel Whitney for work at the
Ministeral place .7——
for Plank and Timber for 2 whelms .3=15—
for Boarding the Schoolmafter 33 weeks at 60/ P 99= —
for four Load of wood for ye School Master .9—.5—
£119=00=
To Andw. White for work at the Ministeral place3=—
To Joseph Harrington for work at ye Ministeral Land3— —
To Benj <sup>n</sup> . Haftings for Nails & Mending ye School-
house1= .8=.6
To W <sup>m</sup> . William Godding for Serving Constable & Warning 2 Meetings1—.6—
Henry Spring for boarding ye Widw. Maddocks
6 weeks at 16/ P .4—16—
for a plank for a whelm—10—5=.6—
Daniel Bond for Bording Nurfing &
Child bed Linin for Mary Priest at her
Lying in at ye Selectmens Request
viz <sup>t</sup> . one half of his Acct. &c 17=.5—.6 and for Timber for a whelm—12—
12 17=17=.6
Edward Harrington for a Load of Wood for ye Widw.
Stearns3= =

To Transfer Tectorus.	
Sam¹ Fiske for Timber for a Whelm in Whitneys Lane John Whitney for 2 planks for whelms Jofiah Stearns for Irons for ye Bell & hanging Thomas Saltmarsh for Serving as assessor Nath¹ Harrington for Serving as Assessor Oliver Livermore for half Day work at ye Bridge Nath¹. Coollidge for 3 Weeks ½ boarding his Brother Sam¹. Sam¹ Barnard for Timber and Plank for a whelm Samuel Stratton for Plank Speeks & Stones for whelms  .2—	3 = .8 5 — 3 — 5 — — — —
£257 =	=.2=.2
[40] At a General Town Meeting of ye freeholdrs. & Inhabts, of Watertown Qualified to Vote in Town Regulerly Warned and Assembled at the Publick Meeting in sd Town on the Sixth Day of March AD. 1748/9 Choice of Town Officers & other Affairs set forth in ye W	Affairs g houfe for the
Voted and chose Jonas Bond Esqr Moderator	
Voted and Chose for Selectmen  Voted and Chose for Selectmen  Voted and Chose for Town Clerk Joseph Mason Esqr.  Voted and Chose for Town Clerk Joseph Mason Esqr.  Voted and Chose for Town Treasurer Joseph Mason Esqr.  Voted to Choose Two Constables for this Year.  Voted and Chose Nath! Harrington Constable. And ye Town Cote Released him.  Voted and Chose Wm. Coollidge to be a Constable. And Town by Vote Released him again.  Voted and Chose Nath! Stone Constable. who Accepted.  Voted and Chose Samuel Cook Constable. Upon his prown by Vote released him.  Voted and Chose Jonathan Child Constable. (he wapresent)	own by and the blea ye as not
Voted and Chose for Assessors	rfh
Voted and Chose Seth Hastings Sealer of Leather	111
Samuel Cook	
John Whitney	
Voted and Chose for Surveyers of Highways { Richard C Jonas Coo	

( Paniamin Hastings

Benjamin Hastings
Voted and Chose for Tythingmen { Israel Mead   Israel Mead
Josiah Stouel
Voted and Choie for Hogrieves Elisha Coollidge
Voted and Chose for Survey's & Measurs (Ebenezer Thornton
of Timber &c Jonas Coollidge
Samuel Prentice
Voted and Chose for Surveyrs & Measurs { Ebenezer Thornton of Timber &c { Jonas Coollidge } Voted and Chose for Hawards { Samuel Prentice } Seth Hastings
Voted and Chose for Gager of Cask W <sup>m</sup> . Gamage  Voted and Chose for Deerrieves Thos Saltmarsh  David Livermore
Thos Saltmarsh
Voted and Chose for Deerrieves David Livermore
Voted and Chose for Saxton Henry Spring Tartus
Voted to pay the Saxton by Two Contrabutions as Usual
The Votes were brot in for a County Treafer. & Delivd to a
Constable
Voted
[41] Voted that Swine Run at Large under ye Regulations
of ye Law in yt Respect.
Then Treasurer Laid His Accts. Before the Town And the
Sum Total of the Debt Amounted to — — £917=17=.9
Total of ve Credit — — — £660=10=.6
In the Constables Hands — 256=12=.4

The foot of ye Acct of Intrest Recd Since Last Meeting in March

The foot of ye Acct of Intrest money paid away

In the Treasurey (10/ a Counterfit) ...-14=11

210 = .3 = .9

917 = 17 = .9

by ord<sup>r</sup>. — — — — — — — — — — — 210=.3 =.6 The Vote was put whether the Town do Accept and Alow the Treasurers Acc<sup>ts</sup>. and the Vote past in the Affirmative

The Treasurer Crav'd Alowance for ye Ten Shilling bill yt is a Counterfit

Voted alowance of sd Counterfit Bill to ye Treasurer.

Voted and Granted four Hundred Pounds old Tenor for the Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Storers Salary for this prefent Year begining y<sup>e</sup> first of y<sup>s</sup> Instant March

Voted that Three hundred Pounds of Mr Storers Salary be Assessed and One Hundred thereof be paid out of the Interest

money.

Voted and Granted the Sum of Three hundred Pounds old Tenor for the Suport of ye Gramer School ys Year, One hundred Pounds thereof to be paid out of ye Intrest Money the other Two hundred Pounds to be Assessed.

Voted and Granted ye Sum of Eighty Pounds old Tener for

the Support of ye Poor this Year.

Then The List of the Accts. of those Persons wch. the Town is indebted to was Laid before the Town and Read the whole amounting to the Sum of £257=.2=.2. Voted & Alowed ye

Same. Voted that one hundred pounds of s<sup>d</sup> Acc<sup>t</sup>. be paid out of y<sup>e</sup> Grant made for y<sup>e</sup> School Last March to ward paying the Psent School Masters Board. and that the Remainder thereof be

Assessed to Satisfy the Remaining Debts.

Voted and Granted to ye Select men viz Joseph Mason Jonas Bond Oliver Livermore & Jonan Bemis 20/ P Day old Tenor for their time in procicuting the Affair of Jonan Page against Framingham Amounting to the Sum of Eighteen Pounds viz<sup>t</sup>

To Joseph Mason — — — — — —	£7
To Oliver Livermore — — — — —	5
To Jonas Bond — — — — — — — —	3
To Jona <sup>n</sup> Bemis — — — — — —	3

Voted and Granted the Sum of Thirty Pounds for ye Reparing ye Meeting house

Voted and Granted the Sum of Thirty Pounds for Repairing ye

Great Bridge.

Voted to Repair the High Ways and Town ways by Rate this Year.

Voted and Granted ye Sum of £300 Pounds to Repair the sd Ways.

Voted that the price of Labour be as Stated the Last Year.

Voted and Chofe Rich<sup>d</sup>. Clark & Jonas Coollidge the prefent Surveyers of y<sup>e</sup> High ways to be Collectors, to Collect s<sup>d</sup> Sum or Se that it be worked out within the Year at the prifes y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Town has Agre'd on

Then

[42] Then the Committes Report was Red to the Town, And the Vote was put Whether it is the Mind of ye Town to Accept of ye Committes Report and that the Land Mentioned in sd Report be and is hereby Granted and Confirmed to Saml Cook mentioned in sd Report his heirs & Asigns upon his paying in to the Town Treasurey the Sum of Six pounds old Tenor agreeable to sd Report, and that ye Report be Recorded. And the Vote past in the Affirmative.

Put to Vote whether it is the mind of ye Town that their Meeting house be Seated According to the Report made by ye Committee Last Chosen to Seat Sd Meeting house and that the Inhabts. of the Town do accordingly take in their Respective Seats which are perticularly Set forth and mentioned in sd Report.

And the Vote past on the Negative.

At the Motion of John Kimbul Voted and Continued the 17<sup>th</sup> Article (Relating to ye Affair of s<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> John Kimbul) to Next May Meeting. that he might have oppertunity to Accommodate s<sup>d</sup> Affair with the Committee

&c.

It being uncertain whether one of ye Constables Chosen wld Accept (he not being present) therefor upon Motion made the

Meeting was Adjourned unto Munday the 20th. of this Instat march to this Meeting house at one of the Clock After noon.

The Report of the Commtee Abovementioned

The Committee Chosen to Agree with Persons what they sld give for Land Lying to the Ways &c. and Make Report to ye Town for their Confirmation

Report as follow's.

That on the Ninteenth Day of October 1748, They Agreed with Samuel Cook that he move out his front fence Against the Country Road, Northward Even wth Thomas Saltmarsh's fence on his North Line against Said Road, which is one Rod in Wydth, and to Run from the Corner of Sd Saltmarshs Land on a Straight Line So as to Enterfect the Said Cooks fence Again at the End of Thirty Rods from S<sup>d</sup> Corner, the Land taken in and Enclosed hereby is abot fifteen. And the S<sup>d</sup> Cook is to pay in to the Town Treasurey therefor (for the Use of ye Town) the Sum of Six Pounds Old Tenor when The Town Shall Grant & Confirm the Sd fifteen Rods of Land to him his heirs and Assigns.

Watertown Octobr. 19th: 1748.

Joseph Mason Jonas Bond Ebenezer Stone Jonan Brown

Commtee.

[43] At a meeting of the Selectmen at the Widow Mary Learneds on the Tenth Day of March AD. 1748. The following Persons were Sworn to the Discharge of their Respective Offices to went they were Chosen on the Seventh of March Currant vizt.

Joseph Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>. to ye Office of Town Clerk | P Justice | Afsefsor | Harris [Assessor Nath!. Stone to the office of A Constable Nath! Bright to ye Office of Assessor Seth Hasting to ye Office of Sealer of Lear. Sam<sup>1</sup> Cook
John Whitney
Richd Clark

to ye Office of Surveyrs of to ye Office of Surveyrs of Highways Jonas Coollidge Israel Mead to ye Office of a Tythingman Josiah Stowel Elisha Coollidge to ye Office of Hogrieve Ebenz<sup>r</sup> Thornton Jonas Coollidge to ye Office of Survey<sup>r</sup> & meaf<sup>r</sup> of Timb<sup>r</sup> &c Seth Hastings to ye office of Haward

Thos Saltmarsh to ye Office of Deerrieve

to ye office of Collector

Richd Clark
Jonas Collidge

P Joseph Mason Jus. peace

The Town of Watertown being Served with a Copy of ye Petition of the Old Precinct in Cambridge by order of General Court, Relating to Sundry prons and ye Estates they Improve or live upon belonging to Watertown to be Set of to Cambridge as more fully Set forth in sd Copy. At ye Abovesd Meeting Ordred the Clerk to Ifue out Warrints Directed to ye Conftables of sd Town to warn the freeholdrs. and oth Inhabts. of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs to Meet at the Publick Meeting house in sd Town on Munday the 20th of March Currant at two of the Clock After noon to hear the Copy of sd Petition and for the Town to Do and Act on sd Affair as they shall se meet or think proper.

The Meeting house Glass wanting mending Desired Mr Thatcher one of ye Selectmen to Speak to mr Ebenezer Bradish to mend Sd Glass as soon as may be. Desired Sd Thatcher to procure three hundred of Nails to Nail the pains of Glass at sd

Meeting house.

[44] At a Meeting of the freehold<sup>rs</sup> and other Inhab<sup>ts</sup> of Watertown on the 20.<sup>th</sup> Day of March AD. 1748/9 by Adjournm<sup>t</sup>. Jonathan Child who was Chosen a Constable at Last Meeting. At this Meeting Appeared and Made his pleas why he S<sup>ld</sup> not Serve and Defired the favour of the Town to release him. And the Town by a Vote Released S<sup>d</sup> Child

Voted and Chose David Learned Constable. And ye Town

by Vote Dismissed him

Voted and Chofe Seth Hastings for Second Constable. And ye

Town by a Vote released sd Hastings

Voted and Chose Henry Spring jun<sup>r</sup> Constable, ye Sd Spring having been Chose before and gave his Note to ye Town Treast. The Town by Vote Dismissed sd Spring.

Voted and Chofe Samuel Nutting for Second Constable, upon

his pleas the Town Voted and Dismissed Said Nutting.

Voted and Chose James Dix for Second Constable, who Accepted and was Sworn.

Upon a Motion made and Seconded, The Vote was put whether it is the mind of the Town to Reconfider their Vote made at Last meeting Relating to the Grant of four hundred pounds for ye Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Storers Salary for ye Present Year. and ye Vote past in ye Affirmative. Then the Vote was put

Whether it is the mind of the Town to Grant the Sum of five hundred pounds old Tenor for ye Revd Mr Seth Storers Salary for this prefent Year, And the Vote past in ye Affirmative

Voted to Choose a Committee to Treet with a Gentleman to keep the Grammer & English School in the Town for this Prsent Year

Voted and Chose the present Selectmen to be sd Committee Voted that those Parents & Masters who send their Children and Servants to the School Shall procure fire wood for ye School Voted and Granted ye Sum of five pounds fifteen Shillings to pay for a Gun the Selectmen bought for Saml Coollidge to Cary to the Eastward with him.

Voted and Granted 3/ to Joseph Whitney for warning a Town

Meeting

Voted that the Grant made to Henry Spring Last meeting for ye keeping ye Widw. Maddocks Six weeks be made up Twenty Shillings P week.

[45] At a Genral Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabts, of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs Regulerly Assembled on the 20th Day of March AD 1748/9.

Voted and Chose Jonas Bond Esqr. Moderator

The Copy of the Petition of the first Parish in Cambridge, which the Town was Served with by order of ye General Court (wherein they pray that Several of the Inhabts. of watertown with the Estates they Dwel on Sld. be Anexed to sd Parish) to Shew reasons to sd Court why the prayer of sd Petition Should not be granted, was Laid before the Town and Red, and After Debate thereon

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Choose a Committee or Agents, to Shew (in behalf of Watertown) Reasons why the prayer of sd Petition Relating to sd Watertown Should not be Granted. And the Vote past in the Affirmative Voted and Chose Mr John Hunt Docter Josiah Converse & Mr Jonathan Bemis to be a Commtee. or Agents for the Ends Abovesaid.

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Jonas Bond Esqr.

on the Twenty first Day of March AD. 1748.

At S<sup>d</sup> Meeting the Surveyrs Agre'd and Set the Surveyers of High Way's their Refpective Diftricts. viz<sup>t</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Clark Survey<sup>r</sup>. His District to be as follow's Viz<sup>t</sup>. All the High Ways & Town Ways Eaft of the Town Way that Leads from y<sup>e</sup> Country Road by Justice Harris Two Acres (so called) and so by the Meeting house to Cambridge Line by Tho<sup>s</sup> Wellingtons, and that part of s<sup>d</sup> Lane from Cambridge Line afores<sup>d</sup> up to the Meeting house.

And Jonas Coollidge Surveyer of High Ways His District to be as follow's Viz<sup>t</sup>. All the High Way's and Town Way's West of the Town Way Leading from ye Country Road so by the Meeting house and So to Cambridge Line by Thos Wellingtons also those Way South of ye River and that part of ye Town

way from ve Country to the Meeting house.

Agreed with M<sup>r</sup> John Coollidge (P his wife) to board the Widw. Webb for one Year Next from the 25<sup>th</sup>. of this Instant at 25/ Pr week old Tenor Exclusive of Extraordinary Charges, and

if any Such happen thrô Sickness or Indisposition of Body to be reasonably Considered, and if thrô the run of things wth. Respect to provisions if they Sld Rise beyond present Expectation to what ya now are the Selectmen promise that case shall be Considered also.

[46] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Joseph Mason Esqr on the Third Day of April 1749. The Gramer School being Vacant. the Selectmen Agre'd To offer Mr Jonan Sewel the Late Schoolmaster the Sum of £250£ Old Tenor P ye Year & He to board himself. And if Mr Sewel Se meet to take up to keep the School in Watertown for a Quarter or more after that Rate then He to be Imployed. Appointed Joseph Mason Esqr. Messrs. Oliver Livermore & Ebent Thather to Treat wth Mr Jonan Sewal on the premises and to Make Report.

April the 6th. 1749. The Comtee Treated wth mr Jonan Sewal abot keeping the Gramer & English School in Watertown. And after offer being made to Mr Sewel He undertook to keep the School in Watertown for one Quarter after the Rate of £250 P year old Tenor & He to board himself and the Quarter to begin

the 13th Day of this Inftant April.

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at Mr Oliver Livermores on the 4th. Day of May 1749. The Selectmen having Recd a Precipt Requiring them to Assemble yr Town in ordr to Elect a Person to Represent Them in a General Court appointed to be held at Boston on ye 31st of this Instant May.

Ordred the Clark to Isue out Warrants Directed to ye Conftables to Warn the freehold<sup>rs</sup>. and Other Inhabts. Quallifyed &c. to Meet at the Publick Meeting house in sd Town on Munday the 15th. of May Instant at Two of the Clock after Noon then and there to Elect a Sutable Person to Represent them at ye Court abovesd.

Likewise to Order the Constables to Notifie & warn the freehold<sup>rs</sup>. & other Inhab<sup>ts</sup>. of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs to meet at the Publick Meeting house on Munday the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of May Instant at Three of the Clock after noon for y<sup>e</sup> ends following viz<sup>t</sup>.

- 1. Whereas Several Perfons who are Nonresidents are Assest for famlty (?) to ye Tax in Watertown for ye great Timber Trade which they carry on in the Town who Refuse to pay the Collectors choosing to Stand a Trial in the Law wth. Relation to sd Affair. To know the mind of ye Town with Relation thereunto. And to Do And Act what they shall se meet and proper Relating to ye same Affair.
- 2. To hear ye Request of Amos Bond Late Constable for ye Sinking of Wm. Vassells Rates in his Lifts for Reasons went may be given and for ye Town to Act yr pleasure there upon

3. To know the Mind of ye Town whether they will Revive the Town buy Law Relating to horses as it now Stands only with the Addition of Assertaining the Disposition of the forfiture.

Warrants were Isued out Accordingly

Attt. J Mason Clerk /

[47] At a General Town Meeting of ye freeholdrs. and other Inhabts. of Watertown Quallifyed to Vote in ye Choice of a Representative, Regulerly Assembled at the Publick Meeting house in sd Town on the fifteenth Day of May 1749 for the Election of a Sutable Person to Represent the Town of Watertown at the Great and General Court Appointed to be conven'd and held at the Court house in Boston on the 31 Day of May Currant.

The Meeting was Opned, the Major part of ye Selectmen prefent, The Vote for the Choice of a Representative was Called for, And after the Votes Were brot in Sorted and Counted it Appeared That Jonas Bond Esqr was Chosen to Represent the Town at ye Court aboves by the Major part of the voters Present.

At a General Town Meeting of the freehold<sup>rs</sup>. and other Inhab<sup>ts</sup>. of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs Regulerly Assembled on the 15 Day of May 1749. At the Publick Meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town.

Voted and Chose Joseph Mason Esqr Moderator for sd

Meeting.

The Seventeenth Article in the Warant for ye Warning of Last March Meeting relating to John Kimbal, at Sd Kimbals Motion was yn Continued to May Meeting for his Accommodating sd Affair with the Comtee formerly Chosen to Agree with Person's for Land Lying to the ways &c. At this Meeting the sd Commtee. Made Report to the Town Relating to what yee had done in sd Affair, which Report was Red to the Town, And the

Vote there upon was Put Whether it is the mind of ye Town to Accept of sd Report and that the Lands Contained & mentioned in sd Report Relating to John Kimbal be granted and Confirmed to the sd

John Kimbal his heirs and Assigns on the Condition mentioned in the S<sup>d</sup> Reporte, and also that a Small piece of Land mentioned in s<sup>d</sup> Report be granted and Confirmed to Jonas Bond Esq<sup>r</sup> his heirs & Assigns upon the Condition mentioned in s<sup>d</sup> Report, And that the s<sup>d</sup> Report of the Com<sup>tee</sup> be Accordingly Record in the Town Records. and y<sup>e</sup> Vote past in y<sup>e</sup> Affirmative

Then the first Article in the Warrant for this Meeting was Red relating to Some Perticler Persons who are Nonresidents there being Rated in Watertown for the Timber Trade in s<sup>d</sup> Town, was Red to the Town and After Debate thereon. The Vote was Put whether it is the mind of the Town to Choose a Com<sup>tee</sup>. to Take Advice in S<sup>d</sup> Affair of Councel knowing in the Law, and that if the Committee upon Advice Shall find y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>r</sup> is Sufficiant foundation for the Town to proceed in s<sup>d</sup> Affair, That then the Conftable proceed According to the Advice of s<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup>. and that the Town will indempnify the Conftables He proceeding According to the s<sup>d</sup> Comm<sup>tees</sup>. Advice. & ye Vote paft in the Affirmative

Voted and Chose Joseph Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> John Hunt & Jonas Bond Esq<sup>r</sup> to be s<sup>d</sup> Committee.

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Sink Wm. Vafsells Rates in Conftable Amos Bonds Lists. And the Vote Paft on ye Negative

Then

[48] Then the Vote was put, whether it is the mind of the Town to revive the Town by Law Relating to horses. Vizt. That no Person or Persons Shall Suffer his or their horses or horse kind above the Age of six months to Run at Larg with in the Limmits of Watertown without their being well settred from the 15th Day of May Currant to the Last Day of October Next under the penalty or forfiture of 2/6 for evry one that Shall be sound without being So settred. One Moiety of sd forfiture to be to the Haward or field driver, and the other Moiety for the Use of the poor of ye Town And the Vote past in the Affirmative.

Voted that Joseph Mason Esqr Lay this By Law before the Honble ye Court of General Sessions of ye peace for this County for their Confirmation

## The Commtees. Report.

The Commtee. Chosen to Agree with Persons what they sld give for Land Lying to ye Way's &c. Report what they have further done in Said Affair More Especially wth Respect to the Land fenced in adjoining to the Land formerly Clarks which was Mentioned in an Article in the Warrant for warning Last March Meeting and Continued to this May Meeting vizt the Said Commtee have Agreed with John Kimbal that he Shall have the Land already taken in (belonging to the Town) Adjoining to his Land (formerly Uriah Clarks) Containing abot. half An Acrer as the Wall fence Now Stands Only Extending the South line to the Westward So far as on a Straight or parrelell line with the wall as it now Stands as to Enterfext his fence which will make the South line forty Rods in length the Said half Acrer is Bounded Easterly by a Town Way Southeasterly with Town Land Southerly with a Town Way, Elsewhere on sd Kimbal's own Land, He the sd John Kimbal to pay into the Town Treafury for sd Land the Sum of Twenty Pounds old Tenor for the Use of Watertown upon the Town's Granting and Confirming sd half Acrer (be it more or less) to him ye sd John Kimbal his heirs & Assigns All which is Submitted

P Joseph Mason Jonas Bond Ebenez<sup>r</sup> Stone Jona<sup>n</sup> Brown

Commtee

And further on the Day abovesd

The S<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> Agreed that Jonas Bond Esq. move out his fence into the Town way (leading by y<sup>e</sup> Pound) oppifite to y<sup>e</sup> Watering place So far as to make a more Uniform line or frunt, Runing upon a Streight line from the most Westerly bend of his wall (Near to the Small piece granted him before by y<sup>e</sup> Town) so as to Enterfect Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisks Wall fence against his Pikle South of his Barn which line will in close ab<sup>t</sup>. five Rods of ground. And He the s<sup>d</sup> Bond to pay therefor in to the Town Treasury for the use of y<sup>e</sup> Town the Sum of Twenty Shillings old Tenor upon the Towns Granting & Confirming y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> five Rods of Ground to him his heirs and Assigns. which is humbly Submitted

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Watertown May 9th. 1749.

[49] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown on the 3d Day of July 1749. At David Coollidges to Confider of ye Lift of Plons Licenced in sd Town the Last Year. &c

The Selectmen having Confidered Sd List Did not Approve of

Thomas Saltmarsh having his Licence Renewed

The Selectmen Approve of Mary Learned & David Coollidge having their Licences Renewed for the Year Enfuing. And Mr John Hunt Renewing his Licence. as for Nath! Harris Esqr under his Circumftances the Selectmen dont Approve of having his Licence Renewed.

July 17. 1749. At a meeting of ye Selectmen at ye Meeting house, Mr Jonan. Sewells time for keeping the School being Near Expiring, Agreed that Mr Sewel be Treated wth to keep the School till the first Munday in March Next if he will keep it after the Rate of £ 250 Pr Year old Tenor and board himself. Desired Messrs. Ebenezer Thatcher & Isaac Sanderson two of ye Selectmen to Treat wth. Mr Sewel in behalf of ye Selectmen Relating to ye primises And make Report /

Upon Viewing the Meeting house and finding that it wanted very much to be Repaired Especally to Secure the Steaple. Agre'd to meet at s<sup>d</sup> Meeting house Again on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> Instant at 7 of ye Clock in the Morning And that Mr Benjn Hastings & Mr Samuel Stratton be Desired to meet with the Selectmen at

the Same place & time to View & See what is Needfull to be done. And that m<sup>r</sup> John Savin be Defired to mend y<sup>e</sup> under pining of s<sup>d</sup> Meeting house.

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the Meeting house on the 25 of July 1749. Upon further View of ye Meeting house Mr Benjn. Hastings and mr Saml Stratton being present we find that the Platform above the Bell is Very Rotton both Bords & Shingles, It was Judged by the Workmen that plank wid be better for sd Platform than Double boarding and so Cork the joints and Cover it with Shingles Agreed with mr. Hastings & Stratton to procure what Plank and other Metarels that is Necessary and to Do the work of Repairing the Meeting house who under took to do the Same, And to Do it the beginning of Sepr next or before, and to Draw money out of ye Treasurey for the purchaseing Metarels. Mr Jonn. Sewal our present Schoolmaster Mett the Selectmen and and Engaged to keep ye Grammer & English School in the Town untill the first Munday of March Next After the Rate of 280 £ P Year and to board himself. And the Selectmen Engage upon his faithfull keeping the s<sup>d</sup> School that H<sup>e</sup> s<sup>ld</sup> be Rewarded therefor by y<sup>e</sup> Town after the Rate of Two hundred & Eighty pounds P year as before sd He paying for his own Boarding. -

[50] At a meeting of ye Selectmen at mr Ebenezer Thatchers on the 10th Day of Novr. 1749. The Widw. Grover and ye Widw. Stearns under their Necesistous Circumstances made their Application to ye Selectmen for some reliefe with Respect to wood Agre'd to procure One Load of Wood for ye sd Widw. Grover. and Two Loads of Wood for ye sd Widw. Starnes as Soon as may be at the Towns Charge.

Whereas the Vote of ye Town Relating to ye School is, That those Parents and Masters who Send their Children & Serts. to School Sld. Provide firewood for sd School. The Selectmen judge 8/ old Tenor P Scholler is Little Enough to provid Wood for sd School, And Accordingly Agre'd that ye Schoolmaster be Desired to Send to Such Parents and Masters yt Send yr Children & Serts to School to send 8/ Pr Scholler in order to procure wood for ye School. And that the Schoolmaster be Desired to Send to those who are Dilenquent ye Last Year to Send their Coto as others have Done to pay ye Selectmen they having Advanced the money.

Agre'd and Ordred the Clerk to Isue out a Warrant to Warn John Conred Huffinz and his Wif Catrine and four Children vizt. John Elizh. Cath. & Mary. (which was don accordingly)

The Widw. Webb who is maintained P ye Towns wanting Some Clothing to keep her warm and Comfortable ye Approaching Winter Agre'd That Mrs. Coollidge (with whom she lives) be

Defired to procure Such thing as is Necessary for ye End abovesd. and bring her Acct in order to be paid.

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at Mr Isaac Sandersons on the

23d. Day of November 1749.

The Selectmen having had frequent Complaints from divers Gentl<sup>n</sup>. of Cambridge as well as from ye Selectmen of sd Town of ye Deplorable Case that Saml Coollidge is in at this present for want of evry thing as to Clothing, and in a Suffering Condition, And likely to Suffer in Several Respects if Speedy Care be not taken for him. As he belongs to Watertown the Selectmen Account themselves in Duty bound to take Some care for him and provide Such Clothing for him as may prevent his Suffering and so of his becoming a greater Charge to ye Town. Agre'd to procure for him a Coat Jacket a pr Briches two Shirts a pr of Stockins & a pr of Shoos he being Destitute of evry thing of Clothing sit to cover his Nackedness. Agre'd that mr Oliver Livermore & mr Ebenr Thatcher take the Care to procure the things abovesd. In the first place to Inquire whether they can procure wt may be Sutable at ye Second hand; If not such Cloth as is Sutable for Coat and Jacket to keep him warm and Leather briches what triming &c as is Necessary and to do it as soon as may bee. The Selectmen Confidering the Many Complaints that have been made to them what a Trouble

[51] the Sd Coollidge is where he comes and the Dainger they are in by Reason of his Lying in their Barns for fear of fire or other Mischief. the Selectmen Apprehending that it will be best for ye sd Coollidge and for the Town that He be in Some family where he may be taken care of & keept from Rambling abt. and So kept from diftroying wt is got for him.

Accordingly the Selectmen Appointed to meet at David Coollidges on fryday the 1st of Decembr. Next at four clock after Noon, in order to Confider where to git a place and agre'd to give Publick Notice that if any person is inclined to take him that

they meet ye Selectmen at ye time and place aforesd.

Decd. 1. 1749. The Selectmen meet at David Coollidges according to Appointm<sup>t</sup>. But no Person Appeared to treat with them Relating to Sam<sup>l</sup> Coollidge.

The Selectmen being Informed by ye Widw. Becks that She had taken in a woman (a Stranger) out of pity and Compassion who was Sick at her house, the Selectmen went to see how the matter was, and found a poor miserable woman there who if she had not been taken in by ye sd widw. had bin in danger of perifhing. The Selectmen Incouraged ve widw, to take proper care for her, and as ye Selectmen were Informed that she had some money and other things they advised the Widw. to See & git her pay from her for ye Trouble she was at. -

At a meeting of ye Selectmen at David Coollidges on ye 18th. of Decr. 1749 The Selectmen Recd the Clothes procured for Saml Coollidge, Acct of wch is as follow's vizt.

Cloth for a Coat Jacket & Triming cloth for	
2 shirts & a p <sup>r</sup> of stockins	£19=.26
A pair of Leather Briches ready made	.3= —
Making the Coat and Jacket	.5— —
Making 2 shirts with thread & buttons	.1— —
Making 2 shirts with thread & buttons	· - · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

Old Tenor £28=.2=.6

Two Persons Appeared at this meeting who offered to take Said Saml Coollidge but their Lowest terms being 55/ P week,

the Selectmen could not Confent to give it.

The Widw. Mary Maddocks being deftitute of house or home for this winter Season (People not careing to take her in to set her to work as in warm wether) She being at present at Christopher Grants, the Sd Grant being willing to Entertain her for her work if She did Enough to pay for her board, and if not to be Alow'd by the Town what sld be wanting. He yesd Grant prudently keeping her to work or finding work for her till further Order. He keeping a fair and true Acct of Her Earnings, and to Lay the Same before the Selectmen, And If her Work or Earnings do not amount to Reasonable boarding to be alow'd by the Town what is Reasonable over and above her Earnings.

[52] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Jonas Bond Esq<sup>r</sup>. on the Eighth Day of Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1749. Upon a Message Sent to the Selectmen from one of ye Grand jury of the County That the Town of Watertown was in Danger of A Presentmt. on Acct of Saml Coollidge his Runing abt & being Mischeivs &c The Selectmen Agre'd to inform the Grand jury of ye Circumstances of ye sd Coollidge and what the Selectmen had Done in behalf of ye Town for him, and, and what further Steps they have Agre'd to that he might be taken care of that so he might not make Such Difturbance as he has done. That so the Town might not be presented Agre'd further to Inquire of Such Gentl<sup>n</sup>. of Charlftown as are prop<sup>r</sup> to See whether s<sup>d</sup> Coollidge may be got into their Work house upon Equiable Terms. and If they fail there then to Make One Address more to ye Overseeres of ye Poor in Boston to Se If he could upon Reasonable Terms be got into their work House for Some short time at Lest till his case cld. be Laid before the Town.

At a meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown at the House of Joseph Mason Esqr on Feby: 14. 1749. At Said Meeting the Selectmen Ordred the Clerk to Isue out Warrants Directed to the

Constables of sd Town, To Warn the freeholdrs, and other Inhabt. of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs, To Assemble & meet together on Munday the fifth Day of March Next at Nine of ye Clock In the Morning for the Ends following viz<sup>t</sup>. (1) To Choose a Moderator for s<sup>d</sup> Meeting (2) To know the mind of ye Town what Sum Persons shall pay, who are Chosen Constables and Refuse to Serve. (3) To Choose Selectmen, A Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer a Constable or Constables, Assessors, and all Such other Town Officers as by Law are to be Chosen in the Month of March Annually. (4) To Choose a Saxton and Agree how he Shall be Satisfied for his Service (5) To put in their Votes for a County Treasurer. (6) To know the mind of ye Town whether Swine Shall Run at Large under the Regulation in the Law, (7) To hear the Town Treasurers Acct. And to pass thereon. (8) For the Town to manifest their Mind how the Intrest money Coming to the Town this Year (the year beginning the Eleventh of Dec<sup>r</sup> Last) shall be Appropriated. (9) To Grant the Revd mr Seth Storer his Salary for the Year Ensuing, the Year beginning the first of March Next. (10) To Grant money for the Support of ve School or other wife Agree how it Shall be Supported (11) To Grant money for the Support of the poor ve Enfuing Year. (12) To hear the Accts. of those prions to whom the Town is Indebted to, and to Grant Money to Satisfy them. (13) To Grant money for the Repairing of the Meeting house Glass &c. (14) To grant Money for the Repairing of ve Great Bridge over Charles River in Watertown if they Se meet. (15) To know the mind of ye Town whether they will mend the High ways and Town ways By Rate the Ensuing Year as has been practicd Some years past, And if the Town See Meet to Come into this Method, Then to make a Grant of money for said Affair, And for ye Town to State Day Labour both for men and Teems, And that Persons May Work out their Respective Rates at wch. they are set (if they see meet) at the Price that the Town Agrees upon, and to choose the Surveyer of

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[53] The High ways to be Collectors of Said Rate, or to See that it be worked out within the Year in the way and manner the Town Agrees on. (16) To hear the Pleas of Some of the Late Conftables for Abatm<sup>t</sup>. of Some Perticuler Perfons Rates in their Lists, And for the Town to Act their pleafure thereon. (17) For the Town to Manifest their mind, what they will have done with Samuel Coollidge, and done for him, under his Prefent Difficult Circomftances so as to prevent Extroord<sup>y</sup>. Charge being brot upon the Town by Prefentment or other wife on Acc<sup>t</sup> of sd Coollidge. (18) To know the Mind of ye Town Whether they are willing to joine wth Two, Three or More of the Neighbour

Towns (If sd Neighbour Towns are willing) To Errect a work house in Some Convenant place, wherein Idle Persons may be Imployed, and other poor Perfons (who may be judged proper) be taken care off; And if the Town are willing herefor; Then for the Town to do any thing or things or pass Any Act or Acts Relating to sd Affair as they Shall judge proper for the promoting thereof. (19) To know the mind of the Town whether they will Choose and Impower a Com:tee or their Representative to joine with Commtees, or the Representatives of Weston and Waltham to Petition the Great & General Court in behalf of Watertown, Weston & Waltham for a Grant of Some of the unapropriated Lands belonging to ve Province, To Enable ve sd. Three Towns the better to Defray the great Charge they are Annually at in Maintaining the Great Bridge over Charles River in Watertown. (20) for the Town to have a List of Jurymen, with a new Addition thereto. Laid before them and for the Town to Accept thereof If ya See meet, And for ye Town to make An Addition to the Superiour Box. (21) To know the mind of ye Town whether they will Choose and Appoint a man to take care of ye fence abot ye Buring place to keep up sd Fence to prevent Creatures Gitting in perticulerly Swine gitting in and Rooting down the tops of ye Graves, and to take up the Young Trees that are growing up in sd Buring place which in time may Discomode the Same, and whether He yt is Appointed and takes the Care abovesd. Shall have for sd Service, what grass be got therein by Mowing; and not to feed any therein. (22) To hear the Request of Mr Saml. Jenison for Some Releas Respecting his Sifter Sufanna Murch & for the Town to Act their pleafure with Relation thereto.

And Direct the Conftables to Notify Such Persons which the Town are Indebted to to bring in their Accts, to the Selectmen at the House of ye Widw. Mary Learned Inholds. on fryday the Second Day of March Next at three of the Clock afternoon in order to have them Laid before the Town, And also to Notify the Surveyers who are Collectors to meet at the same time & place in order to make up their Accts, with the Selectmen. (Warrants were Isued out Accordingly).

At sd Meeting Ordred the Clerk to Isue out a Warrant to warn out of Town one Lyda Murch (the Daughter of Wm. & Sufanna Murch) who Came from Cambridge Abot the Middle of August Last past, who Resides with her mother in the Dwelling house of Stephen Palmer which is in Watertown

(A warrant was Isued out Accordingly & Delivered

Constable N. Stone)

The Clerk was Defired to Write to ye Selectmen of Weston to Procure Seven hundred of good Plank for the Great Bridge in Watertown, as soon as may be and to Send word whether they can or no. (A Letter was Sent Dated ye 15th of this Instant.)

Agreed to procure a Load of wood for the Widow Grover under her present Necessitous Circumstances.

[54] At a meeting of ye Selectmen at ye Widow Learneds on ye 2d Day of March AD 1749. for ye Taking in of ye Accts. of those Persons to whom the Town is Indebted the Acct. Taken in are as follow's vizt.

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Thos Saltmarsh As an Assessor for half
a Day Copying Laft Years List of ye
Province Rate for ye Court
For Help taking New Invoice in May 4
For help taking and Perfecting
Invoice making the Province County
Town & Highway Rates this Year
Nath! Harrington for help Coppying Last Year Rate ..=10=..
Nathl. Bright Assessor for Help taking
Invoice in May
for help taking perfecting an Invoice
Making the Province County Town & Highway Rates this Year
& for 200 Shingles for ye Meeting house 1-.6-..
Joseph Mason Esqr. for help Copy Laft
Years Provinece Rate one Day £.1-..-..
Help taking New Invoice for a New
Valuation 3 Days
for help Taking a Invoice & Perfect )
it Making the Province Tax County
Rate Town & High way Rates
for Cash to get ye Town By Law abt.
Horses Confirmed
For a Qr of board Nails 1/2 Hundred
Double Tens & 200 of Shingles for ye
Meeting House 1
for his Service as Clerk & Treast, ye
Year 1749
                                                       31".1'.6
Sam1 Stratton for fetching up the Stuff
from Boston for ye Meting house
For Ten days & ½ of Work at ye Meeting house 26/P & one Day at sd 14" 13" ...
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House 20/

For a Bier for the Town

Ebenezer Thatcher for Wire & Nails for ye Meeting house" 19= for a Load of Wood for ye Widw. Grover .3"=	
David Livermore for Sundry Dogs & Speeks for ye Bridg .2=13= for a look and Nails for ye School House—.5—	.3" 19=
Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Thornton & Jonas Collidge for 21 feet of Timber .4—.4— for 294 feet of plank for Treadaway	.2=18—
for 294 feet of plank for Treadaway Bridge and ye Bridge near Thomas Wellingtons ye whelms by Goddards & Amos Bonds Jonas Bond Esqr for 29 feet of Board for	26=.5 —
ye Meeting house Josiah Stearns for Mending ye Stocks and for a lock for 15/ Omitted Last Year his Acct yn ws 5/ New tenor & taken to be 5/ old	.1— —
ws 5/ New tenor & taken to be 5/ old—15—  To ye Widw. Becks & Sarah Willet for yr Care of & Nurfing a poor Vagabon Woman taken in in	.1—.7 —
Diftrefs & falling sick at ye widows  To Benjn. Haftings for 7 Days ½ work  at ye great Bridge at 28/ P 10—10—  for 13 Days & ½ work at ye Meeting  house at 28/P 18—18—	10=
for one hundred ½ of Clabboards for the Meeting House .4—10— for Nails for sd House 14/ & Turpinetine 20/ .1—14—	
tine 20/ for Slit work 5/ for board 5/  To Henry Spring jun for his Care of ye Widw. Stearns in the time of her &	36=.2=
Childs Sickness To Saml Coollidge for Speeks hooks & Stapels for ye Meeting house	.5—10— .2=16—
To Dan <sup>1</sup> Bond for Timb <sup>r</sup> for a whelm near Josiah Stearns Rich <sup>d</sup> . Clark Surveyor & Collector for this Year r. Acc <sup>t</sup> w <sup>th</sup> Relation to those Offices & by his Acc <sup>t</sup> he out his Rate all but two days work 9/ & some Nonr w <sup>ch</sup> y <sup>a</sup> y <sup>t</sup> are behind promises to work out this Spring.	had work't

[55] At a General Town meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabts, of Watertown Regulerly Assembled on the 5th Day of March 1749 for the Choice of Town Officers and other Affairs mentioned in ye Warrant

Voted and Chose Jonas Bond Esqr. Moderator of sd Meeting. The Vote was put whether it is the mind of the Town That those Persons who are Chosen to Serve in the office of a Constable and Refuse shall pay as a fine to ye Town ye Sum of five pounds Lawfull money, and the Vote past in the Affirmative.

Voted and Chose for Selectmen

Jonas Bond Esqr
Joseph Mason Esqr.

Mr Joseph Harrington
Mr Jonan. Bemis
Mr Edw. Harrington

Voted and chose for Town Clerk Joseph Mason Esqr. Voted and Chose for Town Treasurer Joseph Mason Esqr. Voted and Chofe for first Constable Wm. Coollidge. who Refused to Serve in sd. Office.

Voted and Chofe for Conftables { Henry Goding Samuel Cook

Voted and Chose for Assessors

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Joseph Mason Esqr. \
Dean. Saml. Fisk \
Mr Nathl. Harrington
\end{cases}
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Voted and Chose for Sealer of Leather Seth Hastings

Voted and Chofe for fence viewers { Simon Coollidge Jonan. Stone ye 3d

Voted and Chose for Surveyers of High Ways { Smith Prentice Daniel Bond

Voted and Chofe for Tythingmen

Voted and Chofe for Hogrieves

Voted and Chofe for Measurers of Saml Warrin jun.

Voted and Chofe for Measurers of Ebenezer Thornton

Timber &c.
Voted and Chofe for Hawards or field Drivers

| Jonas Coollidge | Johua Stratton | Sam¹. Warrin jun².

Voted and Chose for Gager of Cask Smith Prentice Voted and Chose for Deerreives { Jonan Brown James Dix

Voted and Chofe for Sexton Samuel Stratton

Voted to pay the Sexton for his Service by Two Contributions as Usual and they to be on the Days Appointed as on Record. which two Contrabutions the sd Sexton Accepted of as wt should Satisfy him for his Service in sd Trust or Office.

Then were Votes brot in for a County Treasurer & Delivred to one of the Constables.

Voted that Swine Sld. Run at Larg this Year under the Regulations in ye Law in that Respect.

[56] Then the Town Treasurers Accts. were Laid before the Town & Red. The first Acct. of the Treasurey Ammounting to the Sum of

The Credit Amounting to the Sum of (old Tenor) 981 ".9".6

Out Standing in the Constables

Hands 170 " 3"...

In the Treasury Recd this Day 61 "12".5

— 1213 " .4 "11

The Second Acct Relating to the Intrest money Recd

The Intreft money Rec<sup>d</sup> to this Day Amounted to v<sup>e</sup> Sum of .147 " 14 " .2

Paid out of Intrest money to sevrel Persons P rd<sup>r</sup>. .147 " 14 " .2

Both of these Accts were by a Vote of ye Town Alowed and

Accepted.

Voted that the Intrest money Comeing to the Town this Year be Appropriated, one hundred Pounds old Tener to the Ministry

the other hundred for ye School this Year.

Put to Vote whether it is the mind of ye Town to put of the Making of a Grant for ye Revd Mr Seth Storer's Salary untill the Next May Meeting, and to Choose a Commtee, to inqure in the mean time in to the Contract made with mr Storer at the time of His Setlmt, and make Diligent inquirey wt Silver was P ounce then, and wt the Necessarys of Life then Cost, and how things are at this present time, and into whatsoever that may give Light in said Affair to the Town and that they make Report thereof to the Town at sd May Meeting, That the Town may then proceed to make a Grant for ye Revd Mr Storers Salary for ye present year

And the Vote Past in the Affarmitive

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Choose three proof to be a Committe (for ye End abovesd) and the Vote past in the Affirmative

Voted and Chofe mr Ebenezer Thatcher Jonas Bond & Joseph

Mason Esqrs. to be sd Committee.

Voted and Granted or Alowed for the Support of the School this year the Sum of Two hundred and fifteen Pound and the Remains of Eighty five pounds of ye Last Years Grant for ye School (not Improved) One hundred pounds there of to be paid out of ye Interest money, and one hundred and fifteen pounds old Tener to be Assessed.

Voted and Granted for the Support of the Poor the Sum Sixty Pounds and what is Coming from Waltham on Acc<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>e</sup>

Poor by Last Settlmt wth sd Waltham

A List of Debts Due from the Town to sundry Persons named in s<sup>d</sup> List was Laid before the Town and Read Amounting to £161 ".7".6 old Ten<sup>r</sup>

The Vote was put whethe the Town do Grant the Sum of one hundred Sixty one pounds 7/6 old Tener to Satisfy & pay sd Debts.

And the Vote past in the Affirmative Voted and Granted for ye Repairing of ye Meeting house Glass &c the Sum of fifteen Pounds old Tenor.

There being a Sum of Thirty five pounds coming from Waltham Relating to ye Great Bridge also wt was Apropriated to sd bridge Coming from ye Trustees also ye Grant made Last year not yet Improved it was thot. Sufficient for ye present

Therefore ye Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to make a Grant of Money for ye Great Bridge this pfent Year

and the Vote past in the Negative

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[57] The Vote was Put whether it is the mind of ye Town to mend the High Ways & Town Ways by Rate this Year as has been for some years past—And the Vote past in the Affirmative Voted and Granted the Sum of One hundred & fifty pounds old Tener for sd Service. And the Dilinquant Surveyers to work out what is behind in their Lists this present Year.

Voted That the price of Labour for men and Teems, and the

time for work be as it was Agreed on the Last Year.

Voted and Chose Smith Prentice & Daniel Bond the Present Surveyers to be Collectors to Collect or to See that the Grant be faithfully worked out with in the present Year.

Several Constables made their Pleas for Abatmts. in their Lists.

vz<sup>t</sup>.

Conftable James Dix for ye Sinking of Richd. Sanger's 22/6 John Noyce 13/3 Capt David Baldwin 22/6 Isaac Williams 11/3 which in old Tener is 13=10—..

Voted and Abated ye Abovenamed Perfons yr Rates, and Granted the Sum of 13—10—.. to Supply the Same — — £13—10—.. The Vote was put whether the Town will Sink Jofiah Cuttings Rate in Nathl Brights List. and ye Vote past in the Negative. The Vote was put whether the Town will Sink Wm. Vassels Rate in Amos Bonds List & ye Vote past in the Negative.

Joseph Whitney Late Constable Pleaded Abatm<sup>t</sup>. of Isaac Holdin's Rate 7/6 Joseph Stearns 8/7 Isaac Williams 25/10. David Baldwin 40/11 John Noyce 20/5 and Rich<sup>d</sup> Sanger 40/11: all New Tener, in old £28=16=.8

The Vote was put whether the Town will Sink the above Named Perfons Rates in S<sup>d</sup> Conftable Whitneys Lifts amounting to 28—16—8 and Grant So much to Supply y<sup>e</sup> Same. and y<sup>e</sup> Vote paft in y<sup>e</sup> Affirmative

Jonas Coollidge Late Constable Pleaded for Abatm<sup>t</sup> of Sam<sup>1</sup> Stouel Dec<sup>d</sup> his Rate in his Lifts 12/10 Joseph Stearns 15/11 Aron Crofts 8/ David McConothy 3/3 all new Tener Amounting in Old to

£8—.......

The Vote was Put whether the Town Sink ye Rates of ye abovesd Persons in Constable Coollidges Lists amounting to £8

old Tener and Grant so much to Supply the Same, and Vote past

in ye Affirmative.

Joseph Paterson Late Constable pleaded Abatm<sup>t</sup>. of Sam<sup>1</sup> Stouel Rates in Lift 5/7 and Benj<sup>n</sup>. Bond Dec<sup>d</sup> his Rate 5/3 one Boyington 10/3 Isaac Williams 6/10 all new Tenor Amounting in old to £5—11—.8

The Vote was Put whether the Town Sink the Rates of ye above named Persons in Constable Patersons List and Grant ye Sum of 5—11—8 to Suply the Same and the Vote past in the

Affirmative

Upon a Motion made & Second, The Vote was put whether the Town Do Adjourn this Meeting and the Remaining Buisness thereof unto Munday the 12 day of this Instant march to this house at one Clock after noon And ye Vote past in the Affirmative

Accordingly the Meeting was Adjourned //

[58] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at ye Widw. Mary Learneds on the 9th of March 1749. for the Swearing Town Officers &c. The Persons under Named were Sworn to their Respective Offices by Joseph Mason Just peace vizt.

Henry Goding Sam¹ Cook Constables

Sam<sup>1</sup> Fisk
Nath<sup>1</sup> Harrington

Afselsors

Jona<sup>n</sup> Stone ye 3<sup>d</sup> fence Viewer

Smith Prentice Dan! Bond Surveyers of High Ways and Collectors

Jonas Coollidge Tything man

Saml Warrin junt Hogrieve & Haward

Ebenezer Thornton Jonas Coollidge Surveyers and measurers of Timber &c.

James Dix and Jonathan Brown Deere Rieves.

(Seth Hasting Sealer of Lear. took his Oath on ye 6th. of march

instant before Joseph Mason Justice peace)

At the Aboves<sup>d</sup>. Meeting the Selectmen Confidering that M<sup>r</sup> Jona<sup>n</sup> Sewal's Time for y<sup>e</sup> keeping of the School was Expired. The Question was Asked Whether they w<sup>ld</sup>. Imploy y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Sewal any Longer And the Majer part of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen were for y<sup>e</sup> Seeking of a nother School Master, And Appointed to meet at Jonas Bonds Esq<sup>r</sup> on Munday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Instant at four Clock After Noon to Consider surther abot a Schoolmaster. As also for the boarding out the Wid<sup>w</sup>. Webb.

May 11. 1750 Joshua Stratton Was Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of ye office of a Hogrieve. before Joseph Mason Justs.

peace. He refused to take the Oath of Haward.

May 22 1750 Joseph Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>. was Sworn to the offices of Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, and Assessor Before Thomas Greenwood Justice peace. [59] At a General Town Meeting of the freehold<sup>15</sup>. and other Inhab<sup>15</sup>. of Watertown Regulerly Assembled on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Day of March AD. 1749 by Adjournment.

Voted and Abated W<sup>m</sup>. Lees Rate in Conftable Godings Lift 12/ New Tener.

Voted and Granted to W<sup>m</sup>. Goding 12/ New Tenor he having paid & made up with y<sup>e</sup> Treaf<sup>r</sup>.

Voted and Granted to Joseph Harrington £8=.5—.. old Tenor for three Load of wood he Carryed to ye Widw. Stearns.

Voted and Granted to Nathl Stone 29/ old Tenor for Serving Conftable & Warning of three Town Meetings.

Voted and Granted to John Sawin 14/ old Tenor for his Mending

the underpining of the Meeting House.

The the Article Relating to Saml Coollidge was Read and Confidred. And the Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town, That ye Selectmen take the best And prudent care of Samuel Coollidge under his Indigent Circumstances, and for the preventing his Rambleing abt and doing of mischief to git him into some work house (if it may be) where he may be kept from Mischief or other wise take care of Him. And the Vote past in the Affirmative.

Then the Article Relating to Errecting of a work house was

Read and after debate thereon.

The Vote was Put, Whether it is the Mind of the Town That in case two three or more of the Neighbouring Towns will joine with such Towns

with them, that then they will be their proportion <sup>A</sup> to wards the building a work house in some Convenant place where it shall be thought proper or shall be Agreed upon for the Imployment of Idle Persons and other Needy Persons who shall be adjudged proper to be put into s<sup>d</sup> House. And the Vote past in the Affirmative.

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of the Town to Choose a Committee to Inquire of the Neighbouring Towns to See who of them will come into the Affair or Scheem of the building of a work house, for ye Ends aforesd. And the Vote past in the Affirmative.

Voted to Choose three Persons to be a Committee for ye Ends abovesd.

Voted and Choie Capt. John Taynter, Mr John Hunt and Dean. Saml. Fisk to be a Committee for the End Abovesaid.

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of the Town that the aboves<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup>, proceed to make Inquiry relating to the Building of a work house, and make Report thereof at the Next May meeting And the Vote past in the Affirmative.

Put to Vote whether it is the mind of the Town to Choose a Commtee to joine with Comtees. of Weston & Waltham to Petition ye General Court for a Tract of Land ye beter to Enable them to

Support ye Repairs of ye Great Bridge in Watertown. And ye

Vote past in ye Negative.

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Choose and Impower their Representative to joine with the Representatives of Weston & Waltham to Petition the General Court for a Tract of the unappropriated Land belonging to the Province the better to Enable them to Support of ye Great Bridge in Watertown. and the Vote past in the Affirmative.

Voted to Choose a Man to take care of the fence abot, the

Buring place.

Put to Vote whether it is ye mind of ye Town to Choose Saml Stratton to take ye Care of the fence abt. the burying place, and as a reward therefor to have the Young trees therein, and what grass he can git therein by Mowing. And ye Vote past in the Affirmative.

Saml Jenison made his Request to the Town Relating to his Sister Susan. Murch for Some Releast. After the matter was

Confidred

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Grant to Sam<sup>1</sup> Jenison any thing towards paying the Rent of the House that he had hired for his sister Murch. And ye Vote past in the Negative /

[60] A List of Jury men was Laid before the Town for their Consideration and Acceptance. After Consideration the Town Voted that Ebenezer Thornton John Bright & Henry Learned Should be taken out, All the Rest with the Addition of Thirteen New ones were by a Vote Accepted of by the Town Amounting to 82 Persons. Sixteen of which being in the Superiour Box, the Town Voted four more to be added to sd Box, vizt. Saml Thatcher Edw. Harrington Nathl. Harrington & Saml Fisk.— (the List is on file)

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye Houss of Jonas Bond Esqr. on the 19th. Day of March AD. 1749. There being a Necessitie that Some Plank be procured for the Great Bridge. Agreed that Mr Edwd Harrington one of the Selectmen, take Speedy care to See where Plank may be had and procure Seven hundred feet

Sutable for sd Bridge.

The Pound wanting Some thing to be done to it for the Strengthening of ye same, Agreed that there be procured Two Sutable Chisnut pools big enough to be Split to bree therewith evry Corner of ye Pound upon the Cap's And that Mr Saml Stratton be Defired to under take procuring sd pools and to do the work.

It was Agreed among the Selectmen yt. mr. William Jenison be treeted with, to See whether He will undertake to keep the Grammer and English School in the Town for one Quarter of a Year.

Jonas Bond Esq<sup>r</sup>. & Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Jona<sup>n</sup>. Bemis & Ed<sup>w</sup>. Harrington were Desired to treet with m<sup>r</sup> Jenison w<sup>th</sup>. Relation to y<sup>e</sup> School, to See whether He will under take to keep the Same, and to know His Lowest Terms and to make Report at the Next

Meeting of ye Selectmen.

The Widow Webbs Year being Near Expired. The Selectmen Agreed wth mr John Coolidge (P his Wife) to board the Sd Widw. Webb, for a Nother Year the Year beginning the Twenty fifth of this Inftant March and to look well after her under her poor and Weak Circumftances, And to have as a Reward therefor from the Town the Sum of Eighty five pounds old Tenor. And to be Allowed befide for Extraordinary Charge thrô Sickness or otherwise (if any be). to which Mrs. Coollidge Concented. (thô very hardly)

The Selectmen Appointed to meet again at Joseph Masons Esq<sup>r</sup>. on Wedinfday the Twenty Eight Inftant at five of ye Clock

afternoon

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of Joseph Masons on the 28th. Day of March 1750 This being the Year for Preambulation & The Selectmen Appointed Mess. Ebenezer Thatcher and Edwd. Harrington to Preambulate on the lines between Watertown and the Adjacent Towns, and with such Persons as ye Selectmen of ye Adjacent Towns Shall Appoint to Renew the Marks on sd. Lines, and they are Directed to Meet with Such Persons as ye Selectmen of Cambridge shall

Appoint

[61] Appoint at the Line between Watertown and Cambridge Near Edward Marritts on Wedensday the 25 of April Next at Eight of ye Clock in ye fore noon And with Such Persons as ye Selectmen of Waltham Shall Appoint at one of of the Clock after noon on ye sd Day at the Line between Watertown & Waltham at Cambridge Line. and with Such Persons as ye Selectmen of Newton shall appoint at sour of ye Clock after noon on ye same Day, at the Line between Watertown and Newton Near Mr Daniel Cooks and after they have done their Work to Make Return of yr Doings to the Town Cler under their hands.

Ordred the Clerk to Send Notifications to ye Selectmen of ye Adjacent Towns to Acquaint them of ye Day Appointed for Preambulation and the prions who are Appointed by ye Selectmen of Watertown that So ye Selectmen of the Adjacent Towns may

Conform thereunto. (which was done P ye Cler)

At this Meeting the Selectmen web were Appointed to Treat with Mr Wm. Jenison Relating to the Keeping of ye School in Watertown made their Report. Vizt. That they had Agreeable to Appointment Waighted on mr Jenison and treeted with him Abt. the School and that mr Jenison was willing to keep sd School, and that He wld. keep it After the Rate of Two hundred

and fifty Pounds P Year. and board himself, weh was his Lowest Terms. Whereupon the Selectmen Agreed that mr Wm. Jenison Keep the Grammer & English School in Watertown for the Space of one Quarter of of a Year, And to have as a Reward there for from ye Town after the Rate of Two hundred & fifty Pounds P Year old Tenor. He to board himself, and to begin the School (if Life and health permit) on the Ninth day of April Next.

The Seats at ye School house being Some what out of order Agreed that Mr Saml Stratton be Desired to do what is Necessary (Relating to them) for the present, as also to fix up the Stocks. At a meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Mr Jonathan Bemis on the 16th Day of April 1750. Mr Wm. Jenison who ye Selectmen had Agreed with to keep the School, being Removed

by Death. The School thereby being at prefent Vacant:

The Selectmen Since the Death of Mr Jenison have Made Application to a Gentl<sup>n</sup>. in order to have the School Supplyed with a Master and to know his Terms, but s<sup>d</sup> Gentl<sup>ns</sup>. Terms were so high that the Selectmen could not Comply with. The s<sup>d</sup> Selectmen being Informed by Mr Josiah Stearns that there was a probibality that Young mr Cushing of Shrusbury might be gained. whereupon the Selectmen Agreed to Desire Mr Stearns to Write to s<sup>d</sup> Mr Cushing to know whether He is at Liberty and to Desire his Speedy Answer. and s<sup>d</sup> Stearns to Inform the Selectmen / /

[62] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at Joseph Harringtons on the Ninth Day of May AD. 1750. The Selectmen having Received a Precipt Requiring them to Assemble the Inhabts. of ye Town in Ordr for the Choice of a Representative, To Represent them at a Great and Gen! Court Appointed to be Conven'd and held at ye Court house in Boston on Wednesday the 30th. of May Instant.

Ordred the Clerk to Isue out Warrants Directed to ye Constables of Watertown to Warn the freeholders and other Inhabts. of Watertown Quallifyed to Vote in the Choice of A Reprefentative to Meet at ye Publick Meeting House in Sd Town on Munday the Twenty first Day of May Currant at Two of ye Clock Afternoon then and there to Elect & Depute a Sutable Person to Represent them at the Court Abovesaid

Likewise to Order the Constables to Warn the Freeholders and other Inhabts. of Watertown, who are Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs to meet at the Publick Meeting House in sd Town on Munday the Twenty first Day of May Currant at three of ye

Clock After Noon for the Ends following vizt.

1. To Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting. Whereas the Granting a Salary for ye Revd. Mr Seth Storer being put over from Last March Meeting to May Meeting and a Commtee: being Chose to Inquire into the Contract made with the Revd mr Storer at Settlm: and as to the prises of Silver &

Provisions Then and how they have been Since &c. and to make Reporte. Therefore

2. To Hear the Report of s<sup>d</sup> Committee, And to Grant m<sup>r</sup> Storer a Salary for this Present Year, the Year beginning the first

Day of March Last past

3. To hear the Report of the Commtee, who were chosen & Appointed Last March Meeting to inquire of ye Neighbouring Towns Relating to the Errecting of a Work House. And for the Town to make a Grant of money for the carrying on of Said Affair, if they Shall See meet and further to Do any thing or Things pass any Vote or Votes with Relation to sd. Affair of a Work House, as they Shall think or Judge proper and for the Benefit of ye Town.

4. To know the Mind of ye Town whether they will Discontinue that Town Way which is Between the Lands of m<sup>r</sup> John Kimbal and M<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>n</sup> Stone jun<sup>r</sup>. and Dispose of ye Same for the

Use of ve Town.

5. To know the Mind of the Town whether they will Build a Wharff at the Landing place by the River at the place Called Samlls. Key for the Use of the Town &c. Or give Liberty to such Persons as may Appear to Errect a Wharff at sd place upon such Conditions as the Town may Agree upon. And also to Choose a Committee to Settle the Line Between the Town Land there and ye Land of Cornelious Waldo Esqr Adjoining.

At this Meeting the Selectmen Defired Messurs. Jonn. Bemis & Edwd Harrington, to Cart some Gravil on to the Cossays of

ye Great Bridge yr being a want Thereof.

The Selectmen Agreed that Deacon Sam! Fisk the prefent Sealer of Waites & Measures be Desired to Carry what waites & Measures &c that Wants to be New tryed, to the Province Standard, and git them Tryed and to be Satisfyed by ye Town for his Trouble and Cost. ————

[63] Watertown April 25th: 1750. We the Subscribers According to Appointm<sup>t</sup>. Meet this Day with Gentlmen of Cambridge Waltham and Newton, and Renewed the marks on the Lines between our Town and the Towns aboves<sup>d</sup>.

To ye Selectmen ) of Watertown

Ebenezer Thatcher Edw<sup>d</sup>. Harrington

At a General Town Meeting of ye Freeholders and other Inhabts of Watertown Regulerly Assembled and met at the Publick Meeting House in sd Town on the 21st. Day of May AD. 1750. for the Choice of a Representative, To Represent the Town at a General Assembly Appointed to be Convened held and keept at the Court House in Boston on the 30th. of this Instant may.—the Selectmen being all present.

Upon a Motion made and Seconded, a Previous Vote was put

Viz<sup>t</sup>. Whether it is the mind of the Town that the Person who shall have the Major part of the Votes Shall be Esteemed the person Chosen to Represent the Town Provided the said Person will Serve the Town Greatis; but if He shall Refuse to Serve the Town Gratis, then to be Esteemed Not Chosen, And the Town to proceed to the Choice of a Nother upon the Same head aboves<sup>d</sup>. And the Vote past on ye Negative.

The Votes were then called for, And after the Votes were brot in Sorted and Counted it Appeared that Jonas Bond Esq. was

Chosen by the Major part of ve Voters then present.

At a General Town Meeting of ye freeholders and other Inhabts. of Watertown Quallifyed to Vote in Town Affairs Regulerly Assembled and Met at ye Publick Meeting House in sd Town on the 21 Day of May AD. 1750. At three of ye Clock Afternoon, for the Receiving Reportes of Several Comtees: Granting a Salary for ye Revd. Mr Seth Storer and other Buisness &c.—

1. Voted and Chofe Jonas Bond Esqr Moderator for sd Meet-

ing.

The Committy Chosen Laft March Meeting to Inquire into the Contract made wth ye Revd Mr Storer at His Settlmt, and what Silver was P ounce then, and what the Necessarys of Life then Cost and how the Necessarys of Life are at this present time &c. Made their Report (Said Report is on file) after the Report was Red, and Debated

2. The Vote was Put whether it is the Mind of ye Town to Grant as a Salary for the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Storer for the prefent Year begining ye first of March Last, the Sum of Sixty Six Pound thirteen shillings and sour pence Lawfull Money.—And the Vote

paft on the Negative.—

3ly.

[64] 3<sup>ly</sup>. The Vote was Put whether it is the Mind of ye Town to Grant the Sum of Sixty four Pounds Lawfull Money as a Salary for ye Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Storer for this prefent Year. And ye Vote past on ye Negative.

Upon a Motion Made and Seconded, to put ye first Sum to

Vote again

4<sup>ly</sup>. The Vote was put again Whether it is the Mind of the Town to Grant the Sume of Sixty Six Pounds 13/4 Lawfull money to be for ye Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Storers Salary for this prefent Year. and ye Vote past on ye Negative.

5. Then the Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Grant Sixty Pounds Lawfull Silver money for ye Revd Mr Storers Salary for the prefent Year the Year begining the first Day of March Last past. And the Vote past in the Affirmative.

Then ye Committe Chosen with Relation to ye Work house proposed &c Reported to ye Town That the Towns of Newton and Waltham had Come into the Scheem of Errecting a Work house in Some Convenant place and had Chosen Committes to

joine with Committees of other Towns to Consult in sd Affair, but that ye Selectmen of Cambridge had given out yr Warrants for May Meeting before Information Came to them Concerning a Work house, So that ye Mind of Cambridge is Not Yet known. Whereupon the Vote was put

6ly. Whether it is the Mind of ye Town further to Impower yr Committee (Chosen with Relation to ye Work house) to Meet with the Committee of Newton the Committee of Cambridge (if Said Cambridge comes into the Scheem) and the Committee of Waltham in Order further to Confult abot Said Worke house, And Confider where the Proper place is for Errecting the Same (So as to Sute the Towns that comes into sd Scheem) And whether Land is to be purchased and at what Rate, And to Consult as to ye Dimentions of ye Said House, and where abot the Cost may be. And to make Report to the Town at their Next Town Meeting, of their proceedings in sd Affair,

And ye Vote past in the Affirmative.

7ly The Vote was put whether it is the mind of the Town to Build a Wharff at ye River at a place called Samuells Key for ve Use of ve Town

And ye Vote past on ye Negative-

- 8 The Vote was put whether it is ye Mind of ye Town to Choose a Committee to Settle the Boundary Line between the Town Way and ye Land of Cornelious Waldo Adjoining at s Key Vote past in ye Affirmative
- 9 Voted to Choose three persons to be A Committee to Settle sd Line
- 10 Voted and Chose for sd Committee to Settle ye Line abovesd. Lt. Nathl. Coollidge Mr John Hunt, and Joseph Mason Esqr.
- [65] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of Mr Edwd. Harringtons on the 25th. Day of May AD. 1750.

The Selectmen Appointed the Surveyers of High Ways their Diftricts for Repairing the sd High Ways & Town Ways, wch are as follow's.

Vizt. Smith Prentice Surveyer, His District to be all the High Ways and Town Ways East of the Town Way, Leading from the Country Road and So along by the Meeting House down to Cambridge Line Near Thomas Wellingtons, and the South part of sd Lane from the Meeting House to ye Country Road aforesd.-

That Mr Daniel Bond Surveyer His Diftrict to be all the High Ways and Town Ways West of the Dividing Lane Leading by the Meeting house as also the High Ways on the South Side of ye River and the North Part of sd Dividing Lane from the Meeting House down to Cambridge Line ——-

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown at the House of Joseph Mason Esqr. on the 31 Day of May AD. 1750. In ordr. To Consider of a Petition of sundry Inhabts. of sd Town Directed to ye Selectmen Requesting of them to Call a Meeting of the Inhabits. of ye Town, To know their Minds whether they will make An Addition to ye Revd mr Storers Salary for this present Year.

The Selectmen taking into Confideration the Matter Petition'd for. and being Sencable of ye Uneafiness yt there is in the Minds of Many of the Inhabts. relating to the Sum Granted at ye Last Town Meeting for ye Revd mr Storers Salary for this Year. And Concerned for the Tranquilitie of ye Town, as also Confidering the Obligns. a People Injoying the Precious Gospel of Christ are under both in point of Duty and Intrest to maintain and promote the Same, and Honerly. to Support and Incourrage the Ministers thereof.

Agre'd to Call the Inhabts, of sd Town together, that they might have the Oppertunity further to manifest their Love and Respect to ye Gospel by their Readiness and Willings to make Such a further Grant to their Revd Pastor as an Addition to ve Sum Latly Granted for His Salary as wth, that may be a Honourable Support for Him, and Incourage him Cherfully to go on in ye great work of ye Ministry among us. and there by further Manifest yr Love and Respect to him as their Revd Pastor. Accordingly, Ordred the Clerk to Isue out Warrants Directed to the Constables of sd Town To warn the freeholdrs. and other Inhabts. of Watertown Quallifyed to Vote in Town Affairs to meet at ye Publick Meeting House in said Town on Munday the Eleventh Day of June Next at four of ye Clock afternoon for the Ends following vizt. 1. To Choose A Moderator for sd Meeting. 2ly To know the mind of ye Town (that whereas the Sum granted at ye Last Town Meeting for ye Revd. Mr Storers Salary for ye present Year is Less than what was Granted him the Last Year, which Occations uneasiness in ye minds of many of ye Inhabts, who are heartily Defirous that yr Revd Pastor sld. be Honly. Supported agreable to the dignity of his Office as a Gospel Minister) Whether they will make a further Grant of a Sutable Sum of Money for ye Revd Mr Storer to be added to ye grant afores<sup>d</sup> made at Last Town Meeting for His Salary for this present Year, And to be Assest there with, whereby He (our Revd Pastor) may be further Incouraged Cherfully to go on in the great work of ye Ministry amongst us. —

[66] At a General Town Meeting of ye freehold<sup>rs</sup>. and oth<sup>r</sup> Inhab<sup>ts</sup>. of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs Regulerly Aisembled at the Publick Meeting House in sd Town on the Eleventh Day of June 1750. for the Ends set forth in the Warrants for Warning sd Meeting——

1. Voted and Choie Jonas Bond Esqr Moderator, but He being Very much indisposed Refused to Serve.

2. Voted and Chose Doctr Josiah Convers Moderator of sd

Meeting.— (after a Long Debate)

3<sup>ly</sup>. Put to Vote whether it is the mind of ye Town to make any further Addition to ye Revd Mr Seth Storers Salary granted at Last May Meeting for the present Year.

And the Vote past in the Affirmative

4ly. The Vote was put whether it is the Mind of ye Town to Grant the Sum of Six pounds thirteen shillings & 4d Lawfull Money as an Addition to ye Sum Granted Last Meeting for the Revd mr Storers Salary for this present Year, and to be Assest therewith, and therewith paid to ye Revd Mr Storer.

And the Vote past in the Affirmative.

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at Thos. Saltmarsh's on the

18th. of June 1750 ——

The Selectmen having Seen & Confidred the Lift of those persons Licenced in our Town Last Year, Make No Objection against Thos Saltmarsh Mary Learned & David Coollidge having their Licence Renewed this Year as Inholders. And Mr John Hunt a Retailer.

Justis Harris Informed Some of ye Selectmen that He Sld. Lay

Down Retailing.

Ordred the Clerk to Isue out a Warrant to Warn the Widow Perman to Depart out of Watertown who Came from Cambridge Some time in Novemb<sup>r</sup>. Last. ———

A Warrant was Isued and Deliv<sup>d</sup> to Constable H Goding who went to Do y<sup>e</sup> Service, but y<sup>e</sup> person to be warned out had been gon to Cambridge Some time as he was Informed

So Returned ye Warrant again -

[67] At a meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Jonas Bond Esqt. on the 23d Day of July 1750.— The Selectmen having Conferred together abot the School Did agree to meet Next Munday the 30th. of July Instant at Six of ye Clock after noon at mr Joseph Harringtons to take further care abt. the School

The Great Bridge being So far out of Repare that it is thought that the South peer must be New built, Accordingly Agreed to meet on Munday the Sixth Day of August Next at three of ye Clock after noon At the House of the Widw. Mary Learned, and Desired the Clerk to Send Notifications to the Selectmen of Weston and Waltham at ye time and place of meeting Desiring their presence at Sd Meeting to Consult wt is proper to be Done wth. Relation to sd. Bridge.

(Notifications were Sent accordingly P J Mason)

At a meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Joseph Harrington on the 30th. of July 1750.—

The Selectmen being Informed that the Widw. Mary Mad-

docks was under poor Circumstances; out of Buisness, No home and in Dainger of Suffring. The Selectmen Agre'd yt Jonas Bond & Joseph Mason (Two of ye Selectmen) Std. Inquire into the Circumstances of sd Widw. and See if they Could git Her in to Some familie where She may be Imployed and taken care of So as may be for her comfort; and best for ye Intrest of ye Town.

The Selectmen Notwithstanding their Care abt. gitting a Schoolmaster (Since ye Death of mr Jenison) have heitherto been Disapointed. But they having had Encouragmt from Mr Nathl. Hareington (who was Schoolmaster formerly) made Application to him; who at their Defire was prefent at this Meeting. And the Selectmen Agre'd with Him ye sd Nathl. Harrington to keep the Grammer & English School in Watertown And to begin to keep sd School the Second Munday in Augst. Next And to keep sd School from thence to the Last Day of March following (Except so much time as to take care of gitting in His Indian Harvest and the time He takes thereabot He to give Acct of And He ye sd Harrington to have as a Reward from the Town for His Service After the Rate of Three hundred Pounds P year old Tenor for the time He Keeps sd School, He to board himself, To which He ve sd Nathl. Herrington Agre'd & Confented.

[68] At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham at the Widw. Mary Learneds in Sd Watertown On the Sixth Day of August 1750. In order to Consider what proper Method and Steps are to be taken for the Speedy Repairing of the Great Bridge in sd. Watertown. Upon Vewing and Searching the Southerly Peer of sd Bridge, the Sd Selectmen find it So Defective that it is Judged Necessary to Rebuild Said peer and to Do it as Soon as may be, and in Stead of King Posts and braces above the Bridge, To have a Mud Cill and Supporters under Neath as at the other Peers.

And in order thereunto Agre'd that there be a Mud cill Procured thirty Six feet in Length, and a foot Square. and two Cap pieces of Eighteen feet in Length & a foot Square of good white Oake. to bear the String pieces. It is concluded that the King Posts and Braces Now Standing above s<sup>d</sup> Peer will Answer for Posts or Supporters and Braces under Neath. Mr Elisha Jones is Desired to procure the Cap pieces as Soon as may be; And the Mud Cill also if mr Joseph Harrington nor Mr John Dix cant procure s<sup>d</sup> Cill.

Agre'd that Mr Edw. Harrington of Watertown Mr John Walker of Weston and Mr Josiah Fisk of Waltham be a Comtee. to take care to agree with Workmen, and to See that the work of building sd Peer be well Done. And to git the work done by the Middle of Sepr Next.

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of Jonas Bond Esqr on the 20th. Day of August. 1750. Mr Saml Coollidge being brot. to Watertown by Virtue of a Warrant from under the Hand & Seal of Justice Steal of Boston in the County of Suffolk, (He was first brot to ye Constable of Charestown and by said Constable conveyed to ye Constable of Cambridge, and by ye Constable of Cambridge He was conveyed to one of ye Selectmen of Watertown) the Sixteenth of August Instant. The Selectmen considering that ye sd Coollidge Comes under their Care as He belongs to Watertown. And sd Coollidge being undr Such Circumstances and Diforders, that requires Speedy care to prevent His runing abot, and so of His being Troublesome and Mischevous (of which He has been much Complained off) The Selectmen upon confidering of his case and present Circumstances, are of Oppinion that it will be most for ye Benifet of ye Town, the good of sd Coollidge and the Quiet of the Publick that the Said Coollidge be Confined in Goal for the present (there being no work house or other proper publick place of Confinmt) till ye Selectmen can provide a Sutable place for him where he may be taken care of and that the Town of Watertown  $^{\text{will}}_{\Lambda}$  be at the Charge of his being in Goal the time that He remains there, and Since He ve sd Coollidge is Run away again out of Town, and is Strowling abot. Vagabone Like, Agre'd by ye Selectmen that the Justices at Cambridge &c be Defired to take him up if He comes there and send him to Goal, where He may be Confined,

And

[69] And to be there at Watertowns Cost untill He can be taken care of as afores<sup>d</sup>. And Joseph Mason and Jonas Bond Esq<sup>rs</sup>. two of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Are desired to go to Cambridge on this Affair to Aquaint y<sup>e</sup> Justices there.

The Selectmen being Notified by Amos Bond by Writing under his hand bearing Date ye 20th, of Augst. 1750. That He had taken into his family one Hannah Ross who came from Lexington to his House the Tenth Day of November Last past her Circumstances being low in the world &c. Ordred the Clerk to Isue out a Warrant Directed to one of ye Constables of Watertown forth with to warn the sd Hannah Ross to Depart out of sd Watertown. (which was done Accordingly the 21st Instant and Committed to Constable Henry Goding.) Caution Entred Concord Cort.

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at Mr Jonan. Bemises on the 15th. of Octobr. 1750.

The Selectmen having been & View'd the Schoolhouse and finding that s<sup>d</sup> House wants Confiderable Repairs on the out Side to make it dry and Comfortable, and Some thing to be done inside to the Petition writing Table & benches Agreed that M<sup>r</sup>

Benj<sup>n</sup>. Hastings be Defired to procure what Stuff is wanting and to do the work of Repairing of s<sup>d</sup> School house, and to bring in

Acct. of his Work and Metearls to ye Selectmen

The Widw. Webb wanting Some Clothing to keep her warm & Comfortable Ordred that there be a Gound got for her of Homfpun worfted & wool or Cotten & wool, a Bayes Peticote a payer of Hofe & a Hankerchief and that mrs. Coollidge with whom ye sd Widw lives be Defired to get the abovesd things for ye sd widw. and get them Made up and bring in her Acct. thereof to ye Selectmen to be paid out of ye Treafurey. Saml Hager having Informed the Selectmen that he had taken into his house on Wm. Lacky Wise & Child who came from Waltham Some time the Latter End of May Last. Ordred the Clerk to Isue out a Warrant to Warn the Sd Wm. Wise & Child to Depart out of Watertown.

The Selectmen are Informed this day by m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Hager that y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Lacky had taken in one Esther Gale in to his familey who came from Waltham some time in Augst Last past her Circumstances are poor, and She is Supposed to be pregnant and Near her time Ordred the Clerk to Isue out a Warrant to Warn the

Sd Esther forthwith to Depart out of Watertown.

At this Meeting the Selectmen proposed to m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>1</sup> Harrington present Schoolmaster, that for the Support of a fire for the School, He Should Send to Parents and Masters that Send y<sup>r</sup> Children & Ser<sup>t</sup> to School to Send Six shillings old Tenor per head to procure wood for s<sup>d</sup> fire which is Agreable to a Vote of y<sup>e</sup> Town that those y<sup>t</sup> Send y<sup>r</sup> Children & Serv<sup>ts</sup>. to School, Should find wood for the fire there. (A Warrant was Isued out to warn y<sup>e</sup> aboves<sup>d</sup> Lacky &c & y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Esther) and Return made of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Lacky Wife & Child being warned out y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Esther beging gone out of Town. Caution Entred Charlstown Cort in December)

At a meeting of ye Selectmen at ye house of Mr Edw. Harrington on ye 7th Day of Nov. 1750. At sd meeting the Selectmen Agreed to Apply to A Justice of ye peace for a Warrant to Carry Wm. Lacky Wife & Child (who was Come into Watertown) out of sd Watertown to Waltham where they belong & are legal Inhabts. they being leagally warned to Depart, that ye Warrant be Committed to a Constable as Soon as ye fourteen days are out from the time of warning there being great Dainger of Charge

if not Removd

The Selectmen Confidering the s<sup>d</sup> Circumstances of Sam<sup>l</sup> Coollidge, Appointed Jonas Bond Esq<sup>r</sup> and M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Harrington two of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen, to Use their prudence & Care to See if the s<sup>d</sup> Coollidge can by any Means be got into the work house at Boston Watertown to Reimbust the Charge of his keeping there what his Labour will not Answer, and that Col<sup>l</sup>. Brattle be Desired to Assist in gitting him in to s<sup>d</sup> work house.

The Selectmen defired Mr Jonan Bemis & Mr Edw. Harrington to procure Some lath Nails and that they Nail the Meeting house glass where it is wanting, And that they procure a Glazer to mend sd Glass where it wants to be mended.

[70] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on the 30th. of Novbr.

1750. at ye Widw. Mary Learneds

The Town being in Dainger of being put to Cost & Charge relating to Sam¹ Coollidge (He being become a Common difturber of ye peace) if care be not Speedely taken to prevent the Same, he having been bro¹. (some time since) to Watertown by Authority. The Selectmen having taken the Affair of sd Coollidge into Confideration, Did Agree with Sam¹ Whitney to take the Care of ye sd Coollidge for the Space of one Month, and to take a prudent care of him, and keep him Confined to prevent his Rambling ab¹. to ye Difturbence of ye publick. and He the sd Whitney to have Reasonable Recompence from the Town for his Trouble

The Selectmen Defired Mess. Joseph Harrington & Edw. Harrington two of the Selectmen to go on the Next Day and setch up ye sd Coollidge (if He can be found) and cary & Deliver him to the sd Whitney that he may be taken care off.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at y House of Jonas Bond Esqr. on the 31st Day of December AD. 1750. The Selectmen having put Saml. Coollidge to Saml. Whitneys for a month upon Tryal which was out the 29th Instant. The sd Whitney Charges 5/4 P week Lawfull money. And ye sd Whitney being Willing to keep the sd Coollidge Longer at ye Same price Pr week, The Selectmen being well Satisfyed with the sd Whitneys care & Conduct Relating to said Coollidge. Agreed that ye Said Whitney Still take care of ye Said Coollidge, and keep him till further order of the Selectmen and to have as a rewarde therefor, from the town 5/4 P week for the time that He Shall keep him. The Selectmen Agre'd that in the mean-time to take prudent care to See if they can't git ye said Coollidge into Some place and business whereby he may do Some thing to help Support himself.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of ye House of Joseph Mason Esqr on ye 24th of January 1750. The Selectmen taking in to Consideration the Circumstances of Saml Coollidge, and having been Advised to git him into the work house at Boston as a proper Expedient to recover him from his Disorderly way of Living &c. The Selectmen Agreed to make an Assay to git him into sd Work house, and Accordingly Drew up and Signed a Short Representation of his Case Directed to ye Overseers of ye poor of Boston. And a Request that ya Would Admit him into their work house, and manifested our Redeness to Sign any proper

Instrum<sup>t</sup> to Indempnify the Town of Boston, and Engage for what his Labour w<sup>ld</sup> not Suffice for his Support. the Selectmen Appointed Jonas Bond Esq<sup>r</sup>. one of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen to wait on y<sup>e</sup> Gentlmen y<sup>e</sup> overseers afores<sup>d</sup> with the Selectmens Request and to Receive their Determination thereon. and to Aquaint the Selectmen thereof at y<sup>r</sup> Next Meeting.

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of Mr Joseph Har-

ington's on the 18th Day of February AD. 1750.

Ordred the Clerk to Isue out Warrints for the Warning of a Town Meeting to be on the 4th. Day of March Next at Eight of ye Clock in the fore noon for the Ends following (1) for the Choice of a Moderator (2) To Choose Selectmen a Town Clerk and Town Treasurer, Constables Assessors and all other Such Town officers as by Law are to be Chosen in the month of March Annually (3) To Choose A Saxton, & Agree how he shall be paid for his Service. (4) To bring in ye Votes for a County Regester & Treasurer. (5) to know the Mind of ye Town whether Swine Shall Run at large under the Regulations in ye Law.

(6)

[71] (6ly) To hear the Town Treasurers Accts. & for ye Town to pass upon them. (7) for the Town to Appropriate the Intrest Money Coming to the Town this present Year the Year begining the Eleventh Day of Decr Last (8) To know the mind of ye Town whether those persons who are Indebted to ye Town upon Bond Shall renew their Respective Bonds and bring them into Lawfull Money and to pass any Votes or Votes relating to sd. Bonds that the Town Shall think proper and Necessary. (9) To Grant an Honourable Salary for ve Revd Mr Seth Storer for the Enfuing Year the Year beginning the first of March Next. (10) To grant Money for ye Support of ye Gramer & English School in ye Town for ye Ensuing Year. (11) To Grant money for the Support of ye poor the year Enfuing (12) To hear the Accts. of Such Persons to whom the Town is Indebted and to Grant Money to Satisfy them (13) To grant Money for ye Repairs of ye Meeting house (14) To Grant Money for the Repairs of ye Great Bridge over Charls River in Watertown (15) To know the Mind of ye Town whether they will mend the High Ways & Town Ways by Rate the Enfuing Year, and if the Town See meet to come into this Method then to make a Grant for sd Affair and for the Town to state Day Labour both for men & Teems and that persons May work out their Respective Rates at wch they are Set (if they see meet) at the price the Town Agrees upon, and to Choose the Surveyers of High ways to be Collectors of sd Rate or to See that it be faithfully workt out within the Year in the way and manner the Town Agrees upon. (16) To hear the pleas of Some

of ye Late Conftables for abatmt of some perticuler Persons Rates in their Lists, and for the Town to Act yr pleasure yr on. (17) for the Town to hear the Report of yr Comtee: Chosen with Relation to ye Errecting of a work house how far they have proceeded, and for the Town to Do any further thing and things which they shal Judge proper to be done to further Said Affair, and to make any Grant or Grants of money they Shall think Proper to be made to help carry on sd Affair with the other Towns wch. are Concerned in sd Affair of Errecting of a work house (18) To hear the Report of ye Comtee. Chosen to Agree with persons what they Shall give for Land Lying to the ways &c. what they have further done in sd Affair, and for the Town to Act their pleasurer with Relation thereto. (19) To hear the Report of a Comtee. Chosen to Agree with persons what they sld give for Common Land &c. what they have further done in sd Affair, and for the

Town to Act their pleafure with Relation thereunto.

(20) To hear the Petition of David Sanger Praying the Town wld. Grant him a Priviledge of part of ye Bank or Town Land Lying between the Town Way & the River Near his Dwelling House, for the Errecting of a Wharff &c. as Set forth in his Petition and for the Town to Act their pleafure relating to Sd. Petition and evry part thereof and further for the Town to Confider and do what they shall think Proper for the preferving sd Bank or Town Land Lying between the Town way & ye River at that place, and the Securing of sd way from being further Damnified by haling in of Timber, and to Confider what proper Steps to take that Some profet may Accrew to the Town by Timber being Laid there by Strangers or Persons not belonging to the Town. (21) To know the mind of ye Town whether they will Rent out the Little Island between the Mill Crick & ye River below the Mill. and to do wt is proper with Relation thereunto. (22) In as much as there Appears a Confiderable Altreation (for the better) in Mr Saml Coollidge To know whether it is the mind of ye Town that sd Coollidge Should be Improved to keep the School in the Town for trial, and if upon trial it Shal Appear to those who are proper judges that the great & good end of a School is Answred by his keeping of ye same, that He be then Continued in the keeping of sd School, but if Such good end is not Answred by sd Coollidge keeping sd School that yn He be Difmissed from it and that Some other Steps be taken with him, that he May be in Some builness whereby he may be gaining Some thing to Suport himself and that a nother Schoolmaster be provided. (23) To know the mind of ye Town whether they will choose & Impower a Committee in the Name of ye Town to Ask for the Money belonging to the Town of Watertown which for many Years has and Still Lyes in the hands of a Commtee. Chosen before the Town was Divided to Sel land Lying to ye ways &c. & to receive the Same for ye Use of

ye Town and upon Receipt thereof or of any part thereof to give prop<sup>r</sup> Difcharges, and to make Report to ye Town of yr Doings in s<sup>d</sup> Affair at yr Meeting in May Next, that the Town may then do wtt they think proper with relation to s<sup>d</sup> Affair. (24) To know the mind of ye Town whether they will make a buy Law to reftrain Horses runing at Large in the Town without being fettred.

& to order the Constables to Notify Such persons as the Town is Indebted to To bring in their Accst. to ye Selectmen at ye House of the Widw. Mary Learned Inholds. on fryday the first of March Next at three clock after noon in ords. to have them Laid before the Town at the Next Town Meeting. As to Notify the Surveyers to bring in ys Accs. of mending the High ways at sd Time & place.

Warrants were Sent out Accordingly /

David Remis for a Cheft made for ve Town 16/

[72] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the Widow Mary Learneds on the first Day of March AD 1750. For the Receiving of ye Accts. of those Persons to whom the Town is Indebted to. in Order to have them Laid before the Town. The Acct Recived were as follow's. Vizt.

	.1—.2=.8
Jonas Coollidge for 108 feet of Timbr for ye Great Bridge £34-9	
For halling out of ye River &c when South Peer was repared5—4	
.3—10—1	
And for 149 feet of plank for Smelt brook bridge & others .1—.3—.9	
	.4=13-10
Jonan. Trowbridge for forty feet of Timbr. for ye Great Bridge	.1—.4 —
David Livermore for Sundry Speeks & Dogs for ye Great Bridge—8.—1 ½ & for hooks and Hinges for ye School house—.1—.7	=.9=.8½
Benj <sup>n</sup> . Hastings for Sundry Metearls for ye School house and Labour there—.9=10½	
For Looking after & Mending the	
Great Bridge ye Year 1750 1—1—2 & for 7 Days work at ye	
For Looking after & Mending the Great Bridge ye Year 1750 1—1—2 & for 7 Days work at ye Building of ye South peer 3/ P Day  1—1—  .2—.2—.2	
.2—.2—.2	2-12 1/
	.2=12:=½

Jona <sup>n</sup> . Bemis half a Day at ye Great Bridg help proping—.1—.4 7 Day's work at Ditto 2/8 P 1 Day half wth his Teem 4/8 P 1—.5—.8 for Nails for ye Meeting house Glass 1/1/4 one Day yr helping Nail &c 1.—.3—1/4 for a Lock for the Schoolhouse	.1—11—.4¼
Henry Spring Jun <sup>r</sup> . for four Days Work at ye Great Bidg 3 at 2/8 one at 4/ The Widow Mary Learned for 51 Dinners for workmen at bulding ye South peer of ye Great Bridge and for Drink for Ditto  1—15—.4—18—.5	—12—
Nath! Harrington for help making the Town Rate High way & County Rates Dean. Sam! Fisk for helping Making Town High Way & County Rates Joseph Mason for 2 Reports 1/ help Making Town High way & County Rates 8/8 And for his Service ye Year 1750 as Cler & Treasurer 53/4 } Wm: Coollidge for one Day work at ye Great Bridge Sam! Cook for serving Constable & Warning 3 & Warning three Meetings Edward Harrington for the Hire of a Horse and Chair to setch Sam!	—.8— —.8— .3—.3— —.2—.8 —.3—11
Coollidge to Town17  To one Day work at the Meeting House2  To abt 2 feet of Timbr. for ye Great	—.4—.9½
Daniel Bond for four Stones for a whelm Henry Godding for Serving Conftable ye Year 1750 & Warning three Meetings Sam! Stratton for Hinges & Nails to hang ye Door undr. ye Pulpit	—.2—8 —.3—11 —.1—.1 19=17=.434

[73] At a Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabts, of Watertown Quallifyed to Vote in Town Affairs Regulerly Assembled on ye fourth Day of March AD. 1750 at ye Publick Meeting house in sd Town for the Choice of Town Officers, and for the Transacting of other Town Affairs set forth in ye Warrants &c.

Voted and Chofe Jonas Bond Esqr. Moderator for Sd Meeting.

Mr Andw. White Enf<sup>n</sup>. Daniel Whitney Voted and Chose for Selectmen Dean. Saml Fisk L<sup>t</sup>. Nath<sup>l</sup>. Coollidge Mr John Whitney Voted and Chofe Joseph Mason Esqr. Town Clerk & Town Treafr. The Town Accepted of Henry Goding to be Conftable in ye room of Wm.
Coollidge (sd  $\label{eq:Voted and Chose for Constables} W^m \ \, \mbox{Coollidge} \\ \mbox{Jacob Caldwell}$ Coollidge ing hired him) who was Sworn P J Mason Js Voted and Chofe for Assessors { Nath! Harrington Nath! Bright Dean: Sam!. Fisk Voted and Chofe Isaac Sanderson Sealer of Lear. Voted and Chose for fence Viewers { David Livermore Edmund Foul Voted & Chofe for Surveyers of High Ways { Saml. Jenison Jonan. Bemis Jonas Coollidge Voted and Chofe for meafurs of Timbr &c Timb<sup>r</sup> &c { W<sup>m</sup>. Coollidge ∫ Jona<sup>n</sup>. Stone Turtus ← Elifha Coollidge Voted and Chofe for Hawards Voted and Chose Gager Wm. Gamage Thos: SaltmarshSaml Cooke Voted and Chofe for Deerieves Voted and Chose Saml Stratton Sexton Voted that He shal be paid by two Contrabusions as Usual.

w<sup>ch</sup>. s<sup>d</sup>. Stratton Accepted off. —
Voted that Swine Run at Large und<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Regulations in the
Law in y<sup>t</sup> Refpect.

Upon a Motion made and Seconded. The Vote was put whether the Town will Adjourn this Meeting and ye Remaining buisness thereof to munday ye Eleventh of this Instant March to this place at Nine of ye Clock in ye forenoone. And the Vote past in the Affirmative. Accordingly ye Meeting was Adjourned.

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on the 8th. of March AD. 1750.

The Persons under written were Sworn to their Respective Offices. (having all of them first taken the Oath Prescribed in An Act made in ye Year 1748. Chapr. X.)

Vizt. Joseph Mason Esqt. Town Cler & Town Treast. before

Justice Harris.

Nath! Harrington Nath! Bright } Assessors Dean Sam Fisk Isaac Sanderson Sealer of Lear. David Livermore Edmund Fowl as fence Viewers Sam¹ Jenison Surveyers of High ways

The Selectmen above named took the Oath prefcribed in the Act abovesd. before Joseph Mafon Justice peace.

Sworn before

Saml Whitney Tythingman Jonan. Learned Hogrieve

Jonas Coollidge | Surveyrs.. & Meafrs. Wm. Coollidge of Timbr &c

Saml Cook Deer-rieve - -

Joseph Maion Justice peace

On the 11th, of March 1750 The Persons under written wer Sworn to their Respective Offices. (they having first taken the Oath Recited in ye Act Made 1748 chap X) vizt

Jonan Brown Tything man Ephm. Warrin Hogrieve Jonan Stone Turtus Haward Thos Saftmarsh Deerrieve

Sworn before Joseph Mason Justice peace.

[74] At a General Town Meeting of ye Freeholders and Other Inhabts, of Watetown On the Eleventh Day of March AD. 1750 By Adjournment.

The Treasurers Accis. were Laid Before the Town and Red. The foot of the Debi. of what ye Treasury is Charged with is £137 " 11 " .71/4 Lawfull money

What ye Treasurey has Credit

£77=.2=.2½ And Out Standing in

137" 11" .71/4

the Conftables hands 60=.9=.43/4

The Vote was put whether the Town Alow and Accept of the Treasurs. Accts. & the Vote past in ve Afirme.

An Acci. of The Intrest money Recd was Laid before the Town & Acct. of ye Disposition of ye Same

The foot of ve Acct. of ve Recipts Amounted to

£18=.6=.4 Lawfull money

The foot of ye Credit or what was paid Away Amounted to 18=.6=.4 wch makes a ballance

The Vote was put whether the Town Accept & alow of ye Treasurers Acct. Respecting ye Intrest money Now red, and the Vote past in the Affirmative.

The Town by a Vote Appropriated the Intrest Money Comeing

to the Town this Year vizt £ 13=.6=.8 Toward the Support of ye Ministry And 13=.6=.8 toward the Support of ye School. The 8th. Article red and Confidred and after Debate.

The Vote was put whether it is the Mind of ve Town that those Persons who are Indebted to ye Town upon Bond Should Renew their Bonds and bring them into Lawfull Money. And the Vote past in the Affirmative.

Put to Vote Whether it is the Mind of ye Town, That if those Persons who owe the Town upon Bond, do not bring in their Intrest Due to ye 11th of Decembr. Last and Renew yr Bonds Agreable to ye Vote of ye Town by the Last day of April Next, that then their bonds be Su'd at the Next Court And the Vote past in the Affirmative.

The Vote was put whether it be the mind of ye Town To Grant to the Revd Mr Seth Storer the Sum of Sixty Six pounds 13/4 Lawfull money (including the £13=6=.8 of ye Intrest Money) for his Salary for ye, present Year beginning the first of this Inftant March. And ye Vote past in ye Affirmative.

Voted for the Support of the School this prefent Year (including the Intrest Money Appropriated) the Sum of forty pounds

Voted and Granted the Sum of Thirteen pounds 6/8 for ye Support of ye poor.

The Accts. of Sundry Persons to whom the Town is indebted, Laid before ye Town and red the whole amounting to £19=17=.43/4 Lawfull money was by Vote Alowed.

Voted and Granted ve Sum of Ninteen pounds Seventeen

Shillings 43/4 to pay and Satisfy Said Accts

Voted and Granted the Sum of Twenty Six shillings & Eight pence for the repairing ye Meeting house

The Vote was put whether it is the Mind of ye Town to mend the High Ways & Town Ways by Rate this Year. and the Vot past on the Negative.

Voted that the Dilinguent Surveyers who have not Yet workt out their Rates be Alow'd to work out what ya are behind, this present Year

Voted that the Selectmen Notify the Serveyers to Acct. with them to See what is behind in v<sup>r</sup> Lifts, and to Aquaint them with the Vote of ve Town

Voted that the Assessors delay making the Town Assesm<sup>t</sup> untill

a New jnvoice is taken

The 16th. Article red. &c. And Wm. Godding pleaded Abatmt. of in Wm. Lees Rates 71/4 Patrick Hobourns what was behind in his Rate vizt 26/ John Hobourns Rates 89/4 & ve Widw. Grants Rate 18/4 in All £10=.5-.. Old Tenor the sd Godding pleaded that he had paid all the Rates and must loose so much if ye Town Did not Confider him

The Vote was put whether it is the Mind of ye Town to Sink sd Rates And Grant to Mr Wm. Godding the Sum of 27/4 Lawfull money to Satisfy him for what he has paid. And ye

Vote past in the Affirmative

Nath! Stone pleaded Abatmt of Nath! Gamages Rates in his Lists 55/8 John Conred Huffinzes Rates £6=.5-.8 one Poll in Saml Nuttings Rates £6=.3-.. & 11/ Mistake the whole Amounting to £15=15=.4 old Tenor.

Voted and Abated the Same, And Granted the Sum of 42/

Lawfull Money to Supply the Abatmt.

Amos Bond pleaded Alowance for mistake in his List of 11/ old Tenor. Alow'd the same

[75] The 17th Article Red. The Report of ye Comtee. Relating to ye work house Red and after Debat yr on.

(These Two Reports Recorded Page 76)

The Vote was put whether the Town are of ye mind to Continue the whole Affair Concerning the Work house to the Next may Meeting. Vote past in ye Affirmative.

Article Red and After the Committes Report was red and Confidred. The Vote ws put whether it is the Mind of ye Town to Accept of ye Committee Report, and that the piece of Land therein Discribed be and is hereby Granted and Confirmed to Nath!. Stone (maned in sd Report) his heirs and Assigns He performing the Condition mentioned in sd Report-And the Vote past in the Affirmative

19 Article Red and ye Committee Report Red and Confidred, And the Vote was put Whether the Town do Accept of sd Report and that the Land there in Discribed be and hereby is Granted and Confirmed to Nath! Bright (named in sd Report) to his Heirs and Assigns he performing the Condition mentioned

in sd Report. Vote past in the Affirmative.

The Petition of David Sanger was Red, and After Confideration thereon The Vote was put Whether it is the mind of ye Town to Choose a Committee to View the Premises pray'd for by sd Sanger, And to See whether they Can Agree with him as to the price that He Shall give for sd Priviledge pray'd for. And to Consider what Steps are proper to be taken to Secure the Town's Land and Way Mentioned in sd Petition. And to make report of yr Doings to ye Town at their Next May Meeting for ye Town then to Act upon. And the Vote past in the Affirmative Voted and Chose Ensin. Daniel Whitney Mess. John Hunt & Joseph Harrington to be a Commettee for ye Ends abovesd. Voted to Let the Little Island below the Mill to the Highest

bidder.

Voted that ye Comtee, abovenamed be a Commtee, to Let sd Island

22d Article Red and after Debate thereon, Voted that the

Selectmen do try Mr Saml Coollidge in the School to See whether

he will Answer the End of a Schoolmaster.

23<sup>d</sup> Article Red. And the Vote was put whether it is the Mind of ye Town to Choose & Impower a Commtee, to Ask for and Demand the Money belonging to the Town of Watertown which for many Years has and Still Ly's in the hands of a Comtee. Chosen before the Town was Divided to Sell Land Lying to ye Ways, and to Receive the Same for the Use of ye Town, and upon the Receipt there of or any part thereof, to give Proper Discharges, and to make Report to the Town of yr Doing in Sd Affair at their Meeting in May Next, that the Town may then do what they think proper with Relation to sd Affair. And the Vote past in the Affirmative

Voted and Choie Enin Dan! Whitney Meisrs John Hunt &

Joseph Harrington to be ye Comtee for ye Ends abovesd.

The Vote was put whether it is the Mind of ye Town to make a Town buy Law to reftrain Horses Runing at Large in the Town without being fettred. The Vote past in ye Affirmative The Vote was put whether it is the Mind of ye Town, That ye Town buy Law Voted to be made relating to horses Sld. be in the words following. vizt. That No Person or Persons Shall Suffer his, her, or their Horse or Horse kind that is above the Age of Six Months old to run at Large within the Limmets of Watertown without their being well fettred from the first Day of April AD 1751 to the Last Day of October Next following under the penalty or forfiture of Two Shillings Lawfull money for evry one that Shall be found runing at Large without being So settred. One Moiety of sd. forsiture to be to the Haward or field Driver, And the other Moiety to be for ye Use of the poor of the Town. And ye Vote past in the Affirmative.

Voted and Chofe Nath<sup>1</sup> Harris & Joseph Mason Esq<sup>rs</sup>. to be a Com<sup>tee</sup>. to Lay S<sup>d</sup> Buy-Law before the Honourable His Majestys Justices of y<sup>e</sup> Court of General Sessions of y<sup>e</sup> peace to be holden in Charlstown on the Second Tuesday of this Instant March, and in the Name of y<sup>e</sup> Town to Crave their Confirmation of s<sup>d</sup> by

Law.

This Buy Law Confirmed by ye Court of Sessions &c/

[76] Watertown Sep<sup>r</sup>. 24. 1750 The Com<sup>tee</sup>: Appointed to Agree with Perfons w<sup>t</sup> they sld. give for Land Lying to the

Town ways &c and report to the Town for yr Acceptance.

The s<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>ttee</sup>. this Day Agre'd that M<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone Should move out his fence into the Town way Leading from the Buring place to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Stones, That is to Say his front fence Standing on the West Line against s<sup>d</sup> Way, and to move it out as follow's viz<sup>t</sup>. five paces from s<sup>d</sup> West Line westward into s<sup>d</sup> Lane at abo<sup>t</sup>. Two Rods from the South West Corner of his Land and to run from thence Southerly with a bow line to s<sup>d</sup> Corner.

and to run from the End of s<sup>d</sup> five paces Northerly abo<sup>t</sup> Twenty Rods on a Straight Line to Stones at the End of Six paces from S<sup>d</sup>. West Line & from thence on a Straight Line to a heap of Stones oppisite to a lopt Tree Standing on the West Side of y<sup>e</sup> Town way in S<sup>d</sup> Stones Land this heep of Stones being Six paces from the West Line afores<sup>d</sup>. and from this heap of Stones to Run a Straight Line untill it Enterfext the s<sup>d</sup> West Line ab<sup>t</sup>. four Rods South of y<sup>e</sup> North West Corner of s<sup>d</sup> Stones Land against s<sup>d</sup>. Way, which Bounds or Line above Discribed includs or takes in about fifty three Rods of Land, and Leaves the Town Way generally Near three Rods in Wedth. In Consideration of s<sup>d</sup> fifty three Rods of Land, the s<sup>d</sup> Stone Agre'd to pay into the Town Treasurey therefor, the Sum of Six pounds Ten Shillings old Tenor for the Use of y<sup>e</sup> Town, when the Town Shall Accept of y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>tees</sup> Report and grant and Consirm the S<sup>d</sup> fifty three Rods of Land to him and his heirs and Assigns. Which is Submitted to y<sup>e</sup> Town by

The Report aboves<sup>d</sup>
Accepted & ye Land
Confirmed to ye sd
Stone. See Page 75

Joseph Mason Jonas Bond Eben<sup>r</sup>. Stone

Committee aboves<sup>d</sup>

The Report of ye Committee Chosen to Dispose of ye Common Land &c.

We the Subscribers the Committee aboves<sup>d</sup>. Agre'd w<sup>th</sup> mr Nath!. Bright That He S<sup>ld</sup>. have a Small Corner of y<sup>e</sup> Common Land (if the Town See cause to Confirm the Same) Lying against his Land—Containing abt. Eight Rods of Ground, Bounded Easterly by Land belonging to John Kimbal junt. & y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Nath! Bright which was Common Land and purchased by them of y<sup>e</sup> Town. the S<sup>d</sup>. East Line being Two Rods in Length. Southerly by Said Brights Land, and Northerly against the High Way the Northerly Line being abt. Ten Rods in Length at the End of w<sup>ch</sup>. it Entersex the S<sup>d</sup>. Brights sence, the s<sup>d</sup> piece being Two Rods Wide on the East, and comes to a point at the West. the s<sup>d</sup> Bright to pay there for into the Town Treasurey the Sum of Twenty Shillings old Tenor when the Town Shall Grant and Confirm the Same Eight Rods to him & Assigns, for the Use of y<sup>e</sup> Town.

Watertown Octobr: 5, 1750

Joseph Mason Nath<sup>1</sup>. Harris Oliver Livermore

This Report Accepted & ye Land therein Dscribed Confirmed to ye sd Bright. See Page 75.) —

[77] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Andw. Whites on the 22<sup>d</sup> Day of March AD. 1750. Agre'd And

Appointed the prefent Surveyers of High Ways their Respective Districts which are as follow's vizt.

M<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>n</sup>. Bemis Surveyer His Diftrict to be all the High Ways and Town Ways Westerly of the Lane or Town Way Leading from the Country Road by Eben<sup>r</sup> Goddards So along across the Town by the Meeting House down to Cambridge line Near Thomas Wellingtons also the High Ways on the South Side of y<sup>e</sup> River and also the North part of the s<sup>d</sup> Dividing lane, from the Meeting House.

M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Jenison Surveeyer His District to be all the High Ways and Town Ways Easterly of ye aboves Lane or Town way acros the Town, and also the Southerly part of sd Lane,

from the Meeting House to ye Country Road.

Agre'd that the Town Clerk give the Surveyrs Copys of ye

Districts. (wch was done)

The Selectmen being Notifyed and Informed that there is one Sarah Wilkeson a Widw. Woman and her Daughter Mary Wilkeson a Single Woman come to Reside in Watertown who came from the Town of Wendham in the Coloney of Conneticut to sd. Watertown, their their behavour and Circumstances

Caution
Entred at y Adjourn April 1751.

Depart out of Watertown, Accordingly Agre'd that they both sld. be warned forthwith to Depart out of Watertown. and the Town Clerk is hereby Ordred to Isue out a Warnt Directed to ye

Conftable forthwith to Warn ye sd. Sarah and her Daughter Mary to Depart out of Watertown forth with and no longer to Reside therein.

Andrew White Daniel Whitney Nath<sup>1</sup>. Coollidge John Whitney

Selectmen of Watertown /

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Nathl Coollidges on the 1 Day of April AD. 1751. At Sd Meeting the Selectmen Agre'd with Mr John Coollidge junt. (P his Wife) To Board and Look after the Widw. Webb, and take good Care of her under her Present Circumstances for one Year from the Twenty sifth Day of March Last past at three Shillings & Seven pence 1/8 P week (wch is Equal to 27/ old Tenor) and if any Extraordnary Charge should happen by Sickness or otherwise to be Reasonably Alowed therefore. To wch. Agreemt. Mrs. Coollidge Consented.

At Sd. Meeting the Selectmen Ordred the Clerk to Sign their Prayer to ye the Court of Selsions to Accept of yr Caution against Sarah Wilkeson & Daughter.

And in their Name to Sign any other Caution of ye Selectmen

of ye Like Nature.

Agre'd that Enin Danl Whitney and Dea: Saml Fiske take Effectual Care to See that the Pound be mended forthwith. Agre'd that Mr Andw. White & Mr John Whitney take Effectual Care that that the Stocks be forth with mended. Agre'd that Mr Benjn. Haltings be Desired to take the care of the Great Bridge this present Year to mend the Same as yr may be Occation and to keep Acct thereof and Lay his Acct before ye Selectmen.

[78] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Widw. Mary

Learneds on the 19th. Day of April AD. 1751.

At this Meeting Cap. John Brown of Waltham, one of the former Surveyers & Collecters of Watertown in the Years 1741. & 1742. Gave An Acct. to the Selectmen of His proceeding in Those Offices in sd. Years. As to the first Years List Committed to Him to Collect or Work out, That it was all work't Out Except three Men Deceased and two that were gone out of the Town.

And as to His Second Years List There were abot. Thirty Pounds old Tenor not work't out. wch He ye sd. Brown promissed to use his Endeavour to See that it be worked out this present

Year, Agreable to ye Vote of ye Town.

The Selectmen Ordred the Treasurer to pay the Six pounds old Tenor which Mr Jonathan Bemis paid into the Treasurey for his Pew in the Meeting house, to Jonas Coollidge it being Due to the Estate of mr Ebenezer Thornton, Deceased He having paid Eleazor Biglow for sd. Pew. Or Discount the Bond Due from sd Thorntons Estate to the Town with the Intrest Due thereupon which Principal and Intrest together Amounts to sive pounds thirteen & 5d old Tenor and Six shillings and Seven pence out of the Intrest that arose upon the Land Sold this Day by ye Selectmen to sd Jonas Coollidge.

(The Bond was accordingly Discounted by ye Treasurer &

given up to Mr Jonas Collidge).

At this meeting the Selectmen by Virtue of a Vote of ye Town in the Year 1740 Impowering them Signed a Deed of a piece of Land to Jonas Coollidge formerly Bargained for by Mr Thornton Decd but never in his Life time Compleated, Lying Near Sd. Coollidges House.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at Danl Whitneys on the 7th.. Day of May 1751 The Selectmen having Recd a Precipt requiring them to Assemble ye Inhabts of Watertown for to Choose a Representative to Represent the Town of Watertown at a Genl Assembly Appointed to be Convened on Wednesday ye 29 of May Currant. Ordred ye Clerk to Isue out warrants Directed to ye Constables of sd Town to warn ye freeholdrs & other Inhabts. Quallified to Vote in The Choice of a Repre-

fentative to Meet at ye Publick Meeting house in sd Town on Munday the 20th. Day of May Currant at Two Clock After Noon then and there to Elect & Depute one Sutable Person to Represent them at the Court abovesd.

Like Wife to Order to Conftables to Warn the freehold<sup>rs</sup>. and other Inhab<sup>ts</sup>. of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs to Meet at the Publick Meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town on Munday the 20<sup>th</sup> of May Currant at Three Clock Affer Noon for the Ends following viz<sup>t</sup>.

1. To Choose a Moderator. 2ly. for the Town to Consider and Act upon the 17th. Article in the Warrant for ye warning of last March Meeting relating to a Work house and wch was Continued to May Meeting. 3ly. To hear the Report of a Comtee: chosen to View the Premises Petitioned for by David Sanger &c. and further to Confider what Steps are proper to be taken to Secure the Town land and way Near sd Sangers &c And for the Town to Act their pleasure wth Relation thereunto. 4ly. To hear the Report of a Committee Chofen to Ask for and Demand the Money belonging to the Town of Watertown wch. Lyes in the hands of a Committee Chosen before the Town was Divided &c and for the Town to Confider thereof & Act vr pleafure thereon. (Warents were Isued & deliv<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Conftabls y<sup>e</sup> 8th may) The Selectmen Agre'd with Saml. Whitney to board Saml. Coollidge till further order of ye Selectmen at 5/4 P week. to which ve sd Whitney gave his Concent. -

[79] At a General Town Meeting of the freehold<sup>rs</sup>. and other Inhab<sup>ts</sup>. of Watertown Quallified to Vote for a Reprefentative Regulerly Assembled at ye Publick Meeting house in sd Town on ye 20th Day of May AD. 1751. To Elect & Depute one Person to Represent ye Town at a great & Genl Assembly appointed to be held & kept for His Majestys Service at ye Court house in Boston on the 29th of May Instant.

Upon a Motion made & Seconded a Previous Vote was put viz<sup>t</sup>. Whether it is the mind of y<sup>e</sup> Town to Choose a Person to Represent them at the General Court——And the Vote past in the Affirmative.——

Another Motion was made and Seconded viz<sup>t</sup>. that the follwing Previous Vote might be put viz<sup>t</sup>.

Whether it is the mind of ye Town that the Person who Shall be chosen to Represent the Town at ye Gen¹ Court, That without He, upon his being chosen, Shall immediatly Declare, That the Money or Wages that He Shall Receive for his Service at ye sd. Gen¹. Court, That He will pay the Same in to the Town Treasurey for the Use of ye Town and that without He Shall thus Declare, His choice Shall be look't upon as Null and Void,

And the Town proced to a nother choice, and So till one Accept on y's footing

And the Vote past in the Affirmative Then the Voters were called upon to bring in their Votes for the Choice of a Representative And after the Votes were brot in Sorted and Numbred It Appeared that Mr John Hunt was Chosen by the Major part of the Votes to Represent the Town at the General Court abovesaid. who immeditatly Declared his Acceptance on the Conditions mentioned in the previous Vote aboves<sup>d</sup>. viz<sup>t</sup> That He would pay the wages wend he Shall Riceive for his Service into the Town Treast. for ve Use of ve Town.

At a General Town Meeting of ye freehold<sup>rs</sup>. and other Inhabts. of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs regulerly Assembled on ye 20th. Day of May 1751.

1ly Voted and Chofe Jonas Bond Esqr Moderator [ \* ]

2<sup>ly</sup>. The Second Article in the Warrant was Red, relating to the work house. And the Vote was put Whether it is the mind of ye Town to Continue & refer the whole Affair of ye work house over to Next Annual Meeting in March. And the Vote past on ye Affirmative.

3ly. The Third Article in the Warrant was red, And the Committee therein referred to made Varbile Report, that they had View'd the premifes pray'd for by Mr David Sanger and that upon Difcourfe wth sd Sanger on the premifes He offred Ten pounds old Tenor for the Priviledge wth He in his Petition pray'd for; wth the Comtee: was of the Oppinion was much lefs than the worth of sd Priviledge. and that in their judgmt sd. Privilidge was worth Sixty Pounds old Tener. After Debate yr on The Petition of David Sanger red again, and the Vote was put Whether it is the mind of ye Town the first prayer in ye Petition be Granted—And the Vote past in the Negative.

Then ye Second prayr in sd Petition was Red, And upon sd Sangers Offering to Pay into the Town Treasurey the Sum of Thirty Pounds old Tener for the Use of ye Town and to maintain the Town Way against the five Rods Petitioned for. the Vote

was put

Whether it is the Mind of the Town To Grant to David Sanger the Priviledge which he pray'd for viz<sup>t</sup>. The priviledge of five Rods of y<sup>e</sup> Towns Land between the two Roks Mentioned in His Petition and the Liberty of building a Wharf there; upon the Condition of his paying into the Town Treasurey for y<sup>e</sup> Use of the Town the Sum of Thirty pounds old Tenor And He his heirs and Assigns maintaining the Town way Against s<sup>d</sup> five Rods. And the Vote past in the Affirmative.

4ly. The fourth Article Red, And the Comtee. Reported that they had received of ye Comtee: Refer'd to in this Article the

<sup>\*</sup> Undecipherable.

money wch. belonged to Watertown which was in their hands,

which was Nineteen pounds 7/ old Tenor.

(See the Matter Settled in Lib: 4 Page 211 and there it Difcovers how ye money come to be in ye Comts hands—)

[80] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at David Coollidges

Inhold<sup>r</sup>. on the 5th. of July AD. 1751.

The Selectmen having Red a List of ye Persons Licenced the Last Year. vizt. Thos Saltmarsh Mary Learned and David Coollidge Inholders, and Mr John Hunt Retailer, Which Persons the Selectmen Approve of their having their Respective Licences Renewed for this present Year.

The Selectmen upon the Request of Cornelious Waldo to be a Retailer of Strong Lickers in the House where he now lives The Selectmen Approbated Him to be a Retailer, and Recom-

mended him.

Watertown July 8th: 1751.

To Joseph Mason Esqr Town Cler /

Whereas the Selectmen have been Informed by Notifications in Writing that there is one Henry Seager with His wife Elizh. and three Children vizt. Moses Ebent. & Elizh. come to Reside in watertown they came Last from Newton; Also one Hannah Price is come to Reside in sd Watertown who came Last from Boston in the County of Suffolk, their Circumstances being Such, that the Selectmen resuse to Accept of them to be Inhabts. in Watertown. Therefore You are hereby Ordered to Isue out a Warrant forthwirth Directed to the Constables to warn the abovesd Persons forthwith to Depart out of Watertown and No longer to reside there in.

A warrant was Isued out Accordingly & Committed to ye Constable. who Did ye Service & made Return. Att. J. Mason Cler/

Andw. White Daniel Whitney Selectmen of Watertown Saml. Fisk

At a meeting of ye Selectmen at Deacon Saml Fisk's on the

19th. of Augst: 1751

It being Some time Since the Charges of ye Great Bridge in Watertown wear Adjusted and Settled between the Towns Concerned; and there being confiderable Chargs that have Arifsen Since the Last Adjustmt. The Selectmen therefore Agree to Appoint Wednesday the Twenty Eighth Day of August Currant to be the Day on which to meet on sd. Affair, and to Meet at the House of Richd. Cuttings in Waltham Inholdt. at Two of the Clock P M in order to Adjust the Accts. of the Charge abovesd. Ordred the Cler to send Notifications to the Selectmen of Weston and Waltham to Notify them of sd. Meeting, and yt the Selectmen

Defire their Company Seasonably at sd. Meeting and prepared to make a just & Equal Setlemt.

Notifications were Sent Accordingly [

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[81] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham at Richd Cuttings in sd Waltham on the 29 Day of August 1751

The s<sup>d</sup>. Selectmen Did then Adjust the Accts. of ye Charge of ye Great Bridge in Watertown which has Arisen Since the Adjustmt. in Jany: 1748. and after the Acct. adjusted and proportioned, there was Due from Weston to Watertown 3—.8—.6 Lawfull money. and from Waltham £6=.6=.4

See the Acc<sup>t</sup> on file Signed by y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen. Also Recorded at Length in Lib<sup>t</sup>. 2. Page 55. In the Treasurey. ——

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at mr John Whitneys on the 8th of Octor. 1751. The Great Bridge wanting Some Repairs, Agreed to go and View sd Bridge on the fourteenth Instant to See what is Wanting to be done.

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on Octor. 14. 1751. The Selectmen View'd the Great Bridge, and finding that it wanted Confiderable Repairing. Agreed to Send to the Selectmen of Weston & Waltham to meet the Selectmen of Watertown at the Widw. Mary Learneds on the 21 Day of Octor. Currant in Order to a further View of sd. Bridge and See what is Necessary to be done.

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham on the 21 of Octor. 1751 at Mrs. Mary Learneds. Agreed by ye sd Selectmen that there be Timber & Plank provided, Sufficient to Repair the great Bridge, Also agreed and Chose Mr Danl Whitney of Watertown Mr Jonas Smith of Waltham & Mr Lampson of Weston to be a Comtee. to provide Meterals and to See the work of Repairing Sd Bridge done.

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Cap<sup>n</sup>. Nathl. Coollidge on the 6th Day of Decembr. 1751. At Said Meeting ye Selectmen Signed Several Orders to the Town Treasurer. vizt. An Order to pay those persons the Town is indebted to Amounting to £20=12=.8½. An Order to pay Mr John Coollidge junr £3=.9=.4. An Order to pay to the Revd. Mr Seth Storer £30 in part of his Salary for this present Year And an Order to pay to Lt. Daniel Whitney the Sum of £10. to help pay for things procured by ye Selectmen for Mr Saml Coollidge present Schoolmaster, and to be Acctd. in part for his ye sd Coollidge keeping the School. The Widw. Grover undr. her poor Circumstances wanting Some Relief Respecting fire wood Agreed that a Load of wood be procured for her at ye Towns Cost.

<sup>\*</sup> Undecipherable.

[82] Watertown, Jany: 2. 1752. Complaint being made to the Selectmen that the Widw. Maddocks being reduced to Difficult circumstances; and at Mrs. Murches where She cannot be Entertained with out being Very trouble Some and chargable to sd. Mrs. Murch; The Selectmen did this Second of January at Lt. Daniel Whitneys Agree that Nathl. Coollidge & Danl. Whitney

2 of y Selectmen Should go and Enquire into the sd Affair

Andw White John Whitney
Saml. Fifk
Daniel Whitney
Nathl. Coollidge

Selectmen
of
Watertown

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at Andw. Whites Nath! Coollidge and Daniel Whitney, Reported upon the Affair of the Widw Maddocks as follow's. They went to Mrs. Murches the 3d Instant and found the complaint that was made to the Selectmen not to be without Grounds, at which time & place the sd. Widw. Maddocks Applyed to them as Selectmen for relief, and Accordingly they Agreed with Mrs. Murch that while She Tarryed with her and was Supported by her She Should Receive After the Rate of Twenty five Shillings old Tenor P week from the Town till further Order to which Agreem<sup>t</sup>, the Selectmen Did Confent. And whereas the Widw. Maddocks hath been at Mrs. Murches Lately, for a confiderable time to gether, at her the sd. Murches finding both provision and fireing for her. The Selectmen Agreed Mrs. Murch should have a Load of wood for a requital. The Selectmen also at sd Meeting Agreed that the Widw. Grover

> Andrew White John Whitney
> Daniel Whitney
> Saml. Fifk
> Nathl. Coollidge
>
> Selectmen
> of
> Watertown

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at Dean: Saml Fisks on ye 20th of Jany: 1752

in order to take in the Accts. of what was Done by Watertown for Repairing the Great Bridge, and in order that the Charge of Repairs of sd Bridge may be Speedly Adjusted and Settled, between the Towns that Stand Related to sd Bridge, the Accts. are as follow's; Jonas Coollidge for 1 Tun & 5 feet Timber at 10£ Pr Tun old Tenor & Measuring 691 feet of plank 7/ the. 11—12—.. whole in old Ten

Andw. White 3 Days work at 20/ P John Whitney 2 Days 40/ half Day himself & Teem 18/ 2 pieces of Timbr 1 Tun 1/2 3 feet £15=15/

sld. have a Load of wood at the Cost of the Town.

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Dan <sup>1</sup> . Whitney 6 Days work, a load of Stones Speeks & for Carting of plank all To John Cook ½ a day 10/ David Livermore for	.8——
doggs & Speeks 68/1	.3—18—.1
Ben Haftings 6 Days at 25/ & for mending the Bridge pfent Year all	17— —
_	6231
the foot of this Acc <sup>t</sup> in Lawfull £8=.59 Sixteen Dinners at Saltmarfhs108	8—16—5
(These Accts, have been Adjusted wth the Tow	vn's tho not
granted) The Selectmen Agreed to Meet at Richd Waltham on Tuefday the 11 of Feby. Next at 2 clock	Cuttings in
·	in

[83] in the after noon and Defired the Clerk to Signify to ye Selectmen of Weston & Waltham of the time and place of sd Meeting, and to Defire yt they wld. meet them at sd time & place and come prepared to Settle ye Charg of sd. Bridge

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham on the 11 Day of Feby. 1752 At Richd. Cuttings in Waltham then the Accts. of Charge of Repairs of ye Great Bridge Since ye Last Adjustmt. was Adjusted and Settled.

Watertown Acc <sup>t</sup> .	12—19—.3
Wefton's Ditto	.4—17—.4
Waltham—Do—	—10—
	18=06 .7

Watertown over paid y<sup>r</sup> proportion the Sum of 6—10—1 Due from Weston 1—8—11 Due from Waltham 5—1—.2 6—10—1

See the whole Accts. and Settlmt. Record in Book No 2 Page (55) in the Treasurey. And ye Acct. Signed by ye Sleectmen of Each Town on File.

At a meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown on ye 14th: of Feby: 1752 at John Whitneys

The Selectmen ordred the Clerk to Isue out Warrants. Directed to the Constables of s<sup>d</sup> Town for the Warning of a Town Meeting to be on the Second Day of March Next at Nine of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in the forenoon At the Publick Meeting house in s<sup>d</sup>. Town for the Ends following. viz<sup>t</sup>. (1) To Choose a Moderator. (2) To Choose Selectmen a Town Clerk Town Treasurer a Constable or Constables, Assessors and all other Such Town Officers as by Law are to be Chosen in the Month of March Annualy. (3) To Choose a Saxton. And Agree how he

shall be paid for his Service. (4) To bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer. (5) To know the Mind of ye Town whether Swine Shall run at Large under ve Regulations ve Law requires in such Case (6) To hear the Town Treasurer's Accts. and for the Town to pass upon them. (7) For the Town to Appropriate their Intrest Money that is Comming to the Town this Present Year the Year beginning ve 11th of Decr 1751. (8) To Grant an Honourable Salary for ye Revd Mr Seth Storer for ye Year Insuing the Year beginning the first of March Next whereby he may be honourably Supported. (9) To Grant Money for ye Support of ye Gramer & English School in the Town the Year Ensuing. (10) To Grant money for ye Support of ve poor this Pfent Year. (11) To hear the Accts. of those Persons to whom the Town is Indebted, and to pass on them and to Grant money to Satisfy them (12) To Grant money for the Repairing of ye Meeting house (13) To Grant money for ye Repairing the Great Bridge in Watertown. (14) To know whether the Town will mend the High Ways and Town Ways by Rate this prient Year; and if the Town Com's into this Method then to make a Grant of Money for the Same, and for Persons to work out what they Shall be Assest at for that Service (if they See meet) at the price of Labour both of Persons and Teems that ye Town may agree upon, and to choose the Surveyers of high Ways to be Collectors of sd. Rate, or to see that it be faithfully work't out with in the Year in the way and Manner that the Town Agrees on. (15) To know the mind of ye Town whether they will revive the Town buy Law which was made & Confirmed for the Last Year respecting Horses. and Choose a Commtee. to git it Confirmed. for this Year, (16) To hear the Report of ve Selectmen relating to the Stating of the Wydth of a Town Way against the Land of David Sanger no width hereto fore to be found on Record, and for ve Town to Act their pleasure wth. Relation thereto. (17) To hear the Petition of David Sanger praying that the Town wld. Sell to him that small piece of Land Lying between the River & the Town Way against his Land for

Valueable

[84] Valuable Confideration; and for the Town to Act their pleafure thereupon (18) To know the Mind of ye Town whether they will Lett the Little Island below the Mills and Such other Lands or banks by the River belonging to the Town as may be thô Proper to be lett, and if Let to be Lett under Such regulation and Direction as the Town Shall prefcribe. (19) To know the Mind of ye Town whether they will Make a buy Law, to prevent Sheep runing at Large without a keeper from the first Day of April next to the first of May following. —

And to Order the Constables to Notify Such Persons as the Town are Indebted to, to bring in their Accts, to the Selectmen

at the House of ye Widw. Mary Learned Inholder on Fryday the 28td. of Feby. Currant at three of ye Clock after noone And to Notify Late Collectors of the High Way Rates who have not made up their Accts. to bring in their Accts. and to make up with sd Selectmen at sd. time and place.

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on the 28th of Feby. 1752 at ye Widw. Mary Learneds in order to take in the Accts. of those

Persons that the Town is indebted to.

Sundry Accts. Accts. were taken in by ye Selectmen on the 20th. of January Laft relating to the Great Bridge in order to Settle Accts. with the other Towns Concerned with sd Bridge which are Recorded (Page 82) And Settled Feby. 11. 1752. See Page (83) which Accts: have not as Yet been Laid before the Town nor Money Granted to pay them, those Accts. are as follow's. vizt.

To Jonas Coollidge for 1 Tun & 5 feet Timbr.

30/ for Measuring 691 feet of plank 11d

£.1=10=11

To Andw. White 3 Days work at sd Bridge
2/8 P
..=.8 = ..

To John Whitney 2 Days work 5/4 ½ a Day
himself & Teem 2/5 & 1 Tun ½ & 3 feet

Timb<sup>r</sup> .2=.9=.9

To Dan<sup>1</sup> Whitney 6 Days work 16/ a load of Stones carting of plank & Speeks 5/4 1—.1=.4

To John Cook half a Day 1/4 at sd

and for mending ye Bridge 1751 25/4 .2—.5—.4

To David Livermore for Sundry doggs & Speeks from April 1751 to 6th. Nov<sup>1</sup>:

To 16 Dinners at Mr Saltmarshes. ..-10=.8

£.8=16=.5

To Deacon Sam<sup>1</sup> Fisk for Carrying the Waights & Measures to the Province Treasurer ye Last Year to be try'd 2/8 and for his Service as An Assessor, Help taking parfecting ye Invoice Making the Province County & Town Rates for ye year 1751: 13/4

To Nathanael Harrington Afsefsor for help taking perfecting ye Invoice Making the Province County & Town Rates for 1751 ..-16=..

..—13—.4

To Nath! Bright Assessor for help taking perfecting ye Invoice Making ye Province County & Town Rates for ye year 1751 ——	—13=.4	
To Jonan Stone Terfus for one Load of wood for ye Widw Grover 6/8 and for Sundry things found for Sd. Widw. Grover 2/8—and for One Load of wood for Susanna Murch 6/8—	=16=	
To Cap <sup>t</sup> . Nath <sup>1</sup> Coollidge for 200 feet of Board 4/ 300 board Nails 2/9 for the Schoolhouse, and for three Days & a half work at ye Schollhous 11/3	=18	
To Jonan Bemis for Stones for the Brid between Watertown & Waltham	lge —.2 —.8	
To Sam! Hager for Stones for Said Bridge Dan!. Whitney for a pr. of Shoos for	2 =	
Widw. Webb	4 =	
To Joseph Mason for his Service as Clerk & Treas <sup>r</sup> . for ye year 1751 53/4 for Cash pd for the Consirming the Town buy Law 1/ and for a Rope for the Bell 2/8	.2=17	
To Saml Stratton for Mending ye Stoc		
1/4 And ye Pound 5/4	6 =.8	£.7—.9—
		£16—.5—.5
		£10—.J—.J

[85] At a General Town Meeting of ye Freeholdrs. and other Inhabts. of Watertown Quallefied to Vote in Town Affairs Regulerly Assembled and Met at the Publick Meeting house in sd Town on the second Day of March AD. 1752 for the Choice of Town Officers, and Transacting other Town Affairs Mentioned in the Warrants &c.

Voted and Chofe Jonas Bond Esqr. Moderator of sd. Meeting

 $Voted \ and \ Choie \ for \ Selectmen \left\{ \begin{array}{c} Ionas \ Bond \ Esq^r \\ M^r \ John \ Hunt \\ Joseph \ Maion \ Esq^r. \\ M^r \ Jona^n \ Bemis \\ M^r \ Jos: \ Harrington \end{array} \right.$ 

Voted and Choie Joseph Maion Esqr. Town Clerk Voted and Choie Joseph Maion Esqr. Town Treasurer.

Voted and Chose for Constables { John Kimbal jung   Nath! Harrington
Voted and Chofe for Afsefsors Saml. Coollidge jung
Voted and chose Isaac Sanderson Sealer of Leather
Voted and chose Isaac Sanderson Sealer of Leather  Voted and Chose for fence viewers   Sam!. Cook  Amos Bond  Voted and chose for Surveyers of High Ways  Simon Coollidge  Sam!. Whitney
Voted and chose for Surveyers of High Ways Sam!. Whitney
Voted and Chose for Tything men \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \
Voted and Chofe for Hogrieves { Josiah Stouel Uriah Clark
Voted and Chose for Hogrieves  Voted and Chose for Measurers & Josiah Stouel Uriah Clark  Voted and Chose for Measurers & Jonas Coollidge Surveyers of Timber plank &c—  Voted and Chose for Hawards  Voted and Chose for Hawards  Voted and Chose for Hawards  John Gale
Voted and Chofe for Hawards \ \ \begin{array}{ll} \ Nath! Coollidge junf \ \ John Gale \end{array}
Voted and Choie W <sup>m</sup> . Gamage Gager of Cask
Voted and Chose W <sup>m</sup> . Gamage Gager of Cask  Voted & Chose for Deer reives   Thos. Saltmarsh  David Livermore
Voted and Chofe for Saxton, Sam! Stratton Voted to give him Two Contributions as has been Ufual, which
he Accepted as a Satisfaction for his Service. Then the Votes were brot. in for a County Treasurer.

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of the Town that Swine Sld. Run at large this Year under the regulations of the Law. and ye Vote past in the Affirmative.

The Treasurers Accompts were Laid before the Town Red

and Confidred

And the Votes were put whether the Town Alow & Accept of ye Treasures Accts, and the Vote past full in the Affirmative Voted and Appropriated the Intrest money Coming to the Town for this present Year as follows viz £14=13=.4 To the Support of ye Ministry & 14=13-.4 for the School Voted and Granted for the Revd Mr Storers Salary for the

present Year the Sum of Sixty Six pounds 13/4 £14=13=.4 of

it to be paid out of ye Intrest money £52 to be Assest

Voted and Granted for the School forty Pounds

£14=13=.4 To be paid out of ye Intrest money .6—13—.4 To be paid out of Some Arreages of School Grants .18—13—.4 To be Afseseled

Voted and Granted for the Support of ye poor 13 pounds 6/8 £13—.6—8

A Lift of ye Accts. of those Persons the Town is Indebted to

was Laid before the Town Amounting to £16=.5--.5 And Alowed by a Vote.

Voted and Granted the Sum of 16=.5=.5 To Satisfy & pay s<sup>d</sup> Acc<sup>ts</sup> 16=.5=.5

Voted and Granted one Pound Six Shillings & 8d for ye Repair of ye Meeting house .1—.6—.8

Voted and Granted four Pound for ye Great Bridge Repairs

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Mend the High Ways & Town Ways by Rate this Year and the

Vote past in the Negative

Then the Vote was put whether it is the mind of the Town That those Surveyers who are also Collectors who have not worked out their Rates Shall have the Liberty of Six months from this Month to work out and Compleat their lifts or other wised be Constrained to pay into the Selectmen wt is behind of yt Lists of Rates and the Vote past in the Affirmative

The

[86] The Vote was put whether it is ye Mind of ye Town to revive the Town Buy Law relating to Horses runing at Large wthout fetters. and the Vote past on the Negative.

M<sup>r</sup> David Sangers Petition Red to ye Town, and ye Vote put whether The Town Grant the prayer of sd Petition. & ye Vote

past on the Negative

The Vote was put whether it is the Mind of ye Town to Lett the Little Island below the Mills and other Town Land or landing places Near the River that may be proper to be Lett. And the Vote past in the Affirmative

Voted to choose a Committee to Lett the sd Island and other

Town Lands by the River for this present Year.

Voted and Chose the prefent Selectmen to be a Committee for

ye Ends Abovesd.

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Make a Town buy Law to reftrain Sheep Runing at Large without a keeper from the first Day of April Next to ye first of May following. & the Vote past in the Affirmative. Upon a Motion Made and Seconded, The Vote was put whether

Upon a Motion Made and Seconded, The Vote was put whether this Meeting Sld. be Adjourned and ye Remaining buisness thereof to Mondy the Ninth Instant to this place at 3 Clock after

noon

And the Vote past in the Affirmative. And the Meeting was Accordingly Adjourned

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at ye Widw. Mary Learneds on March the 9th. 1752. all the Selectmen took the Oath prescribed in an Act of this Province Made in the Year 1748. Chaptr: Ten Page 384. Relating to Bills of Credit of ye other Provinces.

Joseph Mason took the oath of a Town Clerk a Town Treasurer, and An Assessor, & ye oath Harris Justice abovesd

Jonathan Child
John Kimbal jun
Nath! Harrington

Samuel Coollidge Afsefsors
Isaac Sanderson Sealer of Lear

Amos Bond fence Viewer & Tythingman

Simon Coollidge Sam!. Whitney Surveyers of High Ways

Jonas Coollidge Surveyers & Measurers of Timber plank

Bezl. Learned \ &c John Gale Haward.

The abovenamed Persons were Sworn to their Respective Offices, having first taken ye Oath mentioned in Chap<sup>tr</sup>. X Page 384 as above s<sup>d</sup>. /

Before Joseph Mason Justice peace /

[87] At a General Town Meeting of the Freehold<sup>rs</sup>. & other Inhab<sup>ts</sup>. of Watertown on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Day of March 1752 At the Publick Meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town by Adjurnm<sup>t</sup>.

Inasmuch as it Appeared to the Town that there was An Act of this Province (w<sup>ch</sup> the Town was not apprized of before) Relating to Sheep to prevent their runing at Large from the 15th. of March &c.

The Vote was put whether the Town do Reconsider the Last Vote past at the Meeting on ye 2d Instant Relating to Sheep. The

Vote past in ye Affirmative

Whereas the Town Paít a Vote at their Last Meeting w<sup>ch</sup> was on ye 2<sup>d</sup> Day of this Instant March, to Choose a Com<sup>tee</sup>. to Let ye Island below the Mills, and other Town Land Near the River for this present Year. And as there May arise Some inconvenancy on ye Acc<sup>t</sup> of ye Sd. Comm<sup>tts</sup>. not having power to Let sd. Lands or any part of them for more than one Year.—The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Inlarge sd. Com<sup>tees</sup>. power and that they ye sd Com<sup>tee</sup>: are Impowred to Let sd. Island and other Lands or Any part of them for one or more Years, as the Com<sup>tee</sup>: shall Judge will be most for the Intrest and benefit of the Town, and to Sign a Lease or Leases there of in behalf of ye Town. and ye Vote past in ye Affirmative.

Upon a motion made to Choose a nother or Third Surveyer and Meast, of Timber &c. The Vote was put whether it is the Mind of ye Town to Choose a Third Surveyer and Meast, of

Timber Plank &c. and the Vote past in the Negative.

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of ye Widw. Mary Learneds on the 16th. Day of March AD. 1752. The Widw.

Webbs time of boarding wth. Mr John Coollidge being Near Expiring. The Selectmen Agre'd with Mrs. Mercy Coollidge ye wife of ye sd Jno Coollidge (He not being prefent by reason of Bodily infermity) To board ye Sd. Widw. Webb & to look well after her for the Space of one Year from the Twenty fifth of this Instant March for Three Shillings & Seven pence 1/4 Pr week & if any Extraordinary charge sld. happen by reason of sickness or lameness to have Reasonable Satisfaction therefor. To wch. Mrs. Coollidge Concented.

At this Meeting the Selectmen Appointed the Surveyers of High Ways their Respective Districts &c vizt. Simon Coollidge Surveyer his District to be All the High Ways & Town Ways belonging to ye Town Eastly of the Town way Leading from ye Country Road by Ebr. Goddards) across ye Town by the Meeting house down to Cambridge Line Near Thomas Wellingtons, and the Southerly part of sd Lane from ye sd. Meetinghouse to ye Country Road Aforesd. — And

Sam!. Whitney Surveyer His District to be all the High Ways & Town Ways belonging to the Town Westerly of ye Town way Leading from ye Country Road And by the Meeting house to Cambridge Line Near Thos: Wellingtons. And the Northerly part of sd. way from ye Meeting house, also ye Country Roads on ye South Side of ye River.

[88] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen the 23d Day of March

AD. 1752 Several of the Late Sureyers of ye High Ways who were Collectors Meet the Selectmen and gave Acct. of the Lifts &c. vizt.

Daniel Bond for ye Year 1750. Work't out his Rate-

Sam!. Stratton for ye Year 1748 had work't out his Rate, (only Some Nonresidents & wid\*. Grant Phinhas Holdins Exceptd)
Jonas Coollidge Surveyer for ye Year 1749. Was behind abt.
£40 old Tenor

W<sup>m</sup>. Coollidge Surveyer for  $y^e$  Years  $\begin{cases} 1744 \\ 1746 \\ 1747 \end{cases}$  had behind in his

Lift abt. £17 Ditto.

Smith Prentice Surveyer for ye Year 1750 was behind in his Lift abt. £32 Ditto

Capt. Brown who was a Surveyer in Watertown for the Years 1741 was behind in his Lifts not work't out abt. £40 old 1742 Tenor

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of Jonas Bond Esqr.

on the 30th. Day of March AD. 1752.

The Selectmen Agre'd to Desire Mr Benjn. Hastings to take the care of ye Great Bridge for this prsent Year as he has done for some Years past, and Lay his Acct. before the Selectmen at at the Close of ye Year.

The Selectmen being Informed & Notifyed in Writing by Lt. Daniel Whitney that he had taken in to his House the Widow Sarah Chadwick and her Daughter Submitt Chadwick who Came Last from Waltham, and came to Watertown the 22d Day of Decemr Last

Also Notified in Writing by Jonan Child that He had taken in to his house one Margret Wilkeson a Young woman who Came to Watertown the 23d. of Octobr. Last past, and She Came Last from the Town of Wendham in Connetticut, who have no great Substance.

The Selectmen Ordred the Clerk to Isue out Warrants directed to the Constables of Watertown, requiring them to Warn the

above named persons to Depart out of sd Watertown.

The Selectmen Agreed to Meet again on the 20th, of April Next at the House of Thos. Saltmarshes at three of the Clock Affernoon in Order to Adjust the Charge of ye Poor and proportion and Settle the Same with the Selectmen of Waltham those poor web. they are Concerned in.

Ordred the Clerk to Send a Notification of sd. Meeting to the Selectmen of Waltham to Defire them to meet at sd. time & place

on sd. Affair.

[89] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown & Waltham at mr Thos: Saltmarshes on the 20th, of April AD. 1752 Appointed for ye Adjusting of ye Accts. of the poor Maintained by sd. Town's. After Confiderable Debate abot ve Widw. Mary Maddocks it was Concluded to put off the Adjusting sd. Accts. till Some other time, & in the Mean time for ye Selectmen of Each Town to git information relating to her going out of Watertown and coming in Again &c.

The Selectmen of Watertown Agreed wth. Mr Saml. Coollidge Schoolmaster that he Sld. have the Grant or Alowance the Town Made for the Support of the School for ye Year 1751. for his Service in keeping the School from the 20th. of April 1751 to the 20th of April 1752 His Board at Mr Saml. Whitneys & what sd Whitney Laid out for him, and what ve Selectmen Laid out for him the Last Year to be Alowed and Deducted out thereof, to

which the Said Coollidge Concented.

And the Said Selectmen Agreed further wth. the sd. S. Coollidge to Continue to keep the School, and he to receive as a reward for his reguler keeping sd. School after the Rate of forty Pounds P Year for the time that He shall keep ye sd. School regulerly & well, He to Board him Self or paying for his boarding. all which the Said Saml Coollidge Agreed and was Content.

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at Mr John Hunts on the fourth Day of May AD. 1752. The Selectmen having recd. a Precipt from the High Sherriff of the County of Middx. Requiring them forthwith to Assemble ye Inhabts. of yr Town in Order to Elect & Depute a person to Represent them at a Great & General Court appointed to be Convened held & kept at Concord on Wednesday the Twenty Seventh Day of of this Instant May. In observance whereof Ordred the Clerk to Isue out warrants Directed to ye Several Constables of sd Town To warn the freeholds. and other Inhabs. of sd Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative to Assemble & Meet at ye publick Meeting House in sd. Town on Munday the Eighteenth Day of May Currant at three of ye Clock After Noone, Then and there to Elect and Depute a Meet person to Represent ye Town of Watertown at a great and Gen! Court Appointed to be Convened held & kept at the Court house in Concord on Wednesday the Twenty Seventh Day of this Instant May.

Likewise to Order the s<sup>d</sup>. Constables to warn the freeholders and other Inhabts. of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs, to Meet at the publick Meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town on the Eighteenth Day of this Instant May at four of y<sup>e</sup> Clock After-

noon for the Ends following vizt.

1. To know the mind of ye Town whether they will Sell that piece of Land belong to the Town Lying between ye Country Road and the Mill crick above the Corn Mill, or any part of it, and if ye Town See meet to Sell, then to chose and Impower a Comtee: to Sell the Same, they following Such Directions as the Town shall give them respecting the Manner of Sale and to give Lawfull Conveyances thereof in the Name & behalf of ye Town,

2. In case the Town do not See meet to Sell the Land abovesd.

to ye purchasers thereof.

then to know the mind of ye Town whether they will Lease out sd piece of Land for Such a Term of Years as may Encourage the hireing and building thereon, and to Choose a Comtee. to Lease out ye same agreeable to such Directions as ye Town shall give. Whereas there was a grant made by ye Great & Gen!. Court to Watertown off 1500 Acres of Medow wch. has not yet been Satisfied or taken up, And whereas Watertown Weston & Waltham (all originally Watertown) have been at very great Cost & Charge in Building Rebuildings & repairings of ye Great Bridge over Charles River in Watertown, and ever like to be under Such hevy growing charges if Releaf cant be Some way Obtained, upon these Considerations to know the mind of ve Town whether they will chose and Impower their Representative to joine with the Representatives of Weston & Waltham, to search the Province Records to find sd Grant, and in the Name & behalf of sd Watertown Weston & Waltham To Petition the great & General Court for Releaf in sd. premises, by granting to sd. Towns so much of ye unapropriated Lands belonging to the Province as they in their Wisdom Shall Judge Equivolent to said Grant of Medow, and Adiquate to the great Burden they Lye under relating to sd Bridge, that they may be the better enabled to bear that burden,

which ye Publick in general Enjoy & Reap so great benefit & Advantage by, or that in their great wisdom they wld. otherwise releave them.

(Which was Done Accordingly bearing Date ye 5th. of May

&c)

[90] At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabts: of Watertown Qualified to Vote in ye Choice of a Representative Regulerly Assembled at the Publick Meeting house in sd. Town on the 18th. Day of May AD. 1752. for the Choice of a Person to Represent them at a Great & General Court Appointed to be Convened held & kept for his Majestys Service at the Court House in Concord on the 27th. Day of this Instant May. the Majer part of ye Selectmen being Present.

The Vote was put whether it is the Mind of the Town to Chose a Person to Represent them at the General Court aboves.—

And the Vote past in the Affirmative.

Upon a Motion made and Seconed, a previous Vote was put, vizt. Whether it is the Mind of ye Town That the Person who Shall be Chosen to Represent the Town at the Gen!. Court Abovesd. That without He upon his being Chosen shall immediatly Declare that he will Serve the Town Gratis, or that if He shall receive Any Wages for his Service that He will pay the Same into the Town Treasurey for the Use of the Town, and without He do thus Declare his choice shall be Look't upon as Nul and Void, and the Town proceed to a Nother Choice and So till one Accept on Said Terms.— And the Vote past in the Affirmative

Then the Voters were called upon to bring in their Votes for a Representative And after the Votes were brot. in, Sorted and Numbred it Appeared by the Votes that Mr John Hunt was Chosen to Represent the Town at ye Great & Gen¹ Assembly Above said, by the Majer part of the Voters present. who Declared his Acceptance on the terms proposed in the above previous Vote. And took the Oath Required to be taken relating to ye paper bills of Credit on ye Neighbour Provinces referred to in ye Return on ye back of ye precipt.)

At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabtents of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs Regulerly Assembled at ye Publick Meeting House in Sd. Town on Munday the 18th. Day of May AD. 1752.

Voted and Chofe Joseph Mason Esqr. Moderator of sd. Meet-

ing.

The Vote was put whether it is the Mind of ye Town to Sell that piece of Land belonging to the Town Lying Between the Country Road and the Mill Crick above the Corn Mill.—And the Vote past in the Affermative.

Voted to Chose a Committee to Sell Said piece of Land

Voted and Chose the present Selectmen to be s<sup>d</sup>. Committee who are Impowred to sell s<sup>d</sup> piece of Land, they following the Directions the Town Shall give to them. Then the Vote was put Whether it is the Mind of the Town that the Method the Committee aboves<sup>d</sup>. Shall take in Selling the aboves<sup>d</sup>. piece of Land, Shall be to post the Sale up Some Convenant time before hand at the Publick Houses at s<sup>d</sup>. Town And Apoint in the Notifications of s<sup>d</sup>. Sale a time for s<sup>d</sup>. Sale, and then put it up either in whole or in part, and the Higest bidder to have it, And the Committee to give Conveyances of y<sup>e</sup> same in the name of y<sup>e</sup> Town to Such Person or Persons who shall Appear in a fair and Reguler Manner to be the highest bidder he or they paying Down the Money bidden for the Same, or giving Sufficient Security for the Same to the Town to the Acceptence of y<sup>e</sup> Committee. And y<sup>e</sup> Vote past in the Affirmative.

Then

[91] Then the Third Article in the warrant for warning the meeting was Red and there upon the following Vote was put. vizt. Whereas there was an Ancient Grant made by the Great and General Court to Watertown off 1500 Acres of Midow which has not Yet been Satisfyed or taken up, and Whereas Watertown Weston & Waltham (all origanally Watertown) have been at Very great coft and Charge in Building and Rebuildings and Repairings of ye Great Bridge over Charles River in Watertown and ever like to be under Such a heavy and growing Charge if relief cant be Some way Obtained, upon wch Confiderations whether it is the mind of the Town to chose and Impower their Representative to joine with the Representatives of Weston & Waltham, And in the Names and behalf of sd Watertown Weston & Waltham to Petition the Great & General Court for releaf in sd. premises prayind sd. Court to Grant to said Towns So much of the Unapropriated Lands belonging to this Province as they in their Wisdom Shall judge Equivolent to Sd. Grant of Medow, and Adquate to ye Great Burden they Lye under relating to sd. Bridge that ye sd Three Towns may be the better enabled to bear their hevy Burden by which the Publick enjoy a great benefit & Advantage, or that the sd. Honourable Court in their great wisdom wld. otherwise releave them the three Towns abovesaid. And ve Vote past in the Affirmative.

June 15th. 1752.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at M<sup>rs</sup>. Mary Learneds to Confider the Lift of Licenced Persons. After the List was Confidred the Selectmen gave their Consent That Thos: Saltmarsh Widw. Mary Learned & David Coollidge Inholders Mess. John Hunt & Cornelius Waldo Retailers Sld. have their Licences Renewed for ye Year Ensuing. The Selectmen upon the Request

of Mr Peter Jehonot Approbated him to be a Retailer for Six Months and recommended him

The Selectmen Agree'd that there be Two Shifts and a Peticote provided for the Wid\*. Deliverance Webb. and that Mrs. Mercy Coollidge be Defired to get them.— Agreed also to go to the Ministeral house on Thursday ye Eighteenth Instant to View the Same, and See what repairs is Necessary to be be made and that Mr Benjn. Hasting who is a Housewright be Desired to meet ye Selectmen at sd. House.

The Selectmen on the 18th of June 1752 According to Agreem<sup>t</sup> went to View the Ministral House and upon View found So much Necessary to be done to the house and Barn that they Agreed to call the Town together in Sep<sup>t</sup>. Nex and to Lay the Matter relating to the s<sup>d</sup> House & Barn before the Town for their Consideration & Determination relating to y<sup>e</sup> premises.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at ye Dwelling House of Joseph Mason on the Eleventh Day of August 1752. The Selectmen having on ye 18th, of June Last View'd the Ministeral House and Barn and found them in Such a Condition that they thought it proper to Lay it before the Town for their Determination and did then Agree that there Should be a Meeting called some time in Sep<sup>1</sup> next for that End. The Selectmen do therefore Now Agree, And Order the Clerk to Isue out Warrants Directed to the Constables to Warn the freeholders and other Inhabts, of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs to Meet at the Publick Meeting house in sd Town on Munday the

Eighteenth

[92] Eighteenth Day of Sepr. next at three of the Clock afternoon for ye Ends following vizt. (1) To Chofe a Moderator for Said Meeting. (2) To hear the Report of the Selectmen Relating to the Repairing of the Ministral House and Barn (3) For the Town to Manifest what Repairs Shall be Made to the Ministeral House for the Security and Safe preserving of the Same, and that it may be more Comfortable for our Revrend Pastor. (4) Whereas the old Barn Standing on the Ministeral place is Very poor and judged not worth Repairing. To know the Mind of ye Town whether they will Build a New Barn on the Ministeral place for the Use thereof and if they See cause to Build then to Determine on the Dementions that it Shall be off, and when to be finished .- And if the Town Shall Agree to Repair the Ministeral House and Build a Barn as abovesd. Then (5) to make a Grant of Money that Shall be judged Sufficient to Effect sd. Repairs and Building, to be Assessed and Collected with all proper Speed, and to do any other thing or things that may be thought proper and Expedent, to forward sd. Repairs and Building.

(6) Whereas there is a Small piece of Mowing Land &c to be Sold Adjoining to the Ministeral place, which is thought May

Accommodate the s<sup>d</sup>. Ministeral place, To know the Mind of the Town whether they will purchase the Same, or any part thereof, to be Laid to the Ministeral Lot the better to Accomodate the Same, and to be for the Use of the Ministry, And for the Town to Act their Pleasure relating thereunto, and if the Town See meet to purchase then to do any thing or things that may be Necessary to be done for the Effecting of the Same. (Warrants were Isued out Accordingly)—

Deacon Sam<sup>1</sup> Fisk having Related to one or more of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen that M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>1</sup> Coollidge Schoolmafter (who some time since came to his house to Board) was So disordred that He defired that the Selectmen w<sup>ld</sup>. take care to provide another place to board

him at.

The Selectmen at this Meeting took this Matter relating to mr Coollidge in to Confideration and they are of Oppinion that mr Coollidge at prefent is not capable of Managing the School as it ought to be. Therefore they Agree that the School be Shut up for the prefent, And if the sd. Mr Coollidge Shall Continue uncapble of Keeping the School, then to proceed to provide Another Schoolmaster. The Selectmen judging Mr Saml Whitney (with whom sd Coollidge by agrmt of ye selectmen formerly boarded) to be a person Very Sutable to take the care of ye sd. Mr Coollidge under his prefent Circumstances. The sd. mr Whitney having (when applyed to) manifested to Some of ye Selectmen that He wld. take the sd. Mr Coollidge again upon Reasonable Confideration (having first a Tryal how he Conducts before he Concludes upon a Confideration) The Selectmen Accordingly Agre'd that ye sd Mr Coollidge Sld. be put to ye sd Mr Whitney to board and to be under his care. And under his present Circumstances to be Restrained from Runing about from House to House which practice has been thought very hurtfull to him, and if no other Methods will prevail, then to reftrain him by Chaining of him that So if possable He may be brot to his right Mind so as to be Servicable again. The Selectmen also Agree that sd. Mr Whitney Shall be Reasonably Satisfied by the Town for His care, trouble & Boarding ye sd. Mr Coollidge, and that He take the care of ye sd Mr Coollidge as abovesd till further Order of ye Selectmen. The Selectmen Agree that what is justly due to Mr Coollidge for keeping the School for time past (after his Just debts are paid, for cloths taken up for him &c) be improved in Answering for his Board where it is already or hereafter may be and that ye Selectmen take ye Care to git him to ye sd. Mr Whitneys to be under his care as abovesd.

[93] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on the 19th. Day of August 1752 At mr Jonan Bemis's In order to treat wth. mr Saml. Baldwin, to keep the Grammer and English School in Watertown (Mr Saml. Coollidge Continuing uncapable) Mr

Baldwin being prefent, The Selectmen Agreed with Him to keep sd. School for one Quarter of a Year and to have as a Reward from the Town for his Service after the Rate of forty Pounds Pr Year Lawfull money, The sd. Mr Baldwin to Board himfelf, and the Quarter to begin the Twenty fourth of this Instant August. To wch. ye sd. Mr Saml. Baldwin Agre'd and Consented. -

At a General Town meeting of ye Freeholders and other Inhabts. of Watertown Regulerly Assembled at ye Publick Meeting House in Sd. Town on the Eighteenth Day of Sepr. AD. 1752.

Voted and Chofe Joseph Mason Esqr Moderator of sd. Meeting. Then the Selectmen made a Varble Report to ye Town Relating to the Ministral House and Barn. After which

The Vote was put whether it is the Mind of ye Town that the Repairs to be done at the Ministeral House for the present be to New Cover or Shingle the Roof on the Backfide or Westerly & Northerly Sides of ye Roof together with Mending the gutters and Windows. And the Vote past in the Affirmative.

Then after the Matter was Debated relating to ve Barn on ve

Ministral place.

The Vote was put whether it is the Mind of ye Town to build a New Barn on the Ministeral place for ye Use thereof.

ye Vote past in ye Affirmative

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town that ye sd. Barn to be Built on ye Ministeral place shall be of ye following Dementions vizt. Thirty feet Square and fourteen feet Post. And the Vote past in the Affirmative.

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of the Town That

Sd. Barn Should be Compleated and finished by the first of June

Next.

And ye Vote past in the Affirmative.

Then the Vote was put whether it is the mind of ve Town To Grant the sum of forty Six pounds 13/4 Lawfull money for the Carrying on the Repairs and Building which the Town has Voted to be Done.

And the Vote past in the Affirmative.-Then upon Some Confiderations a motion was made & Seconded to Adjourn this Meeting for a fortnight. Accordingly the Vote was put whether it is the Mind of the Town to Adjourn this Meeting and ye Remaining builness to this Day fourtnight Three Clock Afternoon at this place.

And the Vote past in the Affirmative

At a General Town Meeting on the Second Day of Octobr:

1752 At ye publick Meeting house by Adjournment.

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town that the 46=13=.4 Granted the Last meeting on ye 18th of Sepr Last past Shall be forth with Assessed & Collected

And ye Vote past in ye Negative

The Vote was put whether it is the Mind of ye Town, To Appropriate ye following Sums of money to be Improved for the Repairing the Ministeral House and Building a Barn on ye Ministral place as Voted by the Town ye Last Meeting on ye 18t.h of Sept Last. Vizt. Two Province Bills which were paid into the Treasurey, by mr John Hunt Last May Meeting vizt. one of 20 Dollers, the other of 28 Dolers &  $\frac{2}{3}$  amounting to fourteen pounds Twelve Shillings. also the Sixteen pounds in Col. Wm. Brattles Hands belonging to the Town which was fines paid to him by Men Imprest by his order vizt. Wm. Coollidge Nehemiah Mason & Silas Bright. also Two pounds 13/4 of what Remains of what was Recd. of Coll. Brattle of fines before the Above mentioned, also four pounds 18/8 due to the Town from the Trustees. also a Note in the Treasurey given by Mr Henry Spring of 13/4 Also a Bond of Mr Jonan. Bemis of sour pounds 6/8 all mounting to fourty three pounds 4/ Lawfull money and to be paid by order of ve Selectmen for ve above Service. And ve Vote past in the Affirmative.

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[94] The Vote was put whether it is the mind of the Town That the Sum of Three Pounds Nine Shillings & four pence Lawfull Money be paid out of the Treasurey to Compleat the forty Six pounds 13/4 Granted for the Repairing the Ministeral House and building a Barn on ye Ministeral place. And ye Vote past in the Affirmative.

The Vote was put whether it is the Mind of the Town to Choose a Committee to take Effectual Care and See to the Repairing of ye Ministeral House and the Building of a Barn on the Ministeral place as Voted to be done; and they to Use their best Skill and Care, and take Such Methods for the Accomplishing of the Same as in their Judgmt. Shall be most for the Towns Intrest.

And the Vote past in the Affirmative.

Voted and Chose the present Selectmen to be the Commtee for ye Ends abovesd.

Then the Sixth Article in the Warrant was Red to the

Town; and after Debate thereon.

The Vote was put whether it is the Mind of the Town to Choose a Committee to Enquire what the Land Mentioned in sd Article may be had for and Make Report at next March Meeting. and ye Vote past in ye Negative

Then the Vote was put whether it is the mind of the Town

to purchase sd. piece of Land referred to in sd Sixth Article.

And the Vote past in the Negative

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at Jonas Bonds Esqr. on the 26th of Novr. 1752.

The Selectmen Agreed and Desired mr Jonan. Bemis to Cart

some Gravil as Soon as may be on to ye Great Bridge

The Selectmen Defired Joseph Mason & Jonas Bond to go to M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Coollidges and See after the Towns Amminision Lodged there and See and Stur the Powder, and Defire m<sup>r</sup> Coollidge to take good care of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Powder and to turn it once a month or at lest once in two months and to be reasonably Satisfyed for his trouble. —

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Joseph Mason Esq. on the on the first Day of Dec. AD. 1752. Some of ye Rails and Posts of ye Great Bridge being brok down, Agreed that m Benj. Hastings be Desired forthwith to put up Posts and Rails where they be wanting. Desired m Jona Bemis to See & procure Stuff for the same. and Assist m Hasting in puting them up.

The Widw. Webb wanting 2 Aprons & a wescot & pr of shoo's Agreed that Mrs Coollidge be Desired to get her a Wastcoat and two Aprons. & Desired Joseph Mason to procure her a pr of shoos. Ordred the Treasurer to furnish mrs Coollidge with

money to procure ye Wastcoat & Aprons.

At s<sup>d</sup>. Meeting it was Agreed by y<sup>e</sup> Maj<sup>r</sup>. part of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen to try M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Coollidge once more in the School He appearing to be very well Composed again, and it is hopefull he may answer the end of a Schoolmaster. Agreed to meet again at m<sup>r</sup> Bemis the fourth Day of this Instant Decemb<sup>r</sup>. at four of y<sup>e</sup> clock afternoon and y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Desired M<sup>r</sup> Bemis to Aquaint M<sup>r</sup>. Coollidge that y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Desire that He w<sup>ld</sup>. be present at s<sup>d</sup> meeting.

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at mr Jonan. Bemis on the 4th. of Decr. A.D. 1752 Mr Saml. Coollidge was prefent, and the Selectmen gave him a thorough talk relating to his past Conduct, and what He might Expect if he did not behave well in the School for the future, they Declared unto him that they put him into the School again for Tryal with out Setting any time and if he behaved well He Sld. not be wronged, and that He was to begin the School the Eleventh Day of this Decr. Mr Coollidge Complained that He wanted a winter Coat. Desired mr Bemis to git him a Bare Skin Coat and git Mr Meed to make it. And to give ye Selectmen an Acct. thereof—

[95] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at Joseph Harringtons on the 31st. of January 1753. The Selectmen Signed an Order Dated ye 4 of Dect 1752 for the payment of mr Danll. Baldwin the Sum of Ten pounds for keeping the School three months.

Ordred the paymt. of Ten Pounds Twelve Shillings for Metearls and work, for the repairing the Ministeral House So

far as it has been Reparied.

The Selectmen being Informed and Notifyed that there are Several persons come to Reside in Watertown vizt. one Ann Mickel

a Diftracted Woman Taken in by mr James Baily who came last from Boston abot. ye Second of Decembr. Last also Two Children vizt. John Sloper & Olive Sloper taken in by Ebenezer Thatcher who came Last from Boston & came to him the 22 of Decembr. Last

Also the Widw. Abigail Richardson and her Son Abijah Richardson they were taken in by Ezra Richardson who lives in a House belonging to John Kembal junr. the sd. Widw. Came Last from Lexington Some time in May Last and the sd. Abijah came Last from as ye sd Kembal Informed the Selectmen. The Selectmen Refusing to Accept of the above Named Persons to be Inhabts. of Watertown They Accordingly Ordred the Clerk to Isue out a Watrant Directed to one of ye Constables to Warn

the Persons above Named to Depart out of Watertown.

Whereas the Selectmen has hereto fore Ordred the Treasurer to pay what was Due to mr Saml Coollidge for keeping the School one Year to the 20th, of April Last past to him or his order. But the Circumstances of ye sd Coollidge has been such Since sd order was given, that the Selectmen do now Agree and order the Treasurer not to Answer any order of ye sd. Coollidge or Acct. before He first Lay the Same before ye Selectmen for their Approbation. The Selectmen Agreed that Jonas Coollidge be paid out of what is Due to his Brother Saml, for what He procured for him, and that Mr. Jonan. Bemis be paid for what He got by order of ye Selectmen at mr Goulds for sd. Coollidge and that Dean. Saml. Fisk be paid his Acct. of Three pounds Eight Shillings & 8d344 out of wt is Due to sd. Coollidge if Enough remains, or so far as it will go towards sd. Acct.

The Selectmen Agree to meet again on the Twelf Day of Febry: Next at Mr John Hunts at four clok after noon. Mr Joseph Harrington was Defired to aquaint mr Jofiah Stearns, that ye Selectmen defire that He wld. meet with them at sd. time & place.

The Clerk Isued out a Warrant to warn the above named persons to Depart out of Watertown all but Ann Mickel who Deceased before the warrant was Sent to the Officer—

[96] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at m<sup>r</sup>. John Hunts on ye 12th. Day of Feby. 1753

The Selectmen Ordred the Clerk to Isue out Warrants Directed to the Conftables of Watertown for the Warning of a Town Meeting of ye Inhabts, of said Town to be on the fifth Day of March Next at 9 of the Clock in the morning at the Publick Meeting House in sd. Town for the Ends following. vizt. (1) To Choose a Moderator (2) To Choose Selectmen a Town Clerk & Treasurer a Constable or Constables Assessors & all Such other

Town Officers as by Law are to be chosen in the month of March Annually (3) To Choose a Saxton, and agree how he Shall be Satisfyed for his Service. (4) To put in their Votes for a County Treasurer. (5) To know the mind of the Town whether Swine Shall run at Large this Year under the regulations of ve Law in such case. (6) To Hear The Town Treasurers Accts. and for the Town to pass upon them. (7) For the Town to Appropriate their Intrest Money Coming to the Town this present Year the year beginning the Eleventh of December Last. (8) For the Town to Grant an Honourable Salary for ye Revd. Mr Storer for the Year Ensuing the year beginning the first Day of March Next. (9) To Grant Money for the Support of the Grammer & English School for this present Year. (10) To grant Money for the Support of the poor this present Year. (11) To hear the Accts. of those Persons to whom the Town is Indebted, and to Grant Money to pay & Satisfy ye Same (12) To Grant Money for the Repairs of ye Meeting house (13) To Grant Money for the Repairing of ve Great Bridge in sd. Town. (14) To know whether the Town will mend the High Ways and Town Ways by Rate Assest on the Ratable Inhabts. & Estates this present Year. and if the Town See Cause to Come into this Method, then to Make a Sutable Grant of Money for the Same, and that Perfons have the Liberty to work out what they shall be assest at for yt Service (if they See meet) provided it be work't out within the Year at such prizes for Men and Teems as the Town Shall Agree upon; And to Choose the Surveyers of High Ways to be the Collectors of Said Rate or to See yt it be faithfully work't out within the Year in the Way and Manner yt the Town Shall or may Agree upon. (15) To hear the Report of the Selectmen referring to the Land that the Town Impowred them to Sell Lying by the Mill Crick &c. (16) To hear the Requests of Some of the Constables relating to some persons Rates in their Lists. and for the Town to Act their pleasure wth. Relation thereto. (17) To know the mind of the Town whether they will Lease out the Little Island be low the Mill and other banks and Landing places by the River belonging to the Town (wch. were leased out ye Lait Year) for one or more Years as the Town may Agree upon; and if the Town See Meet to Let out the same, Then to Choose a Committee for vt End.

And to Order the Constables to Notify Such Persons to whom the Town is Indebted to bring in their Accts. to ye Selectmen at the House of ye Widw. Mary Learneds on Wednesday the 28th. of Feby. Currant at three of the Clock After Noon in Order to there being Laid before the Town At their Annual Meeting. And also to Notify the Surveyers of High Ways who were Collectors to meet ye Selectmen on the sd. 28th. Day of Feby. in Order to make up their Accts. with the Selectmen.

Ordred the Clerk to Isue out a Warrant to Warn one Daniel Peirce to Depart out of Watertown the Selectmen Refusing to Accept of him to be An Inhabt. in Watertown. He came Last from Waltham Abot. April or May Last.

A Warrant was Isued out Accordingly. ----

[97] At a meeting of ye Selectmen at the Widw. Mary Learned on the 28th. Day of Feby. 17 Taking in of ye Acct. of those Persons the Town is	53. For the
The Accts. Taken in are as follows. vizt.	
Docter Josiah Convers for Looking after the	
Widow Webb in the Time of her Sickness in ye	
Year 1751	00=18=00
Jonan Bemis for Three Days work of his Teem and	00-10-00
4 Days ½ of a Man carting Gravil to ye Great	
Bridg 13/4 And for Moving Timb <sup>r</sup> . out of ye	
	14 5
County Rode 1/1	—14—.5
Benj <sup>n</sup> . Haftings for work & Care of ye Great	
Bridge puting up new posts & Rails and repeted }	.1=12
mending in the Year 1752	
Edward Harrington for 2 Days work of a Teem	
3 Days ½ of a man and 2 Days of a Lad,	
Carting Gravel to ye Great Bridge 12/7	=18=.8
for haling Timber out of ye Road 2/1	
for Stones for a Bridge 4/	
Nath! Harrington Assessor for Help making the	=13=.4
Town Rate taking and perfecting the Invoice	=13=.4
Making ye Province & County Rates	
Saml. Coollidge Afsefsor for the Like Service	
13=4 }	16=
& for Stones for a Bridge .2—8	
,	
Capt David Baldwin for 115 feet of Slitwork for	
ye Great Bridge	=.5=.5
Joseph Peters for mending ye School houss lock &	
making a key	—.1 =.4
David Livermore for Doggs for ye Great Bridge	
& Speeks 1—6— and for Staples for ye School	
house Door 3d 1/2 & for a Chain & Staples for	3=3½
ye Towns us $1/6$ — $1/9 \frac{1}{2}$	
Joseph Mason Esqr. Assessor for helping making all	
the Rates for the Year 1752134	
For Warrant to warn out Lydia Murch	
Service & Entering Caution—.2 = 1	
For a pr of Shoos for ye Widw: Webb4	
	=19=.5
Joseph Harrington Cash paid for ye Mending the	
School house Chair	1=11
Denoti floure Chair	1

Saml Jenison for Haling out Timbr. out of ve High Way ..-.3=.3 Jonas Coollidge for fifteen feet of Timb<sup>r</sup>. for Smelt Brok Bidge for 145 feet of 2 inch 1/2 Plank at 20/ P hundred for Six feet of Timbr. for ye Great ..—.3=.0 .2=.1—.. Bridge

Two Survers Appered at the aboves<sup>d</sup>. Meeting viz<sup>t</sup> Capt John Brown and M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup>. Coollidge But Neither of them made up yr Accts. as Collectors they Each Said they had almost Work't out their Rates & wold. see it done this Spring. -

[98] At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholdrs & other Inhabts: of Watertown Regulerly Assembled and Meet together at the Publick Meeting House in sd. Town on the fifth Day of March AD. 1753. for the Choice of Town Officers, and other Town Concerns. to be Acted upon.

1. Voted and Chofe Jonas Bond Esqr. to be Moderator for sd Meeting.

Joseph Mason Esqr Jonas Bond Esqr. Voted and Choie for Selectmen Enin. Jonan. Bemis
Cornt. Edwd. Harrington Deacon Sam!. Fifk

Voted and Chofe Joseph Mason Esqr. Town Clerk Voted and Chofe Joseph Mason Esqr. Town Treasurer.

Voted and Chofe Samuel Whitney first Constable [ \* ]

Voted and Chose Jonan. Learned 2d Constable. who made his pleas & asked ye favour of the Town to release & Dismiss him from being Conftabl

The was put whether it is the Mind of ye Town to Difmiss Jonatha Learned from Serving as Conftable this Year. and the Vote past in the Affirmative.

Voted and Chofe John Sawin to be 2d Conftable, who said he wld, Serve.

 $Voted \ and \ Chofe \ for \ Afsefsors \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} Joseph \ Mafon \ Esq^r \\ Nath^l. \ Bright \\ Sam^l. \ Fisk \\ Voted \ and \ Chofe \ Isaac \ Sanderfon \ Sealer \ of \ Leather. \end{array} \right.$ Voted and Chofe for fence Viewers { Isarel Mead Jonan. Brown junr. Voted and Chofe for Surveyers of High Ways { Saml. Coollidge junr.

<sup>·</sup> Undecipherable.

Voted and Chose for Tythingmen { David Livermore Sam!. Jenison
Voted and Chose for Hogrieves     John Gale   Saml. Nutting junt.
Sami. Nutting junt.
Survey's of Timbi plank boards Slitwork
Clabboards Shingles  A  Bezaleel Learned
Voted and Chose for Meastrs. and Surveyrs. of Timbr plank boards Slitwork Clabboards Shingles  Voted and Chose for Hawards  Thomas Clark Saml. Warrin junr.
Voted and Chore for Hawards Saml. Warrin junt.
Voted and Chofe Sam! Cook Gager of Cafk.
Voted and Chofe W <sup>m</sup> . Gammage Culler of Hoops & Staves
Voted and Chole for Deer rieves { Thomas Saltmarsh Capt. David Baldwin
Voted and chose Samuel Stratton Saxton.
Voted to give him for his Service Two Contrabutions as uful w <sup>ch</sup> . he Accepted.
Then the Votes was brot in for a County Treafr. & Delid to a
Constable
The Vote was put whether Swine Should Run at Large this present Year under the Regulations in the Law in such case.
And ye Vote past in ye Affirmative  Then
[99] Then the Town Treasurers Accts, were Laid before the Town & Red And it Appeared by the Acct, that there wld. be in the Treasurey when All out Standing was paid in by ye Constables ye Sum of £260=2=.6½
by y <sup>e</sup> Said Acc <sup>t</sup> . It Appeared that y <sup>r</sup> was paid out of the Treasurey P order the
Sum of 171=.3=.83/4
that there was in the Treasury
one Province Note ,8—12=.6
that there was Out Standing in
the Conftables hands 80—.6=.3½
£260=.2=.6½

The Vote was Put whether the Town Accept and Alow the Treasures Acc<sup>t</sup>, and the Vote past in the Affirmative. —
Then the Acc<sup>t</sup> of Intrest mony was Red and it Appeared by the Acc<sup>t</sup>, that the Treasurer had Rec<sup>d</sup> of Intrest money

28=13=.2

And that He had paid to ward ye Support of the Ministry & School the Sum of 28=13=.2

The was put whether the Town Accept and Alow this Acct. Vote past in ye Affirmt.

Voted and Appropriated the Intrest money Coming to the Town this Year ye Year beginning ye Eleventh of Decr Last viz

£15—.4—.. towards Mr Storers Salary, and £15—.1—.8 toward

Voted and Granted for ye Revd. Mr Storers Salary for the present Year the Sum of Sixty Six pounds 13/4 the 15—.4—.. of ye Intrest money to be a part thereof and the Rest to be Assest. Voted for the Support of ye Grammer & English School for this present Year the Sum of forty Pounds the 15—.1—.8 of ye Intrest money to be a part thereof the Remainder to be Assest.

Voted and Granted the Sum of Sixteen pounds for ye Support of

ye poor this Year

Then the Accounts of those persons to whom the Town was Indebted was Laid be for ye Town and Alowed amounting to ye sum of £9=.8—...\(^1/2\).

Voted and Granted the Sum of Nine pounds Eight Shillings &

2 farthings to Satisfy and pay sd. Accounts. —

Voted and Granted the Sum of Two pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence to Satisfy and pay the Clerk & Treasurer for his Service for the Year 1752

Voted and Granted for the Repairs of ye Meeting house

£2-13=4. -

Voted and Granted ye Sum of four pounds for ye Repairs of ye Great Bridge

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to mend the High Ways & Town Ways by a Rate this present Year. Vote past in the Affirmative.

Voted and Granted the Sum of forty Pounds for the Mending the High=Ways and Town Ways to be Afseft on ye Ratable

Poles & Estates in ye Town

The Vote was put whether it is the Mind of ye Town that the Price of Labour in Mending the High ways and Town ways be four Shillings & Nine pence 1/2 for a man and Teem a Day. and a Single man two shillings 4d 3/4 a Day And the Vote past in the Affirmative.

Voted and Chofe Messurs. Sam!. Coollidge junr. & Jonan. Stone junr. who are the present Surveyers of High Ways to be the Collectors of sd. Rate or Grant, or to See that it be faithfully worked out with in the Year at the prices the Tow has Set and to

make up yr Accts. with the Selectmen.

The Selectmen made y<sup>r</sup> Varble Report to y<sup>e</sup> Town That according to y<sup>e</sup> truft Reposed in them they had Sold a piece of Land by the Mill Crick to Nath<sup>1</sup>. Harris Esq<sup>r</sup>. for y<sup>e</sup> Sum of Thirty Six pound Lawfull money, He being the Highest bidder and for which he gave his Bond to y<sup>e</sup> Town Treasurer. and the Selectmen as a Com<sup>tee</sup>. had given him a Deed in behalf of y<sup>e</sup> Town accordin to Vote of y<sup>e</sup> Town.

Then

[100] Then Several Conftables made their pleas to Abate and Sink Several Persons Rates in their Lists. viz<sup>t</sup>.

Jonas Coollidge Late Constable Pleaded Abatn	nent. of all
Isaac Holdins Rates in his Lists amounting in Law-	
full money to	6=.1
alfo all Benj <sup>n</sup> . Bonds Rates in his Lift amounting	
to	—.6—.4
alfo John Randels Rate	—.1—.10
Also Josiah Wards Rates in his List amounting to	—.6—.4
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The Vote was put whether it is the Mind of the Town to Sink Isaac Hodens Benj<sup>n</sup>. Bonds John Randals & Josiah Ward's Rates in Jonas Coollidges Lifts—and the Vote past in the Affirmative

Voted and Granted to Jonas Coollidge the Sum of Twenty Shillings and Seven pence to make good what was Sunk in his Lists of Rates.

Sam<sup>1</sup>. Cook Late Conftable pleaded Abatm<sup>t</sup>. of Joseph Mason jun<sup>t</sup>. Town Rate 5/4 he having paid ye Same Year at Concord

Also Joel Whitemors Rate

5—.4

10—.8

Voted and Sunk in Sam!. Cooks Lift of Rates Joseph Mason jun & Joel Whitemors Rates, and Granted the Sum of Ten Shillings, & Eight pence to Sam! Cook to Supply what was Sunk — Nathanael Stone Late Constable pleaded Abatment of Daniel Peirces Province & County Rates in his Lift (He having paid in Waltham the Same Year) being Ten Shillings Lawfull money. Voted and Abated Daniel Pearces Rates in Nath! Stones Liftes, and Granted the Sum of Ten Shillings to said Stone to Satisfy the same.

The Vote was put whether it is the Mind of ye Town to Let the Little Island below the Mill and the other banks and Landing places (which were Let to Bez!. Learned Last Year) for one year, and the Vote past in the Affirmative.

Voted to Choose a Committee to Let out the Little Island banks & Landing places for one Year.

Voted and Chose Messurs. Joseph Harringtone Sam. Fisk and Jona.

Bemis to be a Committee for the Ends above Said. —

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye Widw. Mary Learneds on ye 9th Day of March AD. 1753. The Selectmen vizt. Joseph Mason & Jonas Bond Esqrs. Enfn. Jonathan Bemis Cornt. Edw. Harrington & Deacon Saml. Fiske took the Oath precibed in ye Act for Calling in the Province Bills &c. chap X Page 384 The Several Persons under named after they had taken the Oath abovesd. were Sworn to their Respective Offices vizt.

Joseph Mason Esqr. To the Office of Town Treasurer Town

Clerk and Assessor.

Saml. Whitney to the office of Constable. John Sawin junr. who was Chosen Constable. Appeared and Declared that He had Agreed with Saml. Stratton to Serve Constable in his Room if the Town wld. Accept of him and Desired the favour that it might be Laid before the Town at yr Next Meeting. Said Stratton being present Declared that He wld Serve Constable in the Room of mr Sawin if if the Town wld. Accept of Him So ye matter was greed on to be laid before ye Town

Deacon Sam!. Fisk to ye office of Assessor

Jonan. Brown junt. to ye office of Fence Viewr.

Sam1. Coollidge to the offices of Surveyr. & Collector

John Gale — — Samuel Nutting jun<sup>r</sup> } to ye office of Hogrieve

Jonas Collidge Bezl. Learned to the Office of Survey. of Timb plank &c.

Thos Clark
Saml. Warrin junr

to ye Office of Haward

Sam!. Cook Gager of Cask

Wm. Gamage to ye office of Culler of hoops &c

Whereas

[101] Whereas there has been great Diforders by Persons Laying down Timber in the Country Roads on both Sides of the River whereby Charge has been brot on the Town as well as the Town in Danger of presentment. for remedy whereof. The Selectmen Agre'd to Desire Capt. David Baldwin Mr Cornelius Waldo, mr David Livermore & mr John Cook to take perticuler Notice who the Persons are that Lay down Timber on said Roads and take Such Evidence thereof whereby Such Persons may be Convicted. And Aquaint the Selectmen thereof, who Agree to present Such Person or Persons, in ordr. to prevent Such Disorder and Charge.

At a meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Joseph Mason's on ye 27th Day of March AD. 1753. — At sd Meeting the Selectmen took into Consideration Several Accts. Relating to what has been done for Mr Saml. Coollidge present Schoolmaster.

Viz<sup>t</sup>. Deacon Sam<sup>l</sup>. Fisks Acc<sup>t</sup>. for boarding s<sup>d</sup>. Coollidge in the Year 1751. And y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Ordred the payment of w<sup>t</sup> Still remains Due to him viz<sup>t</sup>.

£.2=.4=.2

Samuel Whitneys Acc<sup>t</sup>. for Boarding s<sup>d</sup>. Coollidge three Months at 5/4 Pr week £3=.9=.4

And Six months more to ye 19th. of Feby.

1753 at 6 /P week 7=16=..

And for Sundrys procured & done for him ye sd. Coollidge ..-

..—12=.5 ——— £11=17=.9

Israel Meads Acct. for Making Sundry Cloths for sd. Coollidge the Selectmen Alow'd & ordred the	
Ballance to be paid to sd. Meads wch: is	£.2 = 10 = .8
Edmund Foul for a pr of Shoos for Sd. Coollidge 6/	
Ordred ye paymt of Six Shillings to sd. Fowl	=.6=
Nathl. Brights Acct. for mending shoos for sd Cool-	
lidge 3/9 Ordred ye paymt.	= .9
John Remingtons Acct. for Sundry Smal things the	
sd. Coollidge had of him Alow'd and ordred the	
paym <sup>t</sup> . of s <sup>d</sup> Acc <sup>t</sup> . to m <sup>r</sup> Remington w <sup>h</sup> . is	—.1 —.4
Mr Goulds Acct. 5/4. Mr Thos: Saltmarshes Acct.	
1/6 Alow'd & ordred ye paymt of both	610
Agreed that the above Acct. be paid out of ye Gra	
the Support of the School And to be Charged to	
Coollidges Acct. to be Deducted out of his wages fo	r keeping the
School.	

Agreed that the Districts of the Surveyers of ye High ways be as follow's vizt. Mr Saml. Coollidge Surveyer his District to be all the High Ways and Town ways Eaft of that Town Way weh. Leads a Crofs the Town by ye Meeting house down to Cambridge Line. And the South part of sd. Lane up to the Meeting house.—

M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Stone jun<sup>r</sup>. Surveyer His District to be all the High Ways & Town Ways West of y<sup>e</sup> Lane that Leads across the Town by the Meeting hous down to Cambridge Line with those On y<sup>e</sup> South Side of the River, and the North part of s<sup>d</sup> Cross Lane from the Meeting house. —

Agreed that M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Hastings be Desired to take the Care of the Great Bridge as he has done for Years past and & bring in his Acc<sup>t</sup>. to y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the close of y<sup>e</sup> Year. —

Agre'd to Meet on the 23<sup>d</sup> Day of April Next Two Clock after Noon at m<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup>. Cuttings in Waltham in ord<sup>r</sup>. to Adjust the Acc<sup>t</sup>. with the Selectmen of Waltham Relating to the poor Supported by both Towns and Defired the Clerk to Notify y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Waltham to meet them at time and place for y<sup>e</sup> Ends proposed.

This Meeting being the time Appointed for the Boarding out the Wid\*. Webb Notice thereof being given, There appeared at sd. Meeting Capt. John Taynter Mess\*s. Simon Coollidge & Isaac Sanderson, who Each of them Offered to take sd. Widow And board her and take good Care of Her for ye Space of one Year from the

Second

[102] Second Day of April Next (if She Survive) at Two Shillings & Eleven pence pr week and if any thing Extraordinary sld. happen by Sickness or any other Disasture to be alow'd Reasonable Satisfaction. The Sd. Widw. to Choose which of the three

places She Shall Remove to this the sd. Taynter Coollidge & Sanderson Offered & Concented to. The Selectmen Closing with the offer, were to inquire of ye sd. Widw. and give Notice to wch.

place She Chuses to goe.

The Selectmen Appointed Enf<sup>n</sup>. Jona<sup>n</sup>. Bemis & Cor<sup>t</sup>. Ed<sup>w</sup>. Harrington to go to s<sup>d</sup>. wid<sup>w</sup>. to know her mind, and give Notice to the perfon to whom She Chufes to go to Board with. And the Perfon She gos to Board with upon his taking her Boarding and looking well After her to be Intitled to 2/11 Pr Week as aboves<sup>d</sup>. to be paid by the Town.—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown on ye 9th. Day of April 1753 at ye Widw. Mary Learneds. This being the Year for

Preambulating on the Lines between Towns &c.

The Selectmen Appointed Cort. Edwd. Harrington and Deacon Saml. Fisk to preambulate and Renew the Marks on the Lines between Watertown & the Adjacent Towns.—Ordred that a Load of wood be procured for the Widw. Grover and sent to her and to be paid for out of ye Town Treasurey.

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown and Waltham at Richd. Cuttings in Waltham on the 23d Day of April 1753. The Acct. of the poor, (Exclusive of ye Widw. Maddocks Charge) was Adjusted. As by the Acct. on file, and as Recorded at Length in

Libr. 2 Page 58, In the Treasurey.-

Gentlemen

Watertown April 11th. 1753. -

We the Subscribers Assessors for the Town of Watertown aboves<sup>d</sup>. have Assest upon the Ratable Poles and Estates of s<sup>d</sup>. Town the Sum of forty Pounds Lawfull money being the grant Made the Last March Meeting for the Mending of y<sup>e</sup> High Ways and Town Ways and have Committed Lists of y<sup>e</sup> Same to the Several Collectors who are also Surveyors of y<sup>e</sup> High Ways; viz<sup>t</sup>.

Afsefsors Certificat

To mr Saml Coollidge Collector the Sum of

£17=.2 -...

And To m<sup>r</sup> Jona<sup>n</sup>. Stone Collector the Sum of £22—18—.. with Warrants to Collect the Same, or See that it be worked out Agrable to the Vote of the Town, So as to make up y<sup>r</sup> Acc<sup>ts</sup>. with the Selectmen of s<sup>d</sup>. Town on or before the first Day of Feb<sup>y</sup>. Next Ensuing the Date hereof—

To ye Selectmen of Watertown

Joseph Mason Sam<sup>1</sup>. Fisk Nath<sup>1</sup>. Bright. /

[103] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Jonas Bond Esqr. on the 7th. of May 1753.

The Selectmen Having Recd. a preceipt Requiring them to Assemble the Inhabts. of Watertown Quallified, to Elect and

Depute a Person to Represent them at a Great and General Court or Assembly to be holden at ye Court house in Boston on the 30th.

Day of May Currant.—Accordingly

Ordred the Clerk to Isue out a Warrant Directed to the Constable of s<sup>d</sup>. Town Requiring him forthwith to Warn the freehold<sup>rs</sup>, and other Inhab<sup>ts</sup>, of s<sup>d</sup> Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative, to Assemble & Meet at the Publick Meeting House in s<sup>d</sup> Town on Wednesday the 23 Day of May Currant at three of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon Then and there to Elect and Depute one Sutable Person to Serve for and Represent them in a Great and General Court or Assembly Appointed to be Convened held & kept, for his Majestys Service at the Court house in Boston upon Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup>. Day of May Currant, hereof fail not—

And also to order the s<sup>d</sup>. Constable to Warn the freehold<sup>rs</sup>. and other Inhab<sup>ts</sup>. of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs to meet at y<sup>e</sup> Publick Meeting House in s<sup>d</sup> Town on Wednesday the 23<sup>d</sup> Day of May Currant at four of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon for y<sup>e</sup> Ends following viz<sup>t</sup>. 1<sup>ly</sup>. To Chose a Moderator for s<sup>d</sup>. Meeting.—Whereas M<sup>r</sup> John Sawin jun<sup>r</sup>. who was Chose a Constable at y<sup>e</sup> Annual Meeting in March Last, has Agre'd w<sup>th</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>. Stratton to Serve in his Room if the Town

Alow & Accept of Him-Therefore

2ly. To know the Mind of ye Town whether they Do Accept of mr Samll Stratton to be Constable for the present Year in ye

Room of ye sd. John Sawin junr.-

—Whereas there has been disputes between the Selectmen of Watertown and the Selectmen of Waltham Relating to the Charge that Watertown has been at for ye Widw. Mary Maddocks Since the Town Was Divided the Selectmen of Waltham Objecting against their Town paying their Proportion of ye Charge Watertown has been at for ye sd Maddocks Making this their plea That ye sd Maddocks is a Person whom by ye Articles of Agreemt. at ye Division of ye Town Waltham has no Relation to or Concern for.—Therefore

3ly. For the Town to hear the whole Affair Relating to the Widw. Maddocks And to Manafest their Minds whether they will Dispute the Affair in the Law, or take any other Methods to put an End to the Disputes. And accordingly to pass any Vote or Votes do any thing or things, Relating to ye sd. Widw. and the Charge the Town has been at for her that they Shall think

proper to Do in Said Affair.-

—4<sup>1y</sup>. To know the mind of ye Town whether they will Raise a Bounty upon Blackbirds heads and Mouse Squarriells heads for this present Year for the Incouragging the killing of them (great damage having been done by them in Years past) that further Damage may be prevented, (this Article being inserted by a Numbr. of ye Inhabts. of ye Town) And if the Town is of ye Mind to to Incourrage the killing of sd Birds & Squarriels Then

to pass Such Vote or Votes relating thereunto as the Town Shall

think prop<sup>r</sup> and Convenant.—

—5<sup>1</sup>y. To hear the Petition of m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>. Jenison praying the Town to grant him the Liberty of Hanging a great Gate across the Town Way Leading from Bank lane Down to the River Near the fifth ware, and for y<sup>e</sup> Town to Act their pleasure thereupon.

At this Meeting ye Assessors made return to ye Selectmen That they had Assest ye Ratable Inhabts. of sd. Town to the High way Rate, as by ye Return may more fully Appear wch. Return was Recd. and ordred the Clerk to record ye same, in ye Town

Records. (See Page 102)

Corn<sup>t</sup>. Edw<sup>d</sup>. Harrington & Deacon Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk who were Appointed to preambulate &c this prefent Year. Made their Varble Return that they had meet with Perfons Appointed by the Adjacent Towns, and with them had preambulated & Renew'd the Markes on the Lines between Watertown and the Adjacent Towns.—

[104] At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabts. of Watertown Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative Regulerly Assembled and Met together at the Publick Meeting house in sd. Town on the 23d Day of May AD. 1753 for ye Choice of a Representative

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Send a Person to Represent them at ye General Court.—And the Vote past in the Affirmative

Then upon a motion made and Seconded a previous Vote

was put vizt.

Whether it is the Mind of ye Town that the person who Shall be Chosen to Represent the Town at the General Court, That without He upon his being Chosen shall immediately declare that He will Serve the Town gratis, or that if he Shall Receive any wages for his Service, that He will pay the Same into the Town Treasurey for the Use of ye Town and without He do thus Declare his Choice to be look't upon as Null and Void, And the Town proceed to a nother Choice, and so till one Accept on said Terms.—And the Vote past in the Affirmative.

Voted and Chose M<sup>r</sup> John Hunt to Represent the Town of Watertown at the General Court or Assembly Appointed to be Convened and held at Boston on the 30<sup>th</sup>. of this Instant May.—who Declared that He Accepted of the Choice on the Conditions which the Town Voted in the Above previous Vote and Emmediately took y<sup>e</sup> Oath relating to the calling in of y<sup>e</sup> Bills of

Credit. &c .--

At a General Town Meeting of ye freeholders and other Inhabts, of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs

Regulerly Assembled at ye Publick Meeting House in sd Town on the 23d Day of May 1753, for the Transacting those Town Affairs mentioned in the Warrant for Warning of sd. Meeting.-

Voted and Chose Joseph Mason Esqr. Moderator of sd.

Meeting .--

The Vote was put Whether it is the Mind of ye Town to Accept of mr Samuel Stratton to be Constable in the Room & Stead of Mr John Sawin juner who the Town Chofe to ye office of Constable ye Last Annual Meeting, And that the sd. Sawin be Dismist from serving, and that ye Sd. Stratton Serve Constable for ve present Year and till a nother be Chose and Sworn in his Room. and ve Vote past in ve Affirmative.

-And ye sd Stratton immediatly took the Oath Relating to ye Calling in ye Bills of Credit &c. and also took the oath of

Constable.—

The the 3d. Article in ye Warrant Relating to ye Widw. Mary Maddocks was Red and after Debate thereon. The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Choose a Committee to make the best inquirey relating to the sd. Widw. And if sd Comtee: upon inquirey shall find Such proofs that ye sd Maddocks was out of Watertown when it was Divided as they shall Judge Sufficient to perfue sd. Affair in the Law, That sd Committee be and is hereby Impowred upon good Advise to pursue sd. Affair relating to the Charge of sd. Widw. in the Law with Waltham to Effect, in the Name & behalf of Watertown And the Vote past in the Affirmative

Voted and Chose Capt. John Brown Mr John Hunt & Jonas

Bond Esqr. to be a Committee for ye Ends abovesd.

The fourth Article red and after Confideration thereon, The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to grant a Bounty to Incourage ye Killing of Black birds and Moufe Squarrills .-And ye Vote past in the Negative.

The 5th. Article Red, relating to a Petition of mr Saml. Jenison &c. But Mr Jenison not being present, nor any Petition Lodged wth. ye Selectmen or prefented to ye Town therefore this Article was Difmift-

[105] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on the 25th, of June at Thos: Saltmarshes-

The Selectmen Confidred the Lift of Licenced person vizt. Thos. Saltmarsh David Coollidge & Mary Learned Inholdrs. John Hunt Cornelius Waldo David Baldwin & John Remington Retalers. And had no objection against their having their Licences Renewed Again this Year.

July 19th. 1753 At a Meeting of ye Selectmen (when ye Ministeral Barn was Raised) Ordred ye Town Clerk to Isue out a Warrant to Warn one Anna Blanchard who Came from Concord and is an Inhabt. there, to Depart out of Watertown. She resides at John Randals in Watertown.—

A warrant was Isued out ye 20th, or Next Day.-

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on ye Second Day of August 1753.—

The Selectmen having been Notified & Informed of Sundry Persons who are Come to reside in Watertown vizt. One Elizh. Orfburn who came from Charlstown to Watertown on the 10 Day of Feby. Last who resides at the House of Uriah Clark. One Mary Vial who Came from Boston in the County of Suffolk to Watertown the first Day of March Last, who Resids at the House of Ebenez' Hinds. Also one John Phillips with His Wife & four Children whose Names are Hannah Thomas Phebee & Mary they Came from Cambridge to Watertown the 26th. Day of April Last and Live in the House of Stephen Palmer of sd. Cambridge The Circumstances of of ye abovenamed Persons being Such that ye Selectmen Refuse to Accept of any of them to be Inhabts, of Watertown. Accordingly ordred the Clerk to Isue out a Warrant Directed to one of ye Constables of sd Town forthwith to warne all the aboves Persons to Depart out of sd. Watertown.

(Which was done on ye 4th. Inftant).—

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at Mr Jonan. Bemis's on ye 17th. of Octor. 1753. At Sd. Meeting Simon Coollidge gave an Acct. of His Boarding the Widw. Mary Maddocks between the Laft of Feby. 1753. and ye second of Octor. following 21 weeks in all at 4/ P week.

Criftopher Grant made his Application to ye Selectmen, On Acct. of ye sd Widw. Maddocks, who was at his House and had been there ever Since ye second of this Instant the Selectmen Agreed wth. ye sd Grant to Let ye sd Widw. be at his House, as she may want a place of retreat, when She is out of work, and to find her her board when she is out of buisness and to keep Acct. of ye weeks he boards her and to have a reward of 4/ P week till further order of ye Selectmen, and He to Encourage her to git what work She can, the time of boarding her to begin ye 2d Day of this Instant.

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at Cornt. Edw. Harringtons on ye 14th. of Decr. 1753. There wanting wood for ye School, and ye Town having Determined that those yt Send their Children & Servt. to School Should provid wood for ye fire. ye Selectmen judge 8d P head to be pd. by Each Scholler will be Sufficient to Supply ye School fire the money to be paid to Dean Saml. Fisk to be Laid out for wood for ye School

Israel Mead bro'. his Acc'. of work done for Sam'. Coollidge Schoolmaster at ye Desire of ye Selectmen. ye Selectmen Alow'd

ye Acct. which Amounted to two pounds Lawfull Money & ordred ye paymt. yr of to sd Mead and charge to mr Coollidges Acct.

[106] December 17. 1753. The Selectmen Meet at Capt. John Browns And Agre'd with him to board Mr Samuel Coollidge our prefent Schoolmaster (Mr Whitneys Circumstances being Such that He refused to board him any longer) till further order of ye Selectmen and to take him ye sd. Coollidge ye Twenty forth of this Instant, and to be paid therefor out of what is or may become due to sd Collidge for keeping the School, the Sum of Six Shillings P week, for wch. ye sd. Brown Consented to Board him.

The Selectmen having been Served with a Copy of a Petition of A Committee of ye first Parish in Cambridge who petition ye General Court in behalf of sd Parish and pray that Some of ye Easterly Inhabts. of Watertown with their Estates may be Annexed to sd parish for reasons Set forth in sd. Petition, and ye sd Court having Appointed the 26th. of this Instant for any Concerned to give reasons why the prayer of sd. petition be not Granted. In as much as what is pray'd for by the Parish asones very much Affects Watertown the Selectmen judging it is most proper & Necessary to Lay the Matter before the Town; Accordingly Ordred the Clerk to Isue out Warrants Directed to ye Constables of Watertown forthwith to Warn the freeholders and other Inhabts. of Watertown to met at the Publick Meeting house in Watertown on Munday the 24th. of this Instant at one of ye Clock afternon for ye Ends following vizt.—

1. To Choose a Moderator for sd. Meeting.—

2. To hear and take into Confideration the Petition of ye first Parish in Cambridge preferred to ye Great & General Court (a Copy of wch Petn. the Selectmen have been Served with) wherein ye sd Parish by yr Committee pray that Several of ye Inhabts. of ye Easterly part of Watertown with their Estates may be Annexed to ye sd. first Parish in Cambridge, as set forth in the Copy of sd. Petition. and for the Town to Act thereon (if they see meet) and do any & evry thing they shall judge or think proper & Expedient to be done relating to sd. Affair Petitioned for by the Parish aforesd.—

(A Number of ye Inhabts, of ye Town having Petitioned ye Selectmen that ye following Article be incerted in ye Warrat for

ye warning of this meeting vizt)

3. To know the Mind of ye Town whether they will Remove their Meeting house from the place where it now Stands, and where they will move it to, and Act evry thing Else Necessary to the Compleating Such a Publick Good.

(Warrants were Ifued out Accordingly)

At a meeting of ye freeholders and other Inhabts. of Water-

town Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs Regulerly Assembled and met at the Publick Meeting house in sd. Town on the 24th. Day of December AD. 1753.

Voted and Chose Joseph Mason Esqr. Moderator for sd.

Meeting.

Then ye Second Article was read together with the Copy of ye Petion of ye first Parish in Cambridge and Considered, and After Consideration, The Vote was put whether it is ye Mind of ye Town to set off any of their Inhabts. in the Easterly part of ye Town with their Estates to the first Parish in Cambridge as pray'd for in their Petition, And the Vote past in the Negative unannimusly.

Voted and choie Joseph Maion & Jonas Bond Esqrs. & John Brown Gentleman to be a Comtee. to make Aniwer at ye Great & General Court in ye Name of ye Town to sd. Petition

of the first parish in Cambridge.

Then the Third Article was Read to the Town and After Debate thereon The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Remove their Meeting house from the place where it Now Stands.

And the Vote past in the Negative

[107] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Joseph Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>. on the Eleventh Day of Feb<sup>y</sup>: 1754. There being two Petitions Delivred to y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Each Signed by a Number of y<sup>e</sup> Inhabts. of Watertown praying the Selectmen to call a Town Meeting as Soon as May bee for y<sup>e</sup> Ends Set forth in S<sup>d</sup>. Petitions the Selectmen taking S<sup>d</sup>. Petns. into in to Consideration Ordred the Clerk to Isue out Warrants Directed to the Constables of s<sup>d</sup>. Town to Warn the freehold<sup>rs</sup>. and other Inhabts. of Watertown Quallified According to Law to Vote in Town Affairs to meet at y<sup>e</sup> Publick Meeting house in s<sup>d</sup>. Town on Wednesday the 20th. Day of Feb<sup>y</sup>: Currant at one of y<sup>e</sup> Clock Affer Noon for y<sup>e</sup> Ends following

1. To Choose a Moderator for s<sup>d</sup>. Meeting. (2<sup>ly</sup>.) To See if the Town are willing their publick Meeting house Should be Removed from the Hill where it now Stands to the half Acre of Land lately given by Nath<sup>l</sup>. Harris Esq<sup>r</sup>. for to Set Said Meeting House on; Provided it be Done without any Charge to the Town as a Town. and that Sash Windows be made in lew of the Windows Now in the Meeting house & if they are willing therefor to See if they will then take the Proper Measures for y<sup>e</sup> Effecting Such Removal (3<sup>ly</sup>) To know y<sup>e</sup> mind of y<sup>e</sup> Town whether they will Petit<sup>n</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Great and Gen<sup>ll</sup>. Court to Set off a Number of y<sup>e</sup> Inhab<sup>ts</sup>. belonging to Newton to s<sup>d</sup>. Watertown and Choose a Com<sup>tee</sup>. to prepare & prefer a Petit<sup>n</sup>. to s<sup>d</sup>. Court, and do evry thing Needfull to Accomplish s<sup>d</sup>. Affair. (4<sup>ly</sup>.) To know the mind of y<sup>e</sup> Town whether they are Willing to make

An Exchange with Waltham that So the Inhabts, of ye Extreem parts of both Towns May be better Accommodated for ye Attending the publick Worship of God than they now are. (5<sup>ly</sup>.) To know the mind of the Town wheth, they are Willing to joine with Waltham to Pet<sup>n</sup>. ye Great & Genl. Court to Annex Such families or Persons with their Estates at ye Extreem parts of Each Town who Desire the Same to the Town they are most Convenant to, Agreable to Such Bounds as the Towns may Agree to, or by Such Bounds & limmits as Said Court Shall Appoint in case the Towns do not agree. And to do any thing or things Necessary relating to sd. Affair.

-Warrants were Isued out to ye Constables and Returned and

are on file-Atr. Joseph Mason Cler /

[108] At a General Town Meeting of ye Freeholdrs. and other Inhabts. of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs Regulerly Afsembled and met together at the Publick Meeting house in sd. Town on the Twentyeth of February AD. 1754 for the Ends Set forth in ye Warrants for ye warning of sd. Meeting.—

1. Voted and Chofe Josiah Convers Esqr. Moderator for sd.

Meeting.

2<sup>ly</sup>. Voted that the Publick Meeting House belonging to this Town be removed from the place where it Now Stands on Schoolhouse Hill to the half Acrer of Land Lately given by Nath!. Harris Esq<sup>r</sup>. to the Town, and that the S<sup>d</sup>. House be A New Errected there and that Sash Windows be put in to the House in lew of the Windows Now in it.

(This Vote past in the Affirmative by three odds.)—

3<sup>ly</sup>. Put to Vote whether the Town do Accept of y<sup>e</sup> Security given by Josiah Convers & others to Indempnify the Town from all Charge that may Arise by the removal of the Meeting House as aboves<sup>d</sup>.—and the vote past in the Affirmative

4<sup>ly</sup>. Put to Vote whether it be the mind of y<sup>e</sup> Town to Choose a Committee to Effect what the Town has already Voted respecting the moving of y<sup>d</sup> Meeting House

And ye Vote past in the Affirmative

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chofe the Gentlemen which gave the Security to the Town viz<sup>t</sup>. Jofiah Convers Esq<sup>t</sup>. David Baldwin, Daniel Whitney, Jonathan Bemis, John Brown, Edward Harrington and m<sup>t</sup> John Hunt to be the Committee for y<sup>e</sup> Ends abovesaid.

6ly. Voted that the Committee Chosen to Effect ye Removal and Rebuilding of ye Meeting House, do it as Soon as may be with Convenancy agreable to ye Vote of ye Town.

7<sup>ly</sup>. The Vote was put whether it is the mind of y<sup>e</sup> Town to Choose a Committee to Petition the great and General Court,

that a Number of ye Inhabts. of Newton may be Set off to Watertown

And the Vote past in the Affirmative. 8ly. Voted and Choie Mr John Hunt and Capt John Brown to be a Committee to petition yd Genl. Court for ye Ends abovesd.— The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town whether they are Willing to A Exchange with waltham that so the Inhabts. of ye Extreem parts of both Towns may be better Accommodated for ye Attending of the publick worship of God than they now are. And the Vote past in the Negative 10ly. Put to Vote whether it is ve Mind of ve Town to joine with Waltham to Petitn. ye Great & Genl. Court to Annex Such families or persons with their Estates at the Extreem partes of Each Town who defire the Same to ye Town they are most Convenant to, Agreable to Such Bounds as the Towns may Agree to, or by Such Bounds and Limitts as sd Court Shall Appoint in Cafe ye Towns do not Agree. And ye Vote past in ye Negative 111y. The Vote was put whether it is the Mind of ye Town to reconsider any of the Votes that have past at this Meeting. And the Vote past in the Negative.

[109] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on the Eleventh Day of Feby: AD. 1754. At Sd. Meeting ye Selectmen Ordred ye Clerk to Isue out Warrants Directed to the Conftables of Watertown, To Warn the freeholdrs. and other Inhabts. of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs To Assemble and Meet at the Publick Meeting house in Sd. Town on Munday the fourth Day of March Next at Nine of ye Clock in the Morning for the Ends following.—

1. To Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting.—

2 To Choose Selectmen a Town Clerk Town Treasurer a Constable or Constables Assessors and all other Such Town Officers as by Law are to be Chosen in the Month of March Annually.—

. To Choose a Saxton, and to Agree how he Shall be paid for

his Service.

4. To put in their Votes for a County Treasurer.—

5. To know the mind of the Town whether Swine Shall Run at Large this Year under the Regulations of ye Law in Such case.
6 To hear the Town Treasurers Accts. & for the Town to pass upon them

7 For the Town to Appropriate their Interest money coming to the Town this Year the Year beginning the Eleventh of De-

cember Laft

8 For the Town to Grant An Honourable for ye Reverend Mr Seth Storer (our Revd Pastor) for the Year Ensuing the Year beginning the first of March Next.—

9. To Grant money for the Support of the School—

10. To Grant money for the Support of the poor.—

11. To hear the Accts. of those persons to whom the Town is Indebted, and to grant money to pay the Same.

12 To Grant money for ve Repairs of ve Great Bridge in

Watertown.

- 13. To know the mind of ye Town whether they will mend the High Ways and Town Ways by Rate this Year Afsest on the Ratable Inhabts. & Estates of the Town and if the Town See Cause to Come into this Method, then to make a Grant of money for the Same, and that persons have the Liberty to work out what they Shall be Assest at for that Service (if they See meet) provided that it be work't out within the Year, at Such prices for Man & Teems as the Town Shall Agree upon, And to choose the Suryers of High Ways to be Collectors of sd. Rate or to see that it be faithfully work't out within the Year in the way and Manner that the Town Shall or may Agree upon.
- 14 To hear the Report of ye Committee who were Chosen to Repair the Ministral House and Build a Barn on the Ministeral place. how far they have proceeded in Said Affair, And to grant money if Need be to pay what Yet May remain Due for sd. premises there being forty pounds (old Tent) less in the hands of Col. Brattle than what was judge to be when Appropriated for

this Service.

- 15. To Grant Money for ye Repairs of ye Meeting house if Need Be-
- 16. To know the Mind of ye Town whether they will Let out the Little Island and other Lands by the River, which were Let for ye Last Year and choose a Comtee. for that end. And order the Constables to Notify prons ye Town is Indebted to to bring in yr Accts. to ye Selectmen at ye Widw. Mary Learneds on the 27th of this Instant at two clock After noon—

Warrants were Isued out Accordingly and return'd and are on fill-

Attr. Joseph Mason Cler //

[110] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of ye Widw. Mary Learned on the 27th. Day of February AD. 1754. In order to take in the Accts. of those Persons to whom the Town are Indebted in order to there being Laid befor the Town. The Selectmen Ordred the Treasurer to pay to ye Widw. Mary Learned the Sum of 2/2 and charge the Same to mr Saml Coollidges Acct. (weh was paid immediatly). The Acct Taken in at this Meeting are as follow's

Vizt. Ensin. Jonan. Bemis for Stone for Two Bridges
(Lawfull money) ......5—.4

Jonan. Child for Serving Constable 2/8 warning 3 Town Meetings 1/3 and for trouble carrying one Mary Davis to Waltham 4/ — — — —

Jacob Caldwell for Serving Conftable 2/8 for warning 2 Town Meetings 9d. & for Carrying one Child Wife & two Children to Newton 5/4  Lt. Daniel Whitney for 60 feet of plank & Sundry pieces of Timbr  Amos Bond for Six Loads of Stones for the Whelm near Sam!. Jenifons  Joseph Mafon Sam! Fisk & Nath!. Bright  Afsefsors for Making all ye Rates &c. for ye Year  1753. 13/4 Each  John Kembal junr. for Serving Conftable & warning 3 Meetings  David Livermore for Speeks & Dogs for ye Great  Bridge  Sam!. Whitney for Serving Conftable & Warning 6 Meetings  Added at the Town Meeting vizt  Benjamin Haftings for work Done at the great Bridge the Year 1753  1" .8" 8 for work at the School house 3=4
for work at the School house for Bords for s <sup>d</sup> School house for Nails for Ditto934
Sam <sup>1</sup> . Stratton for Serving Conftable & warning 4 Meetings  1-16=.1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 4 Meetings  1-16=.1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 5.6=.7=.4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>

Joseph Mason for Serving the Town in the Office of Clerk & Treasurer for ye Year 1753 £.2=13=.4

[111] At a General Town Meeting of ye freeholdrs. and other Inhabts of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs Afsembled at the Publick Meeting house (or Reamains of sd House) on the fourth Day of March AD 1754 being yr Annvassary Meeting. for Choice of Town Officers &c. —

Voted and Chose Josiah Converse Esqr. Moderator for sd

Meeting.

Upon a Motion made & Seconded The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Adjourn this Meeting & remaining business of to three clok afternoon to ye House of Thos Saltmarsh And ye Vote past in ye Affirmative

Accordingly ye Meeting was Adjourned to ye time & place

abovesd.

The Town being met on ye 4th. of March abovesd. three clok afternoon at ye Dwelling House of Mr Thos. Saltmarshes, The Moderator having opned the Meeting, the Second Article in ye

warrat red Relating to ye Choice of Town Officers, the Votes were Called for ye Choice of Selectmen

Ensn. Jonan. Bemis Dean: Saml. Fisk Cort. Edwd. Harrington Voted and Chose for Selectmen

Mr Josiah Stearns
Joseph Mason Esqr. who undr.
Bodly Weakness Refused to

Mr John Hunt

Voted and Chofe Joseph Mason Esqr. Town Cler. Voted and Chofe Joseph Mason Esqr Town Treasurer Voted to Choose Two Constables for this present Year.

Voted and Chose Edmund Foul first Constable.—who Accepted Voted and Choie Mr Nathl. Harrington Second Constable, But upon his pleas the Town See meat by a Vote to Dismis him from

being Constable this Year.—

Voted and Chose Seth Hastings to be Second Constable. Mr Hastings Declared to the Town that he had Agree'd with mr Jacob Caldwell to Serve in his room if the Town wld. Accept of sd Caldwell. Who Declared yt he wld. Serve if ye Town Accept of him. Voted and Accepted of mr Jacob Caldwell to Serve in the office of a Constable in the Room of Seth Hastings.—

Dea Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk
Tho<sup>s</sup>. Saltmarfh
Nath<sup>l</sup>. Harrington Voted & Choie for Assessors Voted and chose Edmd. Foul Sealer of Leather Jonan Learned Voted & chose for fence Viewers Ebenezer Wyeth Lt. Danl. Whitney Voted and Chofe for Surveyrs. of Highways Benj<sup>n</sup>. Haftings Voted and chose for Tything men Simon Coollidge Ephm. Warrin Voted and Chose for Hogrieves Abel Benjamin Voted and chose for Surveyers of Timbr Jonas Coollidge Bezl. Learned plank board slitwork &c Uriah Clark Voted and chose for Hawards Edwd. Richardson Voted and chose Saml Cook Gager of Cask Voted & Chofe Saml Cook Culler of hoops & Staves

Voted and Chose for Deerrieves { James Dix Thos. Saltmarsh

Voted and Chose Ebenezer Goddard Saxton

Voted vt there be two Contrabutions as Usual to Satisfy ye Saxton for his Service ye 1st to by the first Sabbath in Sepr. & ye other on ye Last Sabbath in Feby.-

Voted that Swin run at Large this present Year under ye Regulations of ye Law in Such Case provided.

Then

[112] Then the Treasurers Accts. were Laid before the Town and Red viz<sup>t</sup>

The General Acct. And ye Sum the Treasurey was Charged when all paid in was 221" 14" 3—3

The Treasurey had Credit for paymts. the

Sum of — — — — — 147 "10" 10" 3

And y' was out Standing in

Constables hands ye Sum of — 74" 3—.5 3

221" 14:3—3

Voted and Accepted and Alowed the Treasurers General Acct.—

An Account of ye Interest Money Recd by ye Town Treasurer red to ye Town, and by ye Acct. It Appeared that ye Treasurer had recd. ye Sum of — — — — — — — — £11=10=3 3/4 And yt ye Treasurer had paid the Sum of — 11—10—3 3/4

Voted and Accepted this Acct. and Alowed the same.

Voted and Appropriated the Intrest money Coming to the Town for this present Year ye Year beginning the Eleventh of Decr Last viz £15—.4—.. to ye Ministry and £15=1—8. To

ve School.

Voted and Granted for a Honourable Salary for ye Revd. Mr Storer for ye present Year the Sum of Sixty Six pounds 13/4 the Intrest money Appropriated for ye Ministry to be part of sd. Sum. Voted and granted forty pounds for ye Support of the School—the Intrest money appropriated for ye School to be a part of sd. Sum—

Voted and Granted for ye Support of ye poor ye Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Then ye Accts. of those Persons to whom the Town is indebted to was red to the Town Amounting to the Sum of Six pounds 7/4 3/4 And Alowed.—

Voted and Granted ye Sum of Six pounds 7/4 3/4 to Satisfy and

pay ye sd. Accts.

Voted and Granted to Joseph Mason Esqr. the Sum of Two pounds 13/4 for his Service as Clerk & Treasurer for ye Year 1753.—

Voted and Granted ye Sum of four Pounds for to help repair ye Great Bridge in Watertown

Voted to mend the High Ways and Town ways by Rate this

Year as Ufual

Voted and Granted the Sum of forty Pounds for ye Mending ye High ways & Town Ways to be Assest on ye Ratable Poles & Estates in the Town

The Vote was put whether it is ye mind of the Town That the price of Labour in Mending ye High Ways & Town ways be as follows vizt four Shillings & nine pence ½ for a man and Teem a Day, and for a Single Man two shillings & 4d 3/4 Pr Day. and ye Vote past in the Affirmative.

Voted and Chofe L<sup>t</sup>. Dan<sup>l</sup>. Whitney & M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup>. Haftings (the prefent Surveyers of High ways &c) to be Collectors of Said Rate or Grant or See y<sup>t</sup> it be work't out faithfully within the Year at the prices that the Town has Set And to make up their Acc<sup>t3</sup>.

with the Selectmen within the Year.

The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Grant the Sum of three Pounds to make good the Deficecy in the Appropriations for ye repairing of ye Ministeral house and building the Ministeral Barn, and if there be any overplus the Comtee: Chosen to manage sd Affair be Accountable to ye Town therefor. And the Vote past in the Affirmative.

The Vote was put whether the Town will grant any Money to repair the Meeting house and ye Vote past in ye Negative.

Voted to Let ye Little Island & ye other Land belonging to ye Town which was Let for ye Last Year.

Voted to Choose A Committee to Let out ye sd Island & other Land for this Year.

Voted and chose Messrs. Joseph Harrington Andw. White & Dean. Saml. Fiske to be a Committee for ye Ends abovesd.—

[113] March the 8th. 1754. The Persons undernamed all of them respectively took the Oath Relating to ye Bills of Credit of other Provinces &c. before Nath! Harris Esgr.—

Enf<sup>n</sup>. Jonathan Bemis
Dea<sup>n</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>. Fisk —
Cor<sup>t</sup>. Edw<sup>d</sup>. Harrington

Selectmen

Mr Josiah Stearns -Mr John Hunt

Joseph Mason took ye Oath of Town Clerk & Trease.

Edmund Foul ye Oath of a Constable & Sealer of Lear.

Jacob Caldwell ye Oath of a Conftable — — — Dean. Saml. Fisk ye oath of Assessor — — — — Thomas Saltmarsh ye oath of Assessor & Deerrieve Nathl. Harrington ye oath of Assessor Jonan. Learned ye Oath of fence Viewer

Ebenezer Wyeth ye oath of fence Viewer Lieut. Danl. Whitney the Oath of Surveyer of

Highways & Collector
Benj<sup>n</sup>. Hafting the Oath of Surveyer of Ways
& of Collector

Abel Benjamin the Oath of a Hogrieve

Befor Nath!. Harris Justice of peace / Jonas Coollidge ye oath of Surveyer &
Measurer of Timber plank &c
Bezaleel Learned ye oath of Surveyer &
Measurer of plank &c
Uriah Clark ye oath of Haward
Edwd. Richardson the oath of Haward
Saml. Cook the Oath of Culler of Hoops & Staves

Befor Nathl. Harris Justice of peace/

At a meeting of ye Selectmen at ye Widow Mary Learneds on the 1st. Day of April 1754.

At this Meeting the Selectmen Appointed the Surveyers of High Ways their Deftricts, which are as follow's, viz<sup>t</sup>. Benjamin Hafting Surveyer His Diftrict to be All the High ways & Town Ways on the Easterly Side of the Town way that Leads a Cross the Town from ye Country Road Near mr Goddards so up the hill where ye Meeting house did stand so by Mr Storers down to Cambridge Line near Thos. Wellington's.—

Lieu<sup>t</sup>. Daniel Whitney Surveyer his Dist<sup>t</sup>. to be all the Town Ways and High ways on the Westerly Side of the Town way Leading across ye Town from ye Highway by Mr Goddards to Cambridge Line Near mr Thos. Wellingtons, also the whole of sd. way Across ye Town as also the HighWays on ye South Side of Charles River. But Since the Country Road in the East District Is under presentment, and it is thought that ye proportion of ye Grant for mending the Ways that may be assign'd to ye East Surveyer will not be Sufficient to mend ye ways So as to save the presentmt. To Accommodate sd. Affair ye Selectmen Agreed That mr Whitney Surveyer of ye Westerly District Should work out Two pounds 13/4 (Lawfull money) of His Rate, in the East District in the High way yt is under Presentmt. And that the Assessors in the Warrant they give to Surveyer Whitney Order the Same Accordingly.—

Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Taynter brought in his Acc<sup>t</sup>. of what he had provided for y<sup>e</sup> Wid<sup>w</sup>. Webb amounting to thirteen Shillings and five pence, w<sup>ch</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Allowed.—

Christopher Grant brought in his Acc<sup>t</sup>. of Boarding y<sup>e</sup> Wid<sup>w</sup>. Mary Maddocks Twenty two Weeks at 4/P week he gave Credit for 4/2. Ballance Due to s<sup>d</sup>. Grant is £4=.3=10. w<sup>ch</sup> Acc<sup>t</sup>. the Selectmen Alowed.

The Selectmen Agre'd wth. Capt. John Taynter to board the Widw. Webb for one Year from the Second of this Instant (if she Survive) at (24 Pr week old Tenr) 3/2 ½ Pr week. to be paid by the Town, and to be Allowed Reasonable Satisfaction for Extraordinary Charge if any should Happen. to which Agremt Mr Taynter Consented.

The Selectmen Agreed with Joseph Coollidge, to Let ye Widw. Mary Maddock make his House her place of Abode (when Diftatute of other place) for the space of a Year, that is to Say when she

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[114] Is Deftitute of work abrod or at other places, but if She can Obtain work any where to incourage her undertaking it, that She may git what She can to help Support her Self, and what work She Shall do for him ye sd. Coollidge, he to give a true Acct yr of to ye Selectmen and to be in part of his pay, and ye sd. Coollidge to keep an Exact Acct. of ye weeks he shall board her, and to be Alowed (24/ Pr week old Tener) 3/2 1/4 Pr week for ye weeks He Shall board her.—to ye which ye sd. Coollidge Concented.—

At a meeting of ye Selectmen at ye Widw. Mary Learneds. on

ye 9th. Day of May 1754

The Selectmen prepared a List of persons for Juriors to be Laid before ye Town for their Acceptance if ye see Meet, and to be

added to the Boxes.

At this Meeting ye Selectmen Ordred ye Clerk to Isue out a Warrant to Warn one Lois Boyington who refides at Nathl. Brights & one Hannah Smith who Refides at ye House of Ebenezer Hinds forthwith to Depart out of Watertown ye Selectmen Refusing to Accept of them to be Inhabis. in Watertown.

(wch. was Done the tenth day, and Caution Entred at ye

Sessions in Cambridge)

[115] At a General Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabts. of the Town of Watertown Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative Regulerly Assembled on the 13. Day of May 1754 at the place where the Meeting house was burt.

The Major part of the Selectmen being Present, The Vote was Called for to be brot. in for ye Choice of a Person to Represent the Town at a Great and General Assembly Appointed to be Convened at ye Court House in Boston on the 29th. of this Instant.—After the Votes were brot in, Sorted and Numbred it Appeared that Mr John Hunt was Chosen to represent the Town at Said Assembly. P ye Major part of ye Voters present.

At a General Town Meeting of ye freholders and other Inhabts. of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs regulerly Assembled on the 13th. of May 1754.

Voted and Chole Capt. John Brown Moderator for sd. Meet-

ing.—

upon a motion made & Seconded, Voted and Adjourned the Meeting to the House of ye Widw. Mary Learneds there to finish ye Remaining busniss

At a General Meeting of ye Inhabts. of Watertown at ye

Widw. Mary Learneds on the 13th, of May 1754, by An Adjournment.

The fourth Article in the Warrant was Red relating to Sufanna Murch

And the Vote was put whether it is the Mind of the Town to grant Susanna Murch a Liberty to Set a Small Building on the Towns Land which Ly's Near Isaac Sandersons where a Committee to be Chosen for that End Shall apoint and Direct, and to enjoy Said Land on which sd. Building is Set Dureing the Town's pleasure.—

And the Vote past in the Affirmative

Voted and Chose the present Selectmen to be the Comtee: for ye Ends abovesaid

A Lift of perfons for Juriors were Exhib<sup>td</sup>. to y<sup>e</sup> Town for Acceptance amounting to the Number of Thirty three. The Town Confidred the Lift and

Voted and Accepted of s<sup>d</sup>. Lift, and to be Added to the Lift of those Surving in the Boxes. There Now being 98 Juriors. A Quarter part is 24. to be in the Superiour Box. Seventeen remaining in s<sup>d</sup>. Box. The Town Voted to be added to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. 17 in s<sup>d</sup>. Box Cap<sup>t</sup>. David Baldwin Cap<sup>t</sup> John Brown m<sup>t</sup> James Bailey Samuel Barnard, Nathaniel Bright, Samuel Hager and Henry Spring.

Voted that the Cler Make the proper Entries or Additions to

Each Box.

The Sixth Article red, and after Debate thereon the Vote was put whether the Town will Appoint a Committee to Petition the Great and General Court for part of Cambridge with part of Newton as An Equivolent for what is taken from Watertown to Cambridge.

Voted and Chose Mr John Hunt Josiah Converse and Capt.

John Brown to be Said Committee

[116] At a meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown at David Coollidges on the 16th. Day of May AD. 1754. The Selectmen Ordred the Clerk to Isue out a Warrant Directed to ye Conftable in Watertown in the following words vizt. You are Required to warn the freeholders and other Inhabtts of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs to meet at the House of mr Thomas Saltmarshe's on the 23d. Day of May Currant at two of ye Clock afternoon (there being no publick Meeting House to meet in) for ye Ends following

(1) to choose a Moderator for Said Meeting. (2) To know the mind of ye Town whether they will come into Any Measurers to procure a Convenant place for the Inhabts. of ye Town to Assemble in, for ye Publick worship of God. So as to Ease ye Revd Mr Storer of ye Burdin of Meeting at His House (3ly) For the Town to Mannifest their Mind, what Steps are proper to be

taken under the present awfull frowns of Heaven Against the Town, That ye Divine Anger May be removed and the Divine Blessing obtained, and the peace of ye Town promoted.

(w<sup>ch</sup> was done accordingly)

At a General Town meeting of ye freeholdrs and other Inhabts. Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs, Regulerly Warned and Assembled at the Dwelling House of mr Thos. Saltmarsh's on the 23d. Day of may AD. 1754 for ye Ends set forth in the Warrant.

- 1. Voted and Chose mr John Hunt Moderator of this Meeting.-
- 2. The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Choose a Committee to make Inquirey where a place may be had for the Inhabts. of ye Town to meet in for publick worship, and take all proper methods for obtaining the Same, and make Report to the Town at their Next Town Meeting and for ye Town to Act their pleasure in Relation there unto. And ye Vote past in the Affirmate.
- 3. Voted and Chofe Cap<sup>n</sup>. David Baldwin Cor<sup>t</sup>. Edw<sup>d</sup> Harrington & L<sup>t</sup>. Daniel Whitney to be Committee for ye Ends Aboves<sup>d</sup>.—
- 4 The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town to Choose a Committee to Apply to ye Revd Mr Storer for his Advice & Direction as to the time for a Day of Humeliation, and if He thinks proper then wth ye Comtee: to Advise with our Neighbour Ministers relating to sd. Affair, and the Day and place they may agree upon to be the time to Attend as a Day of Fasting and prayer And the Revd. Mr Storer be desired to call in Such help as he Shall think proper for ye Carring on the work of ye Day that May be Appointed for Said Solomnity, and that Mr Storer give publick Notice of sd. Day if Agre'd on, and ye Vote past in ye Affirmtve.
- 5. Voted and Chose Joseph Mason Deacon Saml. Fisk and Capt. John Taynter to be the Committee for ye Ends above said.

[117] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown the 3d. Day of June AD. 1754.

A Town Meeting was agreed on to be on Munday the Tenth of June Currant at one of ye Clock afternoone at the House of mr Thos. Saltmarshes in sd. Town for the Ends following vizt.

- 1. To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting.
- 2. To hear the Report of a Committee Appointed by the Town to prepare a place for the Publick Worship of God, and to Act on ye sd. Report what ye Town shall judge proper.
- 3. To know the mind of the Town whether they will Build

- a House for the Publick worship of God, and if so to Determine the Dementions, the time when, and place where it Shall be Errected.
- 4. To See if the Town will Grant a Sufficient Sum of money to Build and finish Such House.
- 5. To See if the Town will Appoint a Committee to purchase the Meteralls for s<sup>d</sup>. House and to oversee the work till the House is finished.
- 6. To know the mind of the Town what they will Alow Said Comm<sup>tee</sup>. a Day for their Trouble, and to pass Such other Votes as Shall then be judged by the Town Necessary and proper to Accomplish sd. Affair. and restore the peacable Publick Worship of God amongst us.

7. To Choose a Constable in the Room Mr Caldwell who is Set

off to Cambridge.

To Joseph Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>. Town Clerk S<sup>r</sup>. You are hereby Desired & Directed by the Selectmen of Watertown to Isue a Warrant for a Town Meeting at at the time & place afore s<sup>d</sup>. and incerte the foregoing Articles there in for the Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Town. (w<sup>ch</sup>: was Done Accordingly att<sup>r</sup>. J Mason Cler/)—

June the 10<sup>th</sup>. 1754. The Warrant for ye Warning of ye abovesd. Meeting fell thrô from Defect in the Officers, where upon the Selectmen this Day Ordred the Clerk to Isue out a nother Warrant Directed to ye Conftable to warn ye freeholdes, and other Inhabts, of ye Town Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs to Meet at mr Thos. Saltmarshes on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup>. Day of this Instant June One Aclock after None, for the Same Ends, and to Act on ye Same Articles weh, are Contained in ye abovesd. Warrant weh, fell thrô. (weh was immediatly done this day & Delivd, to ye Officer in prefence of ye Selectmen ye warrat is on file J. Mason Cler/

At a General Town Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabts. of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs regulerly Warned and Assembled at the the House of Mr Thos. Saltmarshes in sd. Town, on the 13th. Day of June AD. 1754. for the Ends Set forth in the Warrat Isued for ye Warning of sd. Meeting.

- 1. Voted and Chofe Josiah Convers Esq<sup>r</sup>. Moderator for s<sup>d</sup>. Meeting.—
- 2. The Report of ye Comtee: Red to the Town, and after Confideration thereon

The Vote was put whether the Town Accept of sd. Commtees. Report and the Vote past in the Affirmative—

—(before any other Article was Acted on, there was a Number of ye Inhabis. of ye Town Entred their Decent and protest against

paying any part of ye Cost that is proposed to be Voted or Raised. as Set forth in sd. Decent recorded Page (119) in this Book)

3<sup>1</sup>y.

[118] 3<sup>1y</sup>. The Vote was put whether it is the Mind of ye Town to build A House for the Publick worship of God, And ye Vote past in the Affirmative

41y. The Vote was put whether it is the Mind of ye Town, that the Dementions of ye House to be Errected for the publick worship of God, Should be fifty Six feet in Length and forty two feet in Width, Twenty three feet post, A Steeple to be build from the Ground and a Porch at the Oppesite End for going up into the Gallery Each to be fourteen feet Square. And the Vote past in the Affirmative.

5<sup>ly</sup>. The Vote was put whether it is the mind of ye Town that ye Time appointed for the Errecting Said House be as Soon as may be with Convenancy

And the Vote past in the Affirmative.—

6<sup>ly</sup>. The Vote was put whether it is the Mind of ye Town That the House to be Errected for ye Publick worship of God, be Errected on the half Acrer of Land given by Nath!. Harris Esq. to Errect a Meeting House on and the Vote past in the Affirmative.

71y. Voted and Granted the Sum of Six hundred Pounds Lawfull money towards the Building & finishing the House Voted to be Errected for the Publick Worship of God.

8<sup>ly</sup>. Voted to Choose a Com<sup>tee</sup>: of three Persons for to procure Meterals for ye Meeting House to be errected and to over See the work till ye House be finished.

9<sup>ly</sup>. Voted and Chofe Cor<sup>t</sup>. Edw<sup>d</sup>. Harrington Enf<sup>n</sup>. Jonathan Bemis & Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Brown to be Said Committee.

10<sup>ly</sup>. Voted that the Committee shall have three Shillings P<sup>r</sup> Day Lawfull Money for their Service in s<sup>d</sup> Affair of Building s<sup>d</sup>. House.

11<sup>ly</sup>. The Vote was put whether it is the Mind of ye Town that the Committee Chosen for ye Errecting of ye Meeting House for the publick worship of God, are Impowred to Draw out of the Town Treasurey of the Six hundred pounds Voted for the Building of Sd. House from time to time for ye procuring of Meteralls and toward finishing Said Meeting House, The Treasurer first having Recd order from time to time from ye Selectmen for paymt. & ye Vote past in ye Affirmative.

12. Voted and Choie John Cook to be Constable in the Room of Mr Caldwell.—

To Joseph Mason Esqr Town Clerk, Sr. After You Left the Meeting, The Town Voted James Dix to be a Constable in the

Room of M<sup>r</sup>. John Cook of which He Accepted, which please to Record After w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Meeting was Dissolved.—Josiah Convers. Moderator.—

Watertown June 11th. 1754.— [119] We the Subscribers Inhabts. of Watertown having been Warned to attend a Town Meeting on June 13th. 1754. in Order to Act on the Several Articles contained in the Warrant for ye calling of sd. Meeting &c. We being Sencable of ye Great Disadvantage we are under by reason of the Proceedings and Conduct of a Party who Dwell on the Southerly part of ye Town who in order to drive on their Scheems in regard to the pulling down and removing the Meeting House, and in order to gain their point have in a most Arbetrary & Oppressive Manner (as we Apprehend) Denied a Number of Persons who were possest of Some of ve best Estates in the Town from putting in their Votes in the most Important Affair that ever came before a Town and thereby denied them of the just rights & priviledge of English Subjects, when at the Same time they pushed on their Vote and obtain'd it in an over bearing & as we the Subscribers Apprehend an Elegal maner. But sd. Party having Obtained the aforesd. Pretended Vote, proceeded Immediatly to the pulling or reather breaking down the Meeting House by which rash unpresedented proceedings, the Subscribers are greatly Injured & greived all wch. proceedings reflects Dishonour on ye Wildom of the great & General Court who were pleafed to Interpole in placeing and fixing the Meeting House more than Thirty Years Since &c. and has a Direct tendency to bring on contentions and Confusions in ye Town again, and it is Eafy to observe on the Proceedings of this party how they Stile themselves Town as if all their Votes and proposalls had the Santion of Town Orders, and those that comply not therewith were only an Inconfidrable party or a few Straglers on the bounds of the Town, when at the Same time it is well known that those who are Opposite to the Removal of ye Meeting House are According to the Exactest Computation owners and Possessors of much ye greater part of yd Ratable Estate in the Town, and that our Proceedings in order to Defend our Just Rights and priviledges in the Meeting House where it was first Errectted has been Justifyed by People in General; whereas the Violent Proceedings of ye South Party has been as univerfeally Condemn'd

And whereas the Town is Called together to Know their Mindes, whether they will Build a House for the Publick worship of God, to Determine the deMentions the time when and place where it Shall be Errected and to grant a Sufficent Sum of money to Build and finish &c. and to See if the Town Will Appoint a Committee to purchase Meterals and See it finished &c. and to See what the Town will give their Com-

mittee a Day &c. and whereas the A Granting sd. Articles will bring an hevey and unreasonable cost and burden on the Subscribers wch. we Apprehend cannot be justified Either by Law or Reason, therefore we the Subscribers do now give our Decent and protest against our paying any part of the Cost or Charge that is Proposed to be Voted or Raised on sd. Articles and that for the yt following Reasons.

(1)

- [120] (1.) We apprehend that We have just grounds to Afsert that it is no ways owing to any fault or Misconduct of ours that we are Now Destitute of a Publick Meeting House for the worship of God and it is well known that in february Last the Town had a very Commodius and Decent House for that purpose which house was Stated and fixed by ye Authority of ye Great and General Court as also to ye General Satisfaction of ye Body of the Town on which Settlement the Town have Enjoyed great peace and Quietness for a great Number of Years.
- (2) As to the Building a New Meeting House we Apprehend it will be very unjust and unreasonable to Vote and Oblidge the whole Town to be at the Cost and charge thereof there being a Number of Gentlemen who Oblidg'd themselves by An Obligation under their hands and Seals w<sup>ch</sup>. was Delivred to the Town Treasurer to Save the Town from all coft and Charge that might Arife by their Taking Down & Setting up sd House in the Manner & form mentioned in Said Obligation and it is well known there was not one Third part of ye Town wld. have Voted as they Did, had it not been for sd. Obligation, and we Apprehend that in as much as sd. Committee pull'd down the Meeting House at all adventures, So they took upon them the Chance of all Hazzards, and are of Oppinion that their Obligation is as much binding Now as it was the first Day it was given .-- And therefore Desire yt this our Decent & Protest be put on file by the Clerk and Recorded in the Town Book .-

Jonathan Child
Joseph Child
Samuel Parry
Uriah Clark
Edward Richardfon
Wid\*. Elizebeth Prentice
William Godding
Jofiah Bright
Jofiah Stowel
Ephraim Warrin
Henry Godding

Oliver Livermore

Henry Bright
John Kembal
Jonas Bond
Richard Clark
Joseph Harrington
Daniel Bond
Nath<sup>1</sup>. Coollidge
John Coollidge
Ebenezer Stone
Samuel Stratton
Simon Coollidge
Isaac Sanderson

Jedidiah Leathe Silas Bright Jonas Bond jun<sup>1</sup>. Elijah Bond Jonas Barnerd James Baily Nath<sup>1</sup>. Stone Thomas Clark Samuel Whitney Andrew White Jonathan Stone Nath<sup>1</sup>. Bright.

[121] At a Meeting of ye Town of Watertown Regulerrly Warned & held this Sixteenth Day of Sep. 1754 at the House of mr Thos. Saltmarsh Inholder in Watertown.

1. An Extract from a bill intitled an Act for Granting to his Majesty an Excise upon Wines and Spirits Distil'd Sold by retail and Consumed within this Province and upon Limes Lemons and Oranges; Being Read and His Excelency the Government Speech to both houses of Assembly in their Late Sitting June 17. 1754. being read also and Considered. The Question was put whether the passing of a Bill of that Nature into a Law would be Agree-

able to them. And it past in the Affirmative.

2<sup>by</sup>. The Towns Comm<sup>tee</sup>: for Building a Meeting House for the Publick Worship of God having proposed a Confirmation of An Agreem<sup>t</sup>. they could Make with Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Peirpoint & Evens and Laid Said Agreement before the Town; the Question was put whether the s<sup>d</sup>. Comm<sup>tee</sup>. agreeing by the great for ye Building & finishing S<sup>d</sup>. House was Acceptable to them And it past in the Affirmative.

3ly. The Sd Committee further Proposed the Using what Materials were Left of ye House that was Burnt, and the Queston

was put whether it be the Mind of ve Town

that theire Commtee. Sld. Dispose of Sd. Materialls in the best maner they Can towards building the New Meeting House, and it past in the Affirmative.

Attest<sup>n</sup>. — — John Hunt Moderator. — — —

Watertown 28th, 1754.

At a Meeting at the House of ye Widw. Mary Learneds We the Subscribers Agree that William White and His Wife and their two Children Wm. & Nathl. be Warned out of Town and Cautioned against

To Joseph Mason Town Cler /

Sr. this is to Direct You forthwith to Isue out a Warrant to Warn out the persons above Named

Jona<sup>n</sup> Bemis
Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk
Edw<sup>d</sup> Harrington
John Hunt

A Warrant was Issued out accordingly—Directed to Edm<sup>d</sup>. Fowle Constable Who Warn'd out W<sup>m</sup>. White His wife and

Two Chilldren (above mentioned)—And the Caution Entred At the Sessions at Charlestown Jan: 1755—

[122] We the Subscribers being Met at the House of ye Widw. Mary Learneds Inholdr. in Watertown the 12th Day of Decr. 1754 Did then and there Agree with Mr Jacob Foster Junr of Holiston to keep the School in this Town a Quarter of a Year and Instruct the Children & Youth upon the following Terms Vizt. for Ten pounds Lawfull Money Sd. Foster to bord & provid for him Self. Sd. Quarter to begin the 17th Instant.

We also Agre'd that Susanna Murch have three Days work abt. her House paid for by the Town

Jona<sup>n</sup>. Bemis
Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk
Edw<sup>d</sup> Harrington
Josiah Stearns
Selectmen
of Watertown

At a meeting of ye Selectmen a Joseph Mason's the 31st. of Decr. 1754.

To Confider what time m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Coollidge has keept the School Since Agreem<sup>t</sup> at m<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Saltmarfh April 20<sup>th</sup>. 1752. and what reward he shall have for his Service the time He kept y<sup>e</sup> School regulerly. The Selectmen find He kept the School one month from y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>. of April aboves<sup>d</sup>. Then M<sup>r</sup> Coollidge was after that So diforderly as not fit to keep y<sup>e</sup> School. that a nother Schoolmafter was provided for a Quarter of a Year. That Dec<sup>r</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup>. 1752 m<sup>r</sup> Coollidge put into the School again for tryal, once more, and kept the School from the Eleventh Day of s<sup>d</sup>. Decemb<sup>r</sup>. 1752 to the fifth Day of October 1754. (Then difmift) the whole time being one Year and Eleven Months, for which the Selectmen Alow'd Him after y<sup>e</sup> Rate of £40 P Year.

To the Selectmen of Watertown Gentlemen.

Afsefsors }

This May Certify that we the subscribers have Assest the Rateable Polls and Estates of Watertown in the Sum of Forty Pounds—(which Sum was Granted by Sd Town for mending their Highways) And have Committed Lists of Sd. Rate or Assesm. to the Several Survayers of Highways in Sd. Town (who are also Collectors) viz—To Mr Daniel Whitney the Sum of Twenty three Pounds Seven Shillings and three Pence Two Farthings and To Mr Benjn. Hastings the Sum of Sixteen Pounds Twelve Shill—and Eight Pence Two Farthings with Lawfull warrants to Collect ye Same or See that it be Faithfully work't out Agreable to the votes of the Town—So as

to make up with the Selectmen at or before the Last Day of Novbr-Next Enfewing-

Sam<sup>1</sup>. Fisk
Tho<sup>5</sup>: Saltmarsh
Nath<sup>1</sup>: Harrington

Assessors Watertown Apl: 8th-1754

[123] At a Meeting of the Selectmen At the House of the Widw. Mary Learnd Inholdr-on the Tenth Day of Feb: 1755the Select Men Issued out Warrants Directed to the Several Constables to warn the Freeholdrs- and other Inhabts- of Watertown Quallifyed to Vote in Town Affairs to Affemble and Meet at the Publick Meeting House in Sd. Town on Munday the Third Day of March Next at nine of the Clock in the fore Noon for the Ends Following (viz) (1) To Choose a Moderator for Sd. Meeting (2) To Choose Select Men A Town Clerk Town Treasurer and all other Town Officers Required by Law To be Chofen in the Moneth of March Annualy (3) To Choofe a Saxton and Agree How he shall be Paid For his Service. (4) To Put in their Votes for a County Treasurer (5) To know the Mind of the Town whether Swine Shall Run at Large this Year under the Regulations of the Law in such Cafe (6) To Hear the Town Treasurers Accounts and to pass upon them (7) For the Town to Appropriate their Interest Money Coming to the Town This Year the Year beginning the Eleventh of Decbr: Last (8) For the Town to Grant an Honourable Salery for the Revd: Mr. Seth Storer for the Year Enfewing the Year beginning the first of March Next-(9) To Grant Money for the Support of the School (10) To Grant Money for the Support of the Poor (11) To hear the Accounts of those Persons to whome the Town is Indebted and Grant Money to Pay the Same—(12) To Grant Money for the Repairs of the Great Bridge in Watertown (13) To know the Mind of the the Town whether they will Mend the Highways and Town ways By Rate this year Assest on the Rateable Polls and Estates of the Town, and if the Town See Cause to Come into this Method, then to Make a Grant of Money for the Same And that Perons have Liberty to work out what they Shall be Assest at for that Service (if they See meet Provided it be work't out within the Year, at Such Prices as the Town Shall Agree upon for man & Team, And to Choose the Surveyers of Highways to be Collectors of Sd. Rate or to Se that it be Faithfully work't out within the Year-in the Way & Manner that ye Town Shall or may Agree upon-(14) To know the Mind of the Town whether they With the Revd. Mr. Storers Confent will Sell the Ministerial Estate belonging to the Town Or any Part thereof And otherwise Provide for Mr. Storer with the Proceeds of Sd. Estate And to Determin How, And whether they will Appoint A Committee on Sd. Affair, And Confider what Instructions they will give Said Committe—Or otherwise Provid

for M<sup>r</sup>. Storer's Comfortable future Subsistance as the Town Shall then see fitt (15) To know the Mind of the Town whether they will Sell any other Lands belonging to the Town, And Dispose of the Interest of the Money that Shall arise thereby, or the Principle as the Town Shall See Fit (16) To know the Mind of the Town whether they will Give up the Bond Given by the Com<sup>tee</sup> For Removing the Meetinghouse from Schoolhouss hill they having performed the Condition as farr as was Possible (as they Say) (17) To know the Mind of The Town whether they will Let out the Little Island and other

Lands

[124] Lands by the River which were Lett Last Year and Choose a Com<sup>tee</sup>, therefor (18) To Grant Money for the Finishing the Meetinghouse, Or other wise Determin how it shall be done—(19) To know the Mind of the Town whether they will sink any Persons Rates in the Outstanding Constables Hands and if So then Grant Money to Make them Good—The Constables were also Directed to Notifye such Persons to whome the Town is indebted to bring in their Accts. to the Selectmen at the wd: Mary Learneds the 28th of Feb: Instant—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen At the House of the Widw Mary

Learned Inhold <sup>r</sup> . On the 28. Day of Feb: 1755	. For the Re-
ceiving the Accts. of those Persons to whome the T	own is Indebted
in Order for their being Laid before the Town, I	he Accts, Recd:
Are as follows—(viz)—	
Mr. Josiah Stearns's. Acct. For Mending the	
Town's Stocks	£2-10
Mr. Thos: Saltmarsh's Mr Nath!: Harringtons	
Mr. Thos: Saltmarsh's Mr Nath!: Harringtons and Samll Fisks Acct: for Serving As Assessors	.2—.8— —
Sixteen Shillings Each	
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Fisks Acct. for Entring a Caution at the	
Sessions	—1——
Mr. Benja. Hastings's Acct. For three Days & 1/2	
work at Lt. Whitneys House to fit it up to Meet	
in &c.	10-6
Lt. Daniel Whitneys Acct. To the Use of His	
House for a Publick meeting Place Five	
Moneths & ½ at £4—pr. Year	.1—16—9—.2
Joseph Mason Esqr.s Acct. To Serving as Clerk	
& Treasurer ve. Year 1754	2—13—4—
And for warning Sundrie Persons out of Town	2—13—4— — 9—7—
Mr. Benja. Hasting's Acct. To work and Meter-	
ials for the Great Bridge	.1—17—.8—
Lt. Edwd. Harringtons Acct. to work Done at	
the Great Bridge	—8 — —
Enn. Bemis's Acct. To work done at the Great	
Bridge	_ 5_4_

Mr. John Cook's Act. To work done at the Great Bridge

At A Genel: Town Meeting of the Freeholdrs. And Other Inhabts, of Watertown Regulerly Assembled at the Publick Meeting House in Sd. Town On The Third Day of March AD. 1755. for the Choice of Town Officers And Other Town Affairs-

Voted and Chose Capt. John Brown to be Moderator for Sd. Meeting-

 $Voted \ and \ Chose \ for \ Select \ Men \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M^r. \ John \ Hunt \\ Cap^t \ Nath^l. \ Coollidge \\ \hline Sam^{ll}. \ Fisk \\ L^t. \ Daniel \ Whitney \\ Cor^t: \ Josiah \ Stearns \end{array} \right.$ 

And was Sworn to Sd Office By Nathl. Harris Efqr— Voted And Chofe Samll. Fisk Town Clerk Voted And Chose Mr. Nathan!: Harrington Town Treasurer. Voted And Chofe Mr. Cornelius Waldo for the first Constable-Voted & Chofe Mr. Nehemiah Mason for the 2d Constable but was Excufed

[125] Voted and Chose Mr. Thos: Clark for the Second Constable at whose Desire His Brother Richard Clark Apeared to Serve in His Room, And the Question was Put whether it is the mind of the Town to Accept of the Sd. Richard Clark to Serve as Constable in the Room of Thos: Clark and the Vote Past in the Afirmative

 $\label{eq:Voted And Choice for Assessors} \begin{cases} M^r. \ Tho^s \colon Saltmarsh \\ ----Sam^{ll}. \ Fisk \\ M^r. \ Nathaniel \ Harrington \end{cases}$ 

Voted And Chose for Sealer of Leather Mr Edmund Fowle Voted And Choic for sence Viewers Samil. Hager

Voted And Choic for sence Viewers Joseph Paterson Voted And Chofe for Surveyers of Highways { Moses Stone Who are also Chosen Collectors— { Sam<sup>II</sup>. Barnard

Who are also Chosen Collectors—

Voted and Chose for Tythingmen—

Voted And Chose for Tythingmen—

Voted And Chose for Hogrieves—

Voted And Chose for Hogrieves—

Samil. I

John Cook

Bezl. Learned

Thos: Learned

Thos: Harrington

Voted And Chose for Surveyers and \ Jonas Coollidge Measurers of Timber Board Plank &c \ John Brown

Voted and Choie for Hawards | Johan Bright | Robert Learned Josiah Bright Voted And Chose Peter Fessenden Gauger of Cask

Voted And Choie for Culler of Hoops & Samil. Cook Staves & Bezl. Learned

Voted And Chofe Samll. Stratten Saxton-

Voted that the Saxton Be paid by Two Contrebutions As Ufual

Voted that Swine Run at Large this Year under the Regulations of the Law—

Then the Town Treasurer's Accts: were Laid before the Town Read & Accepted

The Town Treasurer's accts: of the Interest money was Read & Accepted—

Voted And Apropriated the Interest Money Coming to the Town This Year the Year beginning the Eleventh of Dec<sup>br</sup>: Last, (viz) £30— Towards the Rev<sup>d</sup>: M<sup>r</sup>. Storer's Salary. And —£.. —5.—8—To the School—

[126] Voted And Granted £66—13—4— for A Salary for the Rev<sup>d</sup>: M<sup>r</sup> Seth Storer this Prefent Year. The Thirty Pounds of the Interest Money Appropriated for that Use to be part of S<sup>d</sup>. Sum

Voted And Granted £30—..—.. for the Support of the School this Prefent Year the Five Shillings & Eight Pence of the Interest Money Appropriated for that Use to be part of Sd. Sum

-Voted & Granted £13-To Support the Poor

Then the Accts. of those Persons to whome the Town was Indebted Amounting to the Sum of £10—15—8—2 Ware Read And Alow'd And the Sum of Ten Pounds Fifteen Shillings Eight Pence Two farthings Voted And Granted to Satisfye Sd. Accts—Voted And Granted the Sum of Three Pounds Toward's the Repairing the Great Bridge—in Watertown—

Voted to Mend the ways this Year by a Rate

Voted And Granted the Sum of £40——: For the Mending the Highways And Town ways to be Assest on the Rateable Polls And Estates in the Town

Voted that the Price of Labour for Man and Team in Mending

the ways be ye Same it was Last Year—

Voted to Sell the Ministerial Place (Exclusive of the Marsh) Provided the Rev<sup>d</sup>: M<sup>r</sup>. Storer Consents to it) And Otherwise Provide for the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup>. Storer—

Put to Vote whether the Town will Choose a Comtee- for that

Purpose—And the Vote Past in the Affirmative

Voted And Chofe Mr. John Hunt Lt. Daniel Whitney And

En: Jonan: Bemis A Comtee. for the Ends AforeSd.—

Upon a Motion Made And Seconded the Vote was put whether it is the Mind of the Town to Ajourn the Meeting to M<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>: Saltmarshes there to Meet in About half an Hour to finish the Remaining Business of the Meeting And the Vote Past in the Affirmative It was accordingly Ajourned—

At a Gen<sup>1</sup>: Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown at M<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>: Saltmarsh On The Third Day of March 1755 By Ad-

journm<sup>t</sup>: The Town proceeded in Acting upon the (14) Article Relating to the Ministerial Place And Directed their Committe on that Affair as follows (viz) To offer the Rev<sup>d</sup>: M<sup>r</sup>. Storer the Interest of the Money Arifing by y<sup>e</sup> Sale of the Ministerial Place in Leiu of the Improvm<sup>t</sup>: of S<sup>d</sup>. Premifes Dureing his Ministry in this Town And in cafe that Don't Suit the Rev<sup>d</sup>: M<sup>r</sup>. Storer—S<sup>d</sup>. Com<sup>tee</sup>- Are Directed to Look out and Purchafe a Ministerial Place Convenient to the Meeting house S<sup>d</sup>. Committe not to Go beyound the proceeds of S<sup>d</sup>. Sale in Providing another—And to Make report to the Town at the Town Meeting Next after S<sup>d</sup>. Affair is Accomplished—

Voted to Sell Such Pieces of Land belonging to the Town as may be Spaered and that the Interest of the Money Arifing by Sd. Sales of Land be Appropriated to the Support of the Gosple

Ministry in this Town

Voted and Chofe M<sup>r</sup>. John Hunt L<sup>t</sup>. Daniel Whitney & En<sup>n</sup>:

Jonathan Bemis <sup>a Com tee</sup> for the Ends AforeS<sup>d</sup>: Voted also that
Said Com<sup>tee</sup>. be Impower'd

To

[127] To Joine with the Committees that are or may be Chosen By Weston & Waltham to Dispose of the Farm belonging to Watertown Weston & Waltham—

Voted that the Bond Given to the Town by the Comttee. Chosen by The Town to Remove the Meeting House from Schoolhouse

Hill be Given up to Sd. Committee

Put to Vote whether it is the mind of the Town to Lett out the Little Island below the Mills and the other Lands by the River which were Lett Last Year. And the Vote Past in the Negative—

Voted that the Remaining Part of the Charge for Finishing the Meeting House (over and Above the Grant made to Build Sd: House) Be Raised upon the Pews that are to be Built in Sd.

doute—

Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Whitney Late Conftable Pleaded for the Abatement of Sundry Perfons Rates in His List (viz) Henry Seger's Rate of 4. shil: & 9 Pence Gilbert Thorntons .2 shil and 7 pence 1 Farthing Sol: Phips's 3 shil. 9—3—James Dascom's—2 fhil—7—1 James Huits—2 fhil. 7—1— John Taynter Jun<sup>r</sup>. 2 shil—7—1— David Fosters .1 sh: 9 Amounting in the whole to £1—..—8—3—which the Town Voted to Abate

John Kembal Jun<sup>r</sup>. Late Conftable Pleaded for an Abatem<sup>t</sup>. of Tho<sup>s</sup>: Browns Rate in his List which is 6 fhil. 6— & Jofiah Harris's—5 fhil 2<sup>d</sup>. .. which Makes —11—8 which the Town

Voted to abate-

The Town also Abated Daniel Pierces Rate in Constable Dix's List All which abatements Make £2—17—7—2— Voted and Granted the Like Sum to make Good Sd. Abatements—

At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of the W<sup>d</sup>. Mary Learned Inhold<sup>r</sup>. on Fryday the Seventh of March AD. 1755 The Officers After Mentioned Sworn By Nath<sup>1</sup>: Harris Efg<sup>r</sup>—

The Oath Respecting the Othr.

Govermts. Money was taken
By the Selectmen

John Hunt
Nathl. Coollidge
Samll. Fisk
Daniel Whitney
Josiah Stearns

The following Person's after They Had taken the S<sup>d</sup>. Money Oath were Sworne to the Faithfull Discharge of the offices to which they ware Chosen (viz) Nath<sup>l</sup> Harrington to the office of Town Treasurer & Assessor—Thos. Saltmarsh And Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Fisk to the Office of Assessors.

Cornelius Waldo & Richard Clark jun<sup>r</sup>. To the Office of Constables. Edm<sup>d</sup>: Fowle To the Office of Sealer of Leather

Joseph Paterson to the Office of Fence Veiw<sup>r</sup>: Moses Stone & Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Barnard to the Office of Survayers of Highways And Collectors—John Cook to the office of Tythingman—Tho<sup>s</sup>. Learned & Tho<sup>s</sup>: Harrington to the office of Hogreavs—Jonas Coollidge & John Brown to the office of Survayer and Measurers of Timber Board Plank & Slitwork—Josiah Bright & Robert Learned to the Office of Hawards or Field Drivers; Gager of Cask Peter

Fessenden to the Office of Gauger of Casks, Samll. Cook to the

[128] To the Selectmen of Watertown

Office of Culler of Hoops and Staves—

Gentlemen-

This May Certify that We the Subscribers have Assest the Rateable Polls & Estates of Watertown in the Sum of Forty Pounds Granted for Mending the High Ways And have Committed Lists of sd. Rate or Assessing to the Several Survayers who are Also Collectors (viz) To Mr Samll. Barnerd the Sum of Twenty Four Pounds Fifteen Shillings & Seven Pence, And To Mr. Moses Stone the Sum of Fifteen Pounds Four Shillings & Five Pence With Lawfull Warrants to Collect the Same or Se that it be work't out Agreable to the Votes of the Town—And make up with the Selectmen at or before the Last Day of Novembr Next Ensewing the Date Hereof—

Watertown June 10<sup>th</sup>.

1755—/

Thos. Saltmarsh
Samll. Fisk
Nathl. Harrington

Afsefsors of
Watertown

[129] Att A Meeting of the Select Men of Watertown at the House of the W<sup>d</sup>: Mary Learned Inhold<sup>r</sup>. of S<sup>d</sup>. Town March 24<sup>th</sup>. AD 1775.—The Surveyers Districts Were Determined as

followeth (viz) M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Barnards District to be the west Part of the Town to the Road that Leads by the Meetinghouse and So over the Hill where the Meetinghouse Lately Stood And So to Cambridge Line Near M<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>: Willingtons M<sup>r</sup>. Barnard to mend s<sup>d</sup>: Road And Also to work out Two Pounds, Thirteen Shillings & Four Pence of His Rate East of S<sup>d</sup>: Road where it may be most needed—M<sup>r</sup>. Moses Stone the Other Survayer to Mend the Roads east of the Road aforesS<sup>d</sup>—

At S<sup>d</sup>. Meeting The Select Men Agreed to Imploy M<sup>r</sup>. Jacob Foster To keep the School for Another Quarter. And Appointed M<sup>r</sup>. John Hunt & Samll. Fisk to Treat with M<sup>r</sup>. Foster And Agree with him to keep the School upon As Reasonable Tearm's as they Can

At S<sup>d</sup>. Meeting the Select men Agreed with Cap<sup>t</sup>. Tainter to keep M<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Coollidge One Fortnight from the Above Date at Four Shillings and Eight Pence p<sup>r</sup>. Week—

Agreed Alfo that Mr. Josiah Stearns and Samll. Fisk Go and Discourse with the Widw. Maddox And Enquire into Her Circumstances and Make Report at the Next Meeting—

Agreed Alfo that M<sup>r</sup> Neth<sup>l</sup> Coollidge and M<sup>r</sup>. Daniel Whitney Go and Enquire of the W<sup>d</sup>: Webb to know Whether she is Content to Tarry at Cap<sup>t</sup>. Tainters or whether she is Defierous to Remove to M<sup>r</sup>. John Coollidges Each of them offering to take s<sup>d</sup>. w<sup>d</sup>: at the Rate of Twenty Four shillings old Ten P<sup>r</sup> week

At a Meeting of the Select men at the House of Capt. Nath! Coollidge the Seventh Day of April: AD. 1755—Josiah Stearns & Samll. Fisk Reported on the Affair of the widw. Maddox as followeth-Thay went & Talk't with sd. widw- And find She is very Defierous of having a Room Provided for Her at Mr Hinds's where she formerly Lived where she thinks she can Provide for her self If she hath her Health Continewed—Upon which the Select Men Defired Capt. Coollidge to Go and Enquire whether a Room may be Obtain'd of Mr. Hinds for sd- Widw- And to ingage the Rent Provided Sd. Widw. Should not be able to Pav it-It was propos'd to Hire a Room for one Quarter first and Provided sd- widw- Can make it Do Comfortably—then to Have sd. Room ingaged or Hired for another Quarter & So on for the Space of a Year-At Sd. Meeting the Select men Agreed with Mrs. Coollidge the wife of Mr. John Coollidge to Board Mr Samll. Coollidge at the Rate of Four Shillings pr- week for the Space of one Year-Provided he Can't be Got into Some way of Business whereby he may in some measure Earn his Living—At Sd. Meeting the Select Men Ordered the Treasurer to Pay £5-16-.. To Capt. Taynter for Boarding Saml. Coollidge to this Date—Thay also Orderd the Treasurer to Pay £7-10-4-2- To sd. Captfor His Boarding the Widw- Webb and for Extreaordineries to the 2<sup>d</sup>. Inftant—S<sup>d</sup>. Orders Signed Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Fisk Town Clerk—

[130] At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Sam<sup>II</sup>. Fisk on the First Day of May A. D. 1755 The Select Men having Rec<sup>d</sup>. a Precept for Choosing A Representative Ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants for Calling a Town Meeting to Choose a Representative on the 12<sup>th</sup>- of this Instant May at the Publick Meeting house at one o-Clock After noone which was Done in the words following—(viz)

Directed to the Conftables

These are in His Majesties Name to Will and Require You A forthwith to warn the freeholdrs- and Other Inhabitants of Watertown in Your District who are Qualifyed to Vote in the Choice of a Representative to Assemble and Meet at the Publick meetinghouse in sd. Town on Munday the Twelfth Day of May Instant at one of the Clock afternoon then and there to Elect & Depute a Sutable Person to Serve for and Represent them in a Great and General Court or Assembly to be held Appointed to be Convened Held And Kep't for His Majesties Service at the Court House in Boston on Wenesday the Twenty Eighth Day of May Courant Hereof Fail Not Dated at watertown May the 5th. A D-1755—Pr. Order of the Select men

Samll. Fisk Town Clerke

At the Select mens Meeting Abovesd. Thay Directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants for a town Meeting on the 12- Day of May Instant at Two of the Clock afternoon at the Publick Meetinghouse in sd. Town For the Ends following-(viz)-(1) To Choose a Moderator for sd. Meeting—(2) To know the mind of the Town whether they will Dispose of their Right in the Farm Near Watchuset Hill (Provided the other Towns Concernd Don't Se Cause to Joine in Sd. Affair) And to pass any Vote or Votes on sd. Affair as thay shall Judge propperwhether it is their minds that (3) For the Town to Manifest their Bonds upon Interest in the Treasurie which have one Years Interest or more Due upon them be put in Sute the Next Term Provided the Interest be not paid before—And also the Notes of Hand in the Treasurie—(4) To Hear the Petition or Plea of Uriah Clark for a Confideration on the Account of His being over Rated in the Last Town Rate-And for the Town to act their pleasure on Sd. Affair—(5) To Choose a Saxton—(6) To Hear the Account of the Committe Chofen by the Town to build the Meeting house—(7) For the Town to Determin in what way and Manner they will Dispose of the Pews (Confistant with the Vote already past on sd. Affair) And to pass Any Vote or Votes on Said Affair as the Town shall Judge propper-Warrants were Issued out accordingly-Attst. Samll. Fisk Clerk.

At S<sup>d</sup>. Meeting the Select Ordered the Conftables Districts to be as follows the East District to be as Ufual with the Addition of Mifs<sup>urs</sup>- Richard Clark His Sons Tho<sup>s</sup>. and Richard Jonathan Stone John Kembal & John Kemball Jun<sup>r</sup>. Daniel Bond Jonas Barnard and the W<sup>d</sup>. Sibble Bright & their Eftates—the West to be the Remainder of the Town—

[131] At A General Town Meeting of the freeholdrs- & Other Inhabitants of Watertown Qualifyed to Vote in the Choice of A Reprefentative Regurly assembled on the Twelsth Day of May A D— At the Publick meetinghouse in said Town The Selectmen being Present Ordered the Clerk to Reed the warrant for sd. Meeting After which the Votes were Call'd for—which when brought in Sorted And Number It Appeared that Mr. John Hunt was Chose by a Major part of the Votes—

At a General Town Meeting of the Freehold<sup>15</sup>- and other Inhabitants of Watertown Qualifyed to Vote in Town Affairs Regularly Assembled at the Publick meetinghouse on Munday

the 12- Day of May A D- 1755-

Voted & Chose Mr. John Hunt Moderator for Sd. Meeting— Upon A Motion Made and Seconded the Meeting and the Business of it was Adjourned to Munday the Second Day of June Next Two o'Clock Afternoon then to be held At the Publick Meeting-house in Sd. Town..

At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholdrs- and other Inhabitts- of Watertown, Qualifyed to Vote in Town Affairs Regularly Assembled at the Publick Meetinghouse on Munday

the Second Day of June A D 1755. By Adjournment

Put to Vote whether it is the mind of the Town to Dispose of their Right in the Farm Near Wachuset Hill for the most it will fetch in Case the Other Towns Concern'd Dont se cause to Joine in Sd. Affair—And the Vote past in the Affirmative—Put to Vote whether it is the mind of the Town that their

Put to Vote whether it is the mind of the Town that their Com<sup>tee</sup>- viz M<sup>r</sup>. John Hunt L<sup>t</sup>. Daniel Whitney & En<sup>n</sup>: Jonathan Bemis—Chosen Last March Meeting to Joine with Committees which Might be Chosen by Weston & Waltham, to Dispose of S<sup>d</sup>. Farm Be the Committee to Dispose of Watertowns Right In S<sup>d</sup>. Farm As afores<sup>d</sup>. And the Vote Past in the Affirmative—

Put to Vote whether it is the mind of the Town that the Bonds upon Interest in the Treasurie which have one Year's Interest or more Due upon them Be Put in Sute the Next Term Provided the Interest be not paid before—And Likewise the Bonds which may be I cold's upon as Hersendeus by the Treasurer.

may be Look't upon as Hazzardous by the Treasurer

And The Vote Past in the Affirmative Put to Vote whether it be the Mind of the Town that the Notes of hand in the Treasurie be Immediatly put upon Interest to the Town or Put in Sute Next Term—and the Vote Past in the Asirmative—

Voted and Granted One Pound Five Shillings Two Pence Three Farthings to Mr Uriah Clark on Account of his being over Rated in the Last Town Rate—

Voted and Chofe Mr. Benja. Hastings Saxton-

Put to Vote whether it is the mind of the Town, that those persons who Injoy'd Pews, in the former Meetinghouse Should have Pews in in the present Meetinghouse in the Same place's where their Pews were in S<sup>d</sup>. former Meeting house Under the Regulations and upon the Terms Other Pews Shall be Dispos'd of And the Vote Pas't in the Negative

Put to Vote whether it be the Mind of the Town that the Pews be Settled upon Real Estate Personal & Faculty And one Head

And the Vote Past in the Negative

[132] Put to Vote Whether it be the mind of the Town to Settle the Pews upon Real Eftate and one Head And the Vote Past in the Negative—Put to Vote whether it be the mind of the Town that the Pews Should be Settled upon Real & Personal Estate and one Head—

And the Vote Pas't in the Affirmative

Upon a Motion made and Seconded the Vote was put whether it is the mind of the Town to Reconfider the Last Vote

And it Past in the Negative-

Put to Vote whether it is the mind of the Town that the Valuation By which the Rate was made for Building the Meetinghouse be the Rule by which the Pews shall be Dispos'd of

And the Vote Past in the Affirmative

Put to Vote whether it is the mind of the Town that the Pew nearest the Pulpet Stairs be referv'd for the Ministerial Pew And the Vote past in the Affirmative

Voted that M<sup>r</sup> John Sawins Real Eftate Set to his Son John in S<sup>d</sup>. Valuation Should be Set to the S<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. John Sawin in Drawing a Pew

Voted that that part of M<sup>r</sup>. Moses Stones Estate which was Set to his Mother in the Valuation AforeS<sup>d</sup>. be Set to S<sup>d</sup>. Moses Stone in the Disposition of the Pews—

Voted that the Real Estate of Mr. Jonathan Brown Set to his Son Jonathan in Sd. Valuation Be Set to the Sd. Mr. Jonathan Brown in the Adjusting of the Pews—

Voted that the Estate's of Mr Oliver Livermore Mr. Nethaniel Bright and Mr. Samll. Coollidge Deceas't Have their Chance in Drawing Pews—

Voted that those Persons to whom the Pews shall be Granted

or who Shall Draw the Pews, Personaly Set in them Usualy with their Families or Sd. Pews Shall Revart to the town

Voted that when any Persons Shall Se cause to Sell their Pews the Town Shall have the Refusal of Sd. Pews Paying the Money Rais'd on Sd. Pews—

Voted that If any Persons Sell their Estates and Move out of Town, Their Pews Shall Revert to the Town, The Town Paying or Reimbursting to them the Money Paid by them for Sd. Pews—

Voted that those Persons who are Reputed Members of the Church of England have a Chance for Drawing Pews And Enjoy the Pews they Shall Draw So long as they Pay their Proportion to the Meetinghouse & Support of the Minister in this Town—Which if they Resulte to Do Sd. Pews Shall Revart to the Town for the Town to Dispose of as they Shall See fitt—

Voted that the Money to be Rais'd upon the Pews be Paid by the Perfons who shall Draw the Pews Each one his proportion by the first Day of July Next Ensewing which if they Refuse or Neglect to Do their Pews shall revert to the Town to be dispos'd of as the Town Shall See fitt

Voted that the Assessors be the Comtee. to Make the adjustmt. of the Charge to be Laid upon the Pews And to offer the Pews to

[133] Persons According to their Pay the highest Payer first and so on Successively

Voted And Adjourned this Meeting and the Remaining Business of the Meeting to Munday the 16 Day of June Instant Two of the Clock After Noone to this Place—

At A General Town Meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of Watertown, Qualifyed to Vote in Town Affairs Regulerly Assembled at the Publick Meetinghouse in Sd. Town on Munday the Sixteenth Day of June A D. 1755—By Adjournmt-The Accounts of the Committe Chosen by the Town to build the Meetinghouse Ware Read which in the General are as follows—

To the Contract with M<sup>r</sup>. Peirpoint & Evans £4840—Old Ten To Services done by Persons & Meterials Procured 360—1—1 To Alowance for Finishing the Meetinghouse 51—.—

Granted by the Town-£4500-old Ten	£5251—1
Meterials of the former house Sold 151—1—	4651—1
4651—1	£0600—0

Put to Vote whether it is the Mind of the Town to accept the Committee account And that Six hundred Pounds old Ten Be Rais'd upon the Pews for Compleating the House—

And the Vote Past in the Affirmative

Voted and Adjourned this Meeting to the Second Day of July Next at Ten of the Clock in the forenoon then to Meet at this place—And that the Assessors proceed in Adjusting & Disposing of the Pews in the Mean time—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Samll. Fisk the 16 of June 1755—When Mr. Wyeth of Cambridge brought Ruth Maddox who was bound out by the Selectmen & Exchanged Indentures—at sd. Meeting the Selectmen Agreed to Hire Mr Jacob Foster to keep the School Another Quarter—

At a General Town Meeting of the Freehold<sup>rs</sup>. and other Inhabitants of Watertown Qualifyed to Vote in Town Affairs Regulerly Assembled at the Publick Meetinghouse in S<sup>d</sup>. Town on Wednisday the Second Day of July AD. 1755. By Adjournment—

Put to Vote whether it is the mind of the Town that the Comtee- for Building the Meetinghouse be the Persons to Receive the Money Voted to be rais'd Upon the Pews, And the Vote Past in the Affirmative—

Voted that Cap<sup>t</sup> John Brown be Directed to Give Receipts to Perfons (who Shall Pay their Money for their Pews) in the Name of the Com<sup>tee</sup>-

[134] Put to Vote whether it be the Mind of the Town to accept of and Confirm what the Assessors have Done as a Comtee-in Proportioning the Money Voted to be rais'd upon the Pews, and the Disposition they have made of Sd. Pews,

And the Vote Past in the Affirmative

Voted that the Comtee- for Building the Meetinghouse Be and hereby Are Directed and Impowered to Receive the Money of those Persons who have not yet Paid the proportionable part of the Charge Laid upon the Pews they have Chosen or Pitch't upon Provided the Money be Paid on or before Munday Next, & in Case they Neglect or Resuse to Pay by that time Sd. Comtee- Shall offer Sd. Pews to the Next highest Payers and So on Successively Untill Sd. Pews are Dispos'd of and the Money Assest upon them Paid by those who shall Receive Sd. Pews—

The following is a list of the Names of the Persons to whome the Pews were Granted with their Prime Cost 1755

	Names	Invoice £ s	Sums afseft £ s d	
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Leiut:	Daniel Whitney	105 8	23 1 11	
Leiu.	Richd: Clark	101 18	22 7 —	
Mr.	John Hunt	97 10	21 6 11	
	Jonas Bond Esqr	90 4	19 14 5	
	Ionan: Bemis	86 4	18 15 10	
wido	Sibel Bright	86 4	18 15 10	
	Saml Fisk	84 18	18 11 5	
	Mofes Stone	82 8	18 1 2	
Capt	John Brown	80 18	17 12 8	
	John Kemball	79 2	17 6 6	
	Henry Spring	78 6	17 — 2	
	Jonan: Brown	76 12	16 15 8	
	Josiah Stearnes	74 16	16 7 11	
	Nath! Harris Esqr	74 6	16 7 6	
	Sam¹: Benjamin	73 4	16 1 —	
	Josh Harrington	71 13	15 14 —	
	Jonan: Stone	68 14 65 16	15 — 10 14 8 5	
	Amos Bond Sam <sup>1</sup> : Jenison	65 16 65 14	14 8 5 14 7 9	
	Sam!: Jennon Sam!: Barnard	63 16	13 19 7	
	Andrew White	60 2	13 3 6	
	Ebent Goddard	59 18	12 19 9	
	Jonas Coollidge	58 18	12 18 5	
	Edmund Fowle	57 16	12 13 4	
	John Cook	57 8	12 10 10	
	Joseph Patterson	56 16	12 9 1	
	Nath! Harrington	55 10	12 2 8	
	John Whitney	54	11 16 —	
Capt:	Nath! Coollidge	- 51 4	11 4 4	
	Sam1: Hager	50 18	11 3 —	
	John Sawin	50 16	11 2 5	
	John Coollidge	50 6	10 19 2	
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Capt:	John Tainter	49 6	10 15 —	
	Daniel Bond	49 6	10 15 —	
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[136] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of the w<sup>d</sup>. Mary Learned Inholder—On Munday the First Day of Sep<sup>br</sup>: A D. 1755—To Confider of the List of Perfons Licenced Last Year—The Selectmen in their Return Signifyed they had nothing to Object to their Having their Licences Renew'd—

At Said Meeting the Selectmen Ordered the Clerk to Send Letters to Notify the Selectmen of Weston and Waltham to Meet with the Selectmen of Watertown on Munday the Fifteenth of Sep<sup>br</sup>- Inftant, At the Houfe of M<sup>r</sup>. Richard Cutten of S<sup>d</sup>. Waltham, Inhold<sup>r</sup>- The Selectmen of Waltham to be notifyed to Meet at S<sup>d</sup>. Cuttens on s<sup>d</sup>- Day At one of the Clock afternoon Precisely to Adjust the Charge of the Poor Jointly Supported by Watertown & Waltham—According to the terms on which Waltham was Set off From Watertown—The Selectmen of Weston to Meet at three of the Clock s<sup>d</sup>. Afternoone at s<sup>d</sup>. Place with the Selectmen of Watertown & Waltham—to Adjust the Accoumpts of the Charge of the Great Bridge in S<sup>d</sup>. Watertown mutualy—Suported by S<sup>d</sup>. Towns—

And Likewise to Desire the Selectmen of Weston to Insert it as an Article in their warrant for their Next Town Meeting—To know their minds' whether they will Choose a Comtee- to Joine with Watertown & Walthams Comtee's to Devide the Farm belonging to Sd. Towns—in Case they are Determin'd not to Sell their Right in Sd. Farm—Letters were Sent Accordingly pr.

Samll. Fisk Town Clerk

At. S<sup>d</sup> Meeting the Selectmen ordered the Clerk to Order the Town Treasurer to Pay M<sup>r</sup>. Jacob Foster Our present Schoolmaster for his keeping the School the Second Quarter—

The Selectmen of Weston Sent Letters to the Selectmen of Watertown And Waltham Signifying they Could not attend to Meet at the time Appointed upon the Affair of the Great Bridge and appointed to Meet on Fryday the Ninteenth at one of the Clock afternoon at Richd. Cuttens—

[137] At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham at M<sup>r</sup>. Richard Cuttens at Waltham, on the Nineteenth Day of Septem<sup>r</sup>. AD. 1755—The Charge of the Great Bridge in Watertown was Adjusted between S<sup>d</sup>. Town's—as Followeth—

1752—Watertowns Cost for Repairs of ye Great Bridge in said Town Since ye Last Adjustmt: on Feb: 11—1752—

To Jonathan Bemis to 3 Days work of His Team and  $4\frac{1}{2}$  of a man

£..—13—4

To Benja. Hastings for work and care of the Great Bridge in 1752

.1—12—.

£16—5 —11

To Edwd. Harrington to 2 Days work of A Team &	
Three & 1/2 of a man and 2 Days of a Lad Carting	
Gravil to the Great Bridge	—12—
	14
To Capt David Baldwin for 115 Feet of Slitwork	
for S <sup>d</sup> . Bridge	—.5 —5
To David Livermore for Dogs & Speek for the	
Great Bridge	—1 —6
8	1
To Jonas Coollidge for Six feet of Timber for the	
Great Bridge	—3 —6
1753—To David Livermore for Speeks and Dogs	
for the Great Bridge	2 9
	4
To Benja: Hasting for work Done at the Great	
Bridge in 1753	1—8 —8
1754—To Benja. Hastings for Work and Meterials	
for the Great Bridge	<b>—1—17—8</b>
d d	1 17 0
To Lt. Edw. Harrington for work Done At the	
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Great Bridge	—.8 —
To Enfn- Jonathan Bemis for work Done at the	
Great Bridge	—5 —.4
To John Cook for work Done at the Great Bridge	—2 —8
To John Cook for Work Done at the Great Bridge	—2 —0
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	£7—12—11
Due from Wester to Westertown by the Adirect	
Due from Weston to Watertown by the Adjustmt-	(1 0 11
Feb: 11—1752	£1—8—11
Paid to Watertown in Cash	—8—9—2
	£11-2

Weston's Charg on the Great Bridge in Watertown Since the last Adjustment—Feb. 11—1752—

£1—2 —
—16—
—18—9
3—14—3
2—.2 —.
£8—13— 7—12—11

Total

Province Tax. Watertowns Westons Walthams	133—.7 193—16 124—10
	369—13
Watertowns Part Westons Part Walthams Part	£5—17—6 4—18—5 5—10—
	16—.5—11
Watertown hath over Paid Weston hath over Paid	1—15—5 3—14—7
—Due from Waltham—	£5—10—

This Ballance of £5—10 Set to waltham's Acct: See Page 48—Treafurie—

Due from Waltham to Watertown by the Adjustment Feb: 11—1752 £5—1—2

To which Adjustm<sup>t</sup>. The Selectmen of Each Town Set their Names as follows

ALTER TILL ... 1

John Hunt— Sam <sup>II</sup> . Fisk Daniel Whitney Jofiah Stearns—	Selectmen of Watertown	Nathan Fisk Abraham Biglow Eben <sup>r</sup> : Hobbs Isaac Allen	Selectmen of Weston
	Livermore Sanderfon all	Selectmen of Waltham	

[138] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of John Hunt Esq: Ordered that the Town Treasurer be Directed to Send out Executions Against the Delinquent Constables for their deficiency in Collecting the Town Rates—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen At the Publick meeting house in S<sup>d</sup>. Town On Munday the Sixth Day of Octo<sup>r</sup>- A D. 1755—Agreed that the Treasurer be ordered to Pay M<sup>r</sup>. Jacob Foster for His Keeping the School the Third Quarter—

At Sd. Meeting the Selectmen Ordered the Clark to Issue out Warrants for a Genl: Town Meeting to Be on the Munday Following (viz) on the 13th- of October Instant At one of the Clock afternoon At the Publick meetinghouse in sd. Town—for the Ends following (viz)

(1.) To Choose a Moderator for Sd. Meeting-

(2) To know the mind of the Town whether they will appropriate a Sum of Money in the Treasurie unappropriated Also a Sum of money Due from Waltham; To be Improved with the Proceeds of the Sale of the Parsonage in Purchasing another, By their Comtee- Appointed for that Purpose—And in Case Sd. Sum's and Proceeds shall be Judged Insoscient for that Purpose—Then to know the mind of the Town whether they will Grant Such a Sum of money to be Aded thereto as will be Sufficient to inable sd. Comtee- to Accomplish sd. Affair—Or for the Town to Come into Any other Measures whereby Sd. Affair may be accomplished—

Warrants were Issued Out Accordingly by Samll. Fisk Town

Clerk-

At A General Town Meeting of the Frehold<sup>rs</sup>- And other Inhabi<sup>ts</sup>: of Watertown Regulerly Assembled at the Publick Meetinghouse in S<sup>d</sup>. Town On Munday the Thirteenth  $^{\text{day}}_{\Lambda}$  of Octob<sup>r</sup>-

AD—1755—

Voted and Chofe John Hunt Efqr. Moderator for Sd. Meeting—(1) The Vote was Put whether it be the mind of the Town to Appropriate the Money in the Treasurie (Unappropriated) which was Paid in by their Representative And Also a Sum of Money Due from Waltham to Watertown to be Improved in Purchasing a Parsonage And that their Comtee- Appointed for that Purpose be Directed and Impowered to Receive and Improve sd: Monies for the Ends AforeSaid—And the Vote Past in the Affirmative

(2) Put to Vote whether it be the mind of the Town to Appropriate the Sum of Sixty Six Pounds Thirteen shillings and four Pence of the proceeds of the Sale of the Farm Near Wachuset

Hill to be improved by-

Sd.

[139] Sd. Comtee- for the Ends and Purposes Aforesd.

And the Vote Past in the Affirmative

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M<sup>rs</sup>. Mary Learned Octo. 13 (1755 Appointed to Meet at M<sup>r</sup>. David Coollidges on Munday the 20<sup>th</sup>- of Octob<sup>r</sup>- A D—1775—In order to take Sum further Care of M<sup>rs</sup>. Maddocks and also to take care of the Towns Stock of Powder—&c—

At a Meeting of The Selectmen at the House of M<sup>r</sup>. David Coollidge on Munday Octob<sup>r</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> AD—1755. with Respect to M<sup>rs</sup>. Maddocks the Selectmen Agreed to Make sum further Enquirie where Shee may be Well & Reasonably taken care of—The Selectmen Viewed the Towns Stock of Ammanition And found the Powder somwhat Damnifyed for want of being Stird; And Determined to Procure Some other place for to keep S<sup>d</sup>.

Ammanition in (It having for sundry Years Past been keep't in the Milhouse Chamber that was formerly Deacon Joseph Coollidges) And were of Opinion that the Meetinghouse was the

most proper place for it to be kept for the future -:

At Said Meeting the Selectmen Directed the Clerk to Order the Treasurer to pay Or order the Payment of the Town Credit<sup>rs</sup>-the Sums of money Due to them which was Granted Last march—And also the Payment of what was Granted to Uriah Clark at may Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M<sup>r</sup>. Josiah Stearns Nov<sup>br</sup>. 17<sup>th</sup>- AD. 1755. Agreed that John Hunt Esq: & L<sup>t</sup>. Daniel Whitney Go to M<sup>r</sup>. Hind's's and inform Him that the Selectmen Desire that He would So far Provide for M<sup>rs</sup>. Maddocks as not to let her Suffer And the Selectmen promis him Reasonable Alowance for it —

At S<sup>d</sup>. Meeting the Major Part of the Selectmen Agreed to try M<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Coollidge againe in the School And to Pay him According as he shall perform—And to keep him No Longer in

the School than He shall keep it Regurlerly and well-

At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mrs. Mary Learned Inholder on Munday Jany: 5—AD 1756—Ordered the Town Treasurer to Pay the Remaining Part of of the Grant for Building the Meetinghouse to Capt. John Brown & Others

a Comtee- Chosen by the Town for that Purpose

At A Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday Jan: 26th- AD 1756 at the House of John Hunt Esq: Upon the Affaire of the French Familie Sent into the Town by Order of the Gen!: Court-Agreed that Mr. Hunt Take the Care of of Sd. Familie And Provide Wood And other Necessaries for them at the Charge of the Town—till Further Order—At Sd. Meeting Ordered the Clark to Give order to the Town Treasurer to Pay Sixteen Shillings to Mr. Simon Tainter of Westborough for Boarding Mr. Sam!. Coollidge one Moneth—And Charge it to Said Coollidge—And Also ordered the Clark to Issue out a warrant to warn out one Abigail Branch out of Town She now Residing in it—

[140] At A Meeting of the Selectmen on Munday Feb: 16. A D. 1756 At the House of L<sup>t</sup>. Daniel Whitney—Order<sup>d</sup>. The Town Treasurer to Pay Nine Shillings & Four Pence to Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Tainter for keeping M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Colidge Two weeks in April Last—to be Charg'd to S<sup>d</sup>. Coollidge—

At Sd. Meeting the Selectmen Defired Capt. Coollidge to Procure a Pair of Briches. A Pair of Shoes and Stockings A

Shirt and Hankerchief for Sd. Coollidge

At sd. Meeting the Selectmen Gave ordt. to the Town Treasurer to Pay One Pound—Four shillings to Captt Nathl. Coollidge

in Part for His Boarding His Brother Sam<sup>ll</sup> Coollidge And to Charge it to S<sup>d</sup>. Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Coollidge—

At Sd. Meeting the Selectmen Directed the Town Clark to Issue out Warrants to the several Constables to Warne the Inhabits- of Watertown to meet at ve Publick Meetinghouse in Sd. Town On Munday the First Day of March Next at Nine of the Clock in the Morning-which was done Accordingly-the Warrants Contain'd the Following Articles—(viz) (1) To Choose a Moderator for sd. meeting (2) To Choose Selectmen Town Clerk Town Treasurer a Constable or Constables Assessors And All Other Such Town Officers Required by Law to be Chosen in the month of March Annually (3) To Choose a Saxton And Agree how he shall be Paid for his Service (4) To Put in their Votes for a County Treasurer (5) To know the mind of the Town whether Swine Shall Run at Large und, the Regulations of the Law-(6) To Hear the Town Treasurers Accts- and to pass upon them (7) For the Town to Appropriate the Interest money Coming to the Town this present year the year beginning the Eleventh of Decembr. Last. (8) To Grant the Revd. mr. Seth Storers Salary for the Enfewing Year the Year beginning the First Day of March Next—(9) To Grant money for the Soport of the School-10 To Grant money for the Support of the Poor the Enfewing year—(11) To Hear the Accouts of those persons to whome the Town is Indebted And to Grant money to Pay them (12) To Grant money for the Repairing the Great Bridge in Watertown (13) To know the mind of the Town whether they will mend their Highways & Town ways By A Rate the Ensewing year And if So then to Grant a Sum of money for Sd. Purpose And for the Town to Agree upon the Price of Labour in Working out sd. Rate And for the Town to Choose the Survayers of Highways to be Collectors of Sd. Rate or to See that it be Carefully work't out—within the Year—(14) To Hear the Pleas of Some Late Constables for Abatemt. of Some Perticuler Persons Rates in their Lists And for the Town to act their Pleasure thereon—(15) To Hear the Petition of Jonas Bond Efqr And Others Relating to the Watering Place on the North Side of the Town Called Bisco's Spring And for the Town to Act their Pleasure on Sd. Affair (16) To know the mind of the Town whether they will Employ Mr. Samll- Coollidge to keep the School the Enfewing Year or Any Part thereof (17) To Hear the Petition of the Widw Elifabeth Learned Praying the Town to Choose and Impower a Comtee- to Give her a Deed of the Land bought of the Town by Her Late Husband, and for the Town to Act on Sd. Affair as they shall See fit-And to Direct the Constables to notifie Such Persons to whome the Town is Indebted to bring in their accts. to the Selectmen at the House of the Widw- Mary Learned of Sd. Town Inholdr- on Friday Feb:

27. Courant at three of the Clock Afternoon Warrants were Issued out Accordingly Pr. Samll. Fisk Town Clerk—

[141] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of the

Widw Mary Learned Inhold on Fryday Feb- 27th- 1756-To Receive the Accts. of those Persons to whome the Town is Indebted In Ordr- to have them Laid before the Town, for their Allowance--—The Accts- Are as Followeth—viz— To Mr. Nathaniel Harrington for Serving Treasurer for the Year 1755 £2-13-4 To Thos: Saltmarsh Nathaniel Harrington & Samll. Fisk for Serving As Assessors for the Year-1755—Sixteen Shillings Each 2—8—.. To Samll. Fisk for Entring A Caution at the Sessions ..-..1--6 To Jonas Barnard for a Plank for a Bridge Near Mr. Stearns's -1 - 6To Lt. Daniel Whitney for two Large Stones for ..- 3 -- .. a Bridg near Mr. Stearnss... To Jonas Coollidge For 30 Feet of Plank for a

Small Bridge ......4 — ..

To Thos. Giles for mending the Schoolhouse windows ......8 —10

To Benja. Hastings for A Padlock and Bell Rope for the Meetinghouse ......3 —.7

To Thos. Giles for Mending the windows of the Ministerial House ...-10-...7

To Lt. Daniel Whitney for Speaks & for Work

Done at the Great Bridge ...—15—10—2
To Benja- Hastings for Work Done at the Great
Bridge 1—.1—6

To the Estate of David Livermore for Speaks for the Great Bridge ......2—5—

To John Cook for work Done at the Great Bridge ......2—8

To Cont. Dovid Polywin for 676 Foot of Plank.)

To Cap<sup>t</sup>. David Baldwin for 676—Feet of Plank \\
at 1/6 O Ten P<sup>t</sup>. foot for the Great Bridge \\
.6—15—.2

At A General Town Meeting of The Freehold<sup>rs</sup>- and Other Inhabitants of Watertown Qualify'd to Vote in Town Affairs—Regurly Assembled at the Publick Meetinghouse in S<sup>d</sup>. Town on Munday the First Day of March AD—1756—Voted And Chose Josiah Converse Esq. Moderator For S<sup>d</sup>:

Meeting—

Jonas Bond Efq:
Josiah Converfe Efq:
Mr. Ebenezr: Stone
Capt. Edw<sup>d</sup>. Harrington—
—Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Fisk—

£15-11-11

Voted and Chofe for Selectmen

Voted And Chose for Town Clerk—Samll. Fisk
Voted And Chose for Town Treasurer. Samll. Fisk
Voted And Chose for Constables

Voted And Chose for Constables

Samll. Fisk
Voted And Chose for Assessors

Voted And Chose for Assessors

Voted And Chose for Assessors

John Kemball Junr-

[142] Voted and Chose for Sealer of Leather Edmund Fowle—

Voted And Chose for Fence Viewers—

Voted And Chose for Survayers of High ways 

Voted And Chose for Survayers of High ways 

Voted and Chose for Tythingmen—

Voted and Chose for Tythingmen—

Voted and Chose for Hogrieves—

Voted And Chose for Survayers & Measurers 

Voted And Chose fo

Voted And Adjourned this Meeting And the Remaining Business of it to Fryday the Seventh Instant at Eleven o Clock in the forenoone to this place

At A Gener<sup>1</sup>: Town Meeting of The Freehold<sup>rs</sup>- And other Inhabitants of Watertown Qualifyed to Vote in Town Affairs Assembled and Met at the Publick meetinghouse in S<sup>d</sup>. Town on Fryday the Seventh Day of March—AD. 1756 By Adjournm<sup>t</sup>— After the Moderator Had Opened the Meeting the Town Proceeded In the Choice of Town Officers—

Voted And Chose for Hawards or { Jonathan Stone } I Jonathan Brown Junf-Voted And Chose for Gauger of Casks Samil. Cook—Voted And Chose for Culler of Hoops & { Samil. Cook Staves— { Thos. Saltmarsh Cornes: Waldo—

The Town Brought in their Votes for a County Treasurer & Register—

Voted And Chofe for Saxton Benja- Hastings—Voted to Pay the Saxton By Two Contrabutions As Usual— Voted that Swine be Shut up And not Suffer'd to Run at Large

the Present year-

Then the Town Treasurers Accts- were Read—And the Vote was Put Whether it be the mind of the Town to Accept the Town Treasurers Accts- And the Vote Pas't in the Affirmative—

Voted And Apropriated the Interest money Coming to the Town the present Year the Year beginning the Eleventh of Decemb<sup>r</sup>. Last in the Following Manner—(viz)—

[143] Five Shillings And Eight pence to the School and the

Remainder to the Ministry—

Voted And Granted Sixty Six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence for a Salary for the Rev<sup>d</sup>: M<sup>r</sup>. Seth Storer the Present Year the Year beginning the First of March Instant—the Interest money Appropriated to that use to be Part of S<sup>d</sup>. Sum—

Voted And Granted the Sum of Forty Pounds for the Support of the School the present Year the Interest money Appropriated to

that use to be part of sd. Sum

Voted And Granted Thirteen Pounds Six Shillings and Eight

Pence for the Support of the Poor the Present year-

Then the Town Creditors Accts- ware Read Amounting to the Sum of Fifteen Pounds Eleven Shillings & Eleven Pence Two Farthings (As Entred in Page 141) Allow'd Voted & Granted Sd. Sum to Satisfye Sd. Accts-

Voted And Granted Six Pounds for the Repairing the Great

Bridge the prefent Year-

Voted to Mend the Highways And Town Ways by A Rate the

present Year-

Voted And Granted Forty Pounds for that Purpose—Voted that the Price of Labour in Working out sd. Rate be the Same it was Last Year—

Voted to Abate Several Persons Rates in Constable Fowles List-(viz)

David Fosters Rate which is	£2-3-3-1)
John Clarks Rate	—4—8—3
James Dascoms	—4—8—3
Benj <sup>a</sup> - Whitneys	4-8-3
John Pitchers Rate	.1—10—1—3
And in Constables Clarks List	
Vicarys Rate	45 )

Sd. Rates Abated & Granted the Like Sum to make them Good

Then the Article was Read Relating to the Watering Place Call'd Bisco's Spring upon which A Petition was Exhibited Signed By Jonas Bond Efq<sup>r</sup>. And others And After Debate thereon, the Vote was Put whether it be the Mind of the Town that the Land which Lies to Bisco's Spring Should Still Ly Common And Not be Sold; And the Vote Past in the Affirmative—

Then the (16) Article was Read Relating to Mr. Saml. Coollidges Keeping the School—And After Some Debate thereon the Vote was Put whether it be the mind of the Town that Mr. Saml. Coollidge should keep the School the Enfewing year or Somuch of it as the Selectmen or a Comtee- Appointed for that Purpose Shell Judge that Helper is Reported for the Purpose Shell Judge that Helper is

pose Shall Judge that He keeps it Regurlerly and well

And the Vote Past in the Affirmative Voted that the Select men be the Comtee- to Manage Sd. Affair-Then the (17th) Article Was Read Relating to the Widw- Elifabeth Learneds Request to the Town to Choose and Impour a Comtee- to Give Her a Deed of the Land bought of the Town by her Late Husband-And After Debate on Sd. Affair the Vote was Put whether the Town will Choie & Impower a Comtee- for that Purpose & It Past in the Affirmative—Voted and Chose John Hunt Efq: Enfn. Jonathan Bemis & Lt. Daniel Whitney. A Comtee- to manage Sd. Affair-

[144] At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mrs. Mary Learned Inholdd- On the Fifth Day of March-AD-1756 -For the Swaring Town Officers &c

The Persons Afternamed took the Oath Respecting Paper money of other Governments-And Alfo to their Respective offices By John Hunt Efqr- (viz)

Jonas Bond Efq: Josiah Converse Efqr. Ensn. Ebener. Stone Capt. Edward Harrington And Samll. Fisk Selectmen-

Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Fisk Nath<sup>1</sup>: Harrington

To the Office of Afsefsors

& John Kemball Jun<sup>r</sup> Jonas Bond Jun<sup>r</sup>.

Jonathan Bemis Jun<sup>r</sup>. To the Office of Constable's

Edmund Fowle to the Office of Sealer of Leather

Samll. Whitney & Jonas White Samll. White To the Office of Survayers of Highways & Collectors

David Sanger To the office of Tythingmen

& Thos: Learned

Berzal- Learned to the Office of Hogrieve-

Jonas Coollidge } & Thos: Learned } To the Office of Survayers of Timber &c-

Jonathan Stone & Jonathan Brown Jun. To the Office of Field Drivers

Samll. Cook to the Office of Culler of Hoops & Staves-

At A Meeting of the Freeholdrs- And Other Inhabitants of Watertown (Call'd by A Warrant From Samll. Livermore Efgr-Assembled and met at the Publick Meetinghouse in Sd Town on Tuesday the Ninth Day of March-AD-1756-(The Major Part of the Selectmen prefent being of Opinion, that Said Meeting was not Legaly Warn'd Did Openly And Publickly Protest against Sd. Meetings being Opened-

Notwithstanding Said Inhabitants Proceeded as followeth)

Voted & Chose Jonas Bond Esqr. Moderator

Put to Vote whether it be the mind of the Town to Grant a Way

from the North Country Road beginning at the Norwest Corner of the Land of Jonas Bond Eq: which He Purchased of the Town Two Rods wide from Mr. Henry Springs Bounds Leading to the Place where the meetinghouse Lately Stood And From thence to the End of the Lane which Leads to the Meetinghouse

And the Vote Past in the Affirmative

Put to Vote whether it be the mind of the Town to Grant a way from S<sup>d</sup>. Country Road beginning Near the House of M<sup>r</sup>. John Kemball Two Rods wide From M<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Barnards wall Leading to the End of the Lane As above Discribed

And the Vote Past in the Affirmative

[145] Put to Vote whether it be the mind of the Town to Choose and Impower a Comtee to Lay out Sd. Ways Agreable to the articles Contained in the Warrant. And the Vote Pas't in the Affirmative

Voted to Choose Three Persons for Sd. Comtee-

Voted & Chofe Mr. James Bailey Mr. Nathaniel Stone & Mr. Jonathan Brown Junr. for the Comtee- Aforesd—

At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mrs. Learned Inholdr- in Watertown on the Nineteenth Day of March—1756—The Selectmen Agreed With Mr. Ebenr- Hinds to keep the Widw-Maddocks at at the Rate of three Shillings & Four Pence pr. Week till Further Order—

At Sd. Meeting Agreed that Mr Thos: Learned be Defired to

take care of the Great Bridge

At Sd. Meeting Two Petitions were prefer'd (viz) one Sign'd John Kembal & others—And another Sign'd Isaac Sanderson & others—were Read & Considered and Defer'd to the Next meeting—

At A Meeting of the Selectmen on the 29th- Day of March AD—1756—At the House of Mrs- Mary Learned Inholdr- Samll. Fisk was Sworne to the Office of Town Clerk & Town Treasurer By Josiah Converse Esq:—

At Sd. Meeting the Selectmen Gave ordr. to Mr Nathaniel Harrington to Deliver the Books Bonds & All other Articles under his

Care as Treasurer to Samil. Fisk Present Treasurer-

At Sd. Meeting Agreed with Capt. John Tainter to keep the Widw- Webb after the Rate of Three Shillings & Six pence pr. Week for the Space of one Year from the Second Day of April 1756 And to be Alowed for Extraordinaries—

At Said Meeting Agreed with Mr. Jonas Coollidge to Procure Plank for one Peer of the Great Bridge—And Some Slitwork for the Rails &c—And Appointed Cap<sup>t</sup>. Edward Harrington to Inspect the Mending of the Sd. Bridge—

At Sd. Meeting the Selectmen Appointed Mr. Moses Harring-

ton to take Care that the Law Respecting Burying Dogs &c Be

At Said Meeting the Selectmen Appointed the Survayers of Highways their Districts as followeth (viz) Mr. Amos Bonds District to be the East part of the Town from the Road Beginning at the Meetinghouse & Runing over the Hill where the Meetinghouse Lately Stood and So to Cambridge Line Near Mr. Thos. Willingtons—And Mr Samil- Whites District to be the West Part of the Town from the Road AforeSd. And to Mend the whole of Sd. Road

At S<sup>d</sup>. Meeting the Selectmen Gave ord<sup>r</sup>. to the Town Treasurer to Pay Nine Pounds Eight Shillings & Eleven Pence one Farthing out of the Town Treasurie to Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Taynter for his Keeping the W<sup>d</sup>. Webb from the Second Day of April 1755 To the Second Day of April 1756—And for Extraordinaries By Him Procured for Her—

The Petitions Entred as Prefented at Last Meeting for Laying out ways were Read & Confidered—Judg'd unreasonable & Dismis't—

[146] At A Meeting of the Selectmen on the Ninteenth Day of April AD. 1756 At the House of Mrs. Mary Learned Inholdr- the Selectmen Agreed to Perambulate the Line's between this And the Adjacent Towns on Friday the Thirtieth Day of this Instant April—And Appointed Capt. Edwd. Harrington & Samll. Fisk to Joine with Such persons as Shall be appointed by the Selectmen of the Adjacent Towns to Do Sd. Service—

At A Meeting of the Selectmen on the Twenty Sixth Day of April A D. 1756—At the House of Mrs- Mary Learned Inholdr-the Selectmen being inform'd that John Coffin & Susanna his wife & Two Children of Townshend Thos. Cummings His wife and two Children of Cambridge Mary Boyinton & One Child from Lexington, Abigail Branch of Boston & Thos- Flowers of MaryLand Are Come into & Dó Reside in Watertown Whome the Selectmen Resuse to Receive as Inhabitants of Watertown AforeSd- Gave ordr to the Clerk to Issue out A Warrant to Warne Sd. Persons out of Town—which was Dun Accordingly—Att- Saml Fisk Town Cler Return'd And Cautions Entred At May Court

—At said Meeting the Selectmen Agreed upon a Town Meeting to be on the Third Day of May Next at one of the Clock Afternoon at the Publick Meeting house in S<sup>d</sup>. Town for the Choice of A Representity—And also That there be a Town Meeting on the S<sup>d</sup>. Third Day of May at two of the Clock afternoon at the Publick Meeting house in s<sup>d</sup>. Town for the Ends following (viz)

(1) To Choose a Moderator for S<sup>d</sup>. Meet (2) For the Town to make addition to and Regulate the List of Juriors as they shall think propper—To know the mind of the Town whether

they will Choose a person to Joine with a person that may be Chosen by Waltham to Settle & Determin the Affaire in Controversie between Waltham and Watertown Relating to the Charge of Supporting the Widw- Maddox for the time Past and for the Future—And if Sd- Persons Cant agree in Said Affair then for them to Choose a third man to Determin the Mater—And for the Town to Choose and Impower a Comtee- to Act in behalf of the Town in Giving Bond to Abide by their award And in Laying the matter properly before them

Or for the Town to Come into any other method Or for the Town to pass any Votes Relating to Sd. Affaire as the Town Shall See fitt (4) For the Town to Heare the Acct- of Edmund Fowle for Serving Constable Warning Town Meetings And warning Persons out of Town For the Town to Pass upon them And make A Grant to Satisfye them As the Town Shall think propper—(5) For the Town to Hear the Accts- of Capt. John Brown And others a Comtee- Chosen by the Town to build the Meetinghouse—And to Grant Money to Satisfye Sd. Accts-As the Town Shall See fitt—(6) Whereas it is Apprehended that there are Mistakes (one or more) In A Late Town Treasurers Accts- Therefore for the Town to Appoint A Person or Persons to Examin into Sd Affair And to make Report to the Town at their next meeting—

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly Pr. Samll. Fisk Town

Clerk

[147] At A Gen¹: Town Meeting of The Frēholdrs- And other Inhabitants of Watertown Qualifyed to vote in the Choice of A Reprefentative Regulerly Assembled at the Publick meeting house in Sd. Town on Munday the Third Day of May A D—1756—At the Direction of the Selectmen the warrant was read And the Votes brought in, upon Sorting and Numbering of them it appeard that John Hunt Esq: was Chosen by a Major part of the votes—

At A Gen<sup>1</sup>: Town Meeting of the Freehold<sup>rs</sup>- And other Inhabitants of Watertown Qualifyed to Vote in Town Affairs Regulerly assembled at the Publick meeting House in S<sup>d</sup>. Town

on Munday the Third Day of May AD-1756-

Voted And Chose John Hunt Esqr. Moderator for Sd. Meet-

ing---

After Reading the List of Jurimen At their Defire the following Persons were Dismist from Serving as Jurimen,—viz John Whitney Eben<sup>r</sup>. Stone Joseph Harrington Stephen Cook & Henry Spring—And Sixteen Persons ware Aded to the List—the whole List now Containing (95) of which Number the Town Voted (24) to be in the Superior Box—upon which Ten were Aded to the List to be put into Sd. Box—viz—Jonas Coollidge Corneus—Waldo Benja. Felton Joseph Paterson Simon Coollidge John Kem-

bal Junr- Nathaniel Stone Samll. Cook Amos Bond and Nehemiah Mason-

On the Article Relating to the Widw- Maddocks the Town being informed that the Town of Waltham (or their Selectmen) Refuse to come into the Method of Leaving Sd. Affaire to Men, as Mentioned in the Article, Therefore-

The Vote was Put whether it be the Mind of the Town to Choose a Committee to Make further Enquiry into Sd. Affair (And if they think proper) to profecute the Affair with Waltham in the Law-And the Vote Past in the Affirmative

Voted And Chose Jonas Bond & John Hunt Efqrs- And Enfn-

Jonathan Bemis for the Said Comtee-

Then the (4)th Article was Read upon which Mr Edmund Fowle Exhibited an Acct. for Allowance—The Vote was Put whether it be the mind of the Town to Allow Sd. Acct. And Grant money to Satisfye it—And the Vote past in the Negative The Vote was Put whether it be the mind of the Town to

Grant Three Pounds to Mr. Fowle in full Discharge of his Accts-

And the Vote past in the Negative-

(5)th- Article Read upon which The Comtee- for Building the meetinghouse Exhibited An Acct:—And the Vote was Put whether it be the mind of the Town to Grant Money to Pay the Ballance Due to Sd. Comtee- Agreable to their Acct. And the Vote Past in the Negative-

The Vote was Put whether it be the mind of the Town to Adjourn this meeting And the Remaining business of it to some

Conveniant time-

And the Vote Past in the Negative-

(6)th- Article Read And the Vote was put whether it be the mind of the Town to Choose A Committe to inquire into the Affair of the Late Town Treasurers (viz Dean- Masons) Acctswherein there are Mistakes as it is Suppos'd-And the Vote Past in the Affirmative

Voted and Chofe John Hunt Efqr- John Kemball Junr- &

Samll Fisk for the Comtee- Aforesd-

The Town by a Vote manifested that it was their minds that the former Survayers of Highways should have the Liberty of working out the Remainder of their Rates this prefent year-

[148] At A Meeting of the Selectmen on the 24th- of May A D. 1756—At the House of the Widw- Mary Learned Inholdr-Capt. Edward Harrington & Samll. Fisk Reported that they Had Attended And performed the Service of Perambulating the Lines & Renewing the Bounds between Watertown And the Adjecent Towns with Such Persons as were appointed for that purpose-At Said meeting the Selectmen Desired and Impower'd Mr. Ebenr: Stone to Enquire of and Agree with the Widdw- Child or Mr. Uriah Clark or Some other Person for a Room for the

Widw- Maddocks or otherwife find out upon what terms She can be boarded—And make Report at the Next Meeting—

At Sd. Meeting the Selectmen Ordered the Town Treasurer to pay the following Sums to the Persons Afternamed viz £8—14—.2 To Capt Coollidge And £5—8—..—3— To Israel Meeds £...—To Mr. John Coollidge—And Also to Capt. Nathl: Coollidge £...—17—1—1 all to be Charged to Mr. Samu. Coollidge—Orderd: also to Isaac Sanderson £..—4—8

At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of the Widw-Mary Learned Inholdr- on the 4th- of June AD 1756—Agreed that Capt. Edward Harrington & Samll- Fisk take Spedy Care to Repair the Pound—And to Se that the Stocks be put into Proper Ordr- — At Said Meeting the Selectmen Drew up and Signed An Acct: of the Charge of Providing for the french Familie Sent

into Town by ord<sup>r</sup>. of Court— (viz) from Jan<sup>y</sup>: 3<sup>d</sup>: to June—1<sup>st</sup>-Amounting to £26 Thirteen Shillings & 2—pence—& Sent to the

Secretary by Capt Harrington

At Sd: Meeting Ordered the Treasurer to Pay £29-14-10 out of the Town Treasurie (Lately Paid in by Waltham) to the Comtee- Appointed by the Town to Purchase A Ministerial Place for which purpose Sd. money was Appropriated-And Also to Pay out the Remainder of the money Due from said Waltham to Watertown To sd. Comtee- (which was AppropriAted to Sd. purpose) whenever Said Money shall be paid into the Treasurie-At A Meeting of the Selectmen on the 15th- Day of June AD- 1756. At the Publick Meeting house in Watertown to View the Town stock of Amunition, the Selectmen with Coll-Vassal View'd the same and Judg'd one Cask of the Powder to be Damifyed by Age-&c-thought it Proper to Dispose of it & procure other Powder the Selectmen Defired Col. Vafal & Jonas Bondto Enquire of Gover': Phipps whether it may not be Chang'd at the Castle for Good Powder-&c It Appearing that the Quantity of Ball was not Enough to Answer the Law-But upon further Examination it appeared that the Ball was soficient

At Sd. Meeting the Selectmen Determined that the Indian Woman who was Ill at Samuel Fisks should be provided for at the Cost of the Town ever Since She came there And Also that Dr. Converse be Desired to Afford her Medicen's & Attendance as

He shall think proper—At the Towns Cost—

Agreed Alfo at s<sup>d</sup>. Meeting that Mary Hackelton who was Committed to the care of the Selectmen the 26<sup>th</sup>- of May Last Should be taken Care of at the Cost of the Town from the s<sup>d</sup>. 26 of May— <sup>& at prefent</sup>—And that Jonas Bond Efq<sup>r</sup>. be Defired to talk with Henry Coollidge to se if He with Some other of Her Relations would not take the Charge of s<sup>d</sup>. Mary. the Select-

men Appointed to meet againe on Thirsday Next At the widw-Learned's—

[149] At A Meeting of the Selectmen on Tuesday the 15th-of June A D. 1756—

At the Publick meetinghouse; they took a View of the Town Stock of Amunision Reposited in sd. Meetinghouse—And finding that the Oldist Barril of Powder was Something mated together

And Damnefyed by Age &c—Agreed to Get sd. Barril of Powdr- Chang'd for New Powder & Defired Col: Vafsal who was Prefent & Jonas Bond Efqr. one of the Selectmen to propose it to Govr. Phipps to have it Changed at the Castle—&c—

At A Meeting of the Selectmen June 17—1756 at M<sup>rs</sup>. Learneds Inhold<sup>r</sup>- They Bound out one of the French Boys to Cap<sup>t</sup>. Nath<sup>l</sup>. Coollidge—At S<sup>d</sup>- Meeting the Selectmen order<sup>d</sup>: Something to be procured for M<sup>r</sup>- Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Coollidge A Jacket & Briches—& Alfo Some Cloath for Several Caps—&c—They Defired M<sup>r</sup>. Jonas Coollidge to Get the s<sup>d</sup>. Cloths—

X 280.

To the Selectmen of Watertown——Gent<sup>n</sup>.

We the Subscribers have Assest the Rateable Polls and Estates of Watertown in the Sum of Forty Pounds—Granted for mending Highways and have Committed Lists of Sd. Rate or Assesmt:

to the Several Survayers of Highways who are alfo Collectors—viz to Amos Bond the Sum of Fifteen Pounds Thirteen Shillings And Eleven Pence—And to Sam<sup>II</sup>- White the Sum of Twenty Four Pounds Six Shillings and Eleven Pence with Lawfull warrants to Collect

Shillings and Eleven Pence with Lawfull warrants to Collect the Same or to Se that it be work't out in Mending the Ways in S<sup>d</sup>. Town So as to Make up with You at or before the Last Day of Nov<sup>br</sup>- Next

Sam<sup>1</sup>. Fisk
Nathaniel Harrington
John Kemball Jun<sup>r</sup>
Afsefsors
for
Watertown

Watertown June 3d: 1756

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Sam<sup>11</sup>. Fisk July 13. 1756—to Determin concerning the Funeral of the Indian Woman that hath for Some time been Sick and under their Care and is now Dead at Sam<sup>11</sup>. Fisks, Agreed that the Linnin that the corps are Laid out in be Allow'd for—And that the two persons that Laid out the Corps have Each of them A Pair, of Gloves

or the Value of them, for that Service—Also Agreed that Simon Hastings be Desired to make a Cossin & Dig the Grave And that the Funeral be This Day towards Night—And yt- A Chair be procured to Carry the Corpes upon, And that the Bell be Tol'd when the Corpes are Carrying to the Grave—Agreed that there be two Persons Desired to Assist in Carrying the Corpes to the Grave &c: And yt they have one Shilling & Six pence Each for their trouble—Agreed that the Revd: Mr. Storer be Desired to attend the Funeral and that He have A Pair of Gloves Given him—

[150] At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M. Thos. Saltmarsh Sepbr-6th-AD 1756. They Considered the List of Persons Licenc't Last Year And Manifested their willingness that they should have their Licence Renewed this Year—At Sd. Meeting the Selectmen Ordered the Treasurer to Pay the Town Creditors the money Granted to them at the Annual Meeting in March Last At Sd. Meeting the Selectmen Orderd: the Clark to Issue out a Warrant to Warne One Sarah Cornish of Waltham who came into this Town, Sometime Last February (as the Selectmen are informd:) They Resuling to Receive her as An Inhabitant—

At Sd: Meeting the Selectmen Order'd the Clark to Write A to the Selectmen of Weston & Waltham Defireing them to meet the Selectmen of Watertown on Friday the Seventeenth of Septemr: Courant at Two of the Clock Afternoon At Richard Cuttings of Waltham, Inholdr- To Adjust the Charge of Repairing the Great Bridge in Watertown At Said Meeting the Selectmen Agreed With Capt. Nathl- Coollidge to take And keep Charles, the Third Boy of the French Familie in this Town for the Space of one Moneth for what he can Earn

At A Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham At M<sup>r</sup>. Richard Cuttings in S<sup>d</sup>. Waltham on Fryday the 17<sup>th</sup>- Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>- AD 1756—To Adjust the Charge of Repairing y<sup>e</sup>. Great Bridge in S<sup>d</sup>. Watertown Since the Adjustm<sup>t</sup>. on Sep<sup>r</sup>. 19—1755—The whole Chare was £19—5—8—2—of which—

Watertowns Proportion is £7— 1—4—2 Westons — — — — 5—12—2— Walthams — — — — 6—12—2— Due to Watertown

Weston having over Paid £3—14—7—1— as by the Adjustm<sup>t</sup>. in —1755— S<sup>d</sup>. Sum being Substracted from their present proportion that it Stands thus

5—12—2 3—14—7—1

<sup>1-17-6-3</sup> Due from Weston to Watertown-The Adjustmt.

Signed by the Selectmen of the Sd. Towns—which is in full Recorded in Lib—2d—Page—60—In the Treasurie—The Adjustm<sup>t</sup>. on File—

[151] At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mrs. Mary Learned Inholdr: on Fryday the 26th. of Novr. 1756. Ordered the Clerk to Issue out warrants Directed to the Several Constables for a Town Meeting to be on Munday the Sixth Day of December Next At two of the Clock afternoon for the Ends following (viz) (1) To Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting —(2) For the Town to Select out of a List of Persons to be Exhibitd. by the Selectmen Such as The Town Shall Judge Suitable to Serve as Jurymen, agreable to A Late Law of the Province (3) To know the mind of the Town whether they will Impower their Comtee- Chofen in the moneth of May Last to Enquire into the Affair of the widw. Maddocks's Maintenance &c-To Sue for the whole of the Ballance Due from Waltham to Watertown And to pass any Vote or Vote's on Said Affair as they Shall Judge Proper-Warrants were Issued out accordingly Pr Samll, Fisk Town Clerk-

At Said Meeting the Selectmen Agreed to procure Mrs- Webb a Pair of Shoes & also A Gound—Appointed Capt Tainter to

procure Sd. articles-

Agreed also that Mr. Samll. Coollidge the present Schoolmaster Have two Cotten & Linnen Shirts procured for Him—And also a Small Skin for Repairing his Leather Britches—And also that the Clerk Procure a Box for the Names of Jurimen to be kept in—

At A Gen<sup>1</sup>: Town Meeting of the Freehold<sup>rs</sup>. and other Inhabit<sup>ts</sup>- of Watertown Qualifyed to Vote in Town Affairs Regalerly Assembled at ye Publick Meetinghouse in Said Town on Munday the Sixth Day of Decembr- AD. 1756—

(1) Voted And Chose John Hunt Esqr: Moderator for Said

Meeting-

(2) The Second Article Read—Then the List of Juriors which were taken by The Selectmen were Read to the Town—And the Vote was Put—whether it be the mind of the Town To Accept of Sd. List (Exclusive of Mr- Jonathan Brown and Mr. Samll: Jenison who were Excused by the Town) And the Vote Past in the Affirmattive—

(3) The third Article Read—Then the Vote was Put whether it be the mind of the Town fully to Impowr their Com<sup>tee</sup>- (viz) Jonas Bond & John Hunt Eíq<sup>rs</sup>- & Enfign Jonathan Bemis who were Chosen in the Moneth of May Last to Inquire into the Affair of the Wid\*- Maddocks's Maintenance &c To Sue for the whole of the Ballance Due from Waltham to Watertown And the Vote Past in the Affirmative

At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mrs- Mary

Learned Inhold<sup>r</sup> They Gave ord<sup>r</sup>- to the Town Treasurer to Pay the Rev<sup>d</sup>: M<sup>r</sup>. Storer his Salary for the Year (1755)—An Twelve Shillings To Cap<sup>t</sup>. Coollidge for His Brother Sam<sup>ll</sup>- And also £1—4—.. To Cap<sup>t</sup>. Tainter to Procure things for the W<sup>d</sup>. Webb—And also to Procure a Large Bible for M<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Coollidge Present Schoolmaster—

[152] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of the Widw. Mary Learned Inholdr: on Munday the 13th- of Decemr: AD. 1756—Agreed that Jonas Bond Esqr. & Enn: Ebenr: Stone two of the Selectmen Go and Discourse with Mr. James Baily to know upon what tearm's He will Lett a Chambr- in Colll: Brindleys House—for the Widw- Maddocks to Dwell in for the Space of one Year—And to Agree with Said Baily as Reasonably as they Can, and in the Name of the Selectmen to ingage the Rent in case Said Widw- fails of Paying the Same—

At Said Meeting Cap<sup>t</sup>. Edw<sup>d</sup>: Harrington & Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Fisk were Defired to take Some care to Provide Some better Shelter for the French Familie under the care of the Selectmen—At S<sup>d</sup>. Meeting the Selectmen Bound out Charles—One of the French Familie AforeSaid to Cap<sup>t</sup>. Coollidge in the Room of Peter. who De-

ferted-

At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the house of the Widw. Mary Learned Inholder on Munday Feb: 21. 1757-Ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the Several Constables to Warn A Town Meeting on Munday the Seventh Day of March Next at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon At the Publick Meetinghouse for the Ends following (viz) (1) To Choose A Moderator for Sd. Meeting (2) To Choose Selectmen A Town Clerk Town Treasurer Constables Assessors & All other Town officers Required by Law to be Chofen in the moneth of March Annualy (3) To Choofe A Saxton And Agree how he shall be paid for his Service (4) To Put in their Votes for A County Treasurer—(5) To know the mind of the Town whether Swine shall run at Large this year. (6) To Hear the Town Treasurers Accts. And to pass upon them (7) For the Town to Appropriate the Interest money Coming to the Town this year the Year beginning the Eleventh of Decembr- Last. (8) For the Town to Grant an honourable Salary for the Revd: Mr. Seth Storer the Infewing year the Year beginning the first of march Next (9) To Grant money for the Sopport of the To Grant money for the Support of the (10)Poor-(11) To Hear the Accts. of those persons to whome the Town is indebted and to Grant money to Pay the Same—(12) To Grant Money for the Repairs of the Great Bridge in Watertown (13) To Grant money for the mending the High Ways And Town Ways the present year—And for the Town to

Choose their Surveyers of Highways Collectors of the Highway Rate. And for the Town to pass any Vote or Votes on Sd. Affair as they Shall Judge propper—And also for the Town to Give Liberty (if they See fit.) to Delinquent Surveyers to work out the Remainder of their Rates the Ensewing year—(14) To Hear the Pleas of Some Late Constables for Abatement of Some perticuler persons Rates in their Lists and for the Town to act their pleasure thereon—(15) To know the mind of the Town whether they will Abate the fall of money in the Execution that Lies against Henry Godding in favour of the Town—(16) For the Town to Hear the Petition of Mr. John Coollidge And Others Praying for Liberty to Hang Gates at Each End of the Town way that Leads by Sd. Coollidges Across to Mr. William Goddings And for the Town to Act their pleasure thereon (17) To know the mind of the Town whether they will abate Mr. Jonathan Stone's Rates in Constable Bonds Lists And Mr. David Bemis's Rates in Constable Bemis's

Lists

[153] Lists. And Grant the Like Sums to make them Good (18) To Hear the Report of ye. Comtee. Appointed by the Town to Examin the Accts of Joseph Mason Esqr. Decet: Late Town Treasurer And for the Town to pass any Vote or Votes on Sd. Affair As the Town Shall See fit. (19) For the Town to Dispose of the Pew that was Lately Capt. Brown's as the Town Shall think propper (20) For the Town to Hear the Accts-of Capt. John Brown & others A Comtee- Chosen by the Town to Build the Meetinghouse, And to Grant money to Satisfye the Same as the Town Shall See sit—And also to Notify such Persons to whome the Town is indebted to bring in their Accts. to the Selectmen at the House of Mrs- Mary Learned Inholdron Fryday the Fourth day of March Next at three of the Clock in the Afternoon in Ordr. to be Laid before the Town

Warrants Were Issued out Accordingly—Att<sup>t</sup>. Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Fisk Town Clerk——

Also orderd: the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant to warn one Margret Lawrance out of Town who Dwells at John Hunt Esqrs- the Clerk Did it accordingly—The person was warned out and ye. Caution entred at may Court. 1757

At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mrs. Mary Learned Innholdr- on Fryday the Fourth Day of March A D. 1757 In Ordr. to Receive the Accts. of those Persons to whome the Town is indebted in order to Lay them before the Town Sd. Accts- are as follow's—viz—

To Jonas Coollidge for. 700 of Plank at £7—Old. Ten p Hundred And for One Ton & Thirteen Feet of Timber at £8—0 Ten p <sup>r</sup> . Ton for the Great Bridge  Lawfull Money 7—18—11  To Cap <sup>t</sup> . Harrington to Work Done at the Great Bridge—14—  To Thos. Learned for Labour And Meterials for the Great Bridge .1—15—2	Adjusted by the Several Towns Con- cernd. in Sepr. Last—
	£10—.8—1
To Nathaniel Harrington for Serving as Afsefsor for the Year 1756  And for taking the Gen¹: Invoice & Copies to Send to the Court —9—	1-5-
To John Kemball Jun <sup>r</sup> - for Serving As Afsefsor for	.1
	16
the Year 1756 To Sam <sup>1</sup> . Fisk for Serving As Treafurer for the Year 1756 And for Serving as Afsefsor for Sd.  Year To taking Copies & preparing Lists for the Gen¹: Invoice &c To two Large Stones for a whelm And To Work & Meterials for mending the Pound 3—	3—19—10
To Thos: Learned for work Done at the Great Bridg	e— —.8
To Capt. Harrington for work Done in Mending	
the Pound	—.1 —.8
To Amos Bond for Stones for a Whelm	—.6 —
To Thos: Saltmarsh for taking Copies to Send to	
ye. Court	—.2 —
To Jonas Coollidge for 90 Feet of Plank	—12—
Aded At the Town Meeting—An Acct- of Mr.	
Cornelius Waldo's	
To Serving Constable for the year-	
1755 £—2—8	
For Warning Town Meetings	
To Warning Hannah Gigger out of	
Town—1—	
To Sundries Deliverd: to Mr. Sam.	
Coollidge at Sundry times48	.1—.1—4
	£18—12—.7

At Sd. Meeting the Selectmen Signed An Acct. to be Exhibitdto the Governour And Counfil of Charge Occationed by the Indian Woman that Sicken'd and Die'd in Town the year past of

[154] At A Gen!: Town Meeting of The Freeholdrs- And other Inhabitants of Watertown Regulerly Assembled At the Publick Meetinghouse in Sd. Town on Munday the Seventh Day of March AD. 1757-For the Choice of Town Officers &c Voted And Chose Josiah Converse Esqr. Moderator for Sd. Meeting

Voted And Chose for Selectmen | Samil: Fisk-

Josiah Converse Esqr-L<sup>t</sup>. Daniel Whitney Enin- Jonathan Bemis Mr. Samll: Hager.

Voted And Chose Samll: Fisk Town Clerk Voted And Chofe Mr. Nathaniel Harrington Town Treasurer

Voted And Chose Isaac Sanderson Sealer of Leather-

Voted And Chose for Fence Viewers { Jonas Barnard Josiah Bright Voted And Chose for Surveyers of Highways { John Cook Town Ways & Collectors of ye highway Rate ( Simon Whitney

Town Ways & Collectors of ye highway Rate / Simon W

Voted & Chofe for Tithingmen { Uriah Clark | Jedidiah Leathe |

Voted And Chofe for Hogrieves { John Warrin | Stephen Harris |

Thos: Saltmarsh | James Dix— |

Voted And Chofen for Surveyers & | Jonas Coollidge |

Meafurers of Timber Plank Bord & | Robert Learned |

Voted And Chofe for Field Drivers | Jonas White. |

Voted And Chofe Smith Prentice Gauger of Casks |

Samila Cooleans | Samila Cooleans |

Samila Cooleans | Samila Cooleans

Voted And Chose Culler of Hoops and staves Samll. Cook
Smith Prentice
Voted And Chose Simon Hastings Saxton—To be paid by two

Contrabutions As usual—

[155] The Vote was Put Whether it be the mind of the Town that Swine Should Run at Large this Year under the Regulations of ye. Law. And ye Vote past in the Negative on A Motion Made And Seconded the (15) Article was Read —And the Vote Was Put Whether it be the mind of the Town to Sink the fall of Money in the Execution that Lies Against Henry Godding in favour of ye Town And the Vote Past in the Affirmative—

Then the Meeting was Adjourned to Munday Next at Twelve

of the Clock

At A Gen¹: Town Meeting of the Frehold<sup>rs</sup>- & other Inhabitants of Watertown At the Publick Meeting house in Said Town On Munday the 14 Day of March AD. 1757—By Adjournm<sup>t</sup>.—The Meeting being opened the Town proceeded—After Reading the Town Treasurers Acc<sup>ts</sup>- Relating to the Interest Money the Vote was put. Whether it be the mind of the Town to Accept The Same And the Vote Past in the Affirmative—

Then the Town Treasurers Gen<sup>1</sup>: Acc<sup>t</sup>: was Read And the Vote was put whether it be the mind of the Town to Accept the Treasurers Gen<sup>1</sup>: Acc<sup>t</sup>. And y<sup>e</sup> vote past in the Affirmative

Voted And Appropriated the Interest Money Coming to the Town the present year the Year beginning the Eleventh of Decr: Last as followeth—(viz) Five shillings and Eight pence to the School And the Remaindr. to the ministry—

Voted And Granted £66—13—4— For A Salary for the Revd: Mr. Seth Storer the Ensewing Year the year beginning the First

of March Current-

the Interest money Appropriated for that Use to be part of s<sup>d</sup>. Sum--

Several Votes were put with Different Sums of money for the Support of the School the Ensewing Year—And all past in the

Negative-

Voted And Granted the Sum of £13—6—8— for the Support of the Poor the Ensewing Year—Then the Accts. of those persons to whome the Town is indebted was Read Amounting to the Sum of Eighteen Pounds Twelve shill. & Seven pence as in Page (153) The Vote was put whether it be the mind of the Town to Allow Sd. Accts- And Grant ye. Sum of Twelve Pounds Twelve shillings and Seven pence to pay it which with the six pounds Granted Last march Meeting For the Repairs of the Great Bridge makes Sd- Sum & the Vote Past in the Affirmative—Mr. James Dix's Acct. was Read Amounting to the Sum of Ten Pounds for serving Constable in the year 1754—&c—And the Vote was put Whether it be the mind of the Town to Allow Sd. Acct. and the Vote past in ye Negative—

Voted And Granted the Sum of Six pounds for the Repairs of

ve. Great Bridge

Voted And Granted the Sum of Twenty Six pounds 13/4—for mending the Highways and Town ways the prefent year—Voted And Chosen John Cook & Simon Whitney to be Collectors of the Highway Rate—Voted that the Price of Labour in working

out the Highway Rate be the Same it was Last year—

Put to Vote whether it be the mind of the Town that Delinquent Survayers have ye- Liberty of working out the Remainder of their Rates the Ensewing Year. And the Vote Past in the Affermative—

Voted And Abated Henry Spring Jun<sup>rs</sup>- Deceas<sup>t</sup>- Rate in Conftable Clarks List Amounting to the Sum of Sixteen Shillings & 7 pence £..—16—7—

And One Smiths Rate in Constable Kimballs Lists

of .... 4--5

And the Like Sums Granted to make them Good-

Then the Petition of Sundry persons was Read Relating to Hanging Gates At Each End of ye. Town way Leading in by Mr. John Coollidges and so out by Wm- Goddings—And the Vote was put whether it be the mind of the Town to Grant ye- Prayer of the Petition & the Vote past in the Negative—

[156] Put to Vote whether it be the mind of the Town to Abate M<sup>r</sup>. Jonathan Stones And M<sup>r</sup>. David Bemis's Rates (on Acc<sup>t</sup>. of their Late misfortune by Fire) And the Vote past in the

Negative

(18) Article Read—Upon which the Comtee- Appointed to Examin Treasurer Masons Accts- Made Report—That they found Mistakes in Sd. Accts- to the Amount of Seven pounds Eleven shillings And Three pence Due to the Town—And after Some Debate the Vote was Put, Whether it be the mind of the Town that the Town Treasurer Make A Demand of Said Seven pounds. Eleven shillings and 3 pence of the Execut- of the Last will And Testament of Joseph Mason Esqt. Dect: Sd. Treasurer And upon

d the s . Executors

A Refusing to Pay the Same to persue the Affair in the Law.—

And the Vote past in the Affirmative

Voted that The Town Treasurer be Directed forthwith to Pay Capt. John Brown the Prime Cost of his Pew in the Meetinghose—

Voted that the Disposition of Sd. Pew—And Also the Last Article in the Warning be put off till the May Meeting—

March 14—A. D. 1757. The following persons took the Oath Relating to other Governments Money before John Hunt. Esqr—Viz)

Josiah Converse Esqr. Lt. Daniel Whitney Sam<sup>II</sup>. Fisk-

Selectmen

En: Jonathan Bemis Mr. Sam<sup>11</sup>: Hager-

Nathaniel Harrington took the Oath of Treasurer & Assessor Samll. Fisk the Oath of Clerk & Assessor—

Bezel: Learned the oath of Constable & also

Before John Hunt Efq<sup>r</sup>. Isaac Sanderson Sd. Oath
Thos: Saltmarsh the Oath of Assessor & Deerieve—
Isaac Sanderson the Oath of Sealer of Leather—
Jonas Barnard And Josiah Bright the oath of
Fence Viewers
John Cook & Simon Whitney the oath of
Collectors and Surveyers of highways—
Stephen Harris the Oath of Hogrieve—
James Dix the Oath of Deerieve & Field Driver—
Jonas Coollidge and Robert Learned the oath of
Surveyers & Measurers of Timber Plank bord
Slitwork &c
Smith Prentice the oath of Culler of Hoops &
Staves

Samll. Cook the Oath of Culler of hoops & Staves

Before John Hunt Efgr.

[157] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mrs-Mary Learned Inhold<sup>r</sup> on Munday Apl: the 4th- AD. 1757— The Selectmen Gave ordr. to Samll: Fisk to Deliver the Books, Bonds & other Articles belonging to the Town that are undr. His care as Town Treasurer to Mr. Nathaniel Harrington present Town Treasurer— At Sd. Meeting Agreed with Capt. John Tainter to keep the wido- Webb from the second of April Inftant to ye. Second of April AD. 1758—At Three Shillings and Seven pence 1/4 Pr. Week and to be Allowed for Extraordinaries-At Said Meeting the Selectmen Appointed the Surveyers their Districts as followeth (viz) Mr. John Cook to have the East part which is to include the Inhabitants South of the River and to mend the Roads South of the River and also including the Inhabitants East of the Country Road from the Great Bridge to the Meeting house & to mend that part of the Country Road And all the other Roads Contained in the East District— Mr. Simon Whitney to have the West District And to mend the Road that Divides the Districts from the meetinghouse To Thos: Wellingtons And all the Roads Contained in the west District-

At Said meeting the Selectmen Determin'd that the School Should Ceafe till Further Ord<sup>r</sup>- And that M<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Coollidge prefent Schoolmaster be informed that the Selectmen have nothing further for him to Do as Schoolmaster at prefent; Agreed that Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Fisk give Notice thereof to M<sup>r</sup>- Coollidge—Who notifyed

him thereof the Day following; S Fisk

Appointed to Meet againe on Munday the Eighteenth Dayof this moneth (at the Publick Meetinghouse) at one of ye. Clock afternoon to Examin the Towns Stock of Ammunition

At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the Publick meeting house on Munday Apl: 18—1757 Upon Examining the Towns Stock of Powdr. find one Barril thereof in Good Ordr- the Other Barril Something Damnifyed by Age—&c—Determined to Dispose of the Barril Last mentioned and procure another As soon as may be—Agreed that Sam<sup>II</sup>. Fisk Show Some of S<sup>d</sup> powd<sup>r</sup>. to M<sup>r</sup>. Remington & M<sup>r</sup>. Waldo to know what they would Give for it &c—At S<sup>d</sup>. meeting Agreed that the Deck of y<sup>e</sup>. Meeting house steple be mended it being Very Leaky—And y<sup>t</sup>. the stocks be fitted up—Desired L<sup>t</sup>. Whitney to Ask Simon Hastings to Do Said Repairs—Agreed also that the Pound be fitted up by having new Ground sills and New Cap pieces And what Else is found Necessary upon Examination,—At Said Meeting Agreed that M<sup>r</sup>. John Cook be Desired to take care of the Great Bridge the Ensewing year—

At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mrs- Mary Learned Inhold<sup>r</sup>. on The Third Day of May-AD-1757-They having Recd: a precept from the High Sherriff of the County Requiring a Town Meeting for the Choice of A Representative Agreed upon A Town Meeting for that Purpose to be on Munday the Ninth Day of May inftant at one of the Clock afternoon And also A Town Meeting to be at two of the Clock the Same Afternoon for the Ends following (viz) (1) To Choose a Moderator—(2) For the Town to Grant Money for the Support of ye. School the present Year—(3) To Hear the Acct: of Capt. Brown And others a Comtee- Chosen by the Town to Build the meetinghouse & to Grant money to pay ye. Same Or otherwise Provide for the Payment thereof as the Town Shall See Fit-(4) For the Town to Dispose of the Pew in the Meetinghouse that was Lately Capt. Browns as the Town shall think propper (5) For the Town to Grant money to Renew their Stock of Powder

Warrants were Issued out Pr- Samll. Fisk Town Clerk—at sd. meeting the Selectmen Gave ordr. to the Treasurer to Pay £66—13—4— to ye. Rev: mr Storer for his Salary for —1756 And Alfo £15—12—7—. To Capt. Coollidge —&— £..—17—7—1—To Seth Hastings—

[158] At A Gen¹: Town Meeting of the Freeholdrs- and other Inhabits- of Watertown Qalifyed to Vote in the Choice of A Representative At the Publick meeting house in Said Town on Munday the Ninth Day of May A D. 1757—To Elect & Depute a Person to Represent them at the Great & Gen¹: Court—&c—The Major Part of the Selectmen being Present—Directed the Clerk to Read the Warrant for the Meeting—After which the Inhabitants were Desired to bring in their Votes, which was Done Accordingly; being Sortired and Numbered it appeared that John Hunt Esq². Was Chosen by the Major part of the Votes—Who took the oath Relating to other Governments money—

At A Gen1: Town Meeting of the Freeholdrs- and other In-

habitants of Watertown-Qualifyed to Vote in Town Affairs Regulerly Assembled at the Publick meeting house in Sd. Town on Munday the 9th- Day of May A D. 1757—

Voted And Chofe John Hunt Efqr, Moderator for Sd. Meet-

Voted And Granted Thirty Pounds for the Support of the School the Present year—

The third article Read Relateing to the Acct. of the Comteethat Built the Meeting house then sd. Comtee. Exhibited an acct: of time & Expense Relateing to sd. House Amounting to the Sum of Eight Pounds Eighteen Shillings & Eight pence Lawfull money-And the Vote was Put whether it be the mind of the Town to Allow & Except Sd. Acct. And Make a Grant of £8-18-6 to Pay the same & the Vote past in the Negative

Fourth Article Read and the Vote was put whether It be the mind of the Town to Dispose of the Pew in the meetinghouse that Was Lately Capt. Browns and the Vote past in the Negative— Voted and Granted Eight pounds to Renew the Towns Stock

of powder-

At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mrs. Mary Learned Inhr. on the Thirteenth Day of May AD. 1757—Upon the Affair of the School they Determined to Look out for Some Suitable Person for A Schoolmaster. & Appointed Dr. Converse— Mr. Bemis & Samll. Fisk to go and talk with Mr- Swan at Little Cambridge (So Call'd) to See upon what terms He will keep the School the Remainder of the Year. & to Agree with him as to time & Terms At Sd. Meeting the Selectmen Determined to Enquire upon what terms they Can Obtaine a G. of Powder as to Price & Day for Paymt .-

On Munday the Sixteenth Day of May 1757—The Selectmen who were Appointed to treet with Mr. Swan went to Him, And Agreed with him to keep the School in Watertown Three Quarters of a Year for Thirty Pounds Lawful Money to begin the

School the Same week-

At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mrs. Mary Learned Inholdr- on Munday the sixth of June AD. 1757—The Selectmen having Recd. A Precept from the Speaker of the House of Representatives Requiring A Town Meeting for the Choice of A Representative (the Choice of John Hunt Efqr being Set Aside) Agreed upon A meeting for that Purpose to be on munday the thirteenth of June Instant at One of the Clock Afternoon at the Publick meeting house in sd. Town-And also a meeting to be at two o Clock the same afternoon for Disposing of ye. pew yt. was Capt- Browns-The Clerk Issued out warrants for Sd. meetings Accordingly-

[159] At A Meeting of the Freeholdrs- and other Inhabitants of Watertown Qualifyed to vote in the Choice of A Representative at the Publick Meetinghouse in Sd. Town on Munday the Thirteenth Day of June A D 1757—John Hunt Esqr. was Chosen To Represent the Town. by A Major part of the Legal voters present at Sd. Meeting (in the Opinion of the Selectmen)

At A Meeting of The Freeholdrs- And other Inhabitants of Watertown Qualifyed to Vote in Town Affairs Regulerly Assembled at the Publick meetinghouse in Said Town on Munday the Thirteenth Day of June A D. 1757-

Voted And Chose John Hunt Esqr- Moderator for Said Meet-

Then the Article was Read Relating to the Pew in the Meeting house that was Capt. Browns And After Debate thereon the Vote was Put whether it be the Mind of the Town to Act on Sd. Article and the Vote Pas't in the Negative

To the Selectmen of Watertown-Genn.

Afsefsors Certificate (

This may Certify that we the Subscribers have Assest. the Polls and Rateable Estates of Said Town in the Sum of Twenty Six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four pence (Granted by The Town for mending the ways in Said Town) And have Committed Lists of Sd. Rate to the Several Collectors who are also Survayers of High Ways-Viz-To Mr. John Cook the Sum of Thirteen Pounds and Nine pence two Farthings & To Mr. Simon Whitney the Sum of Thirteen Pounds Twelve Shillings & Six pence two Farthings with Lawfull warrands to Collect the Same (or See that it be Faithfully work't out agreable to the vote of the Town) So as to Compleat and make up with your Selves on or before the last Day of Nov<sup>r</sup>: next Ensewing-

Watertown 1757

Thos. Saltmarsh
Saml. Fisk
Nathaniel Harrington

Afsefsor's of
Watertown

[160] At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M<sup>r</sup>-David Coollidge Innhold<sup>r</sup>- on the 24. Day of June A D. 1757they Confidered the List of Perfons Licenced Last year which are as Followeth—(viz) Mr. Thos. Saltmarsh Mrs- Mary Learned &  $M^r$ . David Coollidge Innholdrs- —— And John Hunt Efqr.  $^{Mr}_\Lambda$ . Cornelius Waldo  $M^r$ . John Remington Cap. David Baldwin and Mrs- Hannah Livermore Retailer And Signifyed in their Return that they had nothing to Object to their Having their Licences Renewed the prefent year—They Also Approved of and Recommended M<sup>r</sup>. Smith Prentice as a Person of Sober Conversation Suitably quallifyed and Provided for keeping A Tavern in the Room of M<sup>rs</sup>- Mary Learned—

At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of the W<sup>d</sup>: Mary Learned on Friday the 29 Day of July 1757—Ordered The Town Treasurer to give out Assignments to the Several Constables for the Payment of the Town Credditors the Several Somes Due to them from the Town—

At S<sup>d</sup>. Meeting the Selectmen Directed the Clerk to Give the Town Treasurer A List of the Persons And an Acct: of the Charge of warning Persons out of Town—At three Shillings Each—(viz) One Shilling to the Constable for doing the Service one Shilling to the Clerk of ye Court And one Shilling to the Town Clerk—That the persons who took those in who were warned out of Town May Pay the Same as the Law Directs.

At A Meeting of the Selectmen at Mr. Smith Prentices on Thursday Augt 11 1757—the Selectmen Signed the Return of the Precept to the Speaker of the House of Representatives—At Sd. meeting the Selectmen gave ordr. to the Town Treasurer to Pay Eight Pounds to Jonathan Bemis and Samll. Hager To Buy A Barril of powder for the Towns Stock—

[161] At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M<sup>r</sup>. Smith Prentice of s<sup>d</sup>. Town Innhold<sup>r</sup>- on the 31—Day of Octobr-1757—

The Selectmen being inform'd that Mr. Samll. Coollidge Late Schoolmaster is in Want of Shirts and Briches—They Defired his Brother Capt. Nathanael Coollidge to Procure a Pair of Leather Briches and Two Cotten and Linnen Shirts for Said Samll: Coollidge as Soon as he can Conveniently—

At Said Meeting the Selectmen Agreed to meet with the Selectmen of Weston and Waltham at Mr. Richard Cuttens of Sd. Waltham on Munday the Fourteenth Day of Novr. Next at one of the Clock afternoon to Adjust the Charge of Repairing the Great Bridge in Watertown which hath Arisen Since the Last Adjustment—And also to adjust the Charge of the Poor with Waltham And Directed the Clerk to Notify Sd. Selectmen of Sd. Meeting; Who did it accordingly—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston & Waltham at M<sup>r</sup>. Richard Cuttings in Waltham on Munday Nov<sup>r</sup>. 14—1757—The Charge of Repairing the Great Bridge in Watertown which hath Arifen Since the Last Adjustment (which was Sep<sup>r</sup>. 17—1756—) Was Adjusted and proportioned between S<sup>d</sup>. Towns—The Acc<sup>ts</sup>- And Adjustments are as follows

To John Cook for Work and Meterials for Sd.  Bridge  To Thos: Learned  To Three Tons & Seven feet of Timber at .£1—1—4.  pr Ton procured by Watertown for Sd. Bridge  3—7—9—
Watertowns Charge £8—10—3—3
By Walthams Charge Omited in a former Adjustment —.—.2—.8—
The Sum to be Adjusted—£8—12—11—3  Of which Sum Watertowns part is £3— 3— 3  Westons proportion is .2—10— 7—2  Walthams Ditto 2—19—.1—1  Which Adjustm <sup>t</sup> . was Signed by the Selectmen of Each Town at the Meeting AboveS <sup>d</sup> —
Elifha Jones Abram. Bigelow Samuel Seaverns  Selectmen Of Weston  Daniel Whitney Sam'l. Fisk— Jonathan Bemis Samuel Hager  Selectmen Of Watertown
Sam <sup>ll</sup> . Livermore Isaac Stearns Daniel Child Jacob Biglow  Selectmen of Waltham

At Said Meeting the Selectmen of Watertown and Waltham Appointed to meet on Friday ye. 18th- of the same Moneth at Mr. Saltmarfhes in Watertown to Settle the Charge of ye. poor Jointly supported pr sd. Towns.—

[162] At A Meeting of the Selectmen at Mr. Cuttings of Waltham on Munday the fourteenth Day of Novr- A D—1757—The Selectmen understanding that there is One Catherine Hall of Boston come to Reside in Watertown at Mrs- Murches—They Ordered the Clark to Issue out a Warrant to warn her out of Town Directly—They Resussing to Admit her as an Inhabitant—She was Warned out Accordingly—the 18th- of the same Moneth—Att. Saml: Fisk Clerk

At A Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown & Waltham at M<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>: Saltmarfhes on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>- of Nov<sup>r</sup>. A D 1757—The Charge y<sup>t</sup>. Watertown hath been at in keeping the Wid<sup>w</sup>-Webb (Since the Same was Adjusted Ap<sup>l</sup>: 1753—) Was Adjusted which is as followeth. (viz)

To Capt. Tainter for Boarding the Widw. Webb from the Second of April 1753—To the 12th- of Novr- 1757—

And for Sundries procured for Her within Said term £43---2--2

At Said Meeting the Said Sum of Forty three Pounds two Shillings and two pence Two farthings Was Adjusted & proportioned as followeth—

Watertowns Proportion of Sd. Charge is Walthams part Due to Watertown is—

£22--.6--..-.. 20-16-2-2

Which was Signed Pr Said Selectmen

43-2-2-2

Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Fisk

Selectmen Samil Livermore

Jonathan Bemis of Jonathan Sanderson Sam'l: Hager Watertown Isaac Stearn's Jacob Biglow Selectmen of Waltham

At the Meeting Afore Said the Selectmen of Watertown Gave ordr- to The Town Treasurer to Pay the Revd: Mr. Seth Storer his Salary for the Year-1756-They Alfo Directed the Town Clerk to Issue out Warrants for a Town Meeting to be on Munday the 28—of Nov<sup>r</sup>. Currant—At one o Clock afternoon at the publick meetinghouse in S<sup>d</sup>. Town—for the ends following—(1) To Choose a Moderator—(2) For the Town to Grant A Sum of Money to pay the Acct. of the Comtee- Chosen to build ye- Meeting house (who have Sued the Town) Or Appropriate a Sum of money Due from Waltham (not appropriated) which may be Sufficient for that purpole—& pass any Vote or Votes on Sd. Affair as the Town shall think proper (3) To know the mind of the Town whether they will Purchese the Land by the Meeting house (Call'd the two Acres) of Mr. Benja Harris And If the Town are Determined to Buy the Same then to Choose and Impower a Comtee- for that purpose. And Determin in what Way they Will Pay for sd. Land-Warrants were Issued out Accordingly.

Pr Samll, Fisk Clerk

[163] At A Gen!: Town Meeting of the Freeholdrs. And other Inhabitants of Watertown Qualifyed to Vote in Town Affairs Regulerly Warned And Assembled At the Publick Meetinghouse in Sd. Town on Monday the 28th, of Novr. A D. 1757 Voted And Chose Mr. Ebenezer Stone Moderator for Said

Meeting-

The Second Article Read Relating to the Comtees. Acct. who were Chosen to build the Meeting house And After Debate thereon the Vote was put whether it be the Mind of the Town to Grant A Sum of Money to pay Sd. Comtees. Acct. And the Vote Past in the Negative

Put to Vote whether it be the mind of the Town to Choose a Comtee, to Examin Said Comtees, Acct. And Make report at the Adjournment of this Meeting and the Vote Past in the Affirmative

Voted And Choie for Said Comtee.. John Kemball Jun<sup>r</sup>. Jonas Bond Jun<sup>r</sup>. Nath<sup>l</sup>. Stone Jonathan Brown Jun<sup>r</sup>. & Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Fisk. Voted And Adjourned this Meeting & the Remaining Business thereof to Monday Next <sup>2</sup> Clock afternoon to this place

At A Gen¹: Town Meeting on Monday the Fifth of Dec¹. A D. 1757—P Adjournm¹ The Meeting being Opened the Com¹ee- Choſen to Examin the Acc¹s. of the Com¹ee. Choſen to build the Meetinghouſe Reported That they had not Compleated an Adjustm¹. of Sd. Acc¹s.—Therefore upon A motion Made & Seconded the Vote was put whether it be the mind of the Town that this Afſair be put ofſ to A ſurther Adjournm¹. of this Meeting and in the mean time Sd. Com¹ee- ſurther Examin the Acc¹s-AforeSaid—& It past in ye. Afſirmative The third Article Read Relating to the purchasing the Two Acres by the Meetinghouſe. After Debate thereon the Vote was put whether it be the mind of the Town to Act on Said Article & ye. Vote past in the Negative—

Voted And Adjourned this Meeting & the Remaining Bufiness thereof to Friday Next at two o Clock afternoon to this place.

At A Gen¹: Town Meeting of the Freeholdrs... and other Inhabitants of Watertown Regulerly Assembled at the Publick Meetinghouse in Said Town on Friday the Ninth Day of Decembr- A D. 1757 Pr Adjournmt. After the Meeting was opened The Comtee- Appointed to Settle Accts. with the Comtee. Chosen to Build the Meetinghouse Reported That they found the Ballance Due to sd. Comtee- (including Six shillings Omited in their Acct. together with the Charge of the Writ & Service which was Nine shillings & Ten pence) Amounts to the Sum of Nine Pounds Eleven Shillings & Two Pence Three Farthings After Debate thereon the Vote was put whether it be the Mind of the Town to Allow Sd. Account And Appropriate part of the Money Due from Waltham to Watertown for the Payment thereof.

And the Vote past in the Affirmative—Put to Vote whether it be the Mind of the Town to Impower and Direct the Selectmen to Give said Comtee-An Order upon Waltham for the Sum of Nine Pounds Eleven Shillings & Two pence three Farthings in full Discharge of their Accts. for Building & Finnishing the Meetinghouse & ye. Vote past in the Affirmative At A Meeting of the Selectmen the Day AbovesSaid at Evening they Gave the Comtee-An Order On Waltham Accordingly and

took a Receipt of Sd. Comtee- in full-

[164] At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr. Smith Prentice Inholdr- The 20th.. Day of January A D. 1758.

They being inform'd that the Widw- Maddocks is in Danger of Suffering for want of Wood and other Necessaries Agreed that M<sup>r</sup>. Bemis procure a Bed Blankit or Coverlid for S<sup>d</sup>. Widw- as Soon as he can with Conveniency also Desired that M<sup>r</sup>. Hager Send Her a Load of Wood—Also Desired that Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Fisk Send

her Sum Provisions if She Stands in Need of the Same

At Said Meeting the Selectmen Directed the Clerk to Sign an ord<sup>r</sup>- in their Name for the Town Treafurer to Pay Cap<sup>t</sup>. Tainter His acc<sup>t</sup>.. for Boarding the Wid<sup>w</sup>.. Webb. from April the Second A D. 1756. To April the Second 1757 And for Extraordinaries procured for Her in Said Term Also an Ord<sup>r</sup>. for the Treafurer to Pay M<sup>r</sup>. Josiah Swan Schoolmaster Ten Pounds for his keeping the School the Second Quarter.

Which was done Accordingly.

At A Meeting of the Selectmen at Mr. Smith Prentices on Monday ye. Twentieth Day of Feb: AD 1758. They Directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to the Several Constables of Watertown for A Town Meeting to be at the Publick meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the Sixth Day of March Next at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon for the Ends following (1) To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting (2) To Choose Selectmen A Town Clerk and Treasur. And all other Town officers Required by Law to be Chofen in the moneth of March Annually-(3) To Choose A Saxton and Agree how he shall be paid for his Service—(4) To Put in their votes for A County Treasurer—(5) To know the mind of ve Town whether Swine Shall Run At Large the Enfewing Year-(6) To Hear the Town Treasurers Accounts and Pass upon them (7) For the Town to Appropriate the Interest Money coming to the Town the Present year the Year beginning the Eleventh of Decembr Last (8) To Grant A Salery for the Revd: Mr. Seth Storer for the Ensewing Year the year beginning the first Day of March Next. (9) To Grant money for the Support of ye School (10) To Grant money for the Support of the Poor the Enfewing Year-(11) To Grant Money for Repairing the Great Bridge—(12) To hear the Accounts of those Persons to whome the Town is indebted & To Grant money to Pay them (13) To Grant Money (if they see fit) to Mend their High Ways & Town Ways the Enfewing year, And also to Choose their Surveyers of Highways to be collectors of ve. Highway Rate & to Determin the price of Labour in working out the same (14) For the Town to hear the pleas of the prefent or any late Constable's for Abatment of any perticuler persons Rates in their Lists, And for the Town to Act their Pleasure thereon (15) To know the mind of the Town whether they will Sell a peice of Land belonging to the Town between the Town way and the River. Norwesterly of and Next Adjoining to the piece of Land

Sold by the Town to Mr. David Sanger Late of Watertown Deceas't—And for the Town to pass any vote or votes on said affair as the Town shall think propper—(16) To hear the petition of Sam<sup>II</sup>. Warrin Jun<sup>r</sup>- Praying for Liberty to Set a Small building on the Towns Land near Biscos Spring or any other piece of the Towns Land, with a few Rods of Ground for Improvement During the Towns pleasure—(17) To know the mind of ye. Town whether they will Improve Mr. Sam<sup>II</sup>. Coollidge this present year for their Schoolmaster Provided he is well and able to manage ye. School. (18) To hear the Report of ye Comtee. Chosen to Sell their Right in ye Farm Near Wachusett hill—And that the Town Cred<sup>rs</sup>- be notifyed to bring in yr. Accts. to ye Selectmen at mr. Smith prentices on Friday ye. 3d. of March Next at 3—o Clock afternoon—Warrants were Issued out Accordingly

P. Samll. Fisk Town Clerk-

[165] At the Selectmens meeting on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>- 1758 They Gave ord<sup>r</sup>. To the Town Treasurer to pay £17—14—. To Cap<sup>t</sup>. Nath<sup>l</sup>. Coollidge for Boarding And providing things for his Brother M<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Coollidge and to be Charg<sup>d</sup> to said Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Coollidge—At the Same meeting the Selectmen Agreed that M<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Coollidge should have after the Rate of Forty Pounds A Year for his Keeping School from Dec<sup>r</sup>: 10—1755—to Ap<sup>l</sup>: 4.<sup>th</sup>-1757—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M<sup>r</sup>. Smith Prentice March. 3<sup>d</sup>. A D. 1758. to take in the Accounts of those Perfons to whome the Town is indebted Which are as followeth. (viz)

To Nath!: Harrington for Serving the Town as	
Treasurer ye Year Past	£2—13—4.
And for Serving As Assessor for the Same year	—16—
To Thos: Saltmarsh and Saml. Fisk for Serving	
Asselsors 16/ Each	.1—12—
To Bezal: Learned for 18 feet of Timber for a	
Small Bridge	—.4 —10
To John Cook for Meterals for Mending Small	
Bridges in Town	—15—.1
To Amos Bond for Stones for A Bridge Near Mr.	
Goddards	—.8 —
To Simon Hastings for Mending the School House	—.4 —
And for work & meterals in Mending ye Deck of	
the Meeting house	.1—17—4
To Lt. Daniel Whitney for Cap pieces for the	
Pound	—12—
And for Plank & Stones for Small Bridges	—.6—

To Simon Whitney for Stones & Plank for the
Like use—.6—
To Enf <sup>n</sup> . Jonathan Bemis for Two Sills for ye.
Pound 16/ & for Labour 3/2—1——19—2—1
To Samll. Hager for two Sills for the Pound 16/
—And for Labour 1/7—17—7 —.
To John Cook for work and Meterals for the
Great Bridge the Year Past which was Adjusted
P the Towns Concerned 5—1 —10—3
And for work & meterals for Said Bridge Since
the Adjustment—7 —.9 —.
£17—1 — —

At Said meeting the Selectmen Gave ordr. to the Treasurer to Pay as followeth (viz) To the Revd: Mr. Seth Storer £66-13-4— for his Salary for the year Past And Ten Pounds To Mr. Josiah Swan for keeping the School the third Quarter-And to Mr. John Remington One Shilling and One penny for Sundries found Mr. Samll. Coollidge And to be Charged to him ye. Said Coollidge-And to Samil. Fisk-Nine Pounds Seventeen Shillings and two pence for keeping Mary Hackelton (a poor Child) to this Day At Eighteen shillings (old Ten P—week—P ordr. of the Selectmen-

[166] At A Gen1: Town Meeting of the Freeholdrs. and other Inhabts: of Watertown Regulerly Assembled At the Publick Meeting house in Sd. Town March the 6th. A D. 1758

Voted And Chose Josiah Convers Efqr. Moderator for Said Meeting.

March A D. 1758 P Adjournment.

 $Voted \ and \ chose \ for \ Selectmen \left\{ \begin{array}{c} Jo \ fiah \ Convers. \ Efq^r. \\ Sam^{ll}: \ Fisk. \\ M^r. \ Amos \ Bond. \\ En^n. \ Jonathan \ Bemis. \\ Cap^t. \ Nathaniel \ Coollidge \end{array} \right.$ 

Voted and Chofe Samll, Fisk Town Clerk, Voted and Chose Mr. Nathaniel Harrington Town Treasurer. Voted and Chose Mr. Jonathan Brown Junt. first Constable but was Excused by a Vote

Voted And Chofe for Conftables { Jonas White Moses Stone. Voted and Chose for the first Assessor. Samil. Fisk. Voted And Adjourned the Meeting and the Remaining Business thereof to Monday Next at Nine o'Clock in the forenoon to this

At A Gen1: Town Meeting on Monday the thirteenth Day of

Voted And Chose two Assessors (viz) { Nathaniel Stone Thos: Saltmarsh Voted And Chofe John Coggin Sealer of Leather— Voted And Chose for Fenceviewers { Jonath<sup>n</sup> Learned } Jonathan Child. Voted and Chose for Surveyers of Highways { Robert Learned Thos. Clark— Voted and Chose for Tythingmen { Simon Whitney John Stearns. Voted And Chose for Hogrieves { Abijah Brown Joseph Coollidge Voted and Chose for Deerieves { Thos: Saltmarsh Smith Prentice Voted and Chose for Surveyer & measurer \( \) Jonas Coollidge of Timber Board Plank Slitwork &c Robert Learned Voted & Chose for Hawards or Field Drivers Daniel Pierce John Warrin Voted And Chofe for Gager of Casks Smith Prentice Voted and Chose for Culler of Hoops and Samll. Cook Smith Prentice. Staves Voted and Chose Jedididiah Spring Saxton to be paid by two Contrabutions as usual

[167] The Vote was put whether it be the mind of the Town that Swine Should Run at large the Enfewing Year and the Vote past in the Negative

Then the Town Treasurers Accounts were Read and the Vote was put whether it be the mind of the Town to Accept the Sd. Accounts

## And the Vote Past in the Affirmative

Voted & Appropriated the Interest money coming to the Town the present Year the year beginning the Eleventh of December Last. as followeth (viz) Five shillings and Eight pence to the School and the Remainder to ye. Ministry

Voted and Granted -£66-13-4- for A Salary for the Revd: Mr. Seth Storer for the Ensewing Year—the Interest money Appropriated for that use to Be part of Said Sum-

Voted And Granted £30-..-.. for the Suport of the School the Ensewing Year

Voted And Granted 15-..-.. for the Support of the Poor the

Enfewing year. Voted And Granted £6-..-.. for Repair's of the Great Bridge-

Then the Accounts of those Person's to whome the Town is Indebted was Read to the Town Amounting to the Sum of £17-1-.. Voted Accepted & Allowed And Granted the Sum of £11-1-..- to pay sd. accounts—which with the Six pounds Granted Last year for the Repairs of the Great Bridge make sd.

Voted And Granted £26—13—4—To mend the High ways and Town ways the Prefent Year-Voted & Choie the Surveyers of Highways Collectors of the Highways Rat[e]

Voted that the Price of Labour be the Same it was the Last year in working out sd rate

Then Several Late Constable's pleaded Abatement of Some persons rates in their Lists

The Town Voted and Abated Edwd: Edd's Rates in Constable Learneds Lists of ..-10--10--

And Alfo Abated Sd. Edd's Rates in Conftable

..-16--..-2 Bemis's Lists of

And Granted the like Sum to Supply the Same—

Voted And Abated Henry Spring Junt- Deceasts Rate in Conftable Bonds List of £..-5-6--3

Voted and Abated £..-15-4- In Simon Coollidges Rate in Conftable Sandersons Lists And the Like Sums Granted to make them Good-

Then the Article was Read to the Town Relating to Samuel Warrin Jun<sup>rs</sup>- Request to the Town for Liberty to Set a small Building on the Towns Land near to Bisco's Spring or other where, with a few Rods of Ground for Improvemen During the Towns pleafure—And after Debate thereon the Vote was put whether it be the mind of the Town to Grant the Said warrin his Request And the Vote past in the Affirmative—

Voted to Choose A Comtee- to Set out a piece of Land to Mr.

Warrin for the Ends mentioned

Voted And Chose Jonas Bond Esgr. Mr. John Kemball and Lt.

Daniel Whitney for sd. Comtee-

The Vote was put whether it be the mind of the Town to Improve Mr. Saml. Coollidge as Schoolmaster the prefent year in case he be well and able to manage the School-the Vote past in the Affirmative-

Then the Comtee- who were Chosen to Sell the farm near wachuset Hill Reported to the Town which is on File

[168] At A Meeting of the Selectmen at Mr. Smith Prentices on Monday March 13th- 1758. The Persons under named took the Oath Respecting other Governments Bills-The Oath was Administred P John Hunt Efgr.

Josiah Convers Efgr. Sam<sup>11</sup>. Fisk

Mr. Amos Bond.

Enn. Jonathan Bemis Capt. Nath1: Coollidge Selectmen

The following Persons after they had taken the Money Oath

Were Sworn to the Several offices to which they were Respectively Chosen—(viz)

Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Fisk took the Oath of Town Clerk & Afsefsor.

Nathaniel Harrington the Oath of Town

Jonas White the oath of Constable Moses Stone the Oath of Constable.

Thos: Saltmarsh the Oath of Assessor & Deerieve

Nathaniel Stone the Oath of Assessor—
John Coggin the Oath of Sealer of Leather
Jonathan Learned the Oath of Fenceviewer
Jonathan Child the Oath of Fenceviewer.
Robert Learned the Oath of Surveyer of
Highways; Measurer of Timber. & Bord Plank
&c—And Collector—

Thos: Clark the Oath of Surveyer of Highways & Collector—

Simon Whitney the Oath of Tythingman John Stearns the Oath of Tythingman Abijah Brown the Oath of Hogrieve Joseph Coollidge the Oath of Hogrieve Jonas Coollidge the Oath of Surveyer & measurer of Timber &c Smith Prentice the Oath of Gauger of Cas

Smith Prentice the Oath of Gauger of Casks & Culler of Hoops & Staves And Deerieve—
Sam<sup>11</sup>, Cook Culler of Hoops & Staves.

Sworn by John Hunt Efq<sup>r</sup>

[169] At the Meeting of the Selectmen on the 13th- of March Last mentioned They Ordered the Clark to Isue out a Warrant to Warn Daniel Parkhust. And Martha His wife & their four Children (viz) Martha, Ruth—Catherine & Daniel Immediatly to Depart out of Watertown they Refufing to Receive them As Inhabitants,—Sd. Parkhust & Familie Refide in Coll: Brindleys House—they came Last from Cambridge, About the 20th.- Of April Last as the Selectmen Are Inform'd—A Warwant was Issued out Accordingly—on the Next day And the Constable did the Service the Day following Att. S. Fisk Clerk—At Said Meeting the Selectmen Ordered Saml. Fisk to Get Some Clothing for Mary Hackelton who is at his House, and charge it to the Town in case Her Relations Dont help her to some in a few Days—

At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M<sup>r</sup>. Smith Prentice Inhold<sup>r</sup>. on Monday the 3<sup>d</sup>. of April AD. 1758. they Agreed with Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Tainter to keep the Wid<sup>w</sup>- Webb. for the Space of One Year (if She Survive) At three Shillings and Nine Pence P<sup>r</sup>. Week And to be Allow'd. for Extraordinaries.—

At Said Meeting Agreed that Mr. John Cook be Defired to

take care of the Great Bridge

At Said Meeting the Selectmen Appointed the Surveyers of the Highways their Districts As followeth (viz) Mr. Thomas Clark to have the East part of the Town And to mend the Roads therein And the Road under the Rocks to the Corner by Mr. Joseph Harringtons And also the Road by Mr. Kemballs to Mr. Jonas Barnards Corner-Mr. Robert Learned to have the West part of the Town And to mend the Roads therein and the Road that Leads by the Meeting house over the Hill to Kemballs Corner.— Agreed that Joseph Coollidge have Liberty to take up the young Apletrees in the Burying place, in case He take up also the Brierbushes & keep up the Walls.

At Said Meeting the Selectmen Directed the Clerk to Sign Orders in their Name to the Town Treasurer to Pay (Or ordr.) £9-12-4- To Capt, John Tainter for Boarding the Widw... Webb. from April 2d. 1757—to April—2d. 1758—And for Extraordinaries Procured for Her-And Alfo to Give out Assignmts. to the Conftables to Pav the Town Creditors their Accts, Allowed

& Granted at the Last Town Meeting.

The School being Vacant the Selectmen at the abovesSd. meeting Determined to make Enquirie at the Colledge And Elsewhere for a Suitable person to keep the Grammer & English School in

Town As Soon as may be

Agreed to meet againe on Monday Next at five oClock Afternoon

at this place

At. A Meeting of the Selectmen at Mr. Prentices on Munday the 10th- Day of April A D-1758-They with the Assent of John Hunt & Nath !: Harris Efqrs- Bound out Mary Hackelton (who hath for some time been A Town Charge) To Mr. Ebenr. Stone Junt. till She Arive at the Age of Eighteen Years—Sd. Stone to have Two Pounds Thirteen Shillings & Four Pence with the Said Mary.-At Sd.

At A Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown at Mr. Smith Prentices Inholdr. on Munday the Seventeenth Day of April. 1758—they Agreed with Mr. Thoms: Phips to keep the Grammer & English School in Said Town for the Space of one Quarter of a Year for Ten pounds Lawfull money Sd. Mr. Phips to Board & Provide for himself-Agreed that the School Should begin on Monday the 24th.. Inftant

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Samil: Fisk on the Eighth Day of May AD. 1758. They having Rec'd A Precept for the Choofing A Representative they Agreed upon A Town Meeting for that Purpose to be on The Fifteenth Day of this Month of may at one o Clock afternoon at the Publick meeting house

in Said Town.

And also Agreed upon another Town Meeting to be on the Same Day at Two of the Clock afternoon for the Ends following—(viz) (1) To Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting (2) For the Town to make Addition to the list of Jurors or take off from the Same As the Town Shall think proper—(3) To Hear the Report of the Comtee. Chosen to Sell Land Belonging to the Town—& Directed the Clerk to Issue out warrants for the sd. meetings. who did it accordingly—Att. Sam<sup>11</sup>: Fisk Clerke—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the Fifteenth Day

(viz) Henry Bond Thaddeus Bond & Eben-Stedson, Refiding in Watertown

of May A D. 1758. Three Perfons A having manifested their Defires of the priveledge of Voteing in Elections in Sd. Town the Selectmen Confented to Admit them inhabitants of Said Watertown,

At A Gen¹: Town Meeting of the Freeholdrs.. and other Inhabts: of Watertown Qualifyed to vote in the Choice of A Representative. Regulerly Assembled at the Publick Meetinghouse in Said Town on Monday the Fifteenth Day of May A D. 1758. After the warrant was Read the Selectmen Directed the Inhabitants to bring in their Votes which being Done, the Selectmen Sorted an Counted the Votes and it apeared to them that there was no Person Chosen—Declaration was made—Accordingly—the Day being Spent, A motion was made and Seconded, whereupon the Vote was put—whether it be the mind of the Town that the meeting Should be Adjourned to A surther time—Resolved in the Negative.

-the Day being Spent Consequently the Business of the Second meeting of the Said Day Drop't of Course

To the Selectmen of Watertown-

Gen<sup>n</sup>- This may Certify that we the Subscribers have Asses't the Ratable Polls and Estates of Watertown in the Sum of £26—13—

Afsefsors
Certificate
to ye
Selectmen

Afsefsors
Certificate
Surveyers of Highways who are alfo Collectors (viz)

To Robert Learned £14—1—5—3— And To Thomas Clark £12—11—10—2—with Lawfull Warrants to Collect the same or see that it be faithfully work't out in Mending the ways Agreable to ye, vote of the Town So as to Compleat the Same & make up with the Selectmen at or before ye, 30th, of Nov. 1758—

Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Fisk
Tho<sup>s</sup>: Saltmarsh
Nathan<sup>l</sup>: Stone

Afsefsors of Watertown

Watertown April 13. 1758.

[171] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M<sup>r</sup>. Smith Prentice Innhold<sup>r</sup>- On Tuesday July 11—1758—Taking into Consideration the Poor Circumstances of the French Nutral Familie in this Town. Determined that they Should be Supplied with four Shillings worth of Provisions every week till further order—And accordingly Defired M<sup>r</sup>. Smith Prentice to Deal it out to them as there shall be Occation.

At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr. Amos Bond. on Friday the 28th. of July 1758. They Agreed with Mr. Thos: Phips present Schoolmaster to keep the School Another Quarter of a Year (to begin on the Monday following) for ten pounds Lawfull money.

At A Meeting of the Selectmen at M<sup>r</sup>. Smith Prentices—Aug<sup>t</sup>. 28. 1758 having Confidered the List of Licenced Persons in Watertown Consented that they should have their Licences Re-

newed the Present Year-

At the Request of M<sup>r</sup>. Edward Richardson they Approbated Him for A Tavernkeeper in the House that was formerly D<sup>r</sup>.

Wellington's. and Recommended him Accordingly-

At Said Meeting Mr. Joseph Coollidge inform'd the Selectmen that the widw. Maddocks hath been with him for some time and Signifyed that he should Expect Three shillings and four pence Pr. week from ye Town for his providing for herwhile She tarries with him to which the Selectmen Confented.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Great Bridge in Watertown On Munday the 12<sup>th</sup>. Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>. 1758—Upon Viewing S<sup>d</sup>. Bridge they found Some of the Timbers very Defective Perticulerly Several of the Butments that Support the String pieces in the middle Pier—

Agreed that Mr. John Cook who hath the care of the Bridge be Defired to procure the Timbers and other meterials and Do the work—Defired Mr. Bemis to Afsist in the Affair. of Repairing Sd. Bridge—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr. Jonathan Bemis On Thirsday the 26th- of Octobr.. 1758—They agreed to Hire Mr. Thos: Phips to keep the School another Quarter at the Price he hath kept hitherto. Desired Samll: Fisk to give him Notice thereof, and also to Desire him to notify the School Children to bring money for Buying of wood for the School—(viz) Five shillings old Tenr. Each—Also agreed that the Schoolhouse Glass and Roof Should be Mended And the Irons of the Frame the Bell of the Meetinghouse hang upon should be repaired—Desired Samll: Fisk to get Said Repairs done—At Said Meeting the Selectmen Directed the Clark to give an ordr.. to the Treasurer to Pay—Fifteen Shillings and ten pence one Farthing

to Nathan Coollidg for Sundries procured and Services done for his Uncle Sam<sup>II</sup>: Coollidge in the Years 1756—And—1757—to be Charged to Said Sam<sup>II</sup>: Coollidge—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Capt<sup>t</sup>. Nath<sup>1</sup>: Coollidge on the 7<sup>th</sup>- Day of Decem<sup>r</sup>. 1758—They Gave Ord<sup>r</sup>. to the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to Warn one George Trent—And Margret Gardner to Depart the Town—The Selectmen Refusing to Admit them as Inhabitants—the Said Margret. Came Last from Boston And the s<sup>d</sup>. Trent is a roving Person they came into Town About the Moneth of June Last and Reside in the House of the Wid<sup>w</sup>- Elisebeth Prentice As the Selectmen are in form'd—

[172] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at Mr. Smith Prentices Inhold<sup>r</sup>. on Thirsday the 21<sup>st</sup>.. of Decem<sup>r</sup>- A D. 1758—They having Notice of the Death of the Wid<sup>w</sup>. Deliverence Webb—who hath for some time been a Town Charge—They Determin'd that her Funeral Should be the Day following—And that Mr. David Bemis be Defired to Make her Coffin—And that there be Six pair of Gloves Procured for the Bearers and one for the Minister- and that the two Women who laid out the Corpes should have a Reward Equal to a Pair of Gloves Each Agreed also that the Corpes be carryed to the Grave upon a Chair—Defired Mr. Bemis one of the Selectmen to Procure a Horse and Chair for that Purpose—And that John Tainter Jun<sup>r</sup>. be Defired to Drive the Chair and Assist at the Funeral—And to be rewarded for his Trouble—

At Said Meeting the Selectmen Defired Mr. John Cook who hath the Inspection of the Great Bridge to Collect and Secure

the Old Planks that belong to said Bridge-

At Said Meeting the Selectmen Defired M<sup>r</sup>. Smith Prentice to let the French Familie live in the best Room in His House out of which M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>- Sanger lately Removed, the Selectmen Promising him Reasonable Rent for it the time they should Dwell there, To which M<sup>r</sup>. Prentice Consented— They Also Desired M<sup>r</sup>. John Cook to Procure wood and other Necessaries to the Amount of Fifty shillings Old Ten<sup>r</sup>. P<sup>r</sup>. Week for s<sup>d</sup>.

French people till further Ordr-

At Said Meeting the Selectmen having Recd: An Ordr. from Daniel Parkhurst Dated Novr. 28. 1758—To Pay Or Ordr- his Rates to be Cros't in Conftable Sanderfons Lists amounting to the Sum of Twelve shillings and Three pence One Farthing And alfo to pay Two pounds Thirteen shillings and Four Pence to Saml!: Fisk of Watertown in full Discharge of his Acct- Relating to the Widw- Maddocks for Trouble Provision & House Rent—Which Ordr- the Selectmen Recd. And Accepted, And Accordingly Directed the Clark to sign an order in their Name to the

Town Treasurer to Pay Twelve Shillings and Three pencone Farthing to M<sup>r</sup>. Isaac Sanderson upon his Crossing the S<sup>d</sup>. Parkhursts Rates in his Lists, And also to Pay Two Pounds Thirteen shillings and Four Pence to Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Fisk in full Discharge of Said Parkhursts Acc<sup>t</sup>-

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at Mr. Smith Prentices Innholdron Friday the 16 of Februy. A D-1759. They Directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to the several Constables for A Gen!. Town Meeting to be On Munday the Fifth Day of March Next at nine o Clock in the forenoon at the Publick Meetinghouse in said Town for the Ends following viz (1) To Choose a Moderator of Sd. Meeting—(2) To Choose Town Officers (3) To Choose a Saxton and Agree how he shall be paid for his Service (4) To put in their Votes for a County Treasurer (5) To know the mind of the Town whether Swine shall run at Large the Ensewing Year (6) To Hear the Town Treasurers Accts- and pass upon them (7) For the Town to Appropriate the Interest money Coming to the Town the prefent Year the Year beginning the Eleventh of Decem<sup>r</sup>. Last (8) To Grant a Salary for the Revd. Mr. Seth Storer the Ensewing Year, the year beginning the first of March Next (9) To Grant Money for the Support of the School (10) To Grant money for the support of the poor the Enfewing year—(11) To Grant money for. Repairing the Great Bridge the prefent year—(12) To Hear the Acct's of those persons to whome the Town is indebted and Grant money to satisfy them (13) To Grant money (If they See fit) To mend their Highways and Town ways the Enlewing year & Choose their Surveyers of Highways to be Collectors of the Highway Rate And for the Town to Determin the price of Labour in working out the Same—(14) For the Town to hear the please of any Late Constable's for Abatement of Any Perticuler Persons Rates in their Lists-And for the Town to Act their pleasure thereon (15) For the Town to make Addition to the List of persons they may Judge propper to Serve as Jurimen or take off from the Sd. List as they shall think propper—(16) To know the mind of the Town whether for the time to come they will have A moving School to be kept in two or more places in The Town and for the Town to act their pleasure thereon (17) To Hear the Report of their Comtee- Chosen to sell Land belonging to the Town and purchase a ministerial place-And also to Notify those persons to whome the Town is Indebted to bring their Accts.. to the Selectmen at the House of Mr. Smith prentice Innhold<sup>r</sup>. On Friday the Second Day of March next in ordr, to be Laid before the Town

—Notify

[173] Notify also the Survayers of Highway's who are Collectors that have not made up with the Selectmen To bring their

19-4-4-

accts, to make up with the Selectmen at Sd. Time & place—Warrants were Issued out Accordingly Pr. S. Fisk Town Cler—At Said Meeting Agreed to meet with the Selectmen of Weston & Waltham At Mr. Richard Cuttings in Waltham on Thirsday the 22d, of Feby. Inftant at two o Clock afternoon in Ordr. to Adjust the Charge of Repairing the Great Bridge in Watertown—Letters were Sent to the Selectmen of Weston & Waltham to notify them thereof Sign'd pr. Ordr. of the Selectmen—Pr. Samll. Fisk Town Cler—

At A Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown Weston and Waltham At Mr. Richard Cuttings in Waltham on Thirsday the 22<sup>d</sup>. of Feby: A D. 1759 in Ordr. to Adjust and proportion the Charge of Repairing the Great Bridge in Watertown which hath Arisen since the Adjustment Novr. 14—1757—which is as followeth—viz

To John Cook for Work and Meterials for Sd. Bridge To Jonas Coollidge for Timber and Plank for 5-.4-10-. Said Bridge To Capt. Edwd. Harrington for Labour at Sd.. Bridge ..-6 -.8 -. To Smith Prentice ..-3 -.7 -. ..-12--..-To Jedidiah Spring & Nathan! Sanger 6/. Each To Jonathan Learned for Labour at Said Bridge ......8 — .. —. To Enfn- Jonathan Bemis for work Done at Said ..-6 -8 -Bridge To Benja. Felton for Labour at Sd. Bridge ..-5 -4 -To James Stimson for Timber and Plank for Sd. 8-3 -9 -Bridge The Sum to be Adjusted is—£19—4 —4— Of which Charge Watertowns Part is £7—1 —8 5—12—6 Weston's part is 6-10-2 Walthams Ditto

Which Adjustment was Signed by the Selectmen of said Towns at the Meeting Aforesaid as followeth—

Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Fisk.

Jonathan Bemis
Amos Bond—

Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Livermore
John Dix—
Isaac Stearns
Jacob Biglow.

Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Fisk.
Jonathan Bemis
Abraham Bigelow—
Braddyll Smith
Henry Spring—
Waltham
Wm- Whitney—
John Warrin—

Weston.

At S<sup>d</sup>. Meeting the Selectmen of Watertown gave M<sup>r</sup>. James Stimson an Ord<sup>r</sup>. for Six pounds Thirteen shillings and Four pence one Farthing—on the Town Treasurer of Weston which is the whole Sum that Weston ows to Watertown on the Affair of the Bridge—of which S<sup>d</sup>. Stimson gave a Receipt—

At Said Meeting the Selectmen of Watertown and Waltham agreed to meet at Mr. Saltmarshes at Watertown on Tuesday the 27th.. Inftant in ordr- to Adjust the Charge of supporting the widw- Webb—now Dect—Appointed Jonathan Bemis and Samll. Fisk of Watertown And Mr. John Dix & Dea. Stearns of Waltham to go to Capt. Tainters and take an Inventory of the things Left by sd. widw- Webb—And Dispose of them.

[174] At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown and Waltham at Mr. Thos: Saltmarshes in Watertown Feb—27—1759—They Adjusted and proportioned the Charge of Supporting the Widw- Webb—which hath Arisen Since the Last Adjustment thereof which was Novr- 18—1757—And also the Charge of her Funeral—The Charge to be Adjusted is as followeth (viz)

To Cap<sup>t</sup>. Tainter for Boarding the widw- Webb from the 12—of Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1757—to the Second of April—1758 Twenty Weeks at 3/7—<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>—P<sup>r</sup> week £3—12—& for Extraordnaries

To the Said Cap <sup>t</sup> . Tainter for Boarding the Said Widw- Webb from the 2 <sup>d</sup> - of Ap <sup>l</sup> . 1758. to the 20 <sup>th</sup> - of Decem <sup>r</sup> - following at which time She Deceast	£3—14
Thirty Seven weeks and three Days at 3/9—p week And for Extraordinaries and the trouble of her	£7—15—5
Funeral To Mr. David Bemis for her Coffin 8/ And to	—15—
the Saxton 3/4 To the Other Charges of her Funeral	—11—4 —17—4
To be Reducted £1—13—1— for Sundries Left by Said Widw-	£13—13—1 .1—13—1
Remains to be Adjusted between Sd. Towns——	£12——.
Watertowns Province Tax— 300——9. Walthams Ditto— 280—2—6-	_
Watertowns part of S <sup>d</sup> . Charge is Walthams Ditto Due to Watertown	£6—4 —1 5—15—11
_	12——

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Watertown Feb. 27—1759. The foregoing Charge Adjusted And Sign'd P. us—
Isaac Stearns.       Selectmen       Sam <sup>II</sup> : Fisk.       Selectmen         Jacob Biglow.       of       Jonathan Bemis       of         John Dix.       Waltham       Amos Bond.       Watertown
[175] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M <sup>r</sup> . Smith Prentice on Friday the 2 <sup>d</sup> . Day of March A D. 1759. to Receive the Accts of those Persons to whome the Town is indebted in ord. to their being Laid before the Town At their Next Meeting—The Accts. are as followeth (viz)  To Nathaniel Harrington for Serving Treasurer ye. Year Past  To Thos. Saltmarsh for Serving Assessor for the Year Past  To Nathanael Stone for Serving Assessor the Year Past  To Sam!. Fisk for serving Assessor for ye. Year past  £—16—  And for Returning & Entring Seven Cautions 2/. each —14— £1—10——.
To Edw <sup>d</sup> . Harrington for Stones for a Small
Bridge
To Jonathan Bemis for Work done at ye- Pound—8 —5 —2 To Amos Bond for Stones for a Small Bridge—2 — —
To Jonathan Learned Jun for work Done at the Schoolhouse & pound
To W <sup>m</sup> - Saltmarsh for mending the Beir2 -8.
Bell2  To W <sup>m</sup> - Saltmarsh for mending the Beir22
To Jonas Coolidge for Timber and Plank for the Great Bridge 5—4—10—1 To Edw <sup>d</sup> . Harrington for work done at Said Bridge—6—8—
Adjusted To Smith Prentice for Drink for those
Feb. 22-\ ye. mended sd. Bridge3 -7 -
Feb. 22- 1759    Jedidiah Spring—& Nath!: Sanger for Service done at Sd. Bridge 6/ Each—12——
To Jonathan Learned for work done at Said Bridge8 — —.
To Jonathan Bemis for work done at Said Bridge
To Benja- Felton for work done at Sd.
Bridge5 — 4 —

To James Stimpson for Timber for ye. Great
Bridge
£.1—10—4—3
20—10—11—..

To Abijah Brown for Stones for a Small Bridge
added
..—.5—.4—..

£20-16-3 -...

At the Meeting afores<sup>d</sup>. the Selectmen gave ord<sup>r</sup>. to the Town Treasurer to pay out of the Town Treasurie as followeth—(viz) to the Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Seth Storer £66—13—4—for his Salary for y<sup>e</sup>. year past And to M<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Phips Schoolmaster £30. for keeping the School Three Quarters of a Year—And to Cap<sup>t</sup>. Nath<sup>l</sup>. Coollidge £15—12—.. for bording his Brother Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Coollidge from the 7<sup>th</sup>. of March 1758—to the 7<sup>th</sup>. of March—1759—at 6/ P<sup>r</sup> Week—And to Eben<sup>r</sup>. Stone Jun<sup>r</sup>- £2—13—4—On Acc<sup>t</sup>. of his taking of Mary hackelton to bring up—as P<sup>r</sup>. Agreement with the Selectmen—Ap<sup>l</sup>. 10—1758—And to Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Tainter the Sum of £7—7—8—3—for boarding the W<sup>d</sup>. Web—&c—And to Sam<sup>l</sup>. Fisk the Sum of £16—5—2— for keeping Mary Hackelton from the third of March 1758 to the 10<sup>th</sup>- of

April following—at—2/4—3—pr. weekand for a pair of Shoes for Her—And also Six shillings and ten pence ½ for four pair of Gloves procured by him for the Wd- Webbs Funeral—And to David Bemis Eigh shillings for a Coffen for the widw- Webb—And to Jedidiah Spring—Three shillings & four pence for Diging the Grave for the Widw- Webb—

[176] At A Genl Town Meeting of the Freeholdrs- and other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town Affairs Regulerly Assembled at the Publick Meeting house in Sd. Town on Monday the fifth Day of March A D—1759. for the Choice of town Officers &c—

Voted And Chose Josiah Convers Efqr. Moderator of Said

Meeting

Voted and Adjourned the Meeting And the Remaining Business thereof to Monday the 12 of March Instant at Nine o

Clock in the forenoon at this Place—

At A Gen!: Town Meeting at the Publick Meetinghouse in Water Town March 12 A D—1759—P Adjournment—On A Motion Made and Seconded The Question was put Whether it be the mind of the Town that this Meeting & the Remaining business thereof should be Adjourned to Monday the Nineteenth Instant at Nine of the Clock in the Morning at this place

And the Vote Past in the Affirmative It may be Noted that there was Some uneafiness upon the minds of some of the Inhabitants relating to the Choice of the

Moderator on the fifth of March 1759 Accordingly Application was Made to the Gen<sup>1</sup>: Court that the proceedings at the S<sup>d</sup>. Meeting Might be Set aSide And A Moderator Appointed by the Court—

—Accordingly (All Parties Confenting to it) The Gen¹: Court Set Afide the proceedings At Sd. Meeting. And the Adjournments thereof. And Directed A meeting to be held on Tuesday the 27th. of March Inftant at Eleven O.'Clock beforenoon at the ufual place of Meeting—for the Choice of Town Officers &c—And Appointed and Impowered—The Hon¹: Benj²- Lincoln Efq⁻- To be Moderator of Sd. Meeting—As by a Copy of the Courts Ord⁻- on file will more fully Appear—In Observence thereof the Selectmen at A Meeting at M⁻. Smith Prentices on the 21st- of March 1759 Issued out Warrants Directed to the Several Conftables (Containing the Same Articles to be Acted upon that Ware Contained in the Warrants for the Last Meeting As Entred Page (171)—Exclusive of that for Choosing a Moderator.) for a Town Meeting to be held at the time and place the Court Directed to—

At A Gen¹: Town Meeting of the Freehold<sup>rs</sup>- and other. Inhabitants of Watertown Quallifyed to Vote in Town Affairs Regulerly Afsembled at the Publick Meeting house in Sd. Town on Tuesday the 27th- Day of March A D 1759—for the Choice of Town Officers &c

The Honl: Benjamin Lincoln Efqr- being Moderator.

Voted and Chose for Selectmen

Jonas Bond Efq<sup>r</sup>. Capt<sup>t</sup>. Nath<sup>l</sup>. Coollidge. M<sup>r</sup>. Amos Bond. M<sup>r</sup>. Jonathan Child. L<sup>t</sup>. Daniel Whitney.

Upon a Motion Made and Seconded the Question was put—whether it be the Mind of the Town that this Meeting and the Remaining Business should be Adjourned till tomorrow Nine o Clock in the morning to the same place, It past in the Affirmative—

Upon which the Moderator Declared the meeting to be Adjourned.

[177] At A Gen<sup>1</sup>: Town Meeting of the Freehold<sup>rs</sup> And other Inhabitants of Watertown Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs Assembled at the Publick Meetinghouse in S<sup>d</sup>. Town on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup>. Day of March 1759. P. Adjournm<sup>t</sup>.

The Meeting being Opened the Town proceeded-

Voted And Chose for Town Clerk Samll. Fisk—who was Directly Sworn by John Hunt Efqr.

Voted And Chose for Town Treasurer Mr. Nathl: Harrington

( M <sup>r</sup> . John Kemball
Voted And Chose for Assessors { Capt. Nath!: Coollidge Capt. Jonathan Brown
Jonathan Stone.
Voted And Chose for Contradies (David Bemis. Voted And Chose for Sealer of Leather. Isaac Sanderson
(Those Clark
Voted And Chose for fence Veiwers { Jonas White
Voted And Chose for Surveyers { Samll. Mason of Highways—— { Joseph Paterson
Voted And Chose for Tithingmen { David Sanger Simon Whitney
Voted And Chose for Hogrieves  {     Edw <sup>d</sup> : Harrington Jun <sup>r</sup> .      Tho <sup>s</sup> : Learned Jun <sup>r</sup> -      Tho <sup>s</sup> : Saltmarsh
Voted and Chose for Deerievs Smith Prentice
Voted And Chose for Surveyers and Surveyers
Voted & Chose; Smith Prentic Gager of Casks-
Voted and Chose for Culler of Hoops { Sam <sup>ll</sup> Cook and Staves—— { Bezl. Learned.
Voted and Chofe for Saxton Simon Hastings—
Voted to pay the Saxton by two Contrabutions as Usual—
Voted that Swine Shall not Go at Large the Present year— Then the Town Treasurers Accts- Were Read to the Town and By A Vote Accepted—
Voted And Appropriated the Interest money coming to the
Town the Present Year the Year beginning the 11th- of Decr: Last
as it was Last year (viz) Five Shillings & Eight pence to the
School And the Remainder to the Minister— Voted And Granted £66—13—4—for A Salary for the Rev <sup>d</sup> -
Mr. Seth Storer the Ensewing Year—The Interest money Appro-
priated to that Use to be part of Sd. Sum
Voted And Granted £36—for the Support of the School.  Voted and Granted £40—for the Support of the poor
Voted and Granted £13—6—8— for Repairing the Great Bridge
Then the Accts. of those persons to whome the Town is indebted
Ware Read to the Town And by a Vote Allowed And Accepted—
And £14—16—3— Granted to pay Sd. Accts— Voted to mend the High Ways the present Year by A Rate—
Voted and Granted £30— for Mending the Highways & Town ways the present year
Voted that the price of Labour in working out s <sup>d</sup> . Rate be the same it was Last year
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Voted And Chose the Surveyers of highways Collectors of sd. Rate-

[178] Voted to Abate Josiah Masons Rate in Constable
$\lambda$ List which is $\pounds 3-5$
Voted and Abated George Trents
Rate in Sd. Sandersons List which is——15—4
Voted And Abated Joseph Muzzeys Rate in Conftable Waldos List of — — ——10—6—1
Voted And Abated in Constable Moses Stones List the Tax on the
Poll of the Several Persons After Mentioned—
Thos. Cummings —   Abel Benjamin —   Jedidiah Learned —   Amerah Learned —   Jedidiah Spring —   Convers Spring —   in ye. Wd. Hastings Rate—   Wm- Hastings — — — — —   in Saml. Masons Rate—   Jonathan Horrs — — — —   Jonathan Horrs — — — — —   Jonathan Horrs — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —
1—11—8
Voted And Abated in Conftable Whites List-
Solomon Sangers in David         Sangers Rate — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —
Sangers Rate       —       £3—11—2         George Thompsons       —      3—11—2         John Tainter       —      3—11—2         Saml. Tainter       —      3—11—2         Wm- Whites       —      3—11—2         Jedidiah Whites       —      3—11—2         Moses Bigelows       —      3—11—2         Wm- Saltmarshes       —      3—11—2
Sangers Rate — —

Voted And Granted Six pound to Make Good these Abatem<sup>ts</sup>-Upon A Motion made and Seconded the 15—Article was Read and after Debate thereon the Vote was Put whether it be the mind of the Town to have A Moving School for the time to

come—& It Past in the Negative—

Upon A Motion made and Seconded the Question Was put—Whether it be the mind of the Town that the (14) Article in the Warning Relating to the List of Jurimen and the (16) Article Relating to the Comtees- Reporting Should be Put off till May Meeting—And the Vote Past in the Affirmative

Then the Moderator Declared the meeting to be Dissolved

At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr. Smith Prentice Innhold<sup>r</sup>- in the Town of Watertown on Wednesday the 28th- of March 1759—for swaering Town officers &c— At Sd. Meeting Three of the Selectmen took the oath Relating to ye, other Governments Bills (viz) Jonas Bond Efgr-Mr. Amos Bond & Mr. Jonathan Child—And the persons after named took the Money Oath And then were Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of their Offices-viz-Nath!: Harrington Town Treafurer-John Kemball & Capt Jonathan Brown Afsefsors-Jonathan Stone & David Bemis Constables Isaac Sanderson Sealer of Leather—Thos: Clark & Jonas White. Fence viewers—Samlt. Mason and Joseph Paterson—Surveyers of Highways & Collectors-Edwd. Harrington Junr- and Thos: Learned Junr- Hogrieve Smith Prentice Dearieve—Jonas Coollidge & Benja-Harris—Surveyers and Measurers of Timber plank—&c—Oliver Livermore & Fanning Learned Field Drivers. Samll. Cook & Bezal: Learned Culler of Hoops and Staves.—All Sworn by John Hunt Efgr- —

March 31—1759—Nath!, Harris Efqr- Declar'd that he had the Same Day—viz—March—31—Sworn Capt. Nath!. Coollidge to the Office of Afsessor first Giving of him the Money Oath.—

[179] At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Mr. Smith Prentice on the 2<sup>d</sup>. Day of April—A D. 1759—They Agreed that the Surveyers Bounds or Districts should be as they were Last year. & Joseph Paterson to have the west Part and Samuel Mason to have the East Part—

At sd. Meeting Agreed that Mr Bezal: Learned be Defired to

take care of the Bridge the Present year-

At Sd. Meeting Agreed that the French Familie be allowed Six Shillings and 8 pence P. Week for the moneth of April & Six Shillings P. Week for the month of may & that the Select-

men Provide for them by Turns A month Each-

At S<sup>d</sup>. Meeting Agreed that Cap<sup>t</sup>. Coollidge & L<sup>t</sup>. Whitney two of the Selectmen go and treat with M<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>: Phipps. And Agree with him to keep the school Another Quarter. at. Ten Pounds P. Quarter—He to provide for himfelf—Who Agreed with him Accordingly—And M<sup>r</sup>. Phipps Agreed to begin the Quarter—the 9<sup>th</sup>.. day of the same Month.

At A Meeting of the Selectmen on Friday the 20th, of April. 1759 At the House of Mr. Smith Prentice in Watertown—they Defired Bezal: Learned to take spedy Care to Secure the north Pier of the Great Bridge from Sinking & failing of which they Judged there was Great Danger-

At Sd. Meeting they Directed the Clerk to Send Notifications to the Adjessent Towns to Perambulate the Line & Renew the Bound marks betwen the Town of Watertown & the Towns that Joine upon it—On the first monday of May next And Mr. Amos Bond & Mr. Jonathan Child—were appointed to do sd. Service—

At Sd. Meeting They Directed the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant Directed to one of the Constables to warn out Margret Gardner who came into town Last month And Resides at the House of the Wd. Prentice they Refusing to Admit her As an Inhabitant-Which was Done Accordingly-And Sd. person

Warn'd out by Ionathan Stone Constable-

At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Lt. Daniel Whitney on the first Day of May A D. 1759—They Agreed upon A Town Meeting to be on Tuesday the Eighth Day of May Instant at one of the Clock in the afternoon At the Publick Meeting house in Sd. Town for the Choice of a Reprefentative—And also a Town Meeting to be  $^{\circ n}_{\Lambda}$  the Same Day at two of the Clock in the Afternoon at the publick Meeting house for the Ends following (viz) (1) To Choose a Moderator (2) For the Town to act upon the Articles put off at march Meeting to may—(viz) For the Town to make Addition to the List of persons they may Judge propper to Serve as Jurimen or take off from the Said List as they may Judge propper-And Also to Hear the Report of the Comtee- Chosen to Sell Land belonging to the Town and to Purchase A Ministereal Place—(3) To hear the Request of Henry Godding praying the Town to Give up to Him the Note of Hand he Gave to the Town for the Rent of the Little Island Below the mills-&c-And for the Town to act their pleasure thereon (4) For the Town to Hear the pleas of several Late Constables for Abatem<sup>t</sup>. of Henry Learneds Rates in their Lists, and for the Town to act their pleasure thereon-(5) To know the mind of the Town whether they will Impower the Town Treasurer to make a Demand of and Sue the Town of Waltham for what is Due from Sd. Waltham to the Town of Watertown (6) To know the mind of the Town whether they will appropriate the money that is Due from Waltham to Watertown (that hath not been Appropriated) Towards the Support of the poor in Case the Grants already made for that purpose should not be sofficient

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly—P. S. Fisk Clerk—

[180] At the Selectmens Meeting Last mentioned they

Defired M<sup>r</sup>. Jonas White  $^{still}_{\Lambda}$  to take care of Joseph Stearns upon as Reasonable terms as he can.

At A Gen¹: Town Meeting of the Freehold<sup>rs</sup>... and other Inhabitants of Watertown Qualifyed to vote in the Choice of A Representative on the Eighth Day of May 1759 At the Publick meeting house—for the Choice of a Representative— At the Direction of the Selectmen the Meeting was opened & the Votes called for Upon Sorting and Counting of which it appeared that Mr. Daniel Whitney was Chosen to serve for and Represent the Town at the Great And Gen¹. Court. &c.

At A Gen¹: Town Meeting of The Freehold<sup>rs</sup>, and other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallifyed to vote in Town affairs Regulerly Assembled on the Eighth Day of May A D. 1759—Voted And Chose Jonas Bond Esqr- Moderator of Said Meeting. Voted And Adjourned the meeting and the Remaining Business thereof to monday the Twenty first of May Courant at three o Clock afternoon to this place

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr. Amos Bond may—10—1759 Agreed that the Town Clerk be Directed to Draw a Warrant to warn out of Town Joseph Ward Last from Newton who hath been in Town as he Saith About ten or Eleven Months—and also one for Abraham Scott Last from Lexington who hath been in Town as he Saith about Eight or nine months And one for Eben. Warner from Springfield who hath been in Town as he Saith about three months.—And that thewarrants be Drawn as Soon as may be and Deliver them into the Hands of Constable Stone to Serve.

To Mr. Samil. Fisk Town Clerk.

Warrants Were Issued out Accordingly

Jonas Bond. Nath<sup>l</sup>. Coollidge. Amos Bond. Jonathan Child. Daniel Whitney.

[181] At A Gen<sup>1</sup>: Town Meeting of the Freehold<sup>rs</sup>, and other Inhabitants of Watertown At the Publick Meetinghouse in Said Town on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup>.. Day of May 1759 P. Adjournment.

The Second Article in the Warning was Read Relating to the List of Jurors &c—The following persons who had been in S<sup>d</sup>. List were excused & Dismis't viz—Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Tainter Cap<sup>t</sup>.

Nathaniel Coollidge And White & Enn.. Jonathan Bemis—And the following persons were added to Sd. List. viz Saml. Soden Saml. Mason Phinehas Stearns Benja- Harris Nathl: Harris Junf-Abraham Crawley—Daniel Whitney Junf- Thos: Pattin Wm-Saltmarsh Edward Harrington Junf- Ebenf. Stedson Abijah Brown Convers Spring Nathaniel Sanger, Nathan Coollidge Saml- Sanger, Simon Hastings, Fanning Learned. Thos. Learned Junf

The Article Read Relating to the Comtees- Reporting—Several of the Comtees- being present. Signifyed that they were not pre-

pared to make a Report-

Then the Article was Read Relating to Henry Goddings Request to the Town upon which the Question was put, Whether it be the mind of the Town to Sink the Rent of the Little Island, Let to Henry Godding in the Year-1754 And that the Treasurer be Directed to give up to Him his Note of Hand of one pound Four Shillings which he gave for Said Rent which is in the Treasurie

And the Vote past in the Affirmative—Voted and Abated Henry Learneds Rates in Conftable Whites Lists Amounting to the Sum of Seventeen shillings And Eight pence Two Farthings, And the like Sum Granted to make it Good—

Voted And Abated Sd. Henry Learneds Rates in Conftable Jonathan Bemis's Lists Amounting to the Sum of Thirteen shillings and Two pence and the Like Sum Granted to make It Good.

The Fifth Article Read—& The Question was put whether it be the mind of the Town to Impower the Town Treasurer to Sue the Town of Waltham for what is Due from the Sd. Waltham to the Town of Watertown

And the Vote Past in the Affirmative The Sixth Article Read, And the Question was put, Whether it be the mind of the Town to Appropriate the Money that is Due from Waltham to Watertown (That hath not been Appropriated) to be Improved in Supporting the poor—

And the Vote Past in the Affirmative-

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the Publick meetinghouse on Munday at 21 Day of may 1759—They Desired the Clark the Selectmen of

to notify A Weston & Waltham that they intend on the first monday of June Next to begin to repair the Great Bridge in Watertown—that the Selectmen of Sd. Towns may have an Oppertunity to Assist in Said Affair—

They were notifyed A[cco]rdingly-P. S. Fisk Cler

[182] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr. Smith Prentice June the 11. 1759. They Agreed that the

Town Clerk be Defired to Prepare the Districts for the Surveyers as they were last year that they may have them as soon as may be, and also insert the Price of work as it was Voted at March Meeting-

> Jonas Bond Nathl. Coollidge Amos Bond-

At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr. Smith Prentice on ye. 19th.. Day of July A D. 1759—They Agreed to Hire Mr. Thos. Phipps to keep the School another Quarter. At Said Meeting the Selectmen gave Ordr. to the Town Treasurer to give out the Asignments to the Several Constables for paying the Town Creditors the several Sums Granted to them at Last March Meeting-And also to Pay-Two Pound to Joseph Coollidge in Part for his keeping the Widw- Maddocks

At A Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown Weston and Waltham At Mr. Richard Cuttings in Waltham the 21-t Day of Sept. 1759 the Acct of the Charge of Repairing the Great Bridge in Watertown was Adjusted and Proportioned between Sd. Towns which is as followeth—

Watertowns Acct: of Sd. Charges was — £23—2—8 Westons Ditto — — — — — 12—3—3 Walthams Ditto — — — — — —

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Of Which Watertowns Proportion is - £13-14-10 Westons Ditto — — — — — 10—19—.4 Walthams Ditto — — — — — 12—16— 5 £37-10-7

Which was Adjusted Proportioned And Signed by the Selectmen of Sd. Towns At the Meeting AforeSd- viz By

[183] At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mrs-Mary Learned Innholdr- Novr- 7-1759. They Gave Mr. Thomas Phipps Schoolmaster an Ordr On the Treasurer to Pay him Twenty Pounds for his keeping the School the Last half Year-At Said Meeting they Agreed with Mr. Phipps to keep the

School another Quarter for Ten Pounds the Quarter to begin this Day

Agreed to Meet Againe on Monday the 12th. of Novr- Instant

at Mrs. Learneds

At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M<sup>rs</sup>. Mary Learned Nov<sup>r</sup>- 12—1759—They Directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to the several Constables to warn a Town Meeting to be the —26—Day of Nov<sup>r</sup>- Instant at one of the Clock Afternoon—at the Publick Meetinghouse in Said Town

for the Ends following (viz)

(1) To Choose A Moderator for Said Meeting (2) To Hear the Report of the Comtee- Appointed by the Town to Sell Lands belonging to the Town and to Purchase a Ministerial Place (3) To know the mind of the Town whether Coll: Henry Vassel Shall Pay the Judgment that Isaiah Tufts Obtained Against Samll. Sanger at the Superior Court in January Last On Acct. of An Agreement that Said Tufts Should do Said Sangers Turn in the Service in the Year 1758—Out of the Fines Now in the Said Colls.. Hands Recd. of Imprest men—And for the Town to Act their Pleasure on Said Affair—

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly-P. Samil. Fisk Town

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At the Selectmens Meeting Above Sd. They Sign'd An Acct. of the Number Age and Circumstances of the French Familie in Watertown to be Lodged in the Secretaries Office Agreable to the Ordr- of the Great And Gen!: Court—And made Oath to the Same before Nath!: Harris Justice of Peace

At Sd. Meeting they Directed the Clerk to Issue out a warrant to Warn out one Jasher Richardson and his wife Ruth Richardson and their three Children (viz) John Stephen & Lydia who came from Lincoln Somtime in the month of May Last—And also a Child Called Bartlet Kingston from Boston—now residing in Daniel Peirces Familie

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly P. Samll. Fifk Town Clerk—

[184] At A Gen<sup>1</sup>: Town Meeting of the Freehold<sup>rs</sup>. and other Inhab<sup>ts</sup>.. of Watertown Regulerly Assembled at the Publick meetinghouse in Said Town on Monday the Twenty Sixth Day of Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1759

Voted and Chofe Jonas Bond Efqr. Moderator for Sd. Meeting The Second Article Read—Then the Comtee. Chosen to Sell Lands belonging to the Town And Purchase A Personage—&c Reported And their Report is on File—The Question was put whether it be the mind of the Town to Accept of the Committes Report.

And the Vote past in the Affirmative

The third Article in the Warning Read and after Debate thereon the Question was Put Whether it be the mind of the Town that Col<sup>1</sup>- Henry Vafsel shall Pay the Judgment Isaiah Tufts Obtain'd Against Samuel Sanger at the Superior Court in January Last on Acc<sup>t</sup>. of An Agrem<sup>t</sup>. that S<sup>d</sup>. Tufts Should do Said Sangers Turn in the Service in the Year 1758 Out of the Fines now in the S<sup>d</sup>. Col<sup>1</sup>s.. Hands Rec<sup>d</sup>. of Impres't Men

And the Vote Pas't in the Affirmative

At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mrs. Mary Learned Inholdr- on Friday the 14th- Day of Decemr. A D. 1759 They Directed the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant to warn one Eleanor Collier and Her Infant Child out of Watertown they came to Town Somtime in the Month of Feby. Last and Reside in the House of the Widw- Mary Hastings the Woman an Inhabitant of Boston and the Child Born at Dorchister—A Warrant was Issued out the same Evening & Delivered to Constable Stone—Pr. Saml. Fisk Town Cler

At Said Meeting the Selectmen gave Ord<sup>r</sup>- To the Town Treasurer to Pay Eighteen Pounds Four Shillings to Jonas White in full for his keeping Joseph Stearns to the Second Day of

March A D. 1759-

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr. Amos Bond Jan<sup>y</sup>: 16—1760 They Ordered the Town Treasurer to Pay or ord<sup>r</sup>. the Payment of the following Sums of Money to the Persons afternamed being their Accts. of Service &c Relating to the Great Bridge which Sums have been Adjusted between the Towns Concern'd—(viz)

To Jedidiah Spring	£9 -4 -
To Bez1: Learned—	3—15—5 —3
To Jonathan Learned—	1—.1 —4 —
To Edmund Fowle—	—12—8 —.
To Lt. Whitney—	.5—.9 —11—1
To Alpheus Spring—	—.9 —.8 —3
To Samll. Mason—	.1—.6 —8 —.
And—To James Stimson—	.1—10—4 —3

[185] At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Nath<sup>1</sup> Coollidge Feb—19—1760 They Directed the Clark to Isue out warrants to the Several Constables to warn A Town Meeting to be on Munday the third Day of March A D. 1760—at Nine of the Clock in the morning—At the Publick Meeting-house for the Ends following (viz) (1) To Choose A Moderator for S<sup>d</sup>. Meeting—(2) To Choose Selectmen A Town Clerk & Treasurer and all other Such Town Officers as the Law Requires to be Chosen in the month of March Annually. (3) To Choose a Saxton and Agree how he Shall be Satisfyed for his Ser-

vice (4) To put in their votes for A County Treasurer—(5) To know the mind of the Town whether Swine Shall run at Large the Enfewing Year—(6) To hear the Town Treasurers Accts-And for the Town to Choose a Comtee- to Examin Sd. Accts-& for the Town to pass upon them—(7) For the Town to Appropriate the Interest money Coming to the Town the prefent year the year beginning the Eleventh of Decr. Last-(8) To Grant a Salary for the Revd. Mr. Seth Storer for the Year Insewing the Year to begin the first of March next. (9) To Grant money for the Support of the School—(10) To Grant money for the Suport of the poor—(11) To Grant money for Repairing the Great Bridge (12) To hear the Accts- of those persons to whome the Town is indebted & Grant money to pay them (13) To Grant money if the Town think proper) for mending the Highways and Town ways and to Choose the Survevers of High ways to be Collectors of the Highway Rate And also Determin the price of Labour in working out Said Rate (14) To Hear the please of the present or any Late Constables for abatement of Any perticuler persons Rates in their Lists and for the Town to Act their Pleasure thereon (15) To know the mind of the Town Whether the money which is now in Coll: Henry Vafsalls Hands that He Recd. as Fines Shall So much thereof be appropriated to pay what Isaiah Tufts Recovered against Samuel Sanger And whether Capt. Nathanael Coollidge and Enfign Ionathan Bemis Shall be Impowered to Receive So much thereof as will be Sofficient to discharge the Same when It Shall be Lodged with the Town Treasurer—(16) To Grant money if the Town think proper for the Support of the Nutral French in Watertown (.17) To know the mind of the town whether they will pay back to Mr Samil Whitney the Rates that he paid for his Indian fellow & for the town to act their Pleafure thareon (18) To know the mind of the town whether they will Join with the towns of Cambridge Newton & Waltham in raifing a Sum of money by Lottery or otherwise that may be thought proper for Building a workhouse and for the town to act thare pleasure thereon (19) To know the mind of the town whether they will abate the fall of money Recoverable on the Bonds & note of hand that lie in the Town Treasurie against the Estate of Mr. Henry Spring Late of Watertown Dect & for the town to act their pleasure thareon (20) To know the mind of the town whether they will Grant a Sum of money for the purchasing a Pall (or Burying Cloth) and for the town to act their pleafure thare on 21 art

[186] (21) To know the mind of the town whether they will Dispose of the pews in the Meeting House that Did belong to Cap<sup>t</sup> John Brown and Cap<sup>t</sup> David Baulding and for the Town to act their pleasure on Said affair—

you are Likewise ordered to Notifie the persons to whome the town is indebted to bring in their accts to the Selectmen at the house of the wd Mary Learned Inholder on Friday the 29th of Feby Instant at two of the Clock afternoon in order to have them laid before the town—

Warrants ware Issued out Accordingly & are Returned

At S<sup>d</sup> Meeting they agreed to hire  $M^r$ . Thos Phipps to keep the School one month from the time his Last Quarter was up which was the 14 Inftant They also ordered the Town Treasurer to pay  $M^r$ . Storer his Salary for the year past

They also Directed the Clerk to give out a warrant to warn out Martha Bedwell out of town who Came about the month of June Last past She belong<sup>d</sup> to Boston as the Selectmen are informed a Warrant was Issued out accordingly the next day—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the house of the w<sup>d</sup> mary Learneds Feb<sup>y</sup> 29: 1760 for takeing in the acc<sup>t</sup> of the persons the town is indebted to the Acc<sup>ts</sup> brought in are as follows Viz

To Nath<sup>II</sup> Harrington for Serving Treasurer the year past £2: 13=4 & for an Excecution against a Conftable —6—0

	2:19:4
To Joseph Pattison for a Small Bridge at Dirty green To Simon Hastings for Mending the Schoolhouse	.— 5 : 6
:6—8 & for Servis done in mending ye Steps at the Meeting House 6— To Amos Bond for Mending ye Skoolhouse windows	—12 <del>=</del> 8
To Capt Nath!! Coollidge for Serving assesor the year past—	— 16—
To Capt Jona Brown for Serving Assessor the year	—16—
To m <sup>r</sup> . John Kemball for serving assessor the year past—	—16—
To Bezl Learned for Servis done at the grate Bridge Since ajusd To Jedidiah Leath for Spikes for ye	—10—
Grate Bridge — To Edmund Fowle for five Load of	2= 9=2
Stone for a Bridge  and for nails & A for the School house 9:1  To Sundrys Dilivered to william White when	19= 1-
going in Servis	<u>2</u> :5-
To Benjamin Harris fo plank for a Small Bridge -	— 6: —

Ajusted Sep <sup>r</sup> 21: 1759	To Smith Prentice for providing for Labours at Grate Bridg 4—6=3—3  To w <sup>d</sup> Mary Learned for providing for Labourers at Grate Bridge 1=11=8=2  To James Dix for work done at Grate Bridge —16—  To Jonas Coollidge for Timber for Grate Bridge 2:11—2—  To Capt Nath <sup>II</sup> Coollidge for Servis at Grate Bridge —6—8—  To John Kemball for Servis done at Grate Bridge —4—  To Jedidiah Learned for work don at Grate Bridge —3—4—  To Jonas Bond Esqt for Servis at Captable Bridge —3—4—  To Jonas Bond Esqt for Servis at Captable Bridge —3—4—  To Jonas Bond Esqt for Servis at Captable Bridge —3—4—  To Jonas Bond Esqt for Servis at Captable Bridge —3—4—  To Jonas Bond Esqt for Servis at Captable Bridge —3—4—  To Jonas Bond Esqt for Servis at Captable Bridge —3—4—  To Jonas Bridge —3—4—	
aded at {	To Jonas Coollidge for Timber for a	
Meting (	Small Bridge —1:2	
The Ot	£19=15=7=3 her Business of Said Meeting in Page (193)	
[187] At A Gen <sup>II</sup> Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown Qualified according to Law to Vote in town affairs Regulerly Assembled on Monday the 3 Day of March AD 1760 for the Choice of Town Officers & other affairs Mentioned in the Warrants  Voted & Chose Jonas Bond Esq <sup>r</sup> Moderator of s <sup>d</sup> Meeting  Jonas Bond Esq <sup>r</sup> Cap <sup>t</sup> Nathaniel Coollidge		
Voted & (	Chose for Selectmen	
Voted & Chose Cap <sup>t</sup> Jonathan Brown Town Clerk who was Sworn as the Law Directs by Nath! Harris Esq <sup>r</sup> Voted & Chose Cap <sup>t</sup> Jonathan Brown Town Treasurer—  [Mr John Kemball]		
Voted & (	Chose for Assessors { Capt Nath!! Coollidge   Capt Jona Brown	
	Chose for Constables \{ M^r Nathaniel Harrington \\ M^r Ebenezer Stone Juner	
Voted &	Chose Sealer of Leather Mr Isaac Sanderfon—	
Voted & Chose fence Viewers   Jonas White Daniel Bond		
Voted & Chose Surveyors of High ways  Samuel Soden Phinehas Starnes  Joseph Coollidge		
Voted & Chose for Tythingmen—{ Joseph Coollidge Jona Bemis Junr		

Voted & Chose for Hogrieves

Voted & Chose for Deerreives

Voted & Chose for Surveyors of Timber

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Voted & Chose for Hawards

Voted & Chose a Bread weigher Cornelius Waldo

Voted & Chose Gager of Cask Smith Prentice

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Voted & Chose Cullers of Hoops & Staves { Smith Prentice Samll Cook— Voted & Chose for a Saxton Simon Hastings Voted to give him for his Servis two Contrabutions as Usul which he accepted Then the Votes ware brot in so a County Treasurer & Delive to a Constable

Then was put to Vote whether Swine Shall go at at large under the Regulation of the law past in the Negative Then was Put to Vote whether the Town will Chose a Com-

mittee to examin the Treasurers accts past in the Affeirmative Voted that three be a Committee for sd affair

Voted & Chose a Committee for  $s^d$  affair  $\begin{cases} \text{Decon Sam}^{ll} \text{ Fisk} \\ M^r \text{ Moses Stone} \\ M^r \text{ John Kemball} \end{cases}$ 

Voted that Said Committee make Report at the Ajournment of this meeting & the town Pass thare on—

Voted & apropiated the intrest money comeing to the town this present year the year begining the 11 Day of Decmber Last as it was the last year (Viz) five Shillings & eight pence to the School & the Remainder to the minister—

Voted & Granted Sum of 66=13=4 a Salary for the R M<sup>r</sup> Seth Storer the enfueing year the intrest money appropriated for that use to be part of Said Sum—

Voted & Granted the Sum of 40£ for the Support of the School Voted & Granted the Sum of 40£ for the Support of the Poor

Voted & Granted 6£ for Repairing the grate Bridge—

Upon a Motion made the Question was put whether it be minds of the Town to ajourn this Meeting with the Remaining business to Monday next at one of the Clock afternoon at the Same place past in the Affeirmative—

The Moderator accordingly Declared it Ajournd-

[189] At A Gen<sup>II</sup> town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Qualified according to Law to Vote in Town Affairs Regulerly Afsembled at the Publick Meeting house in Said Town on Munday the Tenth Day of March 1760 Pr Ajournment

The Meeting being Opened the Town proceeded on the 12 Article

Put to Vote Whether the town will allow Nathaniel Harringtons acc<sup>t</sup> for his Services the last year and Grant money to pay the Same it past in the Affirmative—

to pay the Same it past in the affirmative-

Put to Vote Whether the town will mend the High ways & town ways the present year by a Rate past in the Affirmative

Voted & Granted the Sum of 30£ for mending Said ways the presen year

Voted & Chofe the Surveyors of sd ways to be Collectors the prefent year

Voted that the price of Labour be the Same it was the last year—

Put to vote whether the town will abate James Hays Rates in Conftable Bemis' List it past in the Negative

Put to Vote whether the Town will abate Joshua Whitneys Pool Tax in Conftable Bemis' List & Grant the like Sum to make it good it past in the Affirmative—

Put to Vote whether the town will abate Said Whitneys Tax on his Estate in Said List & Grant the like Sum past Negative Put to Vote whether the town will abate the poll Tax of Joseph Whitneys Son in Said Bemis' List it past in the Negative

Put to vote whether the Town will abate Jeduthun Godings Tax in Constable  $\Lambda^{\text{Jona}}$  Stones List & Grant the Like Sum of s

6=3 to make it good past in the affirmative

Voted that Sam<sup>II</sup> Jenisons Juner<sup>s</sup>. Tax in S<sup>d</sup>. Stones List be abated & the Like Sum of 15=8 be Granted to make it good Voted that George Mn Roes Tax in Constable Moses Stones

List be abated & the Sum of 3:11-2 be Granted to make it good—

s d Voted

[190] Voted that 6=6 be abated in Amos Bonds List & the

Like Sum be Granted to make it good—

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Fines Shall So much of it be Appropriated to pay what Isaiah Tufts Recovered against Samuel Sanger & whether Capt Nathaniel Coollidge & Enfign Jonathat Bemis Shall be Impowered to Receive So much thereof as will be Sufficient to Discharge the Same when it Shall be Lodged in the Treafurie it past in the Negative—

Put to Vote whether the town will Grant money for the Suport

of the Nutrel French it past in the Negative

Then was put to vote whether the town will hear the Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Treasurers acct which was Read & Accepted & is on File Se Page (193)

Arti 17 Put to Vote whether the town will pay back to M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> Whitney the Rates he has paid for his Indian Fellow

it past in the Negative

Put to vote whether the town will Join with the towns of Cambridge Newton & Waltham in Raifing a Sum of money by Lottery or other wife for Building a work house that may be thought proper for that purpose.

it past in the Affirmative Put to Vote whether the town will Chose a Committee for Said Affair it past in the Affirmative

Voted that three persons be Chose a Committee for sd. affair

 $Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ for \ Said \ Committee \ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} John \ Hunt \ Esq^r \\ Jonas \ Bond \ Esq^r \\ M^r \ Nath^{II} \ Harrington \end{array} \right.$ 

Put to vote whether the town will abate the fall of money Recoverable on the Bonds & note of hand that lie in the Town Treasurie against the Estate of Henry Spring Late of Watertown Deces<sup>1</sup>

Put to Vote whether the Treasurer Shall give up Said note of hand it past in the Affirmative

Put to Vote whether the town will Grant money for Purchasing a pall or Burying Cloth it past in the Affirmative

[191] Voted & Granted the Sum of 12£ for Purchasing Said Cloth

Voted & Chose for a Committee to purchase the Same—

{ Lt Daniel Whitney Moses Stone Nath!! Harrington

Artie 21 Put to Vote whether the Treasurer be Directed to Tender & pay to Capt John Brown his prime Cost for his pew in the Meeting House it past in the Affirmative

Put to Vote whether the Treasurer Tender and pay to Capt David Baulding his prime Cost for his pew in Said Meeting House it past in the Affirmative—

Voted to Reconfider thare former Vote and to lett Swin go at Large under the Regulations of the Law—

The Business of Said Meeting being Over the Moderator Declared it was Defolved

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mrs Mary Learned March 10: 1760 for Swareing Town Officers after takeing the money Oath ware Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of thare Severall offices the persons hearafter Mentioned four of the Selectmen took the Said money Oath

Jonas Bond Esqr

Capt Nath Coollidge
Lt Daniel Whitney
Mr Jonathan Child
Mr Amos Bond

Sworn before Nath Harris
Justice peace
March 13: 1760

Capt Jonathan Brown Town Treasurer & Assessor-Mr John Kemball assessor—

Capt Nath!! Coolidg toke the oath of assessor before Nath! Harris Tuftice peace

Nathaniel Harrington }
Ebenezer Stone Juner }
Constables

Isaac Sanderson Sealer of Leather-

Jonas White Daniel Bond Fence Vewers

William Saltmarsh Hogreives Samuel Soden Surveyors

Jedidiah Spring Hogreives Phinehas Starnes of Highways

[192] Samuel Cook Deerrive & Culler of Hoops & Staves &

Jonas Coollidge Jonas Coollidge
Bezaleel Learned
Surveyors of Timber &c

Samuel Warrin
Thomas Learned Juner } Howards

Smith Prentice Culler of Hoops &c Staves &c

The foregoing Persons ware all Sworn by John Hunt Justis peace---

At Sd meeting the Selectmen Directed the Clerk to Issue out a warrant to warn out one Sarah Straton who Came last from Lexington which was on the 29 of March last past & Direct it Ebenezer Stone Juner Constable Sd Sarah resids at the House of Mr Amos Bond a warrant was Issued out accordingly

Pr Jona: Brown Town Clerk

The Selectmen allfo gave the Clerk an Order for the town Records the Order is as follows Viz

Watertown March 10: 1760

Sr Pleas to Deliver to Capt Jonathan Brown the prefent Clerk

all the Records & other things that belong to the Office of Town Clerk which are in your Hands

 $\left.\begin{array}{ccc} To \ Dec^n \ Samuel \ Fisk & P^r \ Jonas \ Bond & \\ & Daniel \ Whitney & \\ & Amos \ Bond & \\ \end{array}\right\} \ Selectmen$ 

The Selectmen also gave an order to the Treasurer for the things that belonged to that office—& is as follows Viz

Watertown March 10: 1760 To Mr Nathll Harrington

Sr Pleas to Deliver to Capt Jonathan Brown the prefent Treasurer all the money Bonds & notes & Records that belong to the office of Treasurer

 $\left. \begin{array}{c} \textbf{Jonas Bond} \\ \textbf{Daniel Whitney} \\ \textbf{Amos Bond} \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{Selectmen}$ 

[193] At the meeting mentioned in Page (186)
Cap<sup>t</sup> Nath<sup>ll</sup> Coollidge brough in an acct for Boarding his
Brother Sam<sup>ll</sup> Coollidge from March 7: 1759 to march 7: 1760
being 52 weeks at 6/ Pr week. 15=12 and the Selectmen gave
him an order on the Treasurer for the Same

Also Joseph Coollidge brought an Acc<sup>t</sup> for Boarding the w<sup>d</sup> Mary Maddox from June 26: 1758 To Feb<sup>y</sup> 27: 1760 amounting to the Sum of 14—17—10—2 of which Sum  $^{\text{he}}_{\Lambda}$  had Received before £2=9<sup>s</sup> for the Remainder the Selectmen gave him an Order on the Treasurer the Sum is 12=8=10=2—

The Selectmen also gave an order on the Treasurer to pay £13:.6:8 to M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Phipps for his keeping the School from the Seventh of November Last to the fourteenth of March next being four Months—

At  $S^d$  Meeting  $M^r$  John Cook Late Surveyor of Highways Reported to the Selectmen that he had worked out his Highway Rate—

The Report of the Committee on the Treasures accts as follows Viz

Watertown March: 10: 1760
We the Subscribers appointed by the town to Examin the town Treasurs Accts have Examind Sd Accts and find them well Voucht & right Cast—

Sam<sup>ll</sup> Fisk
Moses Stone
John Kemball

Com<sup>tee</sup>:

[194] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Capt Nath<sup>11</sup> Coollidge on the 24 Day of March: 1760 the assessors made Return of the high way assesment which the Selectmen accept & ordered to be recorded

They also Agreed to hire Mr Edward Russel to keep the School a Quarter of a year & to give him Ten pounds for his Servis he to provide for him Self the Quarter to begin next Thursday

Ordered that the Clerk give the Difstricts to the Surveyors as they ware the last year & also annex the price of labour as it was Voted at march Meeting-

Agreed that Bezaleel Learned be Defired to take Care of the grate Bridge the enfueing year.

Ordered that the Clerk give out notifications to the officers that are not Sworn that they appear before one of his Majesties Justices of the peace to be Sworn to their respective officeses

## Gentlemen-

Watertown May 26: 1759

We the Subscribers assessors for the town of Watertown have assest upon the Rateble Pools & estates of Said Town the Sum of thirty pounds being a grant made the last march meeting for mending the high ways & town ways & have Committed Lists of the Same to the Several Collectors who are also Surveyors of ye highways Viz

Afsessors Certificate To mr Joseph Patterson Collector the Sum of £16:2:5:2

To mr Samuel Mason Collector

the Sum of 13:17:6:2 with warrants to Collect the Same or Se that it be worked out agreable to the Vote of the Town So as to make up their Accts with the Selectmen of Said Town on or before the First Day of Febry next

enfueing the Date hearof

To ve Selectmen

John Kemball Nathll Coollidge Iona Brown

## [195]

Gentlemen

Watertown March 14: 1760

We the Subscribers assessors for the town of Watertown have assest upon the Rateble Pooles & estates of Sd. Town the Sum of Thirty pounds Afsessors being the Grant made the las march Meeting for mending the Highways & Town ways & have Committed Lists of the Same to the Several Collectors who are also Surveyors of the highways Viz

## Certificate

To Mr Phinehas Starnes Collector
the Sum of £15:13
& To Mr. Samll Soden Collector the
Sum of 14:7
with Lawfull warrants to Collect the Same or Se
it worked out agreable to the Vote of the town So
as to make up their accts with the Selectmen on or
before the first Day of Febry next Enfueing the
Date hearof—

To ye Selectmen

John Kemball Nath<sup>||</sup> Coollidge Jon<sup>2</sup> Brown

At at a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham They Agreed (After Confidering) the grate Charge the Towns ware at in Maintaining the Grate Bridge over Charles River in Said Watertown to Incert an article in the Warning of their May Meetings

The Same Day Viz Wedensday May 7: 1760 at the House of Leiu<sup>t</sup> Daniel Whitney they Meet & Ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directted to Constables to warn a General Town Meeting agreable to a Precept they have Recived for Assembling the Inha<sup>ts</sup> of Watertown for to Choofe a Reprefentative to Reprefent them at a General Assembly appointed to be Convened on Wedensday the 28 Day of May Currant, the Meeting to be Munday the Nineteenth day of may Currant at one of the Clock afternoon at the Publick Meeting House then & there to Elect & Depute a Sutable Person to Represent them at the Court above Said

Likewise to warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants Qualyfied to Vote in town affairs to Meet at two of the Clock at Said Place to act on the following articles Viz—

[196] 1st To Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting (2) as the Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham agreed to Icert the following in their warnings for their Meetings this Instant May Viz To know the minde of the town whether they will Choose a Com<sup>tt</sup> to Join with a Com<sup>tt</sup> from Weston & Waltham to Represent to the Grate & General Court the grate Charge of Maintaining the grate Bridge over Charls River in Watertown & Petition the Court for Some Releif by a Lottery & for the town to act there Pleasure thereon (3) to hear the Pleas of Mr Samuel Hager for abateing his Sons Jonathans Poole Tax in Constable Bemis' list of Rates & Grant Money to make it good (4) To know the mind of the town whether they will give Some further Instructions to their Treasurer for the more Speedy Collecting the Intrest Money Comeing to the town that So the

Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Storer may have his Salery more Seasonably & for

the town to act there Pleasure thereon-

(5) To know the Minde of the Town whether they will do aney thing toward Repairing the fences on the Ministeral Farm and to act there Pleasure thereon (6) To know the mind of the town whether they will Coose aney town officers in the Rome of those that Neglect or Resuse to take the Oaths Required by law (7) To know the minde of the Town whether they will grant a Sum of money or do aney thing aney other way to Sattissie the Judment that Isaiah Tusts Recovered against Samuel Sanger & for Capt Coollidge and Ensign Bemis to Draw the Same out of the Treasury when it is Collected and pay said Charge & for the town to act their Pleasure thereon (8) For the town to Pass upon a list of Jurors which are to be laid before them (9) To know the minde of the town whether they will Dispose of the pews that belonged to Capt Brown & Capt Bauldwin and for the Town to act there Pleasure there on

Warrants ware Issued out accordingly

Attest Jona Brown Town Clerk

The Constables Districts ware given out as follows To Constable Harrington Begining at Joseph Harringtons all the Inhabitants in that lane & from Starnes Corner to the School House & on the west Side of the Road to the Meeting house & all the Inhabitants from thence to the Bridge & on the South Side of the River and all the Inhabitants west to Waltham David Sanger & Samuel Benjaman with Such as Reside with them are in Cluded in Said Bounds

[197] Constable Stones Districts is as follows begining mr Richard Clarks from thence to the Inhabitants in the Road to Kemballs and So to Jonas Barneds & John Randals and Springs & Ebenezer Godards all the Inhabitants Eastward to Cambridge at Said meeting Jonas White brought in an account for Boarding Joseph Stearnes from the Second day of March 1759 to

19:19:6

and the Selectmen gave an order on the Treasurer to pay the Same-

They ordered the Town Clerk gitt Two Boxes for Jurors as Soon as may be

At a General town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in the Choife of a Representative Regularly assembled at the publick Meeting

House in sd Town on Munday the Nineteenth Day of May 1760 for the Choise of a Representative After the Votes ware brought in & Sorted & told it appeared that Mr Daniel Whitney was Chosen to Represent the town at a great & General Court or assembly appointed to be Convened held & keept for his Majesties Servis at the Court house in Boston on Wedensday the twenty Eight day of May Currant pr the Major part of the Selectmen being prefent — — — -

At a General Town Meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled on the Nineteenth Day of May 1760 for the ends Sett forth

in the warning:-

Voted & Chofe John Hunt Esqr Moderator— Then the Second article was Read and Put to Vote whether the town will Chofe a Comte to Join with a Comttes from weston & waltham to petition the general Court for a Lottery to raife money for to Repair the great Bridge and it past in the affeirmative — — —

Voted & Chose for Said Committe { John Hunt Esqr Leiut Daniel Whitney Mr John Kemball

3 art Put to Vote whether the town will abate Jonathan Hagers pole Tax in Constable Bemis list & grant money to make it good it passt in the Negative - - -

4 article

[198] 4 Article was Read put to Vote whether the town Direct their Treasurer to to put the Bonds in Suit the next term after the Interest is Due if not paid it past in the affeirmative— Put to Vote whether the town will act on the fifth article & it passt in the Negative — — — -

Put to Vote whether the town will act on the Sixth articl

it passt in the Negative — — — -

Put to Vote whether the town will act aney thing on the Article relating to Capt Coollidge' it passt in the Negative

Then the lists of Juriors was read to the town and put to Vote whether the town do accept of the List for the Superior Box as now Exhibited it past in the affeirmative

also Voted & Accepted the List for the Inferior Box as exhibited The Ninth article was Read & Put to Vote whether the town

will act on sd article and it passt in the affeirmative

Upon a Motion made & Seconded it was put to vote whether this meeting be ajourned with the Remaining business till the Second Munday in June next at three of the Clock afternoon at this place it past in the Affeirmative

Then the Moderator Declared it ajourned accordingly

At a General Town Meeting of the freeholder & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled on Munday the ninth Day of may 1760 by ajournment

1 Put to Vote whether it is the minde of the town to Dispose of the pew yt was Capt John Browns at this time & it past

in the affirmative

2 Put to Vote whether it is the minde of the town that the next highest payer to Cap<sup>t</sup> Brown Shall have the pew y<sup>t</sup> was s<sup>d</sup> Browns & So on till the whole is Disposed of & it past in the Negative

Put to Vote whether Docter Josiah Convers Shall have the pew that was Capt Browns During his Life or abode in the town he paying the prime Cost & it past in the Negative

Put

[199] Put to Vote whether the town will grant the pew yt was Capt Browns to the heirs of Sam!! Coollidge on the Same footing that the other pews ware Disposed of & it past in the Negative—

Put to Vote whether the town will Sell the pews that ware Capt Browns & Capt Bauldwins to the highest bider he being an Inhabitant of the town & the pews to be on the Same footing as the other pews and it past in the affirmative— — — —

 $Voted \ \& \ Chose \ a \ Com^{tt}. \ for \ s^d \ affair--- \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M^r \ John \ Kemball--- \\ Enf^n \ Jon^a \ Bemis---- \\ Cap^t \ Jon^n \ Brown--- \end{array} \right.$ 

Put to Vote whether the town will Reconfider the Vote relating to Cap<sup>t</sup> Coollidge & Enfign Bemis & it past in y<sup>e</sup> Negative Put to vote whether the town will Reconfider the Vote relating to M<sup>r</sup> Storers fence & it past in the affirmative

Put to vote whether the town will Chofe a Com<sup>tt</sup> to Repair his fence & it past in the affirmative— — —

Voted & Chofe a Com<sup>tt</sup> for Said affair—

{ Leiu<sup>t</sup> Daniel Whitney Cap<sup>t</sup> Edward Harrington M<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone

Put to Vote whether the town will Reconfider the vote with Regard to m<sup>r</sup> Hager & it past in the Negative — — — The business of the meeting being over the Moderator declared it Disolved—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the house of M<sup>r</sup> amos Bond on Friday the: 27 Day of June: 1760 they agreed to hire M<sup>r</sup> Edward Russell our present School master to keep the School three Quarters of a year longer & to give him thirty pounds for his Servis—

[200] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Mrs. Mary Learneds on Sepr 5: 1760 they gave their Consent to the

following persons renewing their licences (Viz) M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Learned, & Thomas Saltmarsh, Innholders, John Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>. Missures Cornelius Waldo, & John Remington & m<sup>rs</sup> Hannah Livermore Retailors————

The Selectmen agreed to have a meeting with the Selectmen of Waltham at the house of mrs Mary Learned on Munday the

fifteenth day of this Inftant Sep<sup>r</sup> A to Settle accounts between the towns & ordered the Clerk to notifie them

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown & Waltham at the house of mrs Mary Learned on Munday the 15 Day of Sept 1760 for to Settle accounts betwen the two towns it apeard that

exclusive of M rs

thare was due upon Ballance the Sum of 16:17:9:3 A

Maddox' Charge

A the Selectmen of Waltham Objected against the adjustmen on Feby 1: 1748 because the Charge of the Wido Maddox was brought in So nothing further was done but the Selectmen of Watertown promis to lay the matter before the town the next meeting

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Leiu<sup>t</sup> Daniel Whitney on October: 13: 1760 they ordered the Clerk to give the grants to the Assessors that ware made last march meeting and Order them to be assessed directly — ——

at s<sup>d</sup> meeting they gave an order on the town Treasurer to pay or order the payment of the Sum of nineteen pounds fifteen Shillings & Seven pence three farthings to the town Creditors which was granted to them last march meeting — — — — They also gave an Order on the treasurer to pay Mr Edward Russel Schoolmaster the Sum of twenty pounds for his keeping the School the first half year— — — —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the house of the widdow Mary Learned on Tuesday December: 2 Day: 1760 the Selectmen haveing bin informed that one abijah Hammond & his wife & their two Children ware Come to Reside in Watertown at the house of John Hunt Esqr that they came last from Newton abouth the Tenth day of March Last past also that one Robert Barry is come to Reside at mr Samuel Masons he Came last from sd Newton about the month of march Last past and that one Elizabeth Bowman is Come to Reside at the House of Capt Nathaniel Coollidge She Came last from Lexington about the month of march Last past

and

[201] and that one Joseph Wilson was come to reside in sd Watertown he came last from Danvers in the County of Essex, abouth the month of march Last past, & resides at the house of mr Robert Learned, as the Selectmen are Informed, their Circum-

ftances being Such that thay fearing they may become Chargable to the town if not timely prevented, ordered the Clerk to give out a warrant to M<sup>T</sup> Ebenezer Stone one of the Conftables to warn all the afore Said persons to Depart forthwith out of Said town, which was accordingly done the Same week—

Attest Jonathan Brown Town Clerk

at the aforeSaid meeting the Selectmen gave an Order on the town Treasurer to pay the Rev<sup>d</sup>  $\mathbf{M}^r$  Seth Storer the Sum of  $\pounds$  s d

66:13:4 which was Granted last march meeting for his Salery for the prefent year — — — —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mrs Mary Learned on munday the twenty ninth Day of December 1760 thay gave an order to the town Treasurer to pay mr Edward Russel Ten pounds for Keeping the School a Quarter of year—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Amos Bond on Feby: 11: 1761 they gave an order on the Town Treasurer to pay Six Shillings out of the Treasury to augustus Hibbert towards his Support And an Order to pay to Capt Nathaniel Coollidge the Sum of fifteen Pounds Twelve Shillings for Boarding his Brother Samuel Coollidge from the Seventh Day of March last to the Seventh day of march Next, Likewife they gave an order to Pay to Jonas Bond Esqr nine Shillings & to Leiut Daniel Whitney Eighteen Shillings & eight pence To Mr Amos Bond nine Shillings & To mr Jonathan Child eight Shillings which Sums they had Expended in Supporting the French Family— They also Ordered the Clerk to write to the Selectmen of Cambridge Newton & Waltham to Defire them to Incert an article in the warrants for their next march Meetings to know the minde of their Several towns whether they will Join with Watertown in Erecting a Work house

Letters ware accordingly Sent Dated the next Day
-Attest Jona Brown Town Clerk

[202] At the Meeting Mentioned last on the last page ye Selectmen Agreed upon a Town Meeting to be on Munday the Second day of March next at nine of the Clock before noon at the Publick Meeting House & Directed the Clerk to Issue out warrants to the Several Constables to warn the freeholders & Other Inhabitants Quallified to Vote in Town to Meet at time & Place aforesd for the ends following Viz 1 To Chose a Moderator for sd meeting. (2) To Chose Selectmen a Town Clerk & Treasurer and all other town officers required by law to be Chose in the month of march annually (3) To Chose a Saxton & agree how he Shall be paid for his Servis (4) To Put in their Votes for a County Treasurer (5) To know the minde of the town whether Swine Shall Run at large the ensueing

accounts

year (6) To Chose a Committe to examin the Treasurers & to pass aney Votes thereon that they may think proper (7) For the town to appropriate ve Interest money Comeing to them the Prefent year the year begining the eleventh of Decem Last past (8) To Grant a Salary for the Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Seth Storer for the year enfueing the year begining the first of march next, (9) To Grant money for the Support of the School (10) To grant money for the Support of the Poor (11) To grant money for Repairing the grate Bridge (12) To hear the accounts of those Persons the town is Indebted to & grant money to Pay the Same (13) To Grant money to Repair the Highways & Town ways if the town think proper & to Chofe the Surveyors Collecttors of ye Highway Rate & Determin the price of Labour in working out sd Rate (14) To hear the Pleas of the Present or Late Constables for abateing any Perticuler Persons Rates & for the town to actt their pleafure thereon (15) To hear the Petition of Nathaniel Harris Esqr praying the town to abate two years Interest on a Bond which he gave the town for a peice of land lying near the mill Creek for the Reasons Sett forth in sd Petition & for the town to act their Pleasure thereon (16) To hear the Petition of the wido Elizabeth Learned Praying the town to Choose & Impower a Comtt: to give her a Deed of a Peice of Land bought of the town by her late Husband or for the town to give Some Directions to the Comtt formerly Chofe for sd affair with respect to exchaning the Bond & for the town to act any thereon that they may think proper (17) To know the minde of the town whether they will Come into any method to end the Dispute betwixt Watertown & Waltham Relating to Walthams part of the Charge in Maintaining the wido Maddox and for the town to act any thing on said affair they may think proper— (18) To know ye minde of the town whether they will Join with any of the Neighboring towns in erecting a workhouse, & if other towns Decline, whether they will proceed to Erect or Procure one them Selves & for the town to act any thing on the affair they may think proper (19) To hear the Report of the Comtt appointed to Sell the pews that ware Capt John Browns & Capt David Bauldwins and for the town to appropriate the money arifeing by the Sale there of or to act any thing relating there to they may think proper

Likewise to Notifie the town Creditors to bring in their accts to the Selectmen on Fryday the twenty Seventh of this Instant Feby at 2 of the Clock afternoon at the House of the

wido Mary Learned

Warrants ware Issued out accordingly

Pr Jona Brown Town Clerk

[203] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the house of the wido Mary Learned on Fryday the 27 day of Feby: 1761 for

takeing in the acctts. of those persons the Town accounts brought in are as follows (Viz)	is	In	deb	ted	to	tł	ıe
To mr Samll Hastings for mending ye meet-	1		1		1		1
ing & School house Glass To m <sup>r</sup> Edward Maning for Botoming a	1	:	1	:	1	:	1
Chair for ye School house	0	:	1	:	10		2
To James Barned for Boarding Mary Preift	U	•	1	•	10	•	4
11 weeks at 3: 4 pr week	1	:	16	:	8	:	0
To James Barned for Boarding mary Coollidge							
& Mary Preist & Sundry other things	4	:	0	:	5	:	0
To Simon Hastings for work don at the School							
house	0	:	13	:	10	•	1
To Bezaleel Learned for work don at the	0		4 1-9		^		^
greate Bridge Since adjusted	0	:	17	:	0	:	0
To him for warning Sundry Town Meetings & Serving Conftable in ye Year: 1757—	0		11	:	0	:	0
To moses Stone for warning Sundry Town	U	•	11	•	U	٠	U
Meetings & Serving Conftable: 1758	0	:	9	:	0	:	0
To Jonas White for like Service	0	:	9	:		:	
To Jona Stone for Serving Constable in the						Ť	
Year: 1759 & warning Sundry Town Meet- }	0	:	17	:	0	:	0
ings & warning eight persons out of Town							
To Jedidiah Spring for two Locks for the Pound	10	:	2	:	6	:	0
To Jedidiah Leath for hinges &c for the School	_		,		_		~
house	0	:	6	:	3	:	2
To Jonas Coollidge for Planck for Smelt brook	1		17	:	4		0
bridge To Simon Hastings for three Stones for a	1	•	1 /	•	+	٠	U
Small bridge	0	:	2	:	0		0
To John Cook for Plank & Stones for a Small	Ŭ	•	_	•		•	
bridge	0	:	3	:	4	:	0
To Simon Whitney for Stones for three Small							
bridges	0	:	10	:	0	:	0
To Nath <sup>II</sup> Harrington for Carrying Sufanna							
Bollason to Cambridge	0	:	3	:	0	:	0
To Jona Brown for Serving Treasurer &	2		0		4		
afseisor the Year Past	3	:	9	•	4	_	-
To John Kemball for Serveing assessor the Year past	0	:	16		0		
To Cap <sup>t</sup> Nath <sup>ll</sup> Coollidge for Serveing assef-	U	•	16	:	U		
sor the year past——	0	:	16		0		
To Amos Bond for Stones for a Small Bridge	-	:	5	:	ŏ		
To mr Samuel Fisk for Stones for a Small							
bridge	0	:	3		0		
-							_
	19	:	11	:	8	:	2

At Said Meeting the Selectmen gave an order to the Town

Treasurer to pay mr Edward Russel the present School master Ten pounds for his last Quarter of a Year in keeping the School

it ending the twenty Seventh day of March Next-

At Said Meeting the Selectmen being Informed that one abigail Newton was Come to dwell at the house of Moses Stone She came Last from Southborough in the County of Worcester: on the thirteenth day of September last past her Circumstances being Such that they would not receive her as an Inhabitant they therefore Ordered the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant to warn her out town which was Accordingly don the Next Day and the Service don and the warrant Returned Entered March Sessions

Attest Jons Brown Town Clerk

[204] At a Genell Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly assembled & meet at the Publick Meeting House in Said Town on Munday the Second Day of March AD 1761 for the Choice of town Officers & Transacting other town affairs Mentioned in the Warrants &c-

Voted & Chofe Ionas Bond Esq. Moderator of sd Meeting-

Voted & Chofe for Selectmen

Jonas Bond Esqr Capt Edward Harrington Mr Jonathan Child Mr Nathaniel Stone Lt Daniel Whitney

Voted & Chose for Town Clerk Capt Jonathan Brown Voted & Chose for Town Treasurer Capt Jonathan Brown (Capt Jona Brown

Mr John Kemball Voted & Chose for Assessors Capt Nathll Coollidge

Mr Nehemiah Mason Voted & Chofe for Constables Mr Simon Whitney

M<sup>r</sup> John Kemball M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Cook Voted & Chose for Wardens Voted & Chose Sealer of Lether Mr Isaac Sanderson

Mr Richard Clark Voted & Chofe fence Viewers Mr Thomas Harrington

Mr Oliver Livermore Voted & Chose Surveyors of Highways { Mr Samuel Whitney

Voted & Chose Tythingmen 

Mr Jonathan Learnen Junr
Mr James Dix

Voted & Chose Hogrieves 

Mr William Bond
Mr Jona Coollidge Goding

Mr Thomas Saltmarsh Voted & Chofe Deerrieves Mr David Bemis

Voted & Chose Surveyors of Timber ( Mr Bezaleel Learned Plank &c Mr Jonas Coollidge

Voted & Chofe Howards 

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\begin{array}{ll} M^r William Goding juner \\ M^r Joseph Patterson juner \\
\text{Voted & Chose Clerk of the Market M}^r Edmund Fowle \\
\text{Voted & Chose Gager of Cask Samuel Cook} \\
\text{Voted & Chose Cullers of Hoops & } M^r Bezaleel Learned \\
\text{Staves} & M^r Samuel Cook} \\
\text{Voted & Chose Saxton M}^r Simon Hastings} \\
\text{Voted to pay the Saxton by two Contrebutions as Usual}
\end{array}

[205] The Vote was put whether it is the minde of the town that Swine Should Run at Large the present Year under the Regulation of the law and it past in the Negative—

 $\begin{array}{c} Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ a \ Committe \ to \\ Examin \ y^e \ Treafurers \ Acc^{tts} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} M^r \ Nath^l \ Harrington \\ M^r \ Sam^l \ Fisk \\ M^r \ John \ Kemball \end{array} \right.$ 

Upon a motion made & Seconded the vote was put whether this meeting with the Remaining business be Adjournd to Munday the Ninth Instant at 1 of the Clock afternoon at this place and it past in the Affirmative—

At a Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to vote in town affairs on Munday the Ninth day of March AD 1761 pr Adjournmt

The Comtt appointed to Examin the Treasurers accounts brought in there Report which was Read and is a follows (Viz)

The Report of the Com<sup>tts</sup> Chosen by the town March the 2 day 1761 To Examin the Treasurs Accts.

Upon Examination of Said Accounts we finde them Right Cast and well Vouch<sup>t</sup>

Watertown March 9: 1761

Nath!! Harrington

John Kemball

Sam!! Fisk

Com<sup>tte</sup>:

Then the Question was Put whether it be the minde of the town to accept of the Report of the Com<sup>tt</sup>. on the Treasurers accounts and it past in the Affirmetive—

The 7 article was Read Put to vote whether the town will appropriate the Interest money Comeing to the town the present Year (the year begining the Eleventh day of December last) as it was the last Year (Viz) five Shillings & eight pence to the School & the Remainder to the minister & it past in the affeirmative————

Voted & Granted the Sum of 66: 13: 4 a Salary for the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Seth Storer the ensueing Year the Interest money appropriated to that Use to be part of said Sum—

Voted & Granted the Sum of 40 Pounds for the Support of ve School

Voted & Granted the Sum of 40 Pounds for ye Support of the

Then the accounts of the town Creditors ware Read & accepted & the Sum of: 19:11:8:2 Granted to pay the Same-

[206] The Question was Put if it be your Minds to grant the Sum of: £13:6:8 to mend the High ways & Town ways & the Surveyors to draw the money out of the Treasury as Need Shall Require—

and the Vote past in the affirmative

Put to vote if it be your minds that the Late Surveyors be Directed work out there Remaining Rates in Six Months & make up there accounts with the Selectmen & it past in the Affirmative Voted to abate Henry Bonds Tax in Conftable David Bemis' List and Granted the Sum of 0:7:6- to make it good and also abated his Tax in Constable Nathaniel Harringtons Lists & Granted the Sum of 0: 19:6:3. to make it good

Voted & abated James Hays Tax, in Conftables Harrington list

 $\frac{s}{d}$   $\frac{d}{q}$  & Granted 7: 7: 2 to make it good and also abated 0:8:0 in Conftable Bemis list and granted the like Sum to make it good-

Voted to abate Abraham Scott Tax in Constable Bemis' List & Granted 0:6:3—to make it good—

Voted to abate Moses Hagers Tax in said Bemis' list and granted 0: 6: 3—to make it good———

Voted to abate Joshua Whitneys Tax in m<sup>r</sup> Bemis' list and Granted the Sum of 0:13:6:2 to make it good Voted to abate Oliver Learneds Tax in Constable Harrington

List & Granted 0: 15: 2-to make it good-

The (15) article was Read relating to Nathaniel Harris' Petition and Said Petition being Read & after Debate thereon it was Put to vote whether the town will Refer the further Confideration thereof to May meeting and it past in the Affirmative The (16) article Read relating to the wido Elizabeth Learneds

Request and after Debate thereon it was Put to Vote whether the town will abate the fall of money on her late Husbands Bond which he gave to the town and it past in the affirmative

Put to Vote whether the Comtt formerly Chofe for purpose be Impowrd to proceed to take up the deed which the town gave her Late Husband and give her a deed in Lieu thereof and, it past in the Affirmetive-

Put to Vote whether the town will Refer the Remaining business

to May Meeting and it past in the Affirmetive—

[207] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the house of the wido Mary Learned on Munday the Ninth Day of March AD 1761 for the Swareing Town Officers all the Selectmen took the oth Relating to other Governments Bill

Town Clerk Jona Brown took the oths of Town Treasurer Afsefsor

John Kemball and Capt Nathll Coollidge the oths of assessor Simon Whitney—Conftable—

John Kemball Warden

Isaac Sanderson Sealer of Leather

Richard Clark & Thomas Harrington Fence Veiwers

Oliver Livermore Oliver Livermore Sam<sup>||</sup> Whitney Surveyors of Highways William Bond and Jon<sup>a</sup> Coollidge Goding Hogrieves

Ionas Coollidge & ) Surveyors of Timber &c Bezaleel Learned

William Goding Juner Joseph Patterson Juner Hawards. Edmund Fowle Clerk of the Market

Bezaleel Learned Culler of hoops & Staves &c

The above ware all Sworn to there Respective Offices before John Hunt Justice Peace

After Justice Hunt was gone home Mr James Dix and Mr Jonathan Learned Juner appearing offered to take the Oath of Tythingmen and were accordingly Sworn by Jonathan Brown Town Clerk - - -

Watertown March: 16: 1761

To Jona Brown Clerk for the town of Watertown

This Certifies that mr Samuel Cook who was Chofen by the town of Watertown Culler of Staves Hoops &c as also Warden at their Annuall meeting appeared and was Sworn to the faithful Discharge of his Respective Trust agreable to Law

Coram J. Hunt J. Peace

[208] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mrs Mary Learned on Tuesday the Seventeenth day of March AD 1761 for Puting out the Poor &c

The Selectmen Agreed with Mr Josiah Bright to Board & take Care of Samuel Coollidge till further orders at four Shillings pr week and Defired Capt Edward Harrington & Miffu Jonathan Child & Nathaniel Stone three of the Selectmen to remove him next morning to sd Brights

They also Agreed with Mr Simon Coollidge to take & keep Mary Coollidge (his Sifter) for one Shilling & Nine pence half penney pr week & Said Mary to have what She earns her Self

mr Coollidge to keep her till further orders

As No persons appeared to take Joseph Stearnes & the wido Maddox it was agreed that the persons that have the care of

them do keep them for the present

At Said Meeting they Ordered the Clerk to give the Distrects

to the Surveyors as they were the last Year — — —

The Selectmen Signed an order on the town Treasure to pay Joseph Coollidge ten pounds eight shillings which is in full for Boarding the wido Maddox till the twenty Seventh day of February last past and to pay to Jonas White Twenty one pounds Nine Shillings & four pence which is in full for Boarding & Cloathing &c for Joseph Stearnes till the fifth day of this Instant March——

They Likewise Signed an Order on the Treasurer to pay Capt Edward Harrington Eighteen Shillings to purchase wood for the Nuteral French————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Jonas Bond

Esqr on the fourth Day of May AD 1761

The Selectmen haveing Received a Preecept from the High Sheriff of the County of Midds Requiring them fourth with to assemble the Inhabitants of the town in Order to Elect & Depute a Suitable person to Represent in a greate and General Court or assembly Appointed to be held & keept at Boston on Wedensday the Twenty Seventh Day of this Instant May In observance whereof they ordered the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant Directed to the Constable Requiring him to warn the freeholders & other Inhatn. of Watertown who are Quallissied to Vote in the Choice of a Representative to Assemble & Meet together at the publick Meeting house in sd Town on Munday the Eighteent day of this Instant May at one of the Clock afternoon then and there to Elect a Meet person to Represent the town at a Greate & general Court appointed to be held & kept at the Court House in Boston on the Twenty seventh Day of this Instant May

Likewife

[209] Likewise to Order the Constable to warn the free-holders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to Meet at the Publick Meeting house in S<sup>d</sup> Town on Munday the Eighteenth day of this Instant May at two of the Clock afternoon for the ends following (Viz) 1 to Choose a Moderator for s<sup>d</sup> Meeting 2ly To act on the fifteenth Seventeenth eighteenth & Nineteenth articles which ware in the warning of last march Meeting which were put of to this Meeting s<sup>d</sup> articles to be the Second third & fourth and sistent articles in the warrant — —

(6<sup>ly</sup>) To Coose any town officers in the place of those that ware Chose in the month of march last who refuse to Serve (7<sup>ly</sup>) To Grant a Sum of Money to Sattissie the Committe for

Repairing the fence on the Ministeral place. and to act any

thing further on the affair they may think proper-

(8<sup>ly)</sup>) To Grant money to pay the assessors for Inquiring into the Rateable Estate of the town as Required by law (9<sup>ly</sup>) To know y<sup>e</sup> minde of the town whether they will grant a peice of land to m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Bond in leiu of a peice he has left out to accomodate the Road (10<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the petition of John Warrin praying the town to abate his Rates in Constable Harringtons Lists for the Reasons Settforth in s<sup>d</sup> Petition

A Warrant was Issued out accordingly

Attest Jona Brown Clerk

At Said Meeting the Selectmen Defired Leiu<sup>t</sup> Daniel Whitney to Treat with m<sup>r</sup> Marshel Spring to keep the School two Months—

At a General Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly assembled & meet at the publick meeting house in sd Town on Munday the Eighteenth Day of may AD 1761 for the Choice of a Person to Represent them in a Grate & General Court or Assembly appointed to be held & kept for his Majesties Service at the Court house in Boston on Wedensday the Twenty Seventh day of this Instant May The Major part of the Selectmen being present The Voters ware Called upon to bring their Votes for a Representative and after the Votes were brot in Sorted & Numbered it appeared that Leiut Daniel Whitney was Chose to Represent the town at the Court above sd

[210] At a General Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabts- of Watertown Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly assembled & Meet at the Publick Meeting house in sd Town on Munday the Eighteenth Day of may AD 1761 for Transacting town affairs as Sett forth in the warrant for sd meeting—

Voted & Chose mr Nath!! Harrington Moderator for sd Meet-

ing

The Petition of Nath<sup>II</sup> Harris Esq<sup>r</sup> being read & after Debate thereon the Question was put whether it be the minde of the town to dismiss the petition for this time and it past in the affirmative

Then the Article relating to the wido Maddox was Read & after Debate thereon the Vote was put whether the Committe formerly Chosen for sd affair pursue the matter further as they may think proper

and the Vote past in the affirmative

Then the article relating to erecting a workhouse was Read & after Debate thereon the Vote was put whether the town will Join with any other towns in Erecting a workhouse & it past in the Negative

Put to Vote whether the town will erect one them Selves and it past in the affirmative

 $Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ a \ Committe \ for \ s^d \ affair \ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} Mr \ Tho^s \ Saltmarfh \\ Jonas \ Bond \ Esq^r \end{array} \right.$ 

Put to Vote if it be your minds that the Committe draw a Plan of a proper house & Se whether they can purchase a peice of land in a Suitable place for to Erect Such house on and Se what the Charge thereof will be and lay the Matter before the town at their next meeting and it past in the affirmative ---

Then the Committee Report was read relating to the Sale of the Pews that were Capt Browns & Bauldwins then the Vote was put whether the town do accept of the Committee report as now Read and it past in the affirmative — — —

Put to Vote whether the town will appropriate So much of the money arifing by the Sale of sd pewns as to pay the prime Cost and it Past in the affirmative - - -

Voted & appropriated the Remaining part of the money arifing by the Sale of the pews towards the Repairing the fence on the Ministeral place — — –

Voted & Granted the Sum of four Pounds towards paying the assessors for Inquiring into the Rateable estate of the town as Required by law-

[211] Voted that the old Committe lay out a peice of land to Mr Daniel Bond as they may think proper — — — Voted and abated John Warrins Rates in Conftable Harringtons lists and Granted the Sum of : 1 : 3 : 6 to make it good Upon a Motion made & Seconded the Vote was put whether this meeting with the business of the Sixth article be adjound to Munday next at Six of the Clock afternoon at this place and it past in the affirmative — —

The Moderator Declared accordingly adjourned.

At a General Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitant of Watertown on Munday the Twenty fifth day of may 1761 at the Publick Meeting house in sd Town pr adjourn-

Nehemiah Mason appearing & promist to take the Oath of a Constable in a Short time but not Chuseing to do it at this time a Motion was made & Seconded it was put to Vote whether this meeting be Adjourned to the Twenty fifth of august Next at five of the Clock afternoon at this place with any remaining business and it past in the affirmative — -

The Moderator Declared it accordingly Adjournd.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of the widow Mary Learned on the Seventeenth Day of June 1761 Jonas Bond Esqr Informed them that a poor Child was brought to him

from Medford by a due Course of Law

The Selectmen Agreed to look out for a place to put out the sd Child to Nurse at, and when either of them Shall finde a place and agree what they Shall pay a week to lett the Clerk know that he may make a Record thereof ---

At a Gen<sup>ll</sup> Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled at the publick Meeting house in sd Town on Tuesday the 25 Day of August AD 1761 pr Adjournment

Mr Nehemiah Mason appear'd and offer'd to take ve oath of a Conftable and was accordingly Sworn by Jonathan Brown

Town Clerk -- -

Upon a Motion it was put to vote whether this Meeting be adjourn'd to the first monday of October next at 5 of the Clock afternoon at this place and it past in the affirmative — —

[212] At a Meeting of ve Selectmen at mr Thomas Salt-

marsh's on the 28 Day of August AD 1761

They Gave there Confent to the wido Mary Learned & mr Thomas Saltmarsh's & John Hunt Esqr mr Cornelius Waldo mr John Remington and mrs Hannah Livermore's Renewing there licences's -----

at this meeting the Selectmen haveing received an account from mr Jonas Harrington for 354 feet of plank (which he brought to the Grate Bridge in watertown) at 20/1 pr hundred which amounts to three pounds Ten Shillings & nine pence They ordered the Clerk to write an order to the Selectmen of Weston to pay the Same — —

At Said Meeting Complaint being made by Several Neighbours that the wido Warrin was in Sufering Circumstances they agreed to meet again on Monday the fourteenth day of Sepr at 4 of the Clock afternoon at the wido mary Learneds to agree with Some

Suitable person to take care of Said warrin — — —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of the wido Mary Learned on Monday the 21 Day of Sept: 1761 the Selectmen Agreed to have a Town Meeting on Monday Next at the publick Meethouse & Directed the Clerk to Issue out warrants to the Several Constables to warn the Inhabitants to meet at said time & place to act on the following articles (Viz) Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting (2) To hear the Report of the Committe on the affair of the Work-house and for the town to grant money to build Said house or do any thing on the affair they may think proper—(3) To know the minde of the town whether they will Choose a Committe to Settle the bounds of the land which Nathll Harris Esqr gave to Sett the MeetingHouse upon (4) To know the minde of the town whether they will give Liberty (to Such person or person as incline) to Erect Stables on the line betwixt the late Nath!! Harris Esq<sup>rs</sup> land and that which he gave to the town—and warrants were Issued out accordingly

Attest J Brown Town Clerk

[213] At Said Meeting they agreed to procure Some Cloathing for the wido Warrin Viz two Shifts a pair of Stockings and a pair of Shoes

At a Gen<sup>II</sup> Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified according to law to Vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled & Meet at the publick Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the 28 Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>. 1761 Voted and Choose Mr Sam<sup>II</sup> Fisk Moderator for sd Meeting—

Then the Second article was read & the Committe Reported that they had Drawn a Plan of a work-house which is thirty foot Square to be four Rooms on the lower floor with a fire place in each of them and a Gamber Roof with two fire places above the Charge of the building they are informed will be about one thousand pounds old Tenor and after the town had Considered and Debated the affair they purpos'd to add two more to the Committe and the Question was put whether it be the minde of the town to add two more to the Committe and it past in the affirmetive ——

Voted & Chofe Cap<sup>t</sup> Edward Harrington & M<sup>r</sup> John Kemball to be of said Committe — — — —

Then the Vote was put whether it be the minde of the town that the Committe look out further for a Suitable place whereon to build the above said work-house & Se what they must give for Such a peice of land, and also Inquire what the Charge will be if the house be built two Storey high more than if it be but one as above said and Report at the adjournment of this meeting & it past in ye affirmative

Then a Motion was made and the Vote was put whether it be the mind of the town that this meeting with the Remaining buisiness be Adjour'd to Monday next at two of the Clock afternoon at this place and it past in the affirmative — — —

Then the Moderator Declared it accordingly adjourn'd

[214] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of the wido Mary Learned on Munday the 28 Day of Sepr AD 1761—They agreed with mr Simon Coollidge to Board and take Care of Mrs Warrin one Month at 6s/1 pr week & to be paid for Cleaning her up the month to begin the fifth day of October Next—At Said meeting the wido Mary Learned Purpos't to take one of the Children of Jonas Learned and mr Bezaleel Learned pur-

pos'd to take the Son of said Jonas for the present with out any Charge to the town they also agreed to put the Youngest to m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> Child at 2<sup>s</sup>/8 p<sup>r</sup> week if he would take. as they were informed he would and lett the mother of Said Children provide for her Self as She purpos'd

at Said Meeting they agreed to allow mr Jonas Berned 13/6

old Tenor provided for keeping Mary Coollidge from the 27 day of Feby last till further orders — — — — — — — — — — —

At a Gen¹ Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified according to law to Vote in town affairs Regularly assembled and Meet at the publick Meeting House in Said town on Monday the fifth Day of October AD 1761 pr Adjournt

The first article in the warrant was Read and after a long Debate thereon the Vote was put whether the town will grant money to build a work-house and it past in the Negative—

(2ly) The Vote was put whether it be the minde of the town to grant the Sum of 13: 6: 8 to be improved in part towards hiring a work-house and the remainder towards Supporting the poor the present Year & it past in the affirmetive——

(3ly) The Vote was put whether it be the minde of the town to impower there prefent Committe in the Name of the town to hire a Suitable house to be improved as a Work-house as Reasonably as they can, and it past in the affirmative—

The third article was Read and after debate thereon the Vote was put whether the town will Choose a Committe to Settle the bounds of the land which the late Nathaniel Harris Esqr gave to the town to Sett the Meeting House upon and it past in the affirmative—

Voted

[215]

At a Gen<sup>II</sup> Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town affairs Regularly assembled & Meet at the publick Meeting House in

Said Town on Monday the fifth Day of October AD 1761 pr

The Committe appointed to repair the fence on the Ministerel place being prefent informed the town that they had not finished Said fence and So Did not know what the Charge would be and therefore did not Defire aney grante at this time and there being no other builness the Meeting was Desolved—

N B the last Mentioned Meeting was begun on the Eighteenth Day of may 1761 and Continued by adjournments to this time

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 29 Day of October 1761 at the house of Mr William Bond --- --

They agreed to bind a Poor Child (Called Mary Mathyrs) to Mr William Goding of Woburn and accordingly Signed the Indentures and agreed that sd Goding Should have thirteen pounds Six Shillings and eight pence with the Child, he giveing Security to the town to Save the town from any further Cost that may arife by sd Child And ordered the Clerk to take a Bond and a Mortgage Deed on Ten acres of sd Godings Land which Lies in Woburn for the Towns Security which was accordingly done Pr I Brown T Clerk

[216] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Jona Child on the 16: Day of Novr: 1761 They ordered the Clerk to Issue out a warrant to warn the several persons hereafter mentioned to Depart out of town Viz Daniel Edds with his wife and Child who came Last from Charlstown about the month of April last & Reside at the House of Jedidiah Leath & Thomas Russel who came last from Boston in the County of Suffolk in the month March last & Stephen Mason who came from sd Boston in May or June last and both Reside at the house of the wido Mary Learned And Richard Trusdal and his wife and four Children who came last from Newton and Reside in a House that belongs to John Hunt Esqr they came into town in August last past and abiah Foster who came last from Waltham on the Second day of July last and Resides at the House of Andrew White also Kezia Rusel who came last from Boston in the County of Suffolk in the Month of April last to Refide at the House of Samuel Nutting --- -

A Warrant was Issued out accordingly & given to Constable Simon Whitney and the Service was done (Except to Kezia Russel who Could not be found) and the warrants Returned

Cautions entered Decr Sessions

Attest Jona Brown Town Clerk

at sd Meeting the Selectmen Signed an order on the town Treasurer to pay the town Creditors what was granted them last march Meeting also an order to pay the Revd Mr Seth Storer his Salary for the present Year --- .

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Capt Edward Harrington on Monday the Seventh day of Dect: 1761
They being Informed that on Katherine Draper was come to Reside at the House of Mathew Johnson in Watertown She came last from Deadham in the County of Suffolk her Circumstances being Such that they Resuse to admitt her to be an Inhabitant of Said town Ordered the Clerk to Issue out a warrant to warn her out of town a warrant was Issued out accordingly and given to S. Whitney and the Service done & the warrant Returned and the Caution Entered at December Sessions

Attest J Brown Town Clerk

[217] At S<sup>d</sup> Meeting the Selectmen being Informed that Kezia Rufsel was Lurking about & Could not be found at prefent ordered the Clerk to give out an other warrant to  $M^r$  Simon Whitney to warn her out as Soon as She can be found which was accordingly done

They also Agreed that mrs Learned the wife of Jonas Learned Should Continue at mr Jonathan Child's where She now is till further orders And that the sd mr Child and mr Nathaniel Stone who are two of the Selectmen be Desired to gitt what things She has at Cambridge and bring them to mr Child's House—The Selectmen ordered the Treasurer to Call upon the perfons, who Received those persons into town (that have bin warned to the control of the state of the stat

out) emediately to pay the Charge thereof. and if any person or persons Results or Neglect to pay the Same to Sue them emediately————

They Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay the Committe thirteen pounds eleven Shillings for making fifty five Rods of Stone wall and for Posts on the ministeral place

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the Eighteenth day of January 1762 at the House of the wido Mary Learned — — — The Select-men ware Informed that Elizabeth Warrin was in a way to Spend what Estate She had they Desired Capt Edward Harrington to go & Inquire into her Circumstances and Report at the Next meeting— — — —

Mr. Nathaniel Coollidge Jun<sup>r</sup> informed that his Uncle Samuel Coollidge was with him and wanted Some Cloathing

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of L<sup>t</sup> Daniel Whitney on Fryday the Nineteenth Day of Feb<sup>ry</sup> AD 1762.

They agreed upon a Town Meeting to be on Monday the first Day of March next at Nine of the Clock before noon at the publick Meeting House And Directed the Clerk to Issue out warrants to the Several Constables to warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at time Place afore s<sup>d</sup> for the ends fowllowing (Viz) —

(1)

(1) To Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting To Choose Selectmen a Town Clerk Treasurer and all other town officers Required by law to be Chofe in the month of march annually (3) To Choose a Saxton and agree how he Shall be paid for his Service (4) To put in their Votes for a County Treasurer (5) To know the minde of the town whether Swine Shall Run at large the enfueing Year—To Choofe a Comtt to Examin the Treasurers accounts and pass any Votes thereon they may think proper (7) For the town to Appropriate the Interest money Comeing to them the present Year the year begining the eleventh Day of December last past (8) To Grant a Salary for the Revd Mr Seth Storer for the Year Enfueing the Year begining the first Day of March Next (9) To Grant money for the Support of the School (10) To Grant money for the Support of the poor (11) To Grant money for Repairing the Great Bridge (12) To Hear the accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to and grant money to pay the Same (13) To Grant money to Repair the High-ways & town-ways if the town think proper. And to Choose the Surveyors Collectors of the High-way Rate and Determin the price of Labour in working out said Rate (14) To hear the pleas of the present or any of the late Constables for Abateing any perticular persons Rate & for the town to act their pleasure thereon (15) To Hear the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants praying the town to give Liberty to make alterations in the hind Seats in the Gallary in the Meeting-house as Settforth in their Petition and for the town to act their pleasure thereon (16) To Hear the petition of ye wido Murch praying the town to Grant her a Small peice of land to accomedate her House as the town may think proper (17) To Hear the Report of the Committe on the affair of the work-House and for the town to make Some further grant of money to hire a Suitable House or to Build one for that purpose or do any thing on the affair they may think proper (18) To hear the Petition of Joseph Harrington Guardian to Henry Learned praying the town to take into Confideration the Circumftances of sd Henry as Sett forth in sd petition and for the town to act their pleasure thereon (19) To know the minde of the town whether they will bear any part of the Charge of Supporting Jonas Learned wife and Children or whether Thomas Learned Shall be oblidged to do the whole as he is liable to by

Law and for the town to act any thing on the affair they may think proper. (20) To Hear and take into Confideration the petition of the Second precinct in in Cambridge preferred to the General Court (a Copy whereof the Selectmen have been Served with) praying that Some

part

[219] part of Watertown may be annexed to them and for the town to do any thing or things they may think proper You are Likewise to order the Constables to notify the persons to whome the town is Indebted to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen at the House of the wid Mary Learned on Fryday the Twenty Sixth Day of February Currant in order to there being laid before the town. And to Notify the Surveyors of High-ways who have not made up their accounts to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen at sd time and place—

at this meeting they ordered the Clerk to Issue out warrants to warn Josiah Stone with abigail his wife & Four Children (Viz) Abigail Elizabeth Josiah & Rachal out of town and Jerusha Fuller who came last from Newton about September last and Jonathan Scoot who Came last from Roxbury in the County of Suffolk about September last and Sarah Kendal who Came last from Waltham about September last their Circumstances being Such that the Selectmen Refuse to Receive them to be Inhabitants N B Josiah Stone & Famaly last from Lexington in April Last

—Warrants ware Issued out accordingly J Brown T C The Selectmen Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay mr Nathaniel Stone one pound Twelve Shillings 3/1 farthing for Cloathing which the Selectmen procured for the wido Lydia Warrin

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Fryday the 26 Day of Febra 1762 at the house of the wido mary Learned — — — — ——

the Several Persons the Several Sums Sett to their names agreable to their accounts which they gave into the Selectmen (Viz)

To Jonas White for Boarding and Cloathing							
Joseph Stearns one Year: — — — —	22	:	2	:	3		
To Jonas Bearned for Boarding Mary Cool-							
lidge to the 26 of Febry — — — — —	4	:	13	:	7		
To Simon Coollidge for Boarding the wido							
Warrin 21 weeks — — — — — — —	7	:	2	:	6		
To Nath! Coollidge Junr for Boarding Sam!!							
Coollidge till the first Day of March Next and							
for a Cap and a pair of Stockings — — —	2	:	16	:	1	:	2

To L <sup>t</sup> Daniel Whitney for keeping Jonas Learneds wife and Children — — — — — — 0 : 14 : 8 : 0  To Jonathan Child for Jonas Learneds wife and Children — — — — — 5 : 8 : 5 —  To Samuel Child for Jonas Learneds Child— 3 : 11 : 2 : 2  To Joseph Coollidge for Boarding the wido Maddox till the Twenty Seventh Day of February Next — — — — — — — 10 : 4 : 0 —  To m <sup>r</sup> Marfhal Spring for keeping the School three months — 13 : 6 : 8 —  To m <sup>r</sup> Samuel Cotton for keeping the School three Months: — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —
And To Mr Samuel Whitney for work at the Highways & Town ways — — — — 6:7:8:3  To Mr Oliver Livermore for work at Said ways — — — — — 6:14:10 —  To Capt Nathaniel Coollidge for taking the Invoice in May — — — — — 1:6:0 —  To mr John Kemball for taking said Invoice— 1:4—0—  To Jona Brown for taking Said Invoice—— 2:8—0—  alfo Signed an order on the Treafurer to pay Lt Daniel Whitney the Sum of five pounds twelve Shillings & 7/2 for Labour don by
Several persons at the Great Bridge Likewise at this Meeting the town Creditors brought in their accounts to the Selectmen in order to their being lay'd before the town which are as follows (Viz)—— To Dr Josiah Convers for Delivering Jonas
Learneds wife: 2:13:4  To L <sup>t</sup> Daniel Whitney for Cash paid to Joseph  Welfh for mending the Schoolhouse Glass— 0:8:4:3  To John Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup> for House Rent an other  Nescerys for the french Family — — 19:16:0
To Joseph Whitney for Six large Stones for a Bridge 0:3:4  To Simon Whitney for Stones for the bridge by Sangers 1:0:8—  To Jonas Barned for Sundrys for Mary Coollidge 1:9:4:3
To George Adams for Setting Mary Preifts arm 0: 4:0— To Cornelius Waldo for powder & ball for W <sup>m</sup> White and John Warrin when going on the alarm in 1757:  0: 6:6—
To Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown for Serving Treasurer & assessor the Year past — — — — — — — 3 : 9 : 4 — To Sam <sup>ll</sup> and Jonas Barned for Rocks for two Bridges — 0 : 10 : 0 —

To Jonas Bond Jun' for Serving Conftable &c—  To Nath <sup>II</sup> Harrington for like Service — 0:9:0—  To David Bemis for like Service — 0:9:0—  To Capt Nath <sup>II</sup> Coollidge for Serving assessor the Year past————————————————————————————————————
33:10:11:2  [221] At a Gen <sup>II</sup> Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallify'd to Vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled and Meet at the publick Meeting House in s <sup>d</sup> town on Monday the first day of March AD 1762 for the Choise of Town officers and Transacting other Town affairs as Mentioned in the warrant———— Voted & Chose Jonas Bond Esq <sup>r</sup> Moderator for s <sup>d</sup> meeting
Voted & Chose for Selectmen  Voted & Chose for Selectmen  Voted & Chose for Selectmen  Mr Jona Child  Mr Nathl Stone
Voted & Chose for Town Clerk Cap <sup>t</sup> Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown who was Sworn at this time by John Hunt J Peace  Voted & Chose for Town Treasure Cap <sup>t</sup> . Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown  Voted & Chose for assessors  \[ \begin{align*} M^r John Kemball Cap^t Jon^a Brown M^r Moses Stone \end{align*}
Voted & Choie for Conftables   Mr Benjn Felton  Mr Thomas Harrington  Mr Jona Stone
Voted & Chofe for Wardens { Mr John Cook Voted & Chofe Sealer of Leather Isaac Sanderson
Voted & Chofe fence Veiwers \ Mr \ Nathan Coollidge \ Mr \ David Bemis
Voted & Chose Surveyors of ( Mr Daniel Sawin High ways — — — — — ) Mr Jona Bemis Jung
Voted & Chose Tythingmen { Mr Joseph Coollidge Mr John Stearns
Voted & Choie Hogreives—   Mr Samll Jenison Junr  Mr David Coollidge Junr
Voted & Chose Deerreives { Mr Cornelius Waldo } Mr Jedidiah Leath   Voted & Chose Surveyors of Timber { Mr Jonas Coollidge } Mr Bezll Learned   Voted & Chose Howards — — { Mr Samll Nutting } Mr Edward Harrington
Voted & Chose Clerk of the Market Mr Cornelius Waldo

Voted Gager of Cask Mr Samuel Cook

Voted & Chose Cullars of Hoops & Staves 

Mr Saml Cook 
Mr Smith Prentice 
Voted & Chose for Saxton mr Simon Hastings

Voted to pay the Saxton by two Contrebutions as Usual

[222] Voted that Swine Shall Run at large the present Year under the Regulation of the law — — — — —

Voted to Choose a Committe to Examin the Treasurs accounts and that they make Report at the adjournment of this meeting

 $Voted \ \& \ Choie \ a \ Committe \ for \ s^d \ affaii \ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} Dea \ Samuel \ Fisk \\ M^r \ Nath^{ll} \ Harrington \\ M^r \ John \ Kemball \end{array} \right.$ 

Voted to appropriate the Interest money Comeing to the town as it was last Year (Viz) five Shillings & eight pence to the School and the Remainder to the Minister — — — —

Voted & Granted the Sum of 66: 13: 4 a Salary for the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Seth Storer the ensueing Year the Interest money appropriated to that use to be part of Said Sum ——————

Voted & Granted the Sum of 40 pounds to Support ve Sahael

Voted & Granted the Sum of 40 pounds to Support ye School Voted & Granted the Sum of 80 pounds to Support ye Poor Then the Nineteenth Article was Read and after long Debate

thereon the Question was put whether the town will do any thing towards the Support of Jonas Learneds Family and it past in the Negative——

Then the Question was put whether it be ye mind of the town to adjourn this Meeting with the Remaining business till To morrow at twelve of the Clock at this place

and it past in the affeirmative Then the moderator Declared it was accordingly adjourn'd

At a Gen<sup>11</sup> Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown at the publick meeting House in s<sup>d</sup> town on Tuesday the Second Day march AD 1762 By Adjour<sup>t</sup>- the meeting being Opened the town proceed on the Eleventh article and

Voted & Granted the Sum of Six pounds to Repair the great Bridge—

Then the accounts of those persons to whome the town is Indebted were Read to the town and accepted by the town (Except Eleven pounds Sixteen Shillings in John Hunt Esqrs and Jonas Barneds for Extraordinaries for Mary Coollidge) and the Sum Twenty pounds five Shillings & 6/3 farthings was Voted & Grated to pay the Same—————

Then the Com<sup>tt</sup>- on the Treasurers accounts gave in  $\frac{\text{their}}{\Lambda}$  Report which was Read to the town and

the Vote was put whether the town do accept of this Report and that it be Recorded

and it past in the affeirmative---

And

# [223] And is as follows (Viz)

We the Subscribers Appointed by the Town to Examin the Town Treasurers Acctts- Upon Examination find Said Accts-well Vouch't and Right Cast

Watertown March: 2d. 1762

farthings to make it good - --

Sam<sup>ll</sup> Fisk Nath<sup>l</sup> Harrington John Kemball—

Nathniel Harringtons lists and Granted the Sum of 3:11-3

Then the petition of Jon<sup>a</sup> Learned Jun<sup>r</sup> and others was Read to the town Relating to the Seats in the Meeting house and the Vote was put whether it be the mind of ye town So far to grant the prayer of Said petition as that the Said alterations be made at the Charge of the town and that the Dispotion of the Seats be as the town Shall think Proper—and it past in the affeirmative

Voted that the present Selectmen be a Com<sup>tt</sup> to manage s<sup>d</sup> affair Then the wid<sup>o</sup> Murchs Request laid before the town and the Town Voted that the Selectmen lay out a peice of Land (as they proper) for the Said wid<sup>o</sup> Murch to Improve During the towns pleasure—

The Seventeenth Eighteenth and Twentieth articles not being past upon a Motion was made & Seconded and put to Vote whether it be the minde of the town to put of these articles to May meeting Next

and it past in the affirmative

Voted to Reconfider the Vote Relating to Swine——
Then the Moderator Defolv'd the Meeting

[224] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of the Wido Mary Learned on Tuesday the Second Day of March AD 1762 for the Swareing the Town officers four of the Selectmen took the oath Relating to other Governments Bill

(Viz)

Jonas Bond Esq<sup>r</sup>
L<sup>t</sup> Daniel Whitney Sworn p<sup>r</sup> J Brown T Clerk
Cap<sup>t</sup> Edward Harrington
M<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Child
M<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>1</sup> Stone

Jonathan Brown the oths of Treasure & assessor

John Kemball and

Moses Stone the

Senin Felton & Thomas Harrington ve oath of O

Benj<sup>n</sup> Felton & Thomas Harrington ye oath of Constable Jonathan Stone & John Cook the oath of Warden

David Bemis ye oath of fenceveiwer

Daniel Sawin ye oaths of Surveyor of Highways & Collector Joseph Coollidge & John Stearns the oath of Tythingmen

Sam<sup>ll</sup> Jenison Jun the oath of Hoogreive

Cornelius Waldo & Jedidiah Leath the oath of Deerreives Jonas Coollidge & Bezaleel Learned the oath of Surveyors of Timber

Edward Harrington Jun<sup>r</sup> the oath of Howard Cornelius Waldo the oath of Clerk of the Market Samuel Cook & Smith Prentice the oath of Cullars of Hoops Staves &c . . . .

The above Named perfons ware all Sworn before

John Hunt Justice Peace

Watertown March: 9:1762

Let Daniel Whitney took the Money oath Required by law to Quallifie him to Serve as Selectman & Isaac Sanderson took the oath of Sealer of Leather Nathan Coollidge took the oath of Fence Veiwer— —

Sworn pr Jona Brown Town Clerk

[225] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of the wido Mary Learned on Tuesday the Ninth Day of march A D. 1762 for puting out the poor They Agreed that mr Joseph Coollidge Should Board Samuel Coollidge at 4/1 pr week and the wido Maddox at 4/1 pr week till further orders — — — They agreed with mr Jonas White to keep Joseph Stearnes for the present— — — — — — They agreed with James Berned to Board mary Coollidg till further orders at 13/6 pence pr week — — — — — And they agreed with mr Simon Coollidge to keep the wido Warrin at Six Shillings & eight pence pr week for the present—

They also agreed to have a Town Meeting on Monday next at one of ye Clock afternoon at the publick Meeting House and ordered the Clerk to Issue out warrants to warn the Inhabitants to meet at time and place afore Said to act on the following Articles (Viz) (1) To Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting

(2) To hear the Report of the Committe on the affair of the work house and for the town to grant a Sum of money to hire a Suitable house or Build one for that purpose, and for the town to act any thing on the affair they may think proper (3) To hear and take into Consideration the Petition of ye Second precinct in Cambridge prefered to the General Court (a Copy whereof the Selectmen have been Served with) Praying that Some part of Watertown may be annexed to them and for the town to act any thing or things on the affair they may think proper—

(4) To know the minde of the town whether Swine Shall Run

at Large the present Year-

Warrants were Issued out accordingly

Attest Jona Brown Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the fifteenth day of March AD 1762 at the publick meeting house

they being Informed that one Mary Stearns was Come to Dwell at the House of Jonas Bond Esqr who Came last from Charlstown about the month of June last past and one Ruhamah Wellington Come to Dwell in town and Resides at the House of Ebenezer Mason She Came last from Weston in the month of April Last past their Circumstances being Such that the Selectmen Resuse to admitt them to be Inhabitants of Watertown and ordered the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant to warn them out of town which was accordingly Don

attest J Brown Town Cler-

[226] At Said Meeting they ordered the Clerk to write to Thomas Learned of Deadham to acquaint him that unleis he Came and took Care of Jonas Learneds wife and Children and pay what Charge the Town had bin at they Should take the Steps of the law in yt Case provided

At a General Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs Regulerly assembled at the publick Meetinghouse in Said town on Monday the fifteenth Day of March AD 1762 for Transacting the affairs Sett forth in ye Warrant

Voted & Chose Capt- Jonathan Brown Moderator for sd Meeting The Second article was Read and after long Debate thereon

1 the Queston was put whether the Town will Build a Work house the present Year and it past in the Negative

Put to Vote Whether the town will act any thing further on this article and it past in the Negative

Then the third article was Read relating to Cambridge Second precincts petition together with Said petition and after Confideration thereon the Question was put whether it the mind of the town that any part thereof be annexed to Said precinct and it past in the Negative

Voted & Chose Jonas Bond Esqr Mr Nathaniel Harrington and Mr Samuel Fisk to be a Committe to make answer to the great and General Court in the name of the town to sd Petition of the Second precinct in Cambridge—

The fourth article was Read and the Question was put whether it be the mind of the town Swine may Run at Learge the prefent Year and it past in the affirmative

The Builiness of the Meting being over it was Disolved

#### [227] To the Selectmen

Gentlemen

This may Certify that we the Subscribers have assest the Rateable poles & Estates in Sd town the Sum of fourty pounds and have Committed lists of sd assessment to the Several Surveyors who are alfo Collectors of the High-way Rate (Viz)

afsefsors Certificate

To Jonathan Bemis Jur the Sum of — 21:0:0 and to Daniel Sawin the Sum of — 19:0:0 with Lawfull warrants to levy & Collect the same or See it worked out agreable to the Vote of the town So as to make up their accounts with Your Selves at on or before the last Day of November

Watertown March: 16: 1762

John Kemball Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Moses Stone assessors for Watertown

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the third Day of May AD 1762 at the House of the wido Mary Learned-

They agreed with Jonas Bearned to keep Mary Coollidge for two pifterens pr week till further orders-

This being the Year for Preambulating the lines between towns they Appointed missrs Jonathan Child and Nathaniel Stone to go on Said Service, Next Monday at eight of the Clock in the morning with Cambridge, at twelve of the Clock at noon with Waltham, and at four of the Clock afternoon with Newton and ordered the Clerk to Notify the Selectmen of Said towns which was accordingly don the Next Day pr J Brown T Cler --

They Likewise ordered the Clerk to give out a warrant to one of ye Constables to warn Elizabeth Livermore to Depart out of Watertown who came into town about the month of August last who came last from Cambridge and Resides at the House of Nehemiah Mason Which was Accordingly Done and the warrant was given to Conftable Thomas Harrington—the Service was done and the Caution was Entered at may Session

Attest Jona Brown T C —

at this Meeting they agreed with mr Jonas Bearnard to keep Mary Coollidge for two piftareens pr week till further orders —

[228] At Said Meeting the Selectmen having Recd a Precept Requiring them to assemble the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Oullifeed to Vote in the Choise of a Representative In observance whereof they Ordered the Clerk to Issue out warrants to the Constables Requiring them to warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in the Choise of Representative to Assemble and Meet together at the Publick Meeting House in Said town on Monday the Seventeenth Day of may at one of the Clock afternoon Then & there to Elect and Depute one Suitable Person to Serve for & Represent them in a Great & general Court or assembly appointed to be held and keept for his Majesty's Service at the Court House in Boston on Wednesday the Twenty Sixth day of May Currant-And Likewise to order the Constables to warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at two of the Clock the Same Day at the Same place for the Ends following (Viz)— First to Choose a Moderator for sd Meeting

(2ly) To Hear the Petition of Joseph Harrington Guardian to Henry Learned praying the town to take into Confideration the Circumstances of  $s^d$  Henry as Settforth in Said petition and for the town to act their pleasure thereon (3ly) To know the minde of the town they will Purchase the Remainder of the two acres of land Belonging to the Heirs of Nathaniel Harris Esqr Late of Watertown (if it may be had) Where the Meeting house Stands for Publick Uses and for the town to act any thing on the affair they may think proper—(4ly) For the town to add to  $^{\text{or}}$  take from the lists of Jurymen as they may think proper—

5ly To Hear the pleas of any of the Late Constables for abateing any Perticuler Rates in their lists and for the town to act any thing on the affair they may think proper—

Which was accordingly Don bareing Date the 7 Day

J Brown T Cler —

[229] At a Gen<sup>||</sup> Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallify'd to Vote in the Choife of a Representative Regularly assembled at the publick Meeting House in S<sup>d</sup> town on Monday the Seventeenth Day of may AD 1762

The Votes ware Called for and were Sorted and Counted

and it appeared that Lt Daniel Whitney was Chosen to Reprefent the town at the Great and general Court appointed to be Conven'd held and keept for his Majesty's Service at the Court House in Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty Sixth Day of may Currant — —

At a Gen<sup>11</sup> Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallify'd to Vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the publick meeting House in sd town on Monday the Seventeenth Day of May 1762 for Transacting the business as Settforth in the warrants — — —

Voted and Chofe Capt Jonathan Brown Moderator for sd Meet-

The Second article was Read Relating to mr Joseph Harringtons Petition and sd Harrington Informed the town that he was

not Ready and that article was Difmift

Then the third article was Read and after long Debate thereon It was put to Vote whether the town will Choose a Committe to Treat with the Heirs of Nathaniel Harris Esqr Deceaft to Se whether they will Sell the Remainder of the two acres of land to the town and for what Sum and Report to the town at their next Meeting and it past in the Negative—

Then ye fourth article was Read together with the list of Jurymen and they Voted that miss Thomas Saftmarshs Samuel Hagers & William Godings Names be taken out of the Box's Voted that missurs John Sawin David Bemis, James Dix, Simon Whitney, Ebenezer Stone Juner, Thomas Harrington, Edward Richardson, Jonathan Bemis Junt, & Daniel Bonds be put into the Superior Box And that Moses Hager, Daniel Edds, Thomas Russell, Daniel Byles, Robert Learned, Elisha Learned, John Chenery, James Vila & Jonathan Coollidge Goding be put into the Inferior Box

The fifth article Read but no Conftables made any Pleas for abatements So the article Dropt and the Meeting was Disolved-

[230] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of the wido Mary Learned on the : 8 Day of July AD 1762

They Recd an account of mr Nathaniel Stone for Clothing which he procured for Samuel Coollidge amounting to two pounds two Shillings and Eleven pence three farthings and Signed an order on ve Treasurer for the payment of the Same at this meeting Nath<sup>ll</sup> Coollidge Notify'd the Selectmen that he had Rec'd into his house a Negro woman Named Lois Barda. And Mr Nathaniel Stone Informed that he had Taken into his Family the wido Lydia Warrin and that She Came last Fryday and that he will keep her for 6/ pr week for the present and mr Jonas Berned

Informed the Selectmen that Mary Coollidge was in want of Some Cloathing and they agreed that s<sup>d</sup> Berned Should procure two Shifts two Caps one peticoat one pair of Stockings and git her Shoes mended

At the Selectmens Meeting on the 8 day of July AD. 1762 Mifsurs Jonathan Child & Nathaniel Stone made Verbal Report that they had Meet with the Select-men of ye adjacent towns and Renew'd the Bounds between Watertown and the adjacent towns

[231] At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham at the House of mr Richard Cutting in Waltham on the 31st Day of august AD 1762 The Accounts of ye Charge of ye Great Bridge over Charles River in Watertown Since the last Adjustments were this Day Proportioned and Adjusted Betwen the three Towns See the acctts. at Large Signed By ye Selectmen of Each town Entered Lib: 2 Page (63) in the Treasury — — — — — —

At this Meeting the Selectmen ordered the Clerk to write an order in their Name to the Selectmen of Weston to pay Jonas Harrington Five pounds Nine Shillings & five pence which is in full of what is Due to him for the planck which he brought to the Bridge— which was Accordingly done the Same day Signed Jona Brown Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the Second Day of Nov<sup>1</sup> 1762 at ye House of m<sup>1</sup> Nath<sup>1</sup> Stone They agreed that Lt Daniel Whitney & Capt Edward Harrington were Desired to Repair the School-House in Such a Manner as they think Nessacery — They being Informed that one John Draper & Ann his wise and their Child Ann were Come to Dwell in Watertown who Came last from Roxbury in ye County of Suffolk in ye month of April or May last And Josiah Stearnes who Came last from Westminster in ye County of Worcester in Febry last And Jane Nutting & her two Children (Viz) Mary & Charls who Came last from Needham in ye County of Suffolk about the months of March or April last past and Jason Bathrick who Came last from Cambridge in ye County of Middx in ye month of

august last past And Elizabeth Bond who Came last From sd Cambridge in the month of last past And John Stratton & his wife Mary & their four Children who Came last from Said Cambridge about the month of March or April last past also Lois Berdu who Came last from Lexington in ye County of Middllx, in ye month of last past the Circumstances of them being Such the Select-men Refuse to Accept them to be Inhabitants of Watertown and ordered the Clerk to Issue out warrants Directed to ye Constables to warn them out of Town which was Accordingly Don and the Service don and ye Cautions entered at Decr: Sessions

Attest J. Brown Town Clerk

[232] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on Monday ye 22 Day of Novr: AD 1762 at ye House of ye Wido Mary Learned

They Agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Sanderson Should Board y<sup>e</sup> Wid<sup>o</sup> Maddox who Came to his House y<sup>e</sup> Tenth Day of October last till further Orders and have four Shillings p<sup>r</sup> week therefor—

They Signed Orders on the Treasurer to pay David Coollidge ye Sum Sixteen Shillings & one penney two farthings for things procured for Saml Coollidge Likewise to pay Nathl Stone 0:19:3:2 for Cloathing wh. he procured for ye Wido Warrin Also an Order to pay ye Town Creditors ye Sum of 20:4:6:3 farthings which was Granted them Last March Meeting—

They also agreed to have a Gen<sup>1</sup> Town Meeting on Monday the Sixth Day of December Next at ye Publick meeting House at one of ye Clock afternoon for ye ends following (Viz)

- (1) To Choose a Moderator for s<sup>d</sup> Meeting (2) To hear what has been done Relating to y<sup>e</sup> Charge which has arisen to the Town by Jonas Learned wife and Children and for y<sup>e</sup> Town to act any thing on the affair they may think proper (3) Upon the Request of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Brown to know whether the town will allow him Interest for the money which is due to him for his Pew from y<sup>e</sup> time he offer'd it to the town and for the Town to Act any thing on the affair they think proper (4) To know whether the Town will abate any Perticuler Persons Rates in any of y<sup>e</sup> Late Constables lists and to act any thing on y<sup>e</sup> affair they may think Proper—
- (5) To know whether the Town will allow any of ye Late Conftables any pay for their Services who have not Received any thing there for (6) To know the minde of ye Town whether they will Sell a Small peice or Slip of Land Near ye wido Murches House which belongs to the town and to act any thing on the affair they may think proper—

And Ordered the Clerk to Issue out warrants Directed to ye

Constables to warn the Inhabitants to meet at the time and Place for ye Ends afore Said which was accordingly Don attest Jona Brown Town Clerk

[233] At a Gen<sup>ll</sup> Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to vote in town affairs Reguarly Meet at the Publick Meeting-House in s<sup>d</sup> Town

on Monday the Sixth Day of Decr: AD 1762-

Voted and Chose Jona Brown Moderator for sd Meeting 2 article Read and after Debate thereon the Vote was Put if it be the mind of the Town that If the wido Mary Learned Shall pay one Half of what Charge the town has been at for the Support of Jonas Learneds wife and Children that the Treasurer upon Receipt thereof Shall give her and Thomas Learned a Discharge in full for the time past and it past in the affiermative—Put to Vote whether it be the minde of the town to allow Capt. John Brown Interest on the money that is Due to him for his pew and it past in the affirmative

The 4 article was Read but none of the Constables ask't to

have any persons Rates abated and So it Dropt

The fifth Article Read & James Dix asked for Six pounds for his Services as Constable. And the Vote was Put whether the town will allow his ye Said Six pounds

and it Past in the Negative-

The Sixth article Read and the Vote Was Put Whether it be the minde of the town to Sell the peice of land Near the wido Murches House & that the Selectmen be Impowered to Sell the Same if they think proper—

and it Past in the Affirmative

The builiness being over the Meeting was Disolved-

[234] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of ye wido Mary Learned on the : 17: Day January AD 1763—They Signed on Order on the Town Treasurer to pay the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Seth Storer: 66:13:4 which was Greanted for his Sallary for the Year 1762—They being informed that mr Jonas Harrington Junr of Weston was not paid for ye Plank which he

brought to the great Bridge for which they A an order on the Selectmen of Weston they Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay said Harrington the Sum of 5:9:5 which is in full of what is due to him They also Signed an order to pay mr Marshall Spring our Present Schoolmaster the Sum of Sixteen Pounds in part of his wages for Keeping School in Watertown—At a Meeting of the Selectmen at ye House of the wide Mary Learned on Monday the 21 day of Febry Anno Domini 1763 They ware Informed that there was one George Allen and Hannah his wife & their two Children (Viz) George and Abigail who Came last from Waltham about the month of may last and

Reside at the house of Andrew White And one Lydia Wyre who came last from s<sup>d</sup> Waltham about the Same time and Resides at the House of William Bond Their Circumstances being Such that the Select-men Resuse to accept them to be Inhabitants of Watertown Therefore they ordered the Clerk to Issue out warrants to warn them out of Town which was accordly done and the Service was don and the warrants Returned the Cautions entered at March Court—

Att Jona Brown Cler-

At this meeting they Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Child Two pounds two Shillings & d1/2 which he has Expended on the poor Also Two pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence for Nursing Jonas Learneds Child to m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Child—

[235] And at this meeting they agreed to have the annual Town Meeting on the Seventh day of march Next at the Publick Meeting House at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon and Directed the Clerk to Issue out warrants Directed to the Constables to warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs to Meet at time and place afores<sup>d</sup> for the ends following—(Viz) (1) To Choose a Moderator for said meeting (2) To Choose Selectmen Town Clerk Treasurer and all other town officers Required by law to be Chose in the month of march annually (3) To Choose a Saxton and agree how he Shall be paid for his Service (4) To put in their Votes for a County Treasurer (5) To know whether Swine Shall Run at Large the Ensueing Year (6) To Choose a Comtt. to Examin ve Treasurers accounts and to pass any Votes on them they may think proper (7) For the town to appropriate the Interest money Comeing to them the present Year ye Year begining the eleventh day of December last past (8) To Grant a Sallary for the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Seth Storer for y<sup>e</sup> Year enfueing y<sup>e</sup> Year begining the first day of march Next (9) To Grant money for ye Support of the School (10) To Grant money for the Support of the poor (11) To Grant money for Repairing the Great Bridge (12) To hear the accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to and Grant money to pay the Same (13) To Grant money to Repair the High-ways and Town-ways if the Town think proper and to Choose the Surveyors Collectors of the Highway Rate & Determin the price of labour in working out Said Rate (14) To hear the Pleas of any of the prefent or in their lists

late Constables for abateing any perticular Persons Rates A and for the town to act their pleasure thereon (15) To Here the Report of ye Comtt. that were Chosen to Sell a Small peice of Land Near the wido Murches house and for the Town to Act any thing on the affair they may think proper (16)

To know the minde of the town whether they will Choose a Committe to Petition the great & General Court for Liberty to Sell ye Wido. Lydia Warrins thirds to be laid out for her Support (17) To know the minde of the town whether they will Sell a Small peice of land Near John & Phinehas Stearnes House and for ye Town to act any thing on the affair they may think proper

Likewise to Notify ye Town Creditors to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen at the wido mary Learneds house on Fryday the fourth day of March Next at one of ye Clock after-

noon

Warrants were Issued out accordingly dated ye 22 Day of Febry- 1763

### Att Jona Brown Town Cler

[236] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye Wido Mary Learneds on Fryday the fourth day of march 1763 the perfons whih kept the Poor brought in their accounts to the Selectmen which are as follows (Viz) Nathaniel Stone for Boarding the wido Lydia Warrin from ye Second Day of July last to ye fourth day of march 1763 which is thirty five weeks at Six Shillings Pr

week which Comes to — — — — and for two Tythingmens Stalfs — — — —	;				10 2	:	0
And Simon Coollidge brought an account for		1	0	:	12	:	8
Boarding s <sup>d</sup> Warrin 17 weeks at 6/8 P week which comes to ———————————————————————————————————			5	:	16	:1	10
4/s Pr week — — — —			3	:	0	:	0
And Isaac Sanderson for Boarding s <sup>d</sup> wid <sup>o</sup> maddox 21 weeks at 4/1 P <sup>r</sup> week & for three pair of Shoes for y <sup>e</sup> Poor — — — — — — — And Jonas Bearned for Boarding mary Cool-			5	:	1	:	4
lidge to ye fourth Day of March 1763 and other things — — — — —	7 :	: 1	6	:	8	:	2
And David Coollidge for Boarding Samuel Coollidge and other things to ye fourth of							
march 1763 — — — — —		1	4	:	12	:	8
Alio Jonas White brought in his last Account for what he has don for Joseph Stearnes Decs <sup>t</sup> Likewife John Cook brought in his account for Labour at the Great Bridge Since ye Ad-		1	2	:	2	:	1
justment wh. was ye. 31 of August last	1	:	3	:	8	:	1
	60	:	5	:	11	:	3

All which accounts ye Selectmen allow'd and Signed an Order on the Treasurer for the Payment of the Same—

At this meeting ye Selectmen were Informed that there was one Thaddeus Haftings Come to Dwell in Watertown at ye House of John Kemball who Came last from Lexington in the month of April last past his Circumstances being Such that ye Selectmen Refuse to accept him to be an Inhabitant of Watertown therefore ordered the Clerk to Issue out a warrant to one of the Constables to warn him out of town which was accordingly done and given to Constable Thomas Harrington who Did the Service and made Return & the Caution was Entered at march Court

## Att J. Brown Town Cler

[237] At this meeting the following acco					
to the Selectmen in order to their being laid befo	re y	e 7	Cow	n (	Viz)
To Ebenezer Stone Jun for Serving Conftable-	-0	:	14	: (	) :
To Edmund Fowle for Service as Conftable—	6				
To Simon Coollidge for 3 days Labour at ye					
School house—	0	:	10	: 9	: 3
To Thomas Clark for Stones for a Bridge—					) —
To John Kemball for Serveing Assessor -					
To Moses Stone for like Service — —					)
To Jonathan Brown for Serving Treasir &	, i	·			
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To John Hunt Esqr for Nessacerys for ye	Ŭ	Ť		•	
french———————	18	•	13	. 2	2
To Sam <sup>ll</sup> Danforth for medicine & attendance	10	•		•	
on ye french — — — — —	18		13	. 7	2 —
To Jonas Bearned for Nessacerys for Mary	10	•	13		
Coollidge — — — —	Ω		10	. 7	
To L <sup>t</sup> Daniel Whitney for house Rent for	U	•	10	• '	
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To Jona Learned Jun for Labour at ye	4	•	U		<b>'</b>
School house — —	Ω		14	. (	) —
To Jedidiah Leath for Irons for Schoolhouse			7		
To Enf <sup>n</sup> Jon <sup>a</sup> Bemis for Stones for a Bridge	0		5	. 4	Ĺ
To Simon Whitney for Serving Constable — –					
To Richard Clark for Like Service — — —					
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Total	39	:	8	: 4	F : 3

[238] At a Gen Town Meeting of ye freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled and meet at the Publick Meeting-house in sd Town on Monday ye Seventh Day of March Anno Domini 1763 for ye Choise of town officers and Transacting other affairs Mentioned in ye Warrants—

Voted & Chose Mr Nath 11 Stone Moderator for sd Meeting-
Mr Nath <sup>II</sup> Stone
Voted and Chose for Select-men Mr John Kemball
M <sup>r</sup> Jon <sup>a</sup> Child—
Voted & Choie for Town Clerk Capt Jona Brown
Voted & Chose for Town Treast Capt Jona Brown
Voted and Chose for Assessors—  Mr John Kemball  Capt Jona Brown
Voted and Choie for Aiseisors— $ \begin{cases} M^r \text{ John Kemball} \\ \text{Cap}^t \text{ Jon}^a \text{ Brown} \\ M^r \text{ Moies Stone} \end{cases} $
Voted & Choie for Conftables—  { Mr Thomas Clark Mr Nathll Coollidge Juner
Who Informed ye town that they had agreed with mr Jonathan
Stone to Serve for ye whole town if they would accept him in their Room who Voted and accepted sd Stone to be Constable in their Stead
Voted and Choie for Wardens— \ Mr Samuel White
Voted and Chose for Wardens—  { Mr Samuel White Mr Cornelius Waldo Voted and Chose for Sealer of Leather Mr Isaac Sanderson
Voted & Chose for fence-Veiuers—  {
Voted and Chose for Surveyor of ( M <sup>r</sup> David Bemis
Voted and Chose for Surveyor of Mr David Bemis Highways Mr Ebenezer Mason
Voted and Chose for Tythingmen { Mr John Sawin Mr Richard Clark
Voted & Chose for Hogreives— { Mr David Coollidge Junr Mr John Chenery
Voted & Chose for Deerreives—   Mr Thos Pattin Mr Ebenr Studson
Voted & Chose for Surveyors of Timber \ M^r Jonas Coollidge Plank &c—\ \ M^r Bez^{ll} Learned
Voted and Chose for Howards— \ \ \ \ M^r \text{Thos} \ Learned \ M^r \ John \ Chenery
Voted & Choie for Clerks of ye Market { Mr Benjn Felton Mr Jedidiah Leath
Voted & Chofe for Gager of Cask Mr Samil Cook
[239] Voted
Voted & Choie for Cullars of Hoop & \ M^r Smith Prentice Staves— \ M^r Sam^l Cook
Staves— (Mr Saml Cook Voted & Chose for Surveyor of Wheat Lt Daniel Whitney—
Voted & Chofe for Saxton Mr Simon Hastings-
Voted to pay ye Saxton by two Contrebutions as Usual Voted that Swine Shall Run at large the present Year Under
the Regulation of the law as in that Case provided—

 $\begin{array}{c} Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ for \ a \ Com^{tt}. \ to \\ Examin \ y^e \ Treafurers \ accounts \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} M^r \ Nath^l \ Harrington \\ M^r \ John \ Kemball \\ M^r \ Sam^{ll} \ White \end{array} \right.$ 

Voted to appropriate ye Interest money Comeing to the town as it was last Year (Viz) five Shillings & eight pence to the School and ye Rest to the minister ---

Voted and Granted the Sum of 66: 13: 4 for a Salary for ve Revd. Mr Seth Storer the enfueing Year the Interest money appropriated to that use to be part of that Sum ye Rest to be assest ----

Voted & Granted 40/ pounds for ye Support of the School — — Voted & Granted 34/ pounds for ye Support of the Poor — — Then the Accounts of those Persons the Town is Indebted to was Read and accepted onely mr Edmund Fowles for Collecting the Meeting-House Rate in the Year 1754 And John Hunts Esqr which also was not allow'd And Voted and Granted the

Sum of 15:5:2:3 to Sattiffy them which were allow'd mr Fowls which was not allow'd was £5/10 the town being Informed that John Hunt Esqr had been allow'd his account by the Province & that mr Smith Prentice had Drawn it out of the Province Treasury Some time Since, the following Votes were past (Viz) first Voted to Choose a Committe to examin into the affair — — -

Voted & Impowered Said Committe to Demand and Receive of Mr Smith Prentice (if it appears that he has Received it) and pay it to John Hunt Esqr and if mr Prentice Refuses or Neglects to pay ye Same then Sue him for in behalf of the town-

Voted & Granted ve Sum of 30 pounds to mend the High ways this Year.

Voted & Chose ye Surveyors of ye high-ways Collecttors of ye High-way Rate

Voted that the Price of Labour in working out sd Rate be the Same it was the last Year-

[240] Voted & abated Benjamin Harris's Pole Tax in Constable Simon Whitneys lists and Granted the Sum of 0:16:10:2 to make it good

Voted & abated Joseph Curtices Rate in Conftable Fowls lists and Granted the Sum of 0:8:2:3 to mke it good Sables Tax's in Said Fowles alfo Voted and abated lists and Granted the Sum of 0:4:8:3 to make it good—

Then the Report of ye Comtt. that ware Chosen to Sell a Peice of Land Near the wido Murches House was Read to the

town And the Vote was put whether it be ve minde of the town to accept of Said Report and that it be Recorded and it

past in the affirmative

Voted & Choie the Selectmen to be a Comtt, to Stake out Said Peice of land————— See below ————— Put to Vote whether it be the minde of the town to Choose a Comtt. to Petition the General Court for Liberty to Sell the Wido Warrins thirds and it past in the Negative-

Put to Vote whether the town will Sell any land Near John &

Phinehas Stearnes House and it

past in ve Negative-

The Builness of ye Meeting being over ye Moderator Declared it was Difsolv'd - -

Watertown March: 7:1763

The Report of the Committe  $y^t$  were appointed by the town to Vew and Confider what is proper for the town to do Relating to ye Selling or Disposing of a Small Slip or peice of land Near ye Wido Murches House Report as followith (Viz) that they have attended that Service and have been on ye Spot and find that sd land is but of Very Small Contents and as it lays between two large Contrey Roads and Runs of to a very Small point for thefe Reasons we Apprehend that it will  $^{\text{be}}_{\Lambda}$  a greater Damage to the Publick and the Neighbourhood by heaveing  $s^{\text{d}}$  land Sold & fenced in than ve Profits and Effects that may Come to the town by the Sale thereof we are therefore of oppinion that it is not prudent or advisable for the town to Dispose of Said land by Selling and the Committe Do further — — —

Report

[241] Report that in as much as ye wido Murch has by the leave of the Town Erected a Small House on the Norwest Corner of sd land and has by her Industery Subsisted her Self So that She has not been Chargable to ve Town for Years past we are of Oppinion that in answer to her late Request to the town that there be a Small peice of land Sett of to sd wido Near her house for a Garden Spot and for laying her firewood &c and to be of the following Contents (Viz) Measureing four Rods from mr Daniel Sawins South Corner & four Rods and four Rods from his North Corner leaveing ve North High-way three Rods wide and the South four Rods and Said land to be for the Ufe and Improvement of ye Said Sufanah Murch During her Natural life or So long as She Refides or Dwells in Watertown and then to Revert to Said Town-

> Jonas Bond Daniel Whitney Edward Harrington | Comtt. Jonathan Child Nath! Stone

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of ye Wido Mary Learned on Fryday the 11th: Day of March AD 1763 for Swareing Town officers four of ye Selectmen took the oath Relating to other Gov<sup>ts</sup>- Bills (Viz)

Missurs Nathaniel Stone Nathaniel Harrington Jonathan Child

& Mofes Stone

Jonathan Brown ye oaths of Town Clerk Town Treasurer & assessor & Moses Stone ye oath of assessor. Jonathan Stone ye oath of Constable

Samuel White and Cornelius Waldo the oath of Wardens — — Isaac Sanderson ve oath of Sealer of Leather Jonathan Stone & Sam<sup>II</sup>. Sanger ye oath of fence Veiuers, John Sawin & Richard Clark ye oath of Tything-men John Chenery & David Coollidge Jun the oath of Hogreives

David Bemis & Ebenezer Mason ve oaths of Surveyors of High-

ways & Collecttors

Bezaleel Learned the oath of Surveyor of Timber &c John Chenery & Thomas Learned ye oath of Howards-Ebenezer Studson & Thomas Pattin the oath of Deerreives Samuel Cook ve oath of Culler Hoops & Staves &c-Benjamin Felton & Jedidiah Leath Clerks of the Market all Sworn By John Hunt Justice Peace-

[242] Watertown March: 21: 1763 mr John Kemball after takeing the oath Relating to other Governments Bills took the oath of an Assessor

Sworn by Jona Brown Town Clerk

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of ye Wido Mary

Learned on the fourth Day of April AD 1763

The Selectmen agreed that the Surveyors Destricts Should be as they were last year (Se the (169) Page of this Book) and that ye Clerk give them to the Surveyors, Agreed that mr Benjamin Felton be Defired to take Care of the great Bridge the present Year, Agreed that mr Daniel Sawin make a Gate for the Burying Yard and Bring in his account to ye Town Agreed that Mr Simon Coollidge Should Board and take Care of ye wido Lydia Warrin one Year ye Year to begin Next Fryday & to have five Shillings & Seven pence half penney pr week for ye Same— Agreed that mr Joseph Wellington of Cambridge take Samuel Coollidge and Board him the Enfuing Year and that he have 3/4 pence pr week for the Same Agreed that mr Jonas Bearned Board Mary Coollidge the Year enfuing at one piftereen pr week — — Agreed that mr Thomas Learned Board the wido Maddox the year enfuing and have 24/6 pence old Tenor pr week for ye Same— At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr Moses Stone on Monday ye: 11 Day of April AD 1763— They agreed that mr Moses Stone provide two Shirts for

Samuel Coollidge—They ordered the Town Treasurer to Provide Scales and weights Suitable to weigh Bread & pay for them out

of ye Treasury

They Agreed that mr. Marshall Spring keep the School till may meeting Next The Selectmen being Notified that Richard Clark had taken one Elizabeth Mullet in to his house who Came Last from Charlstown the :29: Day of Novr. Last past her Circumstances being Such that ye Selectmen Refuse to admit her to be an Inhabitant of Watertown they therefore ordered ye Clerk to Issue out a warrant to ye Constable to warn her out of Town—

## [243] To ye Selectmen

Gen<sup>11</sup>

This may Certify that we ye Subscribers have assest ye Rateable Pools & Estates in Watertown the Sum of Thirty Pounds and have Committed lists of Said assessment to ye Several Surveyors who are also Collectors of the High-way Rate (Viz)—

afsefsors
To David Bemis the Sum of — —£15: 12—
Certificate
And to Ebenezer Mason the Sum of —14: 8—

30 : 0

with Lawfull warrants to Levy and Collect the Same or See it worked out agreable to the Vote of the town So as to make up their accounts with your Selves at on or before the first Day of February Next—

Watertown March ye: 21: 1763

John Kemball
Jona Brown
Moses Stone

assessors for
Watertown

At a Meeting of ye Select-men at the House of ye Wido Mary Learned on Monday the Second Day of May Anno Domini 1763 They haveing Received a Precept from ye High-Sherif of ye County Requiring them to Assemble the Inhabitants of Watertown Who are Quallified to vote in the Choise of a Representative In Observance wherof they ordered the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant to ye Constable Requiring him to warn the Inhabitants of Said town who are Quallified to Vote in the Choise of a Representative to assemble and Meet together at the Publick Meeting-House in ye Said town on Monday the Ninth Day of May Currant at one of ye Clock Then & there to Elect a Suitable Person to Serve for and Represent them in a Great and General Court or assembly appointed to be held and kept for His Majesty's Service at the Court House in Boston upon Wedensday the Twenty sifth Day of May Currant

And

[244] And Likewise to warn the freeholders and other

Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to meet at two of ye Clock afternoon on Said Ninth Day of may for ye Ends following (Viz)

(1) To Choose a Moderator for Sd meeting

(2) To Hear the Report of the Committe that were Chosen at march Meeting Last to Examin the treasurers accounts and to pass any Votes on the Same they may think Proper—

(3) To know the minde of the town whether they will Choose

any more Surveyors of Timber &c -- --

(4) To Hear the Petition of William Bond and others Praying the town to grant them Proper Seats where they may Sitt by them Selves for the Reasons Settforth in Said Petition — —

(5) To know the minde of the town whether they will employ M<sup>r</sup> Marshal Spring to keep the School the Remaining part of

the Year if he is willing to keep the Same-

(6) To know the minde of the town whether they will abate any Perticular Perfons Rates in any of the Late Conftables hands (7) To Hear the Report of the Committe that were Chosen to Examin into John Hunt Esqrs & mr Smith Prentices affair Relating to the money which was Supposed Said Prentice had Received out of the Province Treasury Relating to the french family and for the Town to act any thing on the affair they may think proper — —

A Warrant was Issue'd out accordingly
Attest Jona Brown Town-Cler

At the above Said Meeting the Selectmen being Informed by Mr Joseph Wellington that Samuel Coollidge was very much Difordered and Defired that they would take him from his House and mr David Coollidge being Present they agreed with him to take and keep Sd Samuel Coollidge for the Present at ye Rate of eight Shillings pr week

[245] At a Gen<sup>11</sup> Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in ye Choice of a Representative Regularly Assembled at the Publick Meeting-House in sd Town on Monday ye Ninth Day of May Anno Domini 1763

The Major Part of the Selectmen being Present the Votes were Called for and were brought in Sorted and Counted and it appeared that L<sup>t</sup> Daniel Whitney was Chosen to Represent the Town at the Great and General Court or Assembly Appointed to be held and kept at the Court House in Boston on Wedensday ye 25th. Day of May Currant

At a Gen<sup>11</sup> Town Meeting of ye freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly assembled & meet at ye Publick Meeting House

in s<sup>d</sup> town on monday the Ninth day of May AD. 1763 for the ends Settforth in the warrant

Voted and Chose Mr Nathaniel Stone Moderator for sd meeting

meeting

The Report of ye Committe was Read and the town Voted and accepted sd Report and that it be Reccorded — — —

Then the third article was Read and Put to Vote whether the town will Choose one or more Surveyors of Timber &c — — and it Past in the affirmative — — — —

Voted and Chose mr Nathaniel Coollidge Junr Surveyor of Timber &c

Then Petition of William Bond & others was Read & after Debate thereon and the Vote was Put Whether ye Town will allow ye Petitioners the First Second & third Seats in the Side Gallary During the Towns Pleasure and it Past in the affirmative—

the fifth Article was Read and after Debate thereon the Vote was Put Whether the town will act any thing on s<sup>d</sup> article and it Past in the Negative

Sixth article Read and the town Voted to abate  $^{ye}_{\Lambda}$  two last Years Tax to  $y^e$  minister in  $M^r$  James Bayleys Rates if he give the town a Discharge in full for the time Past———

Then the Seventh article was Read and after Debate there on the town Voted to add two more to the Committe

Voted and Chofe mr Nathaniel Harrington & mr Samuel Fisk to be of sd Committ-

Voted that they further Examin into S<sup>d</sup> affair and Report at the Next town Meeting — — — the Business being over y<sup>e</sup> Meeting was Disolv<sup>d</sup> — — — —

[246] The Report of ve Committe on ye Treasurers

We the Subscribers Appointed by the town to Examin the Town Treasurers accounts Upon Examination find Said accompts well a Vouch't and Right Cast — — —

Watertown March ye: 29: 1763

Nath<sup>1</sup> Harrington
John Kemball
Sam<sup>11</sup> White

Committee

Watertown May ye: 9: 1763

accounts-

This Day Nathaniel Coollidge Jun was Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of the office of Measurer of Timber &c—

By me Jon Brown Town Clerk

At a Meeting of ye Select-men on Wedeniday: ye Eleventh Day of May Anno Domini 1763 at the House or Mr John Kemball

They agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Marshall Spring keep y<sup>e</sup> School till further Orders at y<sup>e</sup> Same Rate as he did the last Year and that m<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Harrington be Desired to Inform him thereof

They also agreed that the Clerk Sign and order on the Selectmen of Weston to pay Josiah Mansfeild for the Plank which he brought to ye Great Bridge as Soon as he has Squared the Sides and got them Survey'd

June ye: 20: 1763 I Signed an order on ye Selectmen of Weston to pay Josiah Mansfeild two pounds Eleven Shillings & two pence one farthing for 256 feet of Plank which he brot. to ye

Great Bridge in Watertown

Att Jona Brown Town-Clerk

[247] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of ye wido Mary Learned on ye: 27 Day of June Anno Domini 1763 Some accounts were brot. in from Capt Edward Harrington & Lt Daniel Whitney and others for Meterials and Labour at Mt Storers House and ye Schoolhouse and at the Great Bridge which ammounted to Sixteen Pounds three Shillings & nine pence three farthings which the Selectmen Signed an order on ye Treasurer for the payment thereof—

Mr David Coollidge informed ye Selectmen that Samuel Coollidge Remain'd Still Difordered and that he will keep him for the Prefent Under his prefent Circumftances at the Rate of 6/8d Pr Week and when he Shall be in better Circumftances he will

lower his Price as ve Selectmen Shall think Refonable

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of Jona Brown on ye: 4 Day of July Anno Domini 1763 They Settled the assize of Bread in ye following Maner (Viz)

	lb		oz		dr
Of ye White Penny Loaf	:	:	7	:	2
Wheaten .	:		10	:	11
Household			14	:	4
Two Penny Loaf			14	:	4
Wheaten	1	:	5	:	6
Houshold .	1	:	12	:	8
	lb		oz		dr
Six Penny Loaf	4	:	0	:	3
Houshold — —	5	:	5	:	9
Twelve Penny Wheaten	8	:	0	:	5
Houshold —	10	:	11	:	2
4d Brick Loaf	1	:	9	:	8

Computed at Wheat at Six Shillings & two pence Pr Bushel and four pence Pr Bushel allow'd to ye Baker for his Charges Pains & Livelyhood, And ye Bakers in this town are Ordered to Mark ye Bread which Bake for Sale with ye first Letter of their Christian Names & with ye first & last Letters their Sir Names—

N B. 7 Bisket must weigh 1:12:8
a 4<sup>d</sup> Crown Loaf <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Wheat &
<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Rye meal must weigh— 2:10:12

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr Thomas Learned on ye 24 Day of August AD 1763 They Put out Ruth Maddox to mr Isaac Sanderson for three Shillings & Six pence one farthing Pr week

[248] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of the wido- Mary Learned on Monday ye 22 day of August anno Domini 1763

The Selectmen haveing Received a list of ye Persons Licenced ye last year (Viz) mr Thomas Saltmarsh & mrs Mary Learned Inholders and John Hunt Esqr. Cornelius Waldo John Remington and Hannah Livermore Retailors which Persons ye Selectmen approve of their haveing their Licences Renewed ye Present Year—They also Approbated Missurs- Jonas White and Nathli

Coollidge Jun to be Retailors and accordingly Reccommened them as Suitable persons for Such an Imployment

They also Stated ye assize of Bread as it was ye last month See Page—(247)—

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham at the House of mr Wm. Goodhue Inholder in Waltham on Wedensday the 31 day of August AD 1763 the Charge (which had arisen Since ye last adjustmen which was august 31: AD 1762) of Repairing ye great Bridge which ammounted to

£ 4:0:10:2 was Proportioned & adjusted and Signed by ye Selectmen of ye three towns. See Libr. 2 Page ye (63) in the Treasury—

At this Meeting ye Selectmen ordered ye Clerk to Issue out a Warrant to the Constable to warn Josiah Bisco out of town who Came last from Woodstock in ye Colony of Conneiticut to Reside at the House of Ebenezer Mason which was accordingly Done.

Attest J. Brown Town Cler

[249] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of ye Wido Mary Learned on ye Sixth Day of Octr AD 1763

They Put out Samuel Coollidge to mr Joseph Coollidge at all Adventuers till after Next March Meeting (Docters Excepted) for four Shillings pr week

They also Put out Ruth Maddox to mr Daniel Sawin for one month at ye Rate of two pence Pr week

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of mr Nathaniel Harrington on ye Eleventh Day of Octr AD 1763—

The Selectmen Agreed that mr Moses Stone Procure Samll Coollidge a good Strong Jacket & a Pair of Leather Breeches and

Signed an order on ye Treasurer to pay mr Stone ye Sum of 1:12—to Provide sd things with—and Said Stone Brot. in an account for things which he Procur'd for said Coollidg before ammount-

ing to 17/4 which they ordered the Treasurer to pay They Likewise Desired m<sup>r</sup> Stone to procure the wido Lydia Warrin a Pair of Shists for which they gave the Treasurer an order to m<sup>r</sup> Stone

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They Agreed that ye Assize of Bread be Stated at Wheat at 5/2 pr Bushel for ye Present month and allow'd the Baker sour pence pr Bushel for Bakeing

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on ye fifth Day of Decr: 1763—at the House of ye Wido Mary Learned ——

1:0:1:2 farthing which was Due to him for Service at the Great Bridge in the Year 1762 they agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>ll</sup> Harrington Provide what things he Shall think Nessacery for Mary Coollidge

Alfo

[250] Also agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone Provide what things is Nessacery for Samuel Coollidge — — —

They Directed ye Town Clerk to take Advice of mr Trowbridge what is Proper to be done with Ephraim Warrin to Prevent his Spending his Estate they being Informed that there was one Mary Jones Come to Dwell with Jonas Berned who Came last from Weston in February last also one Elnathan Whitney Come to Dwell with Stephen Harris who Came last from Waltham about ye Second day of may last their Circumstances being Such that they ordered the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant Directed to the Constable to warn them out of town

They Appointed to Meet again on Tuesday Next at m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stones—

A Warrant was Issued out & given to the Conftable to warn out the above S<sup>d</sup> Persons the Service was done and y<sup>e</sup> Warrant Returned & y<sup>e</sup> Cautions Entered at Dec<sup>r</sup>. Court

Attest J. Brown T. C-

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of ye Wido Mary Learned on ye Sixteenth day of January: AD 1764 — They Signed an Order on the Treasurer to pay the town Creditors the Sum of £15:5:2:3 farthings which was Granted to them the last march Meeting They ordered the town Treasurer to take money out of the Treasury & Procure a Load of Wood & Send it to the french Family—

At this meeting the accounts of Sundry perfons Relating to the Indian woman which died at the wid<sup>o</sup> Parry's ammounting to the Sum of £4: 4: 8 were Bro<sup>t</sup>. in which the Selectmen Directed the Clerk to Draw up & Sign and Send to the Govenor & Council for allownce———

They Stated the assize of Bread at Wheat 5<sup>5</sup>/6 Pr Bushel & 4<sup>d</sup>/ Pr Bushel was allow'd the Bakers for their Livelyhood &c—

[251] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr Nathl Stone on Monday ye: 13 Day of Febry Anno Domini 1764—They Directed the Clerk to Issue out a warrant Directed to the Constable to warn a Genll town Meeting to be on Monday the fifth day of March Next at Nine of the Clock in ye forenoon at the publick Meeting-House for the Ends following (Viz)

First to Choose a Moderator for sd Meeting (2) To Choose Selectmen a Town-Clerk & Treasurer and all other town officers Required by Law to be Chofe in ye Month of March annually (3) To Chofe a Saxton and agree how he Shall be paid for his Service (4) To put in their Votes for a County Treasury (5) To know ye minde of the town Whether Swine Shall Run at Large ye Ensueing year (6) To Choose a Commtt. to Examin the Treasurers accounts & to pass any votes on them they may think proper (7) For the town to appropriate the Interest money Coming to them ye prefent Year ye Year begining ye Eleventh day of December Last past (8) To Grant a Sallary for ye Revd mr Seth Storer for ye year Ensueing the year Begining ye First day of March Next (9) To grant money for the Support of the School (10) To grant money for the Support of ye poor (11) To grant money for Repairing the great Bridge (12) To Hear the Accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to & grant money to pay the Same (13) To grant money to Repair the High-ways & Town-ways if ye town think proper and to Choose the Surveyors Collectors of ve High-way Rate And Determin the price of Labour in working out sd Rate (14) To Hear ye Pleas of ye present or late Constables for abateing any perticular Persons Rates in their Lists & for ye Town to act their pleasure Thereon (15) To know the minde of the town whether they will Choose a Committe to Confirm a Deed which was given to Richard King in ye Year 1742 which was Signed by the towns Comtt. but was Never Acknowledged And the Commtt.

being Since all Dead but one and for the town to act their pleasure thereon (16) To know the minde of the town whether they will purchase the Two acres of Land (So Called) of Stephen Harris if they Can agree upon a price Said land to be Improved for Such Uses's as the town Shall think proper and for the town to act any thing on the affair they may think proper—

[252] (17) For the town to Hear the Report of the Committee that were Chosen last year to Examin into the affair of m<sup>r</sup> Smith Prentice & John Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup> on account of its being Supposed that s<sup>d</sup> Prentice had Taken money out of y<sup>e</sup> Province Treasury which belonged to m<sup>r</sup> Hunt And for the town to act any thing further on the affair they may think proper—Likewise to Notify y<sup>e</sup> Town Creditors to bring in their accounts to y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the House of y<sup>e</sup> wid<sup>o</sup> Mary Learned on Thursday the first Day of March Next at Two of the Clock in the afternoon—

A Warrant was Issued out Accordingly Dated ye Same Day Attest Jona Brown Town Clerk

At this Meeting ye Selectmen Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay ye Revd mr Seth Storer ye Sum of 66: 13: 4 Which was Granted for His Sallary for ye present year also ye Sum of Nineteen Shillings & one penny to mr Moses Stone which he Expended on Cloathing for Sam!! Coollidge & the Wido Warrin & the Sum of Twenty pounds to mr Marshal Spring in part for keeping the School ye present Year And the Sum of Six Shillings to Lt. Daniel Whitney for Labour at ye School-House the last Year which was omitted before — — — ————

They Agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone procure Sam<sup>ll</sup> Coollidge a pair of Stockings & a Shirt and bring in his accou<sup>tt</sup>- at their Next Meeting Alfo agreed that m<sup>r</sup> John Kemball procure one Bushel of Rie & one Bushel of Indian Meal for Sam<sup>ll</sup> Masons wife and a Load of wood if he thinks it Needfull, They ordered y<sup>e</sup> Clerk write an order on y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Weston to pay m<sup>r</sup>

Jonas Harrington Jun the Sum of 2:18:5:1 for 292 feet of plank which he Brot. to the great Bridge —

[253] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on ye first Day of March Anno Domini 1764 at the House of the wide Mary Learned The Persons which kept the poor Brot. in their accounts to the Selectmen which are as follows (Viz)

0:12:2:2

Total— 13:11:2:0

And mr Nathaniel Harrington brot. in an account for things which he Bought for Mary				
Coollidge and a Lock for ye Shool house.				
Likewise mr Simon Coollidge Brot. in an acc	ount :	for ]	Boar	ding
ye Wido Lydia Warrin from April ye eight 176				
to march ye 4: 1764 it it being 47 weeks 5/7: 2 farthing Pr week		. 4	. 4	: 2
and for a Hankercheif 9/2q & for Mending	13		• •	. 4
Cloaths & Nursing in Sickness 6/	0	: 6	: 9	: 2
·				

And mr David Coollidge brot. in an account for what he had done for Samuel Coollidge which Comes to . . . . 10:13:9—
And Mr Isaac Sanderson Brot. in an account of what he had Boarded the wido Mary Maddox and her Daughter Ruth & for a pair of Shoes for Samll Coollidge & a pair for Mary Coollidge ye whole—

2:10:10:1

And Joseph Coollidge Brot. in an account for Boarding Samuel Coollidge of the cool o

Coollidge from ye 25 Day of Octr. 1763 to Febry. ye 28: 1764 it being Eighteen Weeks at 4/1 pr week and footing a pair of Stocking

3: 13: 0

Thomas Learned Brot in an acctt. for Boarding ye wido Mary Maddox from April ye: 4: 1763 to Febry ye 29: 1764 being

Maddox from April ye: 4: 1763 to Febry, ye. 29. 1764 being 47 weeks. at 24/6 pr week old Tenor which makes 57: 11=6 in L M it is And Jones Bearned brot in his acct for Boarding Mary Cools

And Jonas Bearned bro<sup>t</sup>. in his acc<sup>tt</sup>. for Boarding Mary Coollidge from March y<sup>e</sup> 4 day 1763 to Feb<sup>ry</sup>. 27: 1764 it being Fifty one Weeks at 9/1 Pr week and for Tobacco 25/ Shillings old Tenor Which Sums in Lawfull money is —3: 4: 6: 2 Likewife mr Joseph Wellington bro<sup>t</sup>. in an acc<sup>tt</sup> for Boarding Sam<sup>II</sup> Coollidg two weeks at 6/8 Pr week . . . . 0: 13: 4

The Selectmen Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay these account ammounting to ye Sum of

[254] At Said Meeting ye Selectmen being Informed that one Anna Cox was Come to Dwell in Watertown at ye House of Samuel Sanger Who Came last from Waltham into town on ye fourteenth Day of June Last past Also yt a Child was at ye House of Samuel Warrin Which Came Last from Boston in ye County of Suffolk about the Seventh Day of June last past which Child is known By the Name of Rebecca Hill, And one Susanna Newton who Came last from South-borough in ye County of Worcester the Ninteenth Day of July Last past to Dwell at

ye House of mr Samuel Jenison jun their Circumstances being Such that the Selectmen Refuse to accept them to be Inhabitants of Watertown they ordered ye Clerk to Issue out a

Warrant Directed to ye Constable to warn them out of town A Warrant was Issue'd out accordingly and ye Service don ye Warrant Returned and Caution Entered march Court

Att<sup>t</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Town Clerk

The following Accounts were Received by ye Selectmen from Such persons as ye Town is Indebted in order to their being laid Before ye Town (Viz)

To Lt Daniel Whitney for House Room for ye
french family: 2:13=4
to Simon Haftings for Labour &c on ye minifter-
ial place — — — — 0 : 5=0
to Nathan Coollidge for Stones for a Bridge— $0 = 9 = 0$
to Thomas Learned for Boarding Ruth Maddox— 1: 4=0
to Benj <sup>n</sup> Felton for Labour & Meterials at ye Great
Bridge 1: 2:6
to Daniel Sawin for a gate for ye Burying place
& Stones for a Bridge— 0:8:0
to Daniel Bond for Cash paid Doctr. Beals for
mary Preist — — 0:10:4
to Jona Brown for Service as Treasurer & assessor
last Year: 3:9:4
to John Kemball for Serving afsefsor & a Lock
for Sam <sup>1</sup> Coollidge. 0:17:9:3
to Moses Stone for Serving assessor ye Year past 0:16:0
11:15:3:3
To Nehemiah Mason for Serving Constable &c-1:2:0:0
To Capt Edward Harrington for Stones for a
Bridge . 0 : 4 :—
To Isaac Sanderson for Serveing Constable — — — 0:10:—
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13:11:3:3
the three Last added at town Meeting — — —

[255] At a Genr<sup>11</sup> Town Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabtants of Watertown Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly Afsembled & Meet at ye Publick Meeting-House in set Town on Monday the fifth Day of March Ann. Domini 1764 for the Choise of town officers & Transacting other affairs Mentioned in ye Warrant

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Voted & Chofe Mr Nath! Stone Moderator for Said Meeting

	M <sup>r</sup> John Kemball
	M <sup>r</sup> John Child
Voted & Chose for Selectmen—	Mr Nathl Stone
	Mr Nathl Harrington
	Mr Mofes Stone
Voted & Chose for Selectmen—	Mr Nath <sup>1</sup> Stone Mr Nath <sup>1</sup> Harrington Mr Moses Stone

Voted & Chose Jona Brown Town Clerk Voted & Chose Jona Brown Town Treasurer

Voted & Chose for Assessors 

Mr John Kemball
Jona Brown
Mr Moses Stone

Voted & Chose for Constables m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Child & m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Bond who Informed y<sup>e</sup> Town that they had agreed with m<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Stone to Serve in their Room if the town would accept him to Serve for both

Voted and accepted sd Stone to Serve Constable

Voted & Chofe for Wardens m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis & m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Whitney

Voted & Chofe for Sealer of Leather mr Isaac Sanderson

Voted & Chose for fence Viewers misurs Oliver Livermore & Jonas White

Voted & Chose Surveyors of High-ways misurs. Richard Clark & Wm. Bond

Voted & Choie Tything Men mr John Chenery & mr Ebenr Studion

Voted & Chofe for Hogrieves missrs James Vila & Saml Benjamin Voted & Chose for Deerrieves missrs Thomas Pattin & Jonas White

Voted & Chofe Surveyors of Timber &c missrs Bezll Learned & Nathl Coollidge Jur

Voted & Chose Howards Jon<sup>a</sup> Coollidge Goding & Joseph Coollidge

Voted & Choie Clerks of ye Market missrs. Ebenr Studson & Jonas White

Voted & Choie Gager of Cask mr John Kemball

Voted & Chofe for Cullars of Hoops & { m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> Cook Staves &c } m<sup>r</sup> Bez! Learned

Voted & Chose Surveyor of Wheat mr Moses Stone

Voted & Chose Saxton mr Simon Hastings

Voted to pay ye Saxton by two Contrebutions as Usual

Voted that Swine be Keept in this Year-

[256] Voted & Chose for a
Committe to Examin ye Treasir acctts
Voted to appropriate ye Interest money Comeing to ye Town as it was last year (Viz.) five Shillings & eight pence to ye School

it was last year (Viz) five Shillings & eight pence to ye School & ye Rest to ye Minister — — — — — — — — Voted & Granted ye Sum of 66: 13: 4 for a Sallary for ye

Voted & Granted ye Sum of 66: 13: 4 for a Sallary for ye Revd Mr Seth Storer ye Enfueing Year ye Interest money appropriated to that Use to be part of sd Sum ye Remainder to be assest Voted & Granted for the Support of ye School. ye Sum of £30 Voted & Granted for ye Support of ye poor ye Sum of . . . 50 Voted & Granted for Repairs of ye Great Bridge . . . . 3

Voted & Granted to mend ye High-ways &c — — 40 Voted & Chofe ye Surveyors of High-ways Collectors of sd High-way Rate

Voted that the Price of Labour in working out sd Rate be as it

was last Year-

The accounts of those persons to whome  $y^e$  Town Is Indebted were Read to  $y^e$  Town and were all allowed but three Shillings in Nathan Coollidges & granted  $y^e$  Sum of £13:8:3:3 to Sattiffy the Same — — — — —

Rates & granted ye Sum of 1:1:1:1 to make it good also abated in Constable Jona Stones lists sd James Hays Rates and Granted the Sum. 0:14:1:1 to make it good and abated in sd Stones Lists Wm. Godings Rates and granted the Sum of —0:13:11:3 to make it good also abated in Constable Nehemiah Masons lists part of Samuel Masons Rates and granted ye Sum of £1:11:3:1 to make it good. And abated in Constable Thomas Harringtons lists William Godings Rates & granted ye Sum of 0:18:8:1 to make it good

Then the Sixteenth article was Read and m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Harris being prefent and the Question being asked him what he would take for the Land Mentioned in s<sup>d</sup> article and Informed y<sup>e</sup> town y<sup>t</sup> 35 pounds was what he would take and after Confideration thereon it was put to Vote whether the town will give s<sup>d</sup> Sum of

£35 pounds for sd land and it past in the

Negative

[257] Then a Motion was made & Seconded, and ye Vote was put Whether it is ye mind of ye Town to Choose a Comtt. to Treat with mr Stephen Harris further about Said Land and it past in the Negative—

Then the Seventeenth Article was Read and ye Comt Mentioned in Said article made Verbal Report that they had Received the Sum of 13:6:4 out of the Province Treasury & Deliver'd it to the town Treasurer for ye Use of John Hunt Esq.—

The Business of ye Meeting being over the Meeting was Dissolv'd-

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of ye wido Mary Learned on the Said fifth Day of March See Page ye (255) after the Selectmen with the other town officers which were Chosen to Serve ye town ye Ensueing Year had taken the Oath Relateing hother Govnts. Bills ye Several officers (Except mr John Kemball as Gager of Cask) were Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of their Several Respective offices —————

By John Hunt Justice Peace

And the Selectmen appointed to Meet again on Monday Next

at this place at one of ye Clock afternoon in order to put out the poor for ye Year Ensueing—

[258] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of ye Wido Mary Learned on the . . 12 Day of March Anno Domini 1764—In order to put out the poor for ye present Year—

The Selectmen Agreed with m<sup>r</sup> Jonas Bearned to take Care of Mary Coollidge & Board her for one Year if She lives at the Rate of thirteen Shillings old Tenor P<sup>r</sup> Week—Alfo with M<sup>r</sup> Simon Coollidge to Board the Wido Lydia Warrin and take Care of her for one Year at the Rate of thirty four Shillings p<sup>r</sup> Week old Tenor And with m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Learned to Board the wido Mary

Maddox one Year at the Rate of 24/6 old Tenor Pr Week

Likewise with m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Coollidge Goding to take Care of Samuel Coollidge and Board him one Year at the Rate of Thirty Seven Shillings & Six old Tenor p<sup>r</sup> week—

And the Several Persons are to be taken Care  $^{\text{of}}_{\Lambda}$  as abovesd without any further allowance let their Circumstances be what they will (Except in Case of Sickness)—

And ye Selectmen at this Meeting Agreed with mr Joseph Coollidge to take Care of & Board Ruth Maddox from this Day till may Meeting Next at the Rate of 4/6 old Tenor Pr Week leet her Circumstances be what they will—

At this meeting the Selectmen Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay m<sup>r</sup> John Mirick of Weston the Sum of 2: 6: 0 in full for 230 feet of planck which he Brot. to the great Bridge. And the Sum of five Shillings to m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Sawin for a pair of Shoes Which he procured for Ruth Maddox. And the Sum of

£13:6:4 to John Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup> for What he Did for the french Family Which Sum was allow'd by the Gov<sup>r</sup>. & Council & was Drawn out of ye Province Treasury

Brown on Tuesday ye: 20 Day of March Anno Domini 1764
They gave ye Surveyors of ye High-ways their Disstricts which are as follows Viz William Bond to mend the Westerly Part of the Roads in Watertown from ye Meeting-House over the Hill where the old Meeting-House Stood, to Mr Kemball's Corner and ye lane from the School-House to Waltham line near ye House of mr Nath! Harrington and all the South to Newton line Mr Richard Clark to mend the Easterly Part of ye Roads as follows (Viz) the Road Under the Rocks from mr Joseph Harringtons to Samuel Warrins from thence to mr Kemballs Corner aforesd and all the Roads east of ye Road that Leads over the Hill to the Meeting-House to Cambridge line ——

at this Meeting the assessors made Return of their Assessing the High-way Rate which is as follows (Viz)

Gentlemen

Watertown March: ve 20: 1764

We the Subscribers Assessors have assest upon the Ratable Pools & Estates in Watertown the Sum of Forty Pounds ye Grant made ye last march Meeting for ye Repairing the High-ways & Town-ways & have Committed lists of ye Same to ye Several Collectors who are also Surveyos of ye High-ways

Certificate

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To Mr William Bond the Sum of — 20: afsessor and to Mr Richard Clark ye Sum of - 19: 10: 7 With Warrants to Levy & Collect ye Same or to See that it be faithfully worked out agreable to the Vote of y<sup>e</sup> Town So as to make up their accounts with the Selectmen of s<sup>d</sup> town on or before the first day of February Next Ensueing the Date Hereof—

To ve Selectmen-

John Kemball Iona Brown Mofes Stone

[260] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of the Wido Mary Learned on the 7. Day of May AD 1764-

They haveing Recd a precept from ye Sheriff of ye County of Middx Requiring them to Assemble ye Inhabitants of Watertown to Choose one or more persons to Serve for & Represent them in a Great & General Court to be held at Concord on ye Thirtieth Day of this Inftant May at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon in Observance Whereof they ordered the Clerk to Issue out a warrant Directed to the Constable to warn the Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote in ve Choice of a Representative to assemble at they Publick Meeting House in Sd Town at two of the Clock afternoon for the purpose afforeSaid And for the Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to meet at Sd place at 3 of the Clock on Said Day for ye Ends following (Viz) ---(1) To Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting (2) To Hear ye Report of ye Committe that were Chosen at march meeting last to Examin the Treasurers Accounts and for the town to pass any Vote or Votes thereon they May think proper (3) For the town to pass on Upon a list of Juriors that are to be layed before them by the Selectmen (4) To Hear the petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the town praying the  $^{T_{own}}_{\Lambda}$  to grant them Liberty to Sitt in Some of the Seats in ye front Gallary for the Reasons Settforth in Sd Petition (5) To know the minde of the town whether they will lay Open the way Down to the landing

Place Near the Islands and for the town to act any thing on the affair they may thing proper

A Warrant was Issued out Accordingly

attr Jona Brown Town Clerk

at this Meeting ye Selectmen Signed an order on ye Treasurer to pay mr Daniel Sawin three Shillings & Nine pence for Boarding Ruth Maddox — — — — —

[261] At this Meeting mr Samuel White Sent in a Notification to ye Selectmen to Inform them that he had taken one Thaddeus Hastings & wife into his House who Came last from Lexington who Came into town the Second Day of this present may, Likewise mr Edward Richardson Sent a Notification to Inform them that he had Recd into his House one William Goding and Family who Came last from Wooburn on ye 17 Day of April last past at this Meeting the Selectmen ordered the Clerk to Issue a warrant to warn one Ruth Worthylake out of town Who Came Last from New London in the Colony of Connecticut in the Month of August or September last past

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the Publick Meeting-House on the 14 Day of May AD 1764 the Clerk was ordered to give a warrant to the Constable to warn Benjamin Harris out of town

Warrants were Issued out agreable to ye above orders the

Service done and Cautions Entered at may Court

Jona Brown Town Cler

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the Publick Meeting-House on Monday ye 14 Day of May Anno Domini 1764—

They ordered the Clerk to Issue out a warrant to Warn one Ruth Worthylake out of Town who Came Last from New-London in the Colony of Conectticut about the Month of August or September last past

A Warrant was Issued out accordingly and ye Service don and the

Caution Entered at may Court

Pr. Jona Brown Town Clerk-

[262] A Gen<sup>II</sup> Town Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative Regularly assembled at the publick Meeting-House in sd Town on Monday ye: 14 Day of may AD 1764

The Votes were Called for and Brot. in Sorted & Counted and it appeared that Lt. Daniel Whitney was Chosen to Represent ye Town in a Great & Gen<sup>11</sup> Court appointed to be held and kept for His Majesty's Service at Concord on Wedensday the Thirtieth Day of this Instant may——————

At a Gen<sup>ll</sup> Town Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled at the publick Meeting-House in Said Town on Monday the 14th. Day of May AD. 1764

Voted & Choose mr Nathll Stone Moderator for sd Meeting Voted to accept the Committee Report on ve Treasurers Acctts. and that it be Reccorded

Voted & accepted the list of Juriors as Exhibited by the Selectmen

Then the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants praying the town to grant to a Number of Young men & women Some Suitable Seats in the Meeting to accommodate them for Singing

after Consideration thereon it was Voted that the men have Liberty to Sitt in ye Womens front Gallary from the Center to the South-East Corner during ye Towns pleafure—

Likewise Voted to the women Singers ye Gallary from ye East Door to ye South-East Corner During the towns pleasure—

Then it was put to Vote whether ye town will lay open ye way down to the Islands at this time It passt in ve Negative

Put to Vote whether ye Town will act any thing further on the article and it past in ye Negative --

Watertown March 20th-: 1764 [263] We the Subscribers appointed by the Town to Examine the Town Treasures acctts- upon Examination finde Said acctts- well Voucht and Right Cast

> John Kemball Mofes Stone Nath<sup>1</sup> Harrington

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of ye Wido. Mary Learned on ve: 25th. Day of May AD 1764-

They Stated ye Assize of Bread agreable to Wheat at 5/4d Pr Bushel & allow'd four pence Pr Bushel to ye Bakers for their Livelihood &c — — They Likewise Directed the Clerk to give an Order to Missrs. Jonas White and Ebenezer Studson to Receive the Towns Scales and Weights of the last years Clerk's of the Markets — — — -

also agreed with mr Marshal Spring to keep ye School at the

Same Rate that he did the last year till further Notice

And Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay him ye Sum of Twenty Pounds which is in full for His keeping the School the last Year — —

[264] At a Meeting of ve Selectmen at ve House of ve Wido Mary Learned on ye 12 Day of July AD 1764-They Ordered ve Clerk to Issue out a warrant Directed to the Constable to warn one Sarah Learned out of Town Who was brot. from Charlstown last in ye month of June She being Under Very poor Circumstances—which accordingly was don ye next day

Pr Jona Brown Town Cler-

Nath<sup>II</sup> Stone 0:9:9:1. for a Shirt which he procured for Samuel Coollidge—they also Settled ye Assize of of Bread at Wheat at 4/6 Pr Bushel & Six pence Pr Bushel allow'd to the Baker ———

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Mr Thomas Salt-

marsh on ye 27: Day of August AD 1764-

The Selectmen Approbated mr Thomas Saltmarsh mrs. Mary Learned & mr Edward Richardson to be Inholders & John Hunt Esqr and Missrs. John Remington Cornelius Waldo & Jonas White to be Retailors

at this meeting ye Selectmen being Informed that ye Wido Hannah Biglo was Came to Refide at the House of ye Wido. Elizabeth Brown who Came last from Waltham on ye Sixth Day of December last past her Circumstances being Such that ye Selectmen ordered that if the Selectmen of Waltham do not give Security to Watertown on or before Monday Next that ye Clerk Issue out a Warrat to warn her own of town—They being Likewise Notified that Jonas White had Received into his House one Betty Wellington & two Children (Viz) one Called Diadama ye other Called Jedidiah White who Came Last from Waltham about ye month of September last past their Circumstances being Such yt ye Selectmen ordered the Clerk Issue out a warrant to warn them out of Town which was don and ye Caution Entered at Concord Court—

[265] The Selectmen at this Meeting Signed an Order on ye Treasurer to pay mr Jonas Berned Nine Shillings which George Adams Recovered of him for Setting Mary Preists arm — — They Appointed to Meet ye Selectmen of Weston & Waltham Next Monday at three of ye Clock afternoon at mr Richard Cuttings in Waltham to Adjust ye Charge ye Charge of ye Great Bridge in Watertown & ordered the Clerk to Notify ye Selectmen of Said towns thereof Which was accordingly don

Pr Jona Brown Town Clerk

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham at the House of mr Richard Cutting in Waltham on ye. 3. Day of September Anno Domini 1764 the Charge of Repairing the Great Bridge in Watertown which had arisen Since ye Last adjustment which was on the thirty first day of August AD. 1763

Which ammounted to ye Sum of £6:3:11:1 was Proportioned & adjusted & Signed by ye Selectmen of ye Three towns

See Libr. 2. Page ye (66) in ye Treasury—

At this Meeting ye Selectmen of Watertown Approbated Nathaniel Coollidge Jun. to be a Retailor of Spiritous Liquors—
— and at this Meeting they Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay Doctor Samuel Danforth the Sum twelve Shillings for what he did for Ruth Maddox. and Signed  $^{ye}_{\Lambda}$  accounts against the Several persons who are Indebted for warning persons out of town which they Received in — —

Monday Sep<sup>r</sup>. ye 3. 1764 The Selectmen of Waltham not giveing Security to Watertown Relating to ye Wido Hannah Biglo as Mentioned in Page (264) I Issued out a warrant to warn her out of town and the Service was don and the Caution Entered

at Concord Court

Attest Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Town Cle—

[266] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Mr Edward Richardson on Fryday ye: 5 day Octr. AD. 1764—
They ordered the Clerk to Issue out a warrant or warrants Directed to ye Constable to warn out of town William Goding & Sarah his wife and four Children. Viz William & Sarah & Elizabeth Phillips and Mary Mathyrs which are of ye Same Family they Came last from Woburn on the: 17 Day of April last past and Reside at the House which now belonges to John Chenery and a Child which now lives at Issaac Sandersons Which was Born at the wide Murches ye Mother Came last from Boston in Decr: on January last, And the wide Mary Goding who Came last from Cambridge on ye. 20th. Day of December last past and Resides at ye House of James Vela in Watertown — — —

Warrants were Issued out accordingly

Pr Jona Brown Town Cle/

The Service don and ye Cautions Entered Decr: Court

At this Meeting agreed that the Clerk gitt the Glass-windows at the Meeting-House Mended as Soon & as Cheap as he Can and that mr Nathaniel Harrington Carry as much Gravil on to ye Great Bridge as he thinks Nessacery—And agreed that Missrs. John Kemball Nathl- Stone & Nathl Harrington three of ye Selectmen go to mr Sewall & take advice Relating to Sarah Learned and Report at the Next meeting, also it was agreed that ye Clerk draw orders on Weston to pay Capt. Joseph Harrington 1/8 for 140 feet of plank which He brot to ye Great Bridge in Watertown——

also to pay mr Benjn. Harrington 1/13 for 165 feet which he

Sent to sd Bridge. and to mr Jonas Harrington 2/0 & Seven

pence one farthing for 203 feet which which he brot to Said

Bridge-

Nov<sup>r</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> 1: 1764 I gave an order on the Selectmen of Weston to pay Cap<sup>t</sup>. Joseph Harrington's account

Jona Brown Town Cler—

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of ye Wido Mary Learned on the 26th. Day of Novr: AD: 1764—Mr Samuel White late Surveyor of High-way appeared and made up his accounts with the Selectmen, at this Meeting ve Selectmen Directed the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant to warn the wido Mary Draper out of Town who Came last from Roxbury in the Month of May last and Ephraim Wheeler & Elizabeth his wife who Came from Boston in ve Month of February Last And Benjamin Fessenden & his wife Barbara and their Children (Viz) Benjamin Isaac Mary & arthur who Came last from Milton in March Last and Daniel Fullar and Lydia his wife & Isaac Lydia Meriam & Jemina their Children who Came Last from Newton in the Month of June Last, And Stephen Stearns who Came last from Cambridge in the Month of July last Which was accordingly don and the persons warned out (Except Daniel Fullar & Family) Cautions Entered Decr Court—

at this Meeting it was agreed that mr Moses Stone should provide

a pair of Shirts for Samuel Coollidge ---

At a meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of the wido Mary Learned on the Tenth Day of Decr: Anno Domini 1764 they ordered the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant Directed to ye Constable to Warn Oliver Learned out of town Sd Learned Came last from Deadham Some time in ye Month of April or May Last — which was Accordingly don.

At this Meeting it was Agreed that Mr Moses Stone provide a pair of Stockings for Samuel Coollidge and that Mr John Kemball provide a Gown & a hankercheif and an Apron for Mary Coollidge—and it was Agreed yt: Bezaleel Learned put up what old & New planck may be Spared on the West Side of ye Great Bridge to prevent the Snow from Driveing off

[268] At a Meeting of  $y^e$  Selectmen at  $y^e$  House of  $M^r$  John Kemball on the 21 Day of Decr: 1764 They Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay the Town Creditors the Sum of  $\frac{f}{f}$   $\frac{f}{g}$   $\frac{f}{g}$ 

13:11:3:3 which was Granted to them last march Meeting—Alfo Signed an other order to pay ye Sum 0:16:1:3 farthings to mr Simon Haftings for Mending ye Meeting-House Glass And they Agreed to have a town Meeting on the 31 day of this Present Month at one of the Clock in the afternoon at ye Publick Meeting House and Directed the Clerk to Issue out

a Warrant Directed to ye Conftable to warn the Inhabitants to assemble at the time & place aforeSaid for ye ends following (Viz) First to Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting -

For the town to Choose a Committe to Settle ve Bounds of the Land which Nathaniel Harris Esqr late of Watertown Decft. gave to the town or to Act any thing Elfe on ve affair they may think proper— (31y:) For to know the minde of the town Whether they will grant Liberty to Sett Stables for Horses on ye Towns land Near the Meeting-House and for the Town to act any thing on the affair they may think proper (41/y:) For the town to hear & Confider the affair of Sarah Learned a person Supposed to Belong to Boston, and for the town to provide for the payment of the Charge which has arisen by her being brot. into ye town and Left in the hands of the Selectmen, And for the town to do any thing towards obtaining the Sd. Charge of the town of Boston and Grant money to Carry on the affair in ve law if Need Require—

A warrant was Issued out accordingly

Attt: Jona Brown Town Cler

[269] At a Gen<sup>II</sup>: Town Meeting of ye freeholders & othe Inhabitants of Watertown Who are Quallified according to law to Vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled at ye Publick Meeting House in sd Town on Monday the Thirty first day of December Anno Domini 1764-

Voted and Chofe John Hunt Esqr Moderator for sd Meeting Voted to Choose a Comtt: to Settle the Bounds of ye land Between Stephen Harris's land & ye land that his Father gave to the town-Voted to Choose Seven Men for Said Committe

John Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup> Lt. Daniel Whitney Voted & Choose for Sd. Committe—

Capt Edward Harrington
Enf Jona Bemis
mr Saml Fisk Capt John Tainter mr Nath! Harrington

Put to Vote whether ye Town will give Liberty to Sett Stables on ye Towns land Near ye Meeting House and it passt in the Affirmative-Voted that there be no Stables Sett on the towns land Untill ye Bounds of sd land be Assertained-Voted that ye Committe appointed to Settle ye Bounds of ye land above Said Determin where ye Said Stables Shall be Sett-Voted that Such persons as pay ye largest publick Tax's have the preferances in their Choice in Setting Stables-Voted yt the sd Committe Report to ye Town what they do on the affair as Soon as may be--

Voted that the Selectmen Procede on the affair of Sarah Learned as they Shall think proper—

The Business Being don the Meeting was Desolved—

[270] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of ye Wido Mary Learned on the 24th. Day of January Anno Domini 1765 — — — —

They being Informed that one Josiah Stowel was come to Dwell in town who Came last from Boston about the middle of March last And Thaddeus Hastings & Mary his wife from Lexington last on the Second day of May last their Circumstances being Such that the Selectmen Refuse to accept them to be Inhabitants of Watertown and Ordered the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant to warn them out of town together with Daniel Fullar & his Family which the Constable Could not finde before—A warrant was Issued out accordingly

At this Meeting they appointed Mr Nath! Stone and the Town Treasurer to Proceede on the affair of Sarah Learned Directly and Desired them to go to Boston the Next Day with as many of ye Selectmen as Could attend to Treat with the Selectmen of Boston about Sd affair

at this Meeting m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone gave a Notification in to Inform the Selectmen that he had Received one John Caldwel to live with him who Came last from Cambridge on the thirteenth Day of September last past—and one Sarah Swan who also Came Last from Cambridge on the Second day of April last past and they ordered her to be warned out of town

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at ye House of the wido: Mary Learned on the Eighteenth day of Febry: AD 1765 — — Mr John Kemball brot: in an account for two Shifts which he procured for Mary Coollidge ammounting to 16/1 & the Selectmen Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay the Same also to pay ye Revd: Mr Seth Storer his Sallary for the Year 1764— the Selectmen orderd the Clerk to Send to John Stratton to come and give in the Name of a woman that is at his House or to Sue him for the fine if he Neglects — —

[271] At this Meeting ye Selectmen Agreed to have ye annual Town-Meeting on the fourth day of March Next at the Publick Meeting House at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon and ordered the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant Directed to the Conftable to warn the Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to assemble and Meet together at the time & place aforeSaid to act on the following articles (Viz) First to Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting—(2) To Choose Selectmen Town Clerk & Treasurer & all other town officers Required by law to be Chose in the month of March Annually ————

(3) To Choose a Saxton & agree how he Shall be paid for his Service (4) To put in their Votes for a County Treasurer (5) To know ye Minde of the Town Whether Swine Shall Run at

Large ye ensueing year (6) To Choose a Committe Examin ye Treasurers accounts and pass any Votes on them they may think

proper — —

(7) For the town to approprate the Interest Money Comeing to the town ye present Year the Year Begining the Eleventh day of Decr. last past (8) To Grant a Sallary for the Revd mr Seth Storer for the year ensueing the year Begining the first day of March Next (9) To Grant Money for the Support of the School (10) To grant money for the Support of the poor (11) To Grant money for Repairing the great Bridge (12) To Hear the accounts of of those persons ye town is Indebted to and grant

money to pay the Same——

(13) To grant money to Repair the High-ways & town-ways if the town think proper & to Choose ye Surveyors Collectors of ye High way Rate and Determin ye price of Labour in Working out Said Rate (14<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the pleas of ye present or late Constables for abateing any Perticular persons Persons Rates in their lists & for ye Town to act their pleasure thereon (15<sup>ly</sup>) To know ye minde of the town whether they will have two or more School-Houses in the Town and if the town Agree there to then to make Provision for Erecting the Same & Determin where they Shall be Sett and act any thing Else on ye affaire they may think proper—

(16<sup>ly</sup>) To Hear the Report of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of what they have don Relating to the town-way that leads from the South-west Corner of m<sup>r</sup> David Sangers land down to his Wharf in order to make Said way Certain and for the town to Confirm y<sup>e</sup> Same or do any thing Elfe on the affair they may think Proper —

 $(17^{ly})$ 

(17ly) For the town to do what may be thought Proper to Confirm a Deed which was given Richard King which is though not Sufficiently Executed And for ye Town to Act any thing on the affair they may think Proper (18ly) To Hear ye petition of Nathaniel Sanger Praying the town to give Liberty to finish his Building Near ye Mill Creek where he has Sett Up a Frame and for the town to Act any thing on ye affair they may think Proper (19ly) To know the Minde of ye Town whether they will Do any thing for the Obtaining the wido Mary Maddox's Dowry in her late Hufbands Estate as Nothing appears at present to Debarr her from it and for the town to act any thing on the affair they may think Proper (20ly) To know ye minde of the town whether they will Apply to the General Court to have the Fishery in Watertown put Under Some Regulations that May Prevent the Many Quarrals & Disputes that often arife Between the persons that Come to fish and for the town to act any thing on the affair they may think proper — -Likewise to Notify the town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of ye Wido Mary Learned on Fryday the first Day of March Next at two of the Clock afternoon

a Warrant Was Issued out Accordingly

Attt Jona Brown Town Clerk

At this Meeting ye Selectmen ordered the Clerk to Issue out a warrant to warn John Foster out of town who Came last from Roxbury on fourth day of April last past and Refides at the House of ye wido Elizabeth Learned—Which was accordingly don Pr Jona Brown Town Cler—

[273] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on the first day of March AD 1765 at ye House of ye wido Mary Learned. The persons that keept ye poor &c Brot. in their accounts which are as follows (Viz)

Jonas Bearne bro<sup>t</sup>. in his account for Boarding Mary Coollidge from ye 27 day of Febru: 1764 to February ye 27: 1765 at thirteen Shillings Pr Week old Tenor & for Makeing a Gown and Mending Shooes:

33: 17: 6—

L: M: 4:11:7:3

John Kemball brot: an account for Cloathing which he procured for sd Mary Coollidge which Comes to ye Sum of—

L: M: 0:16:0:1

Simon Coollidge brot: his account for Boarding and other things for the wido Lydia Warrin to ye: 4 day of this prefent March which Come to the Sum of — — — 12: 16: 1: 1 Thomas Learned brot: his Account for Boarding the wido Mary Maddox from February ye 29: 1764 to Febry: ye 28: 1765 which Comes the Sum of — — — — — — 8: 9: 10: 2 Joseph Coollidge brot: an Account for Boarding Samuel Coollidge from ye: 28 of February 1764 to ye 28 of Febry: 1765 amounting to the Sum of — — — — — 13: 0: 0— and for Boarding Ruth Maddox Nine Weeks — 0: 5: 4: 3

13 : 5 : 4 : 3

£39:19:0=2

All which Accounts were allow'd by ye Selectmen—at this Meeting ye Selectmen ordered the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant to Warn Roland Bennett out of town who Came Last from Boston in the Month of April last past which was don ye Same time

At this Meeting the Selectmen Received the following accounts in order to their being Layed before the Town (Viz)

To Dr Josiah Converse for Medicine & attendance on ye french family and the wido Lydia Warrin — — — —

0:14: —

To Jonathan Stone for Serveing Constable in							
ye year 1763	1	:	0	:	0	_	-
To John Kemball for Serveing Assessor ye							
Year past — — — — — — — — —	0	:	16	:	0	_	-
To Moses Stone for Like Service	0	:	16	:	0		
To Jona: Brown for Service as Treasurer &							
assessor last Year: — — — — — —	3	:	9	:	4	_	-
To Lt: Daniel Whitney for House Rent for ye							
french — — — — — — — — — —			1 :	: 1	5	:	6
To Simon Whitney for Carrying ye french							
mans goods to Bofton: — — — — — —	0	:	6	:	0	_	
To Bezil: Learned for Labour at ye Great Bridge	2	:	3	:	1	:	2
To Jona: Bemis Jur for Serveing Conftabl in							
ye Year 1756 : — — — — — — —	0	:	12	:	0	:	0
To Edmund Fowle for what he paid the wido							
Abigail Livermore — — — — — —	0	:	2	:	9	:	0
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	11		14	:	8	:	2
the two Last added at ve town Meeting-							

the two Last added at ye town Meeting-

[274] At Gen<sup>11</sup> Town Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at ye publick Meeting House in sd Town on Monday the fourth Day of March AD 1765 for ye Choice of Town officers & Transacting other affairs as Mentioned in the Warrant for sd Meeting

Voted & Chole Mr Nathll Harrington Moderator for sd Meeting

 $Voted \& Chofe for Selectmen — \begin{cases} M^r \ John \ Kemball \\ M^r \ Nath^l \ Stone \\ Jon^a \ Brown \\ M^r \ Moses \ Stone \\ M^r \ Jon^a : \ Child \end{cases}$ 

Voted & Chose for Town Clerk Jonathan Brown Voted & Chose for Town Treasurer Jona Brown

Voted & Chofe for Constables misrs, Samil- White & Ebenr: Stetson

Voted & Chofe for Wardens mifs Richard Clark & William Bond Voted & Chofe for Sealer of Leather mr Isaac Sanderson

Voted & Chofe for fence-Vieuers mifs: Samll Soden & Nehemiah Mason—

Voted & Choie for Surveyors of High-Ways: mif<sup>s</sup> Thomas Learned & Edward Harrington Ju<sup>r</sup>

Voted & Chose for Tythingmen mist. Josiah Bright & Joseph Coollidge—

Voted & Chose for Hogreives miss: Nathan Coollidge & Samll Warrin—

Voted & Chofe for Deer-reives mif's Jonas White & Cornelius Waldo-Voted & Chofe for Surveyors of Timber &c Nathll Coollidge Jur & Jonas Coollidge Jur Voted & Chose for Howards miss: Josiah Norcross & Daniel Whitney Jur-Voted & Chofe for Clerks of ye Market mifs Edmund Fowle & David Sanger-Voted & Chofe Cullars of Hoops Staves &c Samll Cook & Bezll: Voted Surveyor of Wheat mr Elisha Learned — — — — Voted & Choie mr Simon Haltings for Saxton - - -Voted that ve Saxton Shall have two Contrabutions as Usual for his Service-Voted that Swine be Shut up ve prefent Year Voted & Chose for a Commtt: to Examin & Mr John Remington Mr Nath! Harrington the Treasures Accounts - - - -Mr Moses Stone Voted to Appropriate ye Interest money as it was ye last year (Viz) five Shillings & eight pence to ye School & the Rest to the Minister [275] Voted & Granted ve Sum of 66: 13: 4 for a Sallary for the Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Seth Storer the Ensueing year ye Interest money Appropriated to that Use to be paid of Said Sum & ye Remainder to be assest— Voted & Granted for the Support of ye School ye Sum of — — — — — — — — — £40 : 0 — Voted & Granted for ye Support of ye poor — — 50 : 0 — Voted & Granted for Repairing ye Great Bridge — — 3 : 0 — Voted & Granted for Mending ye High-ways & Town-ways — Voted & Choie ve Surveyors of High ways Collectors of ve High way Rate — -Voted that ye price of Labour in Working out ye High-way Rate be the Same it was the Last Year ---Voted & abated in Constable Isaac Sandersons List ye Sum of £1:6:4:2 and in Constable Jonathan Stones Lists for ye Year 1763 (Viz) Abel Lorings Rates being 0:12:3 pence and Russels Rates being . . 0:12:3 pence Both 1:4:6:and Granted the Same Sums to make them good ---Then the 15th: Article was Read and after Debate thereon the Vote was put Whether ye Town will Build any More School-Houses at present and it Past in the Negative — -Upon a Motion made & Seconded it was put to Vote Whether the town will grant a further Sum of Money to be laid out in

Such a Manner and in Such parts of the town as ye Selectmen Shall think proper and it past in the affirmative—

Then it was put to Vote whether the town will grant ye Sum of twenty pounds for sd Schooling it past in ye Negative — — The twelth Article when Read the accounts of those person to Whome the Town is Indebted were Sevarly Read to ye town the whole amounting to ye Sum of 11: 14: 8: 2 farthings and ye Town Voted and Granted the Same Sum to pay sd accounts— Upon a Motion made & Seconded the Vote was put Whether it be the Minde of the town that ye Remaining Articles in ye Warrant be put of to Next May Meeting to be then acted Upon and it past in the affirmative — — — — —

[276] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of ye Wido

Mary Learned on the 4:th Day of March AD 1765 for the Swareing ye Town officers after the Selectmen had Taken ye oath Relating to ye Bills of the othe Governments the persons after named took the oaths Required by law to Quallified them to to Serve in Several offices to which they were Chosen Viz Jona Brown Town Clerk & Treasurer & assessor Miss John Kemball & Moses Stone — — assessor Richard Clark a Warden Isaac Sanderson Sealer of Leather Samil: Soden sence Viewer, Thomas Learned & Edward Harrington Jur Surveyors of High-ways & Collectors, Josiah Bright & Joseph Coollidge Tything men, Samuel Warrin Hogreive, Jonas White & Cornelius Waldo Deer Reives, Nathii Coollidge

Ju<sup>r</sup> & Jonas Coollidge Ju<sup>r</sup>: Surveyors of Timber &c Josiah Norcrofs & Daniel Whitney Ju<sup>r</sup> Howards Edmund Fowle & David Sanger Clerks of y<sup>e</sup> Market, Samuel Cook & Bezaleel Learned Cullars of Hoops Staves &c Elifha Learned

Surveyor of Wheat

All Sworn by John Hunt Justice peace—

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye Publick Meeting House on ye 4:th Day of March AD 1765 Before the Opening of ye publick Town-Meeting the Selectmen Signed an order on the Town Treasurer to pay out of ye Treasury the Sum of 39: 19: 0: 2 farthings to ye following persons it being in full of their accounts which they Exhibited to ye Selectmen on the first day of this present month See Page. (273) of this Book (Viz)

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To mifr. Jonas Berned — — — 4 : 11 : 7 : 3
To John Kemball — — — — 0 : 16 : 0 : 1
To Simon Coollidge — — — 12 : 16 : 1 : 1
To Thomas Learned — — 8 : 9 : 10 : 2
To Joseph Coollidge — — — 13 : 5 : 4 : 3—
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At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on the Eleventh day of March 1765 at the House of ye wido Mary Learned Mr Samuel White took ye Oath of a Constable & Mr William Bond the oath of a Warden & Mr Nathan Coollidge the oath of a Hogreive after they had Taken ye Money oath they were Sworn by—Jona Brown Town Cler—

[277] At Said Meeting the Selectmen Agreed with mr Jonas Bearned to take of and Board Mary Coollidge for one Year if She lives at ye Rate of fifteen Shillings pr Week old Tenor — And with mr John Sawin to take Care of ye wido Lydia Warrin and Board her one year if She lives at ye Rate of thirty two Shillings pr Week old Tenor

And with Mr Jonathan Stone to take Care of & Board the wido Mary Maddox one Year at the Rate of eighteen Shillings

pr Week old Tenor — — — —

And it was agreed by the Selectmen to look out for another

School-mafter

at this Meeting they Signed an order on ye Town Treasurer to pay the Sum of one pound to mr Moses Stone for Cloathing which he provided for Samuel Coollidge and one pound Seven Shillings & four pence to Mr Nathaniel Stone for Boarding Sarah Learned

- At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of mr Edward Richardson on ye 25th: Day of March 1765—agreed that mr Nathll- Stone Provide what Cloathing is Nessacery for the wido Lydia Warrin Also Agreed that mr John Kemball provide a School-master that he thinks will answer the end, as Cheap and Soon as he Can and make Report to the Selectmen——Likewise it was agreed that misurs John Kemball & Nathl. Stone goe and take advice Relating to the Ephraim Warrin & ye Wid: Maddox and Sarah Learned tomorrow and Report at the Next meeting—
- [278] At the Meeting afore Said the Selectmen Signed an order on the town Treasurer to pay m<sup>r</sup> Marshal Spring y<sup>e</sup> Sum of thirty pounds which is in full for his keeping y<sup>e</sup> School in Watertown Nine Months — — — —

at this Meeting they ordered the Clerk to write an order to the Clerks of ye Market for last year to Diliver the towns Scales and weights to ye Prefent Clerks of ye Markets — — — at this meeting ye afsefsors made Return to ye Selectmen of their afsefsing the High-way Rate which they ordered to be Recorded which is as follows (Viz)——

To ye Selectmen — — — — — — — — Genn:

These may Certify that we ye Subscribers assessors have assest the Ratable Pools and Estates in Watertown in the Sum of forty pounds it being ye Grant made at ye last march Meeting by ye Town for Repairing ye High-ways and town-ways the present year and have Committed lists of the Same to the Surveyors who are also Collectors of the High-way Rate (Viz)

afsesfors Certificate Rate (Viz)
To m<sup>r</sup> Edward Harrington Ju<sup>r</sup>: the
Sum of — — — — 20: 18: 10: 2
and to m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Learned y<sup>e</sup> Sum
of — — — 19: 1: 1: 2
with Lawfull warrants to levy & Collect y<sup>e</sup>
Same or See that it be faithfully worked out agreable to y<sup>e</sup> Vote of y<sup>e</sup> Town So as to make up their
accounts with your Selves or Successors on or before
the last Day of November Next Ensueing the Date

John Kemball Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Moses Stone

Watertown March ye: 18: 1765

[279] At a Meeting of  $y^e$  Selectmen at  $y^e$  House of the wide Mary Learned on  $y^e$ : 29 Day of March AD 1765 — —  $M^r$  John Kemball informed  $y^e$  Selectmen that he had agreed with Joseph Willard to keep the School three Months for Ten pounds and that he began the Day before — — — at this Meeting  $m^r$  Joseph Coollidge informed that  $h^e$  would take a Letter of Guardianship for Ephraim  $h^e$  warrin if  $h^e$  would take a Letter of Guardianship for Ephraim  $h^e$  which they agreed to do the Next tuesday — — — — — — The Assessors Distrects were given as they were last Year See page (259)

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on ye 8th- day of april 1765 at ye House of Mr Edward Richardson they Signed an order on ye Treasurer to pay to mr Nathaniel Stone Six Shillings which he

gave for advice Relating to Ephraim Warrin and to pay m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone two Shillings which he gave to y<sup>e</sup> County Register for Copys Relating to y<sup>e</sup> wid<sup>o</sup>. Maddox's affair — — — They agreed that y<sup>e</sup> Clerk Should Send an order to m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Learned not keep the wid<sup>o</sup>: Mary Maddox any Longer at the towns Cost which was don the Same Evening — — — — Miss<sup>rs</sup>: Nath<sup>ll</sup>: Stone & Moses Stone are to Perambulate lines & Renew Bounds with the adjacent town on Fryday the third Day of May Next (Viz) with Cambridge at Eight of the Clock in the Morning to Begin at y<sup>e</sup> River, and at Twelve a Clock at Noon with Waltham and at four of the Clock afternoon with Newton and the Clerk is to Notify the Sevaral Towns Accordingly Which was accordingly don

By Jona Brown Town Clerk

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on the Sixth Day of May 1765 at the House of the wido Mary Learned Missrs: Nath!: Stone & Moses Stone made Verbal Report that they had attended the Service of Perambulating and meet the Persons Appointed by the Adjacent towns and Renewed the Marks — —

[280] At the Said Meeting on ye Sixth of May 1765 See ye last Page Mr Marshall Spring brot: in his account for keeping the School last Year ten Months & Ten Days and and the Selectmen Signed an order of the Treasurer to Pay him the Sum of Four pounds Eight Shilling & ten pence two farthing in full for sd Service and the Sum of Six pounds Six Shillings & Eleven pence for his Medicines & attendance of Sarah Learned while She was Lame

at this Meeting m<sup>r</sup>: John Kemball Notified y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen that he had Received into town one Benjamin Bond who Came last from Weston the first Day of April last Likewife m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis Notified that he had Received one Phinehas Child and Family into the House that was m<sup>r</sup> Amos Bonds late Deceast and Nathaniel Coollidge Jun<sup>r</sup> notified that he had Received one Ruth Bowman into his family who Came Last from Lincoln in the Month of March last — —

N. B. s<sup>d</sup> Phinehas Child above said Came last from Waltham the later-end of March Last — — — — — — — at this Meeting it was agreed that m<sup>r</sup> John Kemball Should

gitt the Pound Repaired and also the Stocks - - -

And the Selectmen haveing Received a Precept Requiring the to assemble the Inhabitants of Watertown to Elect & Depute a Suitable person to Represent them in a Great & General Court Appointed to be Convened held & keept for His Majesty's Service at the Court House in Boston on Wedensday the 29 Day of this Instant May they agreed to have a Town Meeting for that

Purpose on Monday the Thirteenth Day of May Currant and Ordered the Clerk to Issue out a warrant Directed to the Conftable to warn the Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative to Meet at the publick Meeting-House on sd thirteenth day of May at two of the Clock Afternoon for sd Purpose. and Likewise to warn the Inhabitants who are Quallified to vote in town affairs to meet at three of the Clock the Same Day at the Same place to Act on the following Articles (Viz)

First

[281] First to Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting — — (21y) To Hear the Report of the Committe that were Chosen to Examin ye Treasurers Accounts and to pass any Votes on them

they think Proper

(3ly) To know ye Minde of the town whether they will have two or more School-Houses in the town and if ye Town Agree thereto then to make Provision for Erecting the Same and Determin where they Shall be Sett and Act any Else on the affair they think Proper (4ly) To Hear the Report of the Selectmen of what they have don Relating to the Town-way that Leads from the South-west Corner of mr David Sangers land down to his Wharf in order to make Said way Certain and to Confirm the Same or do any thing elfe on the affair they May think Proper (5ly) For the town to do what may be thought Proper to Confirm a Deed which was given to Richard King which is thought not Sufficiently Executed and for the town to act any thing on the affair they may think Proper (61y) To Hear the Petition of Nathaniel Sanger Praying the town to give him Liberty to Finish his Building Near the Mill-Creek where he has Sett Up a Frame and for the town to Act any thing on they affair they May think Proper — -

(7ly) To know the Minde of the Town whether will Apply to ye General Court to to have the fishery in Watertown Put Under Some Regulations that may Prevent the Many Quarrals & Disputes Often Arise Between the Persons that Come there to fish and for the town to act any thing on the affair they may think Proper (81y) To Choose any town officers in the Room of those that were Chosen in March Last who Refuse or Neglect to Serve. (9ly) To Hear the Report of the Committe which were Chosen to Settle the Bounds of ye land Near ye Meeting-House with Stephen Harris and for the town to act any thing elfe on ye affair they may think Proper (10ly) To know the minde of the town whether they will Sell a Small Peice of land at the head of the wido Margrit Parrys Meadow land on the Countrey Road and for the town to act their Pleasure thereon (111y) To know the minde of the town whether they will abate any Perticular Persons Rates in ye late Counstables Hands and

for the town to act their Pleasure thereon-

A Warrant was Issued out Accordingly Pr Jona Brown Town Cle

[282] At a Gen<sup>11</sup>: Town Meeting of ye freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in ve Choice of a Representative Reguarly Assembled at the Publick Meeting House in Said town on Monday the Thirteenth Day of May AD 1765-

They made Choice of Lt: Daniel Whitney to Serve for and Represent them in a Great & Genll: Court or assembly appointed to be held and kept for his Majesty's Service at the Court-House in Boston on Wedensday the Twenty Ninth Day of this Present Month of May - --

At a Gen<sup>ll</sup> Town Meeting of ye freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to Vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at ye publick Meeting. House in sd Town of Monday the Thirteenth Day of May Anno. Domini 1765-

Voted & Chose Mr: Nathaniel Harrington Moderator for sd Meeting

2<sup>d</sup> art: Voted & accepted ve Committee Report on ve Treasures

accounts (See the Next page)

3 artle: Voted Not to Build any more School-Houses at Present Put to vote whether it be the Minde of the town to grant a further Sum of Money to be laid out for the Instruction of the youth in Such parts of the town and at Such places and times as a Committe to be heafter appointed by ye town (Seperate from ye Gramer School) Shall think Proper and it past in the affeirmative Voted and Granted the Sum of 20 Pounds for Sd: Schooling

Voted and Chose for Said Committe

Jonas Bond Jur
Nathl Harrington
Nehh: Mafon Iona Bemis Jur

on the 6 article Put to Vote whether the town will act on the Petition of Nathll Sanger & it past in ye Negative Voted and accepted the town Road by David Sangers as Stated by the Selectmen See their Report at Page (284) Recorded.—

[283] Put to Vote whether the town will act on the article Relating to Samuel Sanger and it past in ye affirmative Voted to Choose a Committe & Impower them to give a Quit Claim Deed of all the towns Rite to Said Land which was granted to Richard King

 $Voted \ and \ Choie \ for \ Said \ Committe--- \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m^r \ Samuel \ Fisk \\ m^r \ John \ Remington \\ John \ Hunt \ Esq^r \end{array} \right.$ 

Voted that the Representative petetion the General Court for Liberty for the Selectmen to Regulate the fifthery in Water-

town as they think Proper—

Voted and Accepted mr Isaac Sanderson to Serve Constable in the Room of mr Ebenezer Stetson, and Said Sanderson was Sworn to Said office By John Hunt Justice Peace — — — —

Then the Committee that were appointed to Settle the Bounds of the land with Stephen Harris Made Verbal Report that they had agreed with Said Harris and Sett the fence on the line and that mr Harris had given a Quit Claim Deed of what land was out of the fence And the town Voted and Accepted ye Said Committee Report and that the Said Deed be Recorded—

Voted that the Committe formerly Chosen to Sell land Lying Ato ye ways be and hereby are Impowred to Sell the Small peice of land Mentioned in ye Tenth Article to the wido Margrit Parry-Then Voted and Abated mr James Bayles Ministers Tax for ye year 1763 upon his giveing a Discharge for the Same

Likewise Voted and abated Jonas Learneds Rates in Constable Stones lists for two years and granted the Sum of 0: 15=9:1

to make it good

The Committee Report on the Town Treasurers Accounts as

follows (Viz)

Watertown May 10th. 1765 We the Subscribers Appointed by the Town Aforesaid to Examine the Town Treasurers accounts Upon Examination find Said accounts Well Vouched & Right Cast '

John Remington Moses Stone Comtt-

[284] The Selectmen of Watertown Report to ye Said Town That they have Stated the Town way leading out of ye County Road Down to mr: David Sangers Wharf to be two Roods wide from Said Sangers wall Said wall to be the Easterly Bounds of Said way

Bounds of Said way

Watertown March ye: 1: John Kemball
1765 This Town way allowed by ye Town
See Page (282)//

Mofes Stone

John Kemball
Nath!: Stone
Jonathan Child
Nath! Harrington
Mofes Stone

May ye 24: 1765 I gave an order on ye Selectmen of Weston To pay mr Jonas Harrington Jur of Weston ye Sum of 2:0:7:1 farthing in full for 203 feet of planck which he Brot: to the Great Bridge in Watertown last Year

Jona: Brown Town Cle-

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of ye Wido: Mary Learned on ye 24 Day of June 1765 — —

They Signed an order on ye Treasurer to the Sum of Ten pounds to Mr Joseph Willard which is in full for his keeping ye School in Watertown three months and the Sum of one pound thirteen Shillings to Mr Benjamin Harrington for 165 feet of planck which he Sent to ye Great Bridge in Watertown ye last Year—

It was agreed that  $M^r$ : John Kemball & Jonathan Brown or either of them Treat with  $M^r$  Joseph Willard and agree with him to keep  $y^e$  School Some further time if he is willing and make Report at their next meeting

[285] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of mr Moses Stone on the Fifth Day of July AD 1765—Mr Joseph Coolldge being present Informed the Selectmen that Samuel Coollidge was in want of Some Breeches—they Agreed that Said Joseph Coollidge procure Some Tow-Cloth and make him two pair & Bring in his account to the Selectmen for allowance as Soon as they are made

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham at the House of Mr Richard Cutting in Waltham on the Second Day of Sepr: AD: 1765 The Charge of Repairing the the Great in Watertown which had arisen Since the last adjustment which was on ye third Day of Sepr: Anno Domini 1764

which amounted to the Sum of £7: 4:8:3 was Proportioned and adjusted & Signed by the Selectmen of ye three Towns See Libr: 2 Page the (66) in the Treasury—

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on Second Day of Sepr: AD 1765 at the House of mrs: Mary Learned The Selectmen approbated Mr: Thomas Saltmarsh Mrs Mary Learned & mr: Edward Richardson to be Inholders & Missrs: John Remington Cornelius Waldo & Nathaniel Coollidge Jur: to be Retailors—at this Meeting upon being Informed that the Meeting-House & mr: Storers House wanted Repairs it was agreed that Misrs: Nathll. Stone Jona: Child & Moses Stone Should go and Veiw them & that the Selectmen will meet again on this Day Fortnight at this place to Consider what is Proper to be don in the affair— They also being Informed that the town Standard of Weights & Measures do not Agree with the Province Standard therefore ordered the Clerk to Desire mr: Samuel Fisk to Carry them to Boston and gitt them new Sealed at the towns Cost

[286] They Likewise being Informed that one Timothy Daucey and one Richard Walker were Come to Dwell in Water-

town at the House of John Hunt Esqr: they Came last from Boston and one Elizabeth Stowell at the House of Edward Harrington Jur: She Came last from Waltham the Said Daucey and Walker Came into town the first Day of October last past and ye Said Elizabeth Stowell on the twenty fifth day of the Same month their Circumstances being Such that the Selectmen ordered the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant to warn them out of town—A Warrant was Issued out accordingly Dated the Next Day Directed to Constable Samuel White

Service don Cautions Enter'd Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town Cler—Concord Court Sep<sup>r</sup>: 1765

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of ye wido: Mary Learned on ye: 16 Day of Sept: 1765—

They agreed to approbate mr: Abijah Learned to keep an Inhold in his mothers House in her Stead—Likewise to approbate mr Bezaleel Learned to be a Retailor—They Directed the Clerk to Send to ye Selectmen of Weston to Send three Hundred feet of good Planck for the Great Bridge in Watertown

They Likewise agreed to have a Town-Meeting on Monday the twenty third Day of this present September at one of the Clock afternoon at ye Publick Meeting-House and ordered the Clerk to Issue out warrants Directed to the Constable to warn the Inhabitants who are Qullified to Vote in town affairs to meet at time and place afore Said for the Ends following (Viz)

First

## [287] First To Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting-

(2<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of ye Town whether they will give Some Inftructions to their Representative how to act on the Important affairs that will Come before the General Court at their Next Sessions and for the town to act any thing on ye affair that may be thought Proper—

(3<sup>ly</sup>) For the town to grant money to Build a New pound & to act any thing Relating thereto they may think Proper

(4<sup>ly</sup>) For to know the minde of ye Town whether they will Repair the Meeting-House and the Dwelling House where ye Revd Mr: Seth Storer Dwells and if they agree thereto then to agree in what manner Said Repairs Shall be don and Grant money there for and act any thing on ye affair they may think Proper

(5) To Hear what ye Selectmen have don Relating to ye affair of Sarah Learned and for ye Town to Grant money to Carry on the affair with ye Town of Boston and act any thing Relating thereto as may be thought Needfull — — — —

(6<sup>ly</sup>) To Hear the Report of ye Committe that were appointed to lay out the Lotts for Stables Near ye Meeting-House and for

the town to act any thing further on the affair they may think Proper—

Which was Accordingly Don the Next Day—

Attest Jona: Brown Town Clerk-

[288] At a Gen<sup>ll</sup>: Town Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly assembled & meet together at ye publick meeting-House In Said town on Monday ye: 23d: Day of Sepr: Anno Domini 1765 for Transacting ye affairs as Settforth in ye warrants for sd: Meeting—

Voted & Choose Mr: Nathll: Stone Moderator for ye Meeting the 2 article was Read & after Debate thereon it was put to Vote Whether it be your Minds to act any thing on ye article

and it past in the Negative-

(3) Article Read Put to Vote whether ye town will grant

Mony to Build a New pound & it past in ye Negative

21/y: Put to Vote whether ye Town would Repair the old pound & it past in the Affirmative—

(4th) article Read & Put to Vote whether the town will Repair the Meeting-House & it past in ye affirmative — — — Put to Vote whether whether they will Repair the the Misterial

House & it past in ye affirmative

Put to Vote whether the porch Should be Covered with Lead and it past in the affirmative—

Voted & Granted the Sum of 13: 6: 8 to Repair ye Meeting-

house

Voted & Granted ye Sum of 5 pounds to Repair ye Ministeriel House

Voted & Chose for a Com<sup>tt</sup> to Repair s<sup>d</sup>:

Houses

Stone
Richard Clark

Voted & Granted ye Sum of £20 pounds to Carry on ye affair between the Town of Watertown & Boston Relating to Sarah Learned

Voted that ye Selectmen Repair ye pound as they think Needfull—

[289] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of ye wido Mary Learned on the 11th. Day of November AD 1765 — — — The Selectmen Agreed that mr: Prentice Should keep the School a Quarter of a Year Longer at ye Same Price as he did the Last Quarter and to Begin ye Next Day — — — — and it was Agreed that mr Moses Stone Provide a pair of

and it was Agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone Provide a pair of Shirts for Samuel Coollidge as Soon as he Can—and that M<sup>r</sup> John Kemball Provide a pair of Shoes for Mary Coollidge and git the Meeting-House & School-house glass Mended, and Likewise that m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone desire m<sup>r</sup> Simon Hastings to mend the School-

House — — —

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of Mr Edward

Richardson on ye 23 Day of Decr: AD 1765-

they Agreed that mr: Nathaniel Stone Provide ve wido Lydia Warrin a pair of Shifts & two Caps-Likewise Agreed that Mr: Ebenezer Stone Jur: take & Board the wido Maddox till the Poor are Put out in March Next at two Pifterens pr Week Alfo Agreed that mr: Joseph Coollidge provide Some Buttons and Mend Samuel Coollidges Tacket and Bring in his Account in order for payment—

At a Meeting of ve Selectmen at the House of Jonathan Brown on the 17th- Day of January Anno Domini 1766they Agreed that four pair of Gloves be provided for the persons that did the Service in laying out the Corps of Mary Preift also Agreed yt the Clerk Issue out a Warrant to Warn Phinehas Child and Family Sarah Byles & Benjamin Bond out of town-

Which was Done the 21: Day of ye Month

Attest Iona: Brown Town Cle

At the Meeting Mentioned on the last page the Selectmen agreed to Procede in the affair Depending Between Watertown & Boston Relating to Sarah Learned and that mifs<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Stone and Moses Stone take Care that the Same Witnesses be Sommoned as were before and be Ready at the time appointed which is ve Last Tuesday in this present month and that Cpt Jonathan Brown Treat with the Attorneys & Endeavor that they attend at the Said time—the Perfons were warned out Except Benjamin Bond and the warrant Return'd to ve Clerk of ye Sessions ye 1 day of Feby-

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on the 7th- Day of Febry 1766 at the House of Mr: Abijah Learned-They Signed Orders on the Town Treasurer to pay the Town Creditors the Sum of £11: 14: 8: 2 which was Granted them last March Meeting -And the Sum of £66: 13: 4 to the Revd: Mr: Seth Storer for his Sallary the Prefent year also it was agreed that mr: Caleb Prentice keep the School till the first day of March Next and that mr: John Kemball Notifie him thereof-

They ordered the Clerk to Issue out another Warrant to warn Benjamin Bond out of town he not being found before—also one Moses Sanderson who Came last from Cambridge in ye month of August or September Last past and Resides at ye House of ye Wido Goddard—also agreed to meet again on Tuesday Sent: at mr

Moses Stones at Nine of ye Clock in the forenoon

A Warrants were Issued accordingly

[291] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on the 18th: Day of

Febry Anno Domini 1766 at the House of  $M^r$ . Moses Stone They Setled their Accounts Relating to ye law Suit with the Town of Boston about Sarah Learned and they ammounted to the Sum of £11=11=3 and they  $\frac{\text{Signed}}{\Lambda}$  and order on the Town Treasurer to  $\frac{\text{pay}}{\Lambda}$  them their Several accounts Viz  $M^r$ : Nathaniel Harrington the Sum of 0=4:0 Jonathan Child  $y^e$  Sum of £0=8=0 Nathaniel Stone the Sum of £1=4:6 and John Kemball the Sum of £0:4:0 Moses Stone the Sum of £1=7:1 and to Jonathan Brown the Sum of £8:3:8—Agreed that  $Mis^{rs}$ : John Kemball Jonathan Child and Jonathan Brown go the Next  $\frac{\text{day}}{\Lambda}$  to Jonas Bond Esq $^{rs}$ : and Settle accounts Relating to Mary Preist with them and Take what Cloathing and &c She left from there—

They Agreed to have ye publick Annual Town Meeting on Monday the third Day of March Next at ye publick Meeting-House at Ten of the Clock in the forenoon and Ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to ye Several Constables to warn the Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to Meet at Sd: time & place to act on the following Articles (Viz)

First to Choose a Moderator for sd. Meeting-

(2<sup>ly</sup>) To Choose Selectmen Town-Clerk & Treasurer & all other town officers Required by law to be Chose in the month of March Annually (3<sup>ly</sup>) To Choose Saxton and Agree how he Shall be paid for his Service (4<sup>ly</sup>) To put in their Votes for a County Treasurer (5<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of the town Whether Swin Shall Run at large the Insueing year (6<sup>ly</sup>) To Choose a Committe to Examin the Treasurers accounts & pass any Votes on them they may think proper (7<sup>ly</sup>.) For the town to appropriate the Interest money Coming to then the present year ye year Begining the eleventh day of December last past—

Eightly

[292] (8ly) To grant a Sallary for ye Revd: Mr: Seth Storer for ye Year Ensueing ye Year Begining the first day of march next

(9th) To grant money to Suppor the Grammer School or any

other Schools that they may Agree upon - - -

(10th) To Grant money to Support the Poor (11ly) To Grant money for Repairing the great Bridge (12ly) To hear the accounts of those persons the Town is Indebted to and grant money to pay the Same (13.ly) To grant money to Repair the High-ways and Town-Ways if they think Proper and to Choose the Surveyors Collectors of the High-way Rate & Determin the Price of Labour in working out Said Rate—

(14<sup>ly</sup>) To Hear the Pleas of the Present or late Constables for abateing any Perticular person Rates in their lists and for the town to Act their Pleasure thereon (15) To know the minde of the town whether they will pay the prime Cost of any Pew or

Pews in ye Meeting-House which at this time Revert to ye Town Agreable to their former Votes And Dispose of them again in Such a way & manner as they Shall think best and do any thing else on ye affair they may think Proper (16) To know ye Minde of the town Whether they will Choose a Committe to manage the School or Schools that they may agree to be kept in the town and do any thing on the affair they may think Proper (17) To Hear the Report of ye Selectmen Relating to ye affair of Sarah Learned and for ye Town to act their pleasure thereon—And likewise to Notify ye Town Creditors to bring in their accounts to ye Selectmen at the House of Mr: Abijah Learned on Fryday the 28th- of this Instant Febry: at three of ye Clock afternoon in order to their being laid before the Town—Warrants were Issued out Accordingly

were Issued out Accordingly Jona Brown Town Cle/ Attest [293] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on ye 28th- Day of Febry: AD 1766 at ve House of mr: Abijah Learned The persons who kept ye Poor ye Year past brot: in their Accounts which are as follows (Viz) Jonas Berned for Boarding Mary Coollidge from Febry: 27: 1765 till Febry 27 1766 being fifty two weeks at 2/ Joseph Coollidge for Boarding Samuel Coollidge from Febry: 28: 1765 to Feby: 28: 1766 being 52 weeks at 27/ old Tenor Pr week Comes to LM. 9:7:2:2 and for Cloathing &c 1/4 — — — 0:1:4:0Total is-9:8:6:2 John Sawin for Boarding the wido Lydia Warrin from March the Eleventh day 1765 to March the Eleventh 1766 being 52 weeks at 32/1 Pr week old Tenor it Comes to in Lawfull money-11=1:10:2Thomas Learned for Boarding the wido Mary Maddox from the first Day of March 1765 to the Eight day of April following being Five Weeks & five days at 24/1 old Tenor Pr week Comes to 0:18:0 L:MEbenezer Stone Jur: for Boarding the wido Mary Maddox from January ve: 4: 1766 to the 28th: of Febry: following it being Eight Weeks at two piftereens Pr week Comes to-0:19:2

Isaac Sanderson for makeing one pair & mending two pair of Shoes for Samuel Coollidge & making a pair for Mary

Coollidge for 13 · 10

Coollidge £0:13:10

Moses Stone for money lent to ye town and two Bushels of Meal for Samuel Masons wife and Cloathing for Samuel Coollidge 4:5=5:2
Jonathan Brown for 20 weight of Beef at 2/1 old Tenor Pr pound which was Deliver'd to Samuel Masons wife by order of the Selectmen and two pair of Gloves provided for Mary Preists Funeral and what was omitted in a former account 0:14:7:2
Simon Haftings for mending the pound Diging a Grave for Mary Preift and fixing the Stocks — — — £0:10:0—  Bezaleel Learned for Labour and meterials at the great Bridge in the Year past — — — — — — — 0:17:8  Jonas Bond ju <sup>r</sup> for things provided for Mary Preifts Funeral more than her wages came to — — — — 0=13:0:3
[294] At this Meeting the Committe that had the care of the Schooling bro¹: their accounts of What they had Expended in the Several Schools which are as follows Viz—
M <sup>r</sup> : Nath <sup>ll</sup> : Harrington for cash paid m <sup>rs</sup> . Hannah Bright for keeping School 8 weeks at 5/4 <sup>d</sup> P <sup>r</sup> : Week — 2:2:8  M: Jonas Bond ju <sup>r</sup> for cash paid M <sup>rs</sup> : Mason for eight weeks
Keeping School at 5/4 <sup>d</sup> Pr Week — — 2:2:8  Mr: Jonas White for cash paid Moses Biglo's wife for keeping School at 5/4 pr Week — — — 1:1:4  To Cash paid mrs: Saltmarsh for 8 weeks at 5/4 Pr
week— 2:2:8  To Cash paid m <sup>r</sup> : Sam <sup>ll</sup> : Cook for House Room to keep the School in — — — — — — — 0:12:0
and to Cash to Jofiah Bifco for 4 Weeks keeping School 2:8:0 alfo for 2 Weeks more in keeping School — 1:10:0
Mr Whites Sum Total for keeping School is  Alfo mr Jonas White brot: in an account of his Expences in Repairing ye Ministeriel House for Labour & meterials ammounting to the Sum of 6:7:8  Jonas Harrington Jr of Weston Sent an account of 179 feet of planck which he brot: to ye Great Bridge at 20/1 pr Hundred
And mr Benja- Harrington Sent an account of 205 feet of planck which he Sent to Sd: Bridge at ye Same price
Likewise the persons afternamed gave in ye following accounts In order to their being lay'd before the town Viz—  To m' John Kemball for Serving assessor last year 0=16:0

To mr Moses Stone for like Service — —		0:16:0
To Jonathan Brown for Serving Treasurer &		
afsefsor		3 = 9 = 4
To Mr Thomas Learned for House Room &c f	or	
wido Maddox	3	: 0 = 9 : 2
To ye Estate of Benjn- Felton Deceast for his		
Serving Conftable &c	0	: 9 : 0 —
To Deacon Samll- Fisk for giting ye Town		
Stander Sealed—	0	: 4 : 0
To mr John Kemball for mending ye School-Ho	uſe	
Chair—	0	: 1 : 10 : 3
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Exclusive of Tho<sup>8</sup> Learneds y<sup>e</sup> Total is £5:16:2:3 The two last added at town meeting

[295] At this Meeting ye Selectmen Received a Notification from mr John Remington Informing that he had Received one Martha Chadwick into his house who Came Last from Cambridge on the fourth day of November last past also Leiut Daniel Whitney Notified that he had Received on Sarah Chamberlain into his house who Came last from Needham on the Twelth Day of this present month, and Simon Whitney Notified in writing that he had Received into his Family one Susanna Willard who Came last from Newton in the month of June or July last past The Selectmen then ordered the Clerk to Issue out a Warrat to warn the above Said Martha Chadwick out of Town—Which was Done the Same Day—

Pr: Jona: Brown Town Cle-

[296] At a Gen<sup>II</sup> Town Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified according to Law to Vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled at the Publick Meeting-House in Sd: town on Monday ye Third Day of March Anno Domini 1766 For the Choice of Town Officers &

Transacting ye other Affairs mentioned in the Warrants for Said Meeting-Voted & Chofe Mr: John Kemball Moderator for sd Meeting mr John Kemball Capt: Jona: Brown Voted & Chose for Selectmen mr Mofes Stone mr Jonas White mr Jona Bemis Jur Voted & Chose for Town-Clerk Cpt: Jona: Brown Voted & Chose for Town-Treasurer Cpt: Jona: Brown Voted & Chofe for Assessors—  $\begin{cases}
 m^r \text{ John Kemball} \\
 \text{Cap}^t \colon \text{Jon}^a \colon \text{Brown} \\
 m^r \text{ Moses Stone}
\end{cases}$ Voted & Chose for Constables miss David Sanger & Daniel Sawin Voted & Chofe for Wardens missus Thomas Harrington & Iedidiah Leath Voted & Chose Sealer of Leather mr Thomas Pattin Voted & Chose Fence-Veiuers missrs Thos: Learned & Jona: Stone Voted & Chofe Surveyor of High-ways missrs. Edward Richardfon & Samll Hager Jur Voted & Chofe Tythingmen mifrs Elisha Larned & Stephen Harris Voted & Chofe Hogrieves missrs: John Whitney Jur & Ezekiel Whitney Voted & Chofe Deerrieves missrs Thos: Pattin & Jonas White Voted & Chose Surveyors of Timber &c misrs: Nathll. Coollidge Jur Bezl Learned & Jonas Coollidge Jr Voted & Chofe Howards missrs. Jedidiah White & Samuel Sanger Voted & Chose Clerks of ye Market missrs David Bemis & Abijah Learned Voted & Chofe Cullars of Hoops Staves Shingles &c mifrs Saml Cook & Bezl Learned Voted & Chofe Surveyor of Wheat mr: Nathl: Harrington Voted Saxton mr Simon Haftings — — Voted that ye Saxton have two Contrabutions as Usuall

Put in their Votes for a County Treasurer-

[297] Voted to Appropriate the Interest money as it was Last year (Viz) Five Shillings & four pence to ye School ye Remainder to the Minister—

Voted & Granted ye Sum of £66=13=4 for a Sallary for ye Revd: Mr Seth Storer the Enfueing year ye Interest mony appropriated to that Use to be part ve Sum ve Remainder to be afest Voted & Granted the Sum of £40 pounds to Support ye Grammer School

Put to Vote whether the town will have any more Schools and

it past in the affirmative-

Voted & Granted the Sum of £20 to Suppor ye other Schools Voted & Granted ve Sum of £3 to Repair ve Great Bridge

Voted & Granted ve Sum of £30 to Repair ve High-ways & town-

Voted that ye Price of Labour in working out ye High-way Rate be 3/ Pr: Day for a man and the Same for a Team-

Voted & Chofe ve Surveyors of High-ways Collectors of ve High-way Rate

Then m<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Learneds account Relating to the widow Mary Maddox was Read to ye Town as was accepted & allowed

Then the town Creditors accounts ammounting to ye Sum of £5=16: 2=3 was Read and Accepted and the Same Sum granted to pay the Same—See Page (294)

Then the Town Voted & abated Moses Biglo Rates in Constable Jona: Stone's lists and Granted the Sum of :0:12:2:2 to make it

Put to Vote Whether the town will take mr Joseph Patterson Pew and pay him the prime Cost it Passt in ye Affirmative Put to Vote whether ye town will Choose a Committe to Manage the Schools in ve Town and it passt in ve affirmative—

mr David Bemis

Voted to Put of the Seventeenth Article to may Meeting Next Voted & Granted the Sum of £40 to Support poor—

[298] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr Abijah Learned on the third Day of march Anno Domini 1766 After the Selectmen had Taken the oath Relating to the other Governments Bills as Required by law the Following persons after they had Taken ye Sd: oath were Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of ye Several offices to which they were Chosen (Viz)

Jona: Brown to ye offices of Town-Clerk Town Treasurer &

afsefsor

missrs John Kemball & Moses Stone to ye offices of Assessors Jedidiah Leath to ye office of Warden Thomas Pattin Sealer of Leather Thomas Learned & Jonathan Stone to ye office of Fence Veiwers-

Edward Richardson Surveyor of High-ways & Collector

Elisha Learned & Stephen Harris Tythingmen—
John Whitney Ju<sup>r</sup> & Ezekiel Whitney Hogrieves
Thomas Pattin & Jonas White Deerrieves—
Nath<sup>II</sup>: Coollidge Ju<sup>r</sup> Bez<sup>II</sup>. Learned & Jonas Coollidge Ju<sup>r</sup>:
Surveyors of Timber
Samuel Sanger a Howard—
David Bemis & Abijah Learned Clerks of y<sup>e</sup> Market
Samuel Cook & Bezaleel Learned Cullars of Hoops &c
Nathaniel Harrington Surveyor of Wheat
All Sworn by John Hunt Justice Peace

They agreed to meet again on Monday Next at this place in order to put out ye poor for ye year Ensueing, and to Sell the Clothing &c of Mary Preist Lately Deceast (She being a poor person) in order to Defray the Charge that She has been to ye Town in times passt

March ye: 10th: 1766 missrs: David Sanger & Daniel Sawin after taking ye money Oath were Sworn to ye office of Constables

and mr: Thomas Harrington to ye office of Warden-

and m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Hager Ju to ye office of Surveyor of High-ways and Collector—

By Jona: Brown Town Cle-

[299] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on ye: 10th: Day of March 1766 at the House of Mr: Abijah Learned-They Agreed that mr: Bezaleel Learned Take care of ye Great Bridge the Enfueing year — — — — — This being ye time for Putting out the poor for ye Ensueing year They Agreed with mr: Joseph Coollidge to take care of and Board Samuel Coollidge one year at ve Rate of Thirty one Shillings Old Tenor Pr: Week - -and they Agreed with mrs: Mary Benjamin to take Care of and Board the wido Mary Maddox one year at ye Rate of 21/4 Pr: week old Tenor sd: Maddox is to have her work herSelf also Agreed with Mr: Phinehas Child to take Care of & Board the wido Lydia Warrin one year at ye Rate of 34/1: pr week—old Tenor—And Likewise with mr: Daniel Bond to take Care of & Board Mary Coollidge one year at the Rate of 11/1 Pr-Week old tenor-And it was further Agreed with the above mentioned persons that their Should be no further allowance for sd. poor persons lett their Circumstances be what they will (Except in case of Sickness) and that the Severall persons that are to Board the poor are to Remove them to their Houses the Next day or as Soon they can. And ye Selectmen Directed ye Clerk to give them orders to Receive them which was Accordinly don the Same time — -Pr: Jona: Brown Town Cleand ye Selectmen Agreed to meet again on Monday Next at mr: John Kemball to Transact Some other affairs—

[300] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on ye: 17th: Day of March 1766 at ye House of mr John Kemball—They gave ye Surveyors their Destricts as they were last year See ye (259) page of this Book They ordered the Clerk to give ye present Clerks of the Markets an order on the last Clerks for the Scales & weights They Likewise ordered that a Letter be wrote & Sent to mr: Jonas Berned not to Entertain Mary Coollidge any longer at ye Charge of the town which was don and Signed By order of ye Selectmen

Jona: Brown Town Clerk

At this Meeting ye Assessors made the following Return of their Assessing ye High-way Rate (Viz)

Watertown March ye: 17: 1766

To ye Selectmen

Gentll.

We the Subscribers assessors have assest ye Ratable Pools & Estates in Said town in ye Sum of Thirty Pounds being the grant made ye last march Meeting for the Repairing ye High-ways & Townways & have Committed Lists of ye Same to the Several Collectors who are Surveyors of the Highways (Viz)

afsesfors Certificate To Mr: Samuel Hager Jur: the Sum of— £15=15:

and to  $M^r$  Edward Richardson  $y^e$  Sum of— 14= 4: 2

30:0:0

with Warrants to levy & Collect the Same or See that it be faithfully worked out agreable to the Vote of the Town So as to make up their accounts with yourSelves or Successors on or before the last day of November Next Ensueing the Date hereof

> John Kemball Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Moses Stone

[301] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of mr Edward Richardson on the 20th. Day of March Anno Domini 1766—They Signed an Order on the Treasurer to pay the Sum of twenty eight pounds three Shillings & one penney two farthing to ye following Persons in ye following Manner (Viz)
To mr Thomas Learned the Sum of 3:0=9:2 it being in

full of what the town allow'd him for Board &c for the wido Mary Maddox—To mr John Sawin for mending &c for the wido Lydia Warrin ye Sum of 3/8 To mr John Kemball for money lent to Carry on a law Suit with ye Town of Bofton To mr Caleb Prentifs ye Sum of £20. in part for keeping ye School ye last year and to mr Nehemiah Mason ye Sum of Two pounds eight Shillings which he paid Kezia Stone for keeping School—And the Selectmen being Informed that there was one Mary Bath Come to Reside in Watertown at ye House of ye wido Murch She came last from Boston Some time in ye present month her Circumstances being Such that they Resuse to accept her her to be an Inhabitant of Watertown therefor Ordered the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant to warn her out of town which was don the Same Evening—

Pr: Jona: Brown Town Cle-

[302] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of Mr Abijah Learned on the 16th Day of April 1766 - -They Agreed that mr: Jonas White Notify mr: Ephraim Wheeler to Return the Child that he had Taken from ve wido Murch's forthwith as it is thot: ye Mother of sd Child is about to gitt a way & leave it to be maintained by the Town and to lett said Wheeler know that if he Neglects to Return it ve Selectmen are Determined to proceed with him as ve law Directs in Such case-Alfo it was Agreed that Mr: Jonas White & Jonathan Brown Apply to Samuel Livermore Esqr: for a Warrant to Remove one Mary Bath & her Infant Child to Boston it being ye last place of her Abode-Mr. Moses Stone was Defired to go to ye wido Murches & Inquire from whence a Child which is at her House came from last and its name also to carry a Letter to Capt: Nathaniel Coollidge which was Signed by Selectmen Defiring him forthwith to Send any woman or women which are at his house out of town and a Child which is at ye wido: Murches which She Says Came from sd: Coollidges-And the Selectmen being Informed that Samuel Coollidge was in great want of a Coat they Agreed yt: mr: Jonathan Bemis Jur: or mr: Jonas White provide Some good Strong Cloath &c to make him one Likewise mr Jonas White was defired to Speak to mr Bezaleel Learned forthwith to Mend Some holes that were in the Bridge at this Meeting mr: John Sawin Sent in a Notification to acquaint ye Selectmen that he had on ve: 31 day of March Last Received a Boy from Woburn into his Family Named Jonathan Larabee

[303] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of mr Abijah Learned on Monday ye: 12th: Day of May AD: 1766—They Agreed to have a General Town Meeting on Monday the Nineteenth day of this presen month of may at 2 of ye Clock in

the afternoon at ye publick Meeting-House and Directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants directed to ye Constables to warn ve Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs to Assemble and meet at sd: Time & place to Act on ve Following Articles (Viz) First to Choose a Moderator for sd. Meeting (2) To hear ve Committee Report that were Appointed to Examin the Treasurers Acctts- and to act thereon as the Town think fitt (3) To know the minde of ye Town whether they will Dispose of any Pews or pews in the Meeting-House which Revert to the town and to act any thing on ye affair they may think Proper-(4) To Hear ye Report of ye Selectmen Relating to the law Suit with ye Town of Boston and to act thereon as they think fitt (5) To know the minde of the Town Whether they will grant money to pay ye Conftables for Collecting the Rates and do any thing Relating thereto as they may think proper (6) To Hear the pleas of any of The late Conftables for Abating any perticular persons Rates in their lists and to act any thing thereon as they May think Proper (7) For ye town to give their Committe Some Instructions Relating to ye Schools as they think Needfull (8) To know the minde of the town whether will Purchase ye the two acres of land (So Called) Near the Meeting-House if it may be had for Such Uses as the town may think fitt. and grant money therefor or Appropriate any money to that Use, and do any thing on the affair they may think proper (9) To know the minde of ye town whethe they will grant a Small Slip of land to David Sanger in lieu of a Small peice which he left out to accomodate the Road and act any thing Thereon they may think fitt (10) To pass any Vote on a New list of Juriors as they See Mete (11) To agree how Mary Preifts Cloathing Shall be Disposed of-

And

[304] And allío In Observance of a Precept Received from the High Sheriff of ye County of Middlesex for that purpose To Direct the Constables to warn all the freeholders & others who are Quallified to Vote in ye Choice of a Representative to meet at ye Same place on Sd: Ninteenth day of May at Four of the Clock afternoon to Elect and Depute one Suitable Person to Represent them in a Great & General Court or Assembly Appointed to be Convened held and kept for his Majesty's Service at the Court House in Boston on the Twenty eight Day of this Present May ——

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly

Pr Jona: Brown Town Cle-

They Likwise ordered the Clerk to Issue out a warrant to warn out of town one Susanna Willard who Resides at the house of Simon Whitney who came last from Newton in June or July

last which was Accordingly don and given to m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger the Service don Jon<sup>2</sup>: Brown Town Cle and Caution Enterd May Court—

At a Gen<sup>II</sup> Town-Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled and meet at ye Publick-Meeting-House in sd town on Monday the 19th. day of May Anno: Domini 1766 for Transacting Some town affairs as Settforth in ye warrants — — — — —

Voted & Chose mr: John Kemball Moderator for sd: meeting Voted and Accepted ye Committee Report on the Treasurers accounts

Said Report is as follows (Viz)

Watertown May 6<sup>th</sup>: 1766 We the Subscribers Appointed by the Town to Examin The

town Treasurers accounts upon Examination find said

[305] Accounts well Voucht and Right Cast

Nath Harrington

Mofes Stone

David Bemis

Comtt-

Voted to Choose a Committe to Sell Mr: Pattersons Pew to the Highest bider — — — — — — —

Put to Vote whether the town would act any further on this Article and it past in the Negative —

Then ye Selectmen made Verbal Report Relating to Sarah Learned that they had Obtained Judgment against the town of Boston and the town Voted and Accepted Said Report ——

Then the fifth article was Reed—and after Some Debate thereon it was Protected Said Report ——

it was Put to Vote whether ye Town would act any thing thereon and it past in the Negative——————

Then they 6 article was Reed and they Voted and Abated in the Late m<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Feltons lists Sam<sup>II</sup>- Raymonds Rates

being 13:0:1 and Richard Truefdals Rates it being ye Sum of £0:17:9:0 and in Bezaleel Learneds lists Stonings

Rates being 0: 4:5:2 and one Honewells Rates being—0: 4:5:2

and Nath<sup>II</sup> Harris's Town and Ministers Rates being— 0: 4:5:2

and Stephen Harris's Rates being 0:10:5:1 and the Same Sums granted

Voted not to act on the Seventh Article — —
The eight Article was Reed and after Debate thereon the Vote was put whether the Town will purchase the two acres of land So Called and it past in the Negative — — — — — Voted that ye Selectmen or a Committe be appointed to lay out a Small Slip of land to David Sanger in answer to his Request — Voted that ye Selectmen be a Committe for that Purpose — — Voted and Accepted a New list of Juriors which was Read — — Voted to give Mary Preists Cloathing to her Daughter—

[306] At a Gen<sup>II</sup>. Town Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative Regularly Assembled and Meet at the Publick Meeting-House in Said Town on Monday ye Ninteenth day of May AD: 1766—

The Selectmen being Present the Votes being Called for and brot: in were Sorted and Counted it Appeared that mr: Daniel Whitney was Chosen Representative for ye town by the Major

Part of ye Voters then prefent

The Selectmen meet Near the land of m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger at the Corner near Treadways Bridge So Called and Staked out a Small peice of Land agreable to the Vote of the town at their meeting on y<sup>e</sup>: 19: day of May last Said peice of land is about ten feet in width in or near y<sup>e</sup> middle & Sloaps a way So as to Interfect his wall

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of mr Abijah Learned on ye: 23d Day of June AD 1766—

The following Acctts- were Exhibited to ye Select-men
Mr Jonas White for things procured for ye poor. 1: 5: 1—
Mr Jonathan Bemis Jur. for Cloth &c
for a Coat for Samuel Coollidge——

Mr Josiah Bisco for keeping School Six Weeks—

4: 10:——

Mr Jonathan Learned Jur: for work & meterials at mr Storers

2: 0: 1: 3

9: 17: 1: 2

And ye Selectmen gave an order to the Treasurer to pay the Said accounts—And they Appointed to meet again on Wedensday next at mr Edward Richardsons

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr: Edward Richardson on the day of June AD 1766—They ordered the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant to warn Hannah Colman and her Child Called Peter Robarts out of Town which was don on the 4 day of July following

Pr Jona: Brown Town Clerk

[307] The 1th- Day of July 1766 the Selectmen meet at the House of Mr: Phinehas Child to take Some care about the wido Lydia Warrin and found She was in a low State of Health and Directed mr: Child to take the Best Care of her that he Could and provide Watchers for her some Nessecarys to Entertain Such as take care of her in the Night at mr Jonas White's at the town's Cost and Agreed that mr Child Shall have a proper allowance for his Extraordinary Trouble ————

And the Selectmen being Informed that mr: Samuel Nutting had taken in a Stranger a woman to Lyin at his House and had not Notified the Selectmen thereof as the law Directs They ordered the Clerk to Send to him to lett him know that Unless he came to their next meeting and took Some care to Secure the town they Should proceed as the law provides in Such Cases—Also It was Agreed that mr: Jonas White & mr Jona: Bemis Jur go to John Hunt Esqr: & See and Inquire into the Circumstances of Sarah Learned and Report at their next meeting—Likwise it was agreed that the Treasurer Endeavor to git the Bill of Cost Taxt which was Recovered against the Town of Boston as Soon as may be—The Selectmen Agreed to meet again on Wedensday come Sevent: at mr Jonas Whites at: 5 of the Clock afternoon

[308] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of Mr: Jonas White on Wedensday ye: 9: day of July AD 1766—
It was Agreed that mr: John Kemball Apply to a Justice of Peace for a Warrant to Remove Sarah Learned to Boston it being ye place to which She belongs — ——

Alfo it was Agreed that m<sup>r</sup>: Jonas White provide Some Cloath for a pair Breeches for Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Coollidge & bring in his Account

to ye Selectmen at their Next meeting

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr: Abijah Learned

on ye: 30th: day of July AD 1766 — — —

Agreed y<sup>t</sup>. m<sup>r</sup>: John Kemball take advice Relating to y<sup>e</sup> wid<sup>o</sup>: Boyington who was Bro<sup>t</sup>: from Weston and left with m<sup>r</sup>: Jonathan Bemis Ju<sup>r</sup>: on y<sup>e</sup>: 26 day of this prefent month and m<sup>r</sup> Kemball is to make Report at their next meeting

Also Agreed that mr Samuel Warrin Shall have what Cloath-

ing &c that his mother left at her Death-

And they Appointed to meet again Next Tuesday at 7 of the Clock afternoon at this place—

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of mr: Abijah Learned

on the 5th- day of August AD: 1766 -

Mr: Kemball Reported that he had not Taken any advice Relating to ye Wido: Boyington as yet and mr Jonathan Bemis

Ju<sup>r</sup>: Confented to Keep her two or three weeks longer or till another place can be provided —

[309] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Jonathan Brown on the 19th: Day of August AD 1766 —

They Agreed to have a Town-Meeting on the 22 day of ye Present month of August at the Publick-Meeting-House at three of ye Clock in the afternoon to Act on the following Articles (Viz) First to Choose a Moderator for sd: meeting—

- (2) To know the minde of the town whether they will Receive the wid. Boyington and her Children as Inhabitants of Watertown or whether they will Try the matter in the law with the town of Weston and grant money therefor and Act any thing Relating thereto as they may think Proper—
- (3) To know the minde of the whether they will Confent to make good the Damages that Perticular Gentlemen in the town of Boston Sustained in the late Disturbances and to give their Representative Such Instructions Relating thereto as they may think proper—

At a General Town-Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled at the Publick Meeting-house on Fryday the 22 day of August AD 1766—

Voted and Chose mr: Nath! Harrington Moderator for sd:

Meeting-

Put to Vote whether the town will Try ye Matter Relating to the wido Mary Boyington & her Children being Inhabitants of Watertown with the town of Weston and it past in the Negative

Then it was put to vote whether the town will put of ye Dispute Relating to mr Edmund Fowls being Chargeable with ye Said wido Mary Boyington & her Children till Next meeting and it Past in the Affeirmative

Then it was Voted yt the Selectmen put out the Children till they Come of age as Cheap as they Can—Then the third article was Read and it was put to vote whether the town do Confent to make good the loses as mentioned therein & it past in the Negative

[310] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham at ye House of mr: Wm- Goodhue in Waltham on first day of Sepr: Anno Domini 1766 The accounts of Repairing ye Great Bridge in Watertown which had arisen Since ye last adjustment which was on ye Second Day of Sepr: Anno Domini 1765 ammounting to ye Sum of £"14" 5" 2 farthings was Adjusted and Proportioned and Signed by ye Selectmen of Each town then Present

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr Thomas Saltmarsh on ye first day of Sepr: Anno: Domini 1766

They Approbated mifs<sup>ur</sup>. Thomas Saltmarfh & Abijah Learned & Edward Richardson to be Inholders and John Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup> & mifs<sup>rs</sup> Cornelius Waldo Jonas White & Nathaniel Coollidge to be Retailors — — —

At this meeting they Ordered the Clerk to Issue out a warrant to warn Abijah Learned & Abigail his wife & Mary & Abigail their Daughters & Nathaniel their Son out of town who Came last from Cambridg in ye month of Nov: or December last past At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of mr Edward Richardson on ye 19 day of Sep: Anno: Domini 1766—

They agreed to Binde the Daughter of ye wido Mary Boyington to mr Ebenezer Stone Junr till She is eighteen years of age & he to have eight pounds with her and he to take her the next day also to he is to Board Sd: widos Son for ye Present as Cheap as he can—

[311] At this meeting  $y^e$  Selectmen Signed an order on  $y^e$  Treasurer to pay  $m^r$  Moses Stone  $y^e$  Sum of £1:1:4 for  $y^e$  Gloves which procured for  $y^e$  wido Lydia Warrins funeral also the Sum of £12″6=1 to  $M^r$  Caleb Prentiss it being in full of what is due to him for his Service for keeping School in Watertown—

Witness our Hands

Isaac Stearnes
Jonas Dix
William Coollidge
Jonathan Hammond
Elifha Livermore

John Kemball
Selectmen Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown
of Mofes Stone
Waltham Jonas White
Jonathan Bemis Ju<sup>r</sup>

Selectmen
of
Watertown

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown after ye other meeting was over they ordered ye Town Treasurer to pay ye Sum of one pound eleven Shillings & Seven pence to ye Treasurer of Waltham it being in full of their Account for Boarding &c for the wido Mary Boyington & Children— and They ordered ye

Clerk to Issue out a Warrant to warn one Moses Sanders out of Town who Came last from Cambridge about ye month of November last and Resides at the House of the Late mr: Ebenezer Goddard

A Warrant was Issued out dated ye Same day— Attest Jona. Brown Town Cler

[312] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of Mr Edward Richardson on ye 27 day of October 1766—

It was Agreed that m<sup>r</sup>: Moses Stone provide a pair of Stockings for Samuel Coollidge and that m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White provide a Pair of Woollen Shirts for him and that m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bemis Ju<sup>r</sup> Provide a pair of Breeches for S<sup>d</sup>: Coollidge—

1766 Nov<sup>r</sup>: y<sup>e</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup> day a warrant was Issued out to warn Jemima and Mary Worthylake out of town

Attest Jona: Brown Town Cler-

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of mr John Kemball on ye 28th- Day of Novr: AD 1766—

They being Informed that Daniel Fullars family were in Suffering Circumstances therefor they Drew a complaint Directed to John Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Desiring him to Issue out a Warrant Directed to a Constable to Remove sd: Fullar & family to Newton it being their last place of Abode— Mr: Israel Whittemore Sent an account of 215 feet of planck which he brot: to ye Great Bridge at ye Rate of 20/1 Pr Hundred which comes to £2:3:0— and they ordered the Clerk to write an order in their name to the Selectmen of Weston to pay ye Same—————— Which was don accordingly Dated the 1 day of December following

Pr Jona: Brown Town Cler-

Decr: ye: 26: 1766 a warrant was Issued out Directed to mr David Sanger to warn Sarah Chamberlain Elizabeth Phillips & Thos Cod out of town ye first Refides at Lt: Daniel Whitneys ye Second at mr Thomas Clarks & ye other at the wido. Mary Benjamins

Pr Jona: Brown Town Cler-

[313] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of mr John Kemball on the 12th Day of January Anno: Domini 1767 They being Informed that Samuel Coollidge was Dead—
They Agreed that his Funeral Should be the next day and that mr Moses Stone provide Nine paire of Gloves one for the Minister and a pair for each of the Bearers & two pair of ye two women that Assisted in Laying him out also that mr Stone Speak to ye Saxton to Dig a grave and Tole the Bell &c — — — —

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of Mr. Abijah Learned

on ye. 19th: Day of Janry: Anno: Domini 1767-

They Signed Indentures for Binding Sam<sup>II</sup>: Hackleton to m<sup>r</sup>: Jonas Bond ju<sup>r</sup> and for Binding Mary Boyington to m<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Stone jun<sup>r</sup> — — — — — — —

They also Signed an Order on the Town Treasurer to pay the Sum of Five pounds Sixteen Shillings & two pence three farthings in the following manner to ye persons afternamed which Sums were Granted to them at the last march Meeting (Viz)

To	mr John Kemball — — —	0	:	17:	10 = 3
To	mr Mofes Stone — — — —	0	:	16 =	0=-
To	Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown — — — —	3	:	9 =	4 —
To	ye wido Joanna Felton — —	0 =	=	9 =	
To	Dean: Samuel Fisk — — —	0 =	=	9 =	_

£5=16= 2-3

[314] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of mr Abijah Learned on Fryday the 13th: day of Febry: AD 1767 They Agreed to have a Publick Annual Town Meeting on Monday ve Second Day of march Next at Ten of ve Clock in the forenoon at ye publick Meeting House and ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to ye Constables to warn the Inhabitants who are Qualifyed to Vote in Town affairs to meet at sd. time & Place for the Ends following (Viz) First to Choose a Moderator for sd Meeting (2) To Choose Selectmen Town-Clerk & Treasurer and all other town officers Required by law to be Chose in the month of march Annually (3) To Choose a Saxton & Agree how he Shall he paid for his Service-(4) To put in their Votes for a County Treasurer (5) To know ye minde of ye town Whether Swine Shall Run at Large ye Insueing Year (6) To Choose a Committe to Examin the Treasurers Accounts— (7) To Appropriate the money Coming to ye town ye present year the year Begining the Eleventh day of December last past (8) To Grant a Salary for ye Revd: mr: Seth Storer for ve Year Enfueing ve Year begining the first day of March Next (9) To Grant money to Support the Grammer School or any Other Schools that may be Agreed Upon (10) To Grant money to Support the poor (11) To Grant money to Repair the great Bridge (12) To Hear the Accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to and grant money to pay the Same — — (13) To Grant money to Repair the High-ways & Town-ways and to Choose the Surveyors Collectors of the High-way Rate and Determin the price of Labour in Working out sd: Rate (14) To Hear the Pleas of the Present or late Constables for Abating any Perticular Persons Rates in their lists as the town may think fitt (15) To know the minde of ye town Whether will Choose a Committe to Manage the Schools or Act

any thing on the affair they may think proper (16) To know ye minde of the town whether they will proceed to Build a Woork-House Agreable to their former Vote and Act any thing thereon they may think Proper (17) To know the minde of the town Whether they will Build a Pound and Act any thing on the Affair they may think Proper—

Eighteenth

[315] (18) To Hear the Report of the Committe that were Appointed to Sell mr Patterson Pew and to Appropriate the money Ariseing by the Sale thereof as they may think proper — — And to Notify the Town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of mr Abijah Learned on Fryday the 27th day of this Instant February at two of the Clock afternoon—

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly

Attest Jona: Brown Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Committe at the House of mr: Abijah Learned May ye: 26: 1766—For Regulating the womans Schools in ye Town of Watertown is as follows (Viz) Four Schools Shall be open one at the House of Mr Phinihas Stearnes one at the House of Mr Jonathan Stone one at the House of Ensign Ebenezer Stone & one at the House of Mr: Samuel Cook or Els where the Committe Shall Appoint all to be kept at ye Same Rate they were the last Year—Also the Committe has Agreed that mr: Nathaniel Bond Should keep the English & Grammer School in sd: town for one Quarter of a Year Begining the Second Monday of June Next at ye Rate of forty Pounds Pr Year.

Nathll: Harrington Pr order of ye Comtt:

At a Meeting of ye Committe for Regulating the Schools in Watertown Said Committe Agreed to open another Womans School in s<sup>d</sup>: town Near the Bridge to keep five Weeks: and Appointed m<sup>r</sup>: David Bemis one of s<sup>d</sup>: Committe to provide a place & a Mistress. The School was accordingly openned at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Elisha Learned, To be kept by Mary Prentice on Monday the 23<sup>d</sup>: of June—

Watertown June 20th: 1766

David Bemis Pr: Order of ye Committe-

[316] Watertown Sep<sup>r</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> 10: 1766 At a Meeting of the Committe for Regulating the Grammer and English School in s<sup>d</sup> town Agreed by the Committe that m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>ll</sup>: Bond keep the English and Grammer School in s<sup>d</sup>: town for another Quarter at the Same Rate

Pr Order of ye Committe Nathll Harrington

At a Meeting of ye Committe for Regulating the English and Grammer School in sd. Town Agreed by ye Committe that Mr: Nathll: Bond keep the English & Grammer School in Said town another Quarter of a Year at the Same Rate Watertown Novr: 24th: 1766

Pr Order of ye Committe Nath!: Harrington

At a Meeting of the Committe for Rugulating the School at the House of M<sup>r</sup>: Abijah Learned—Agreed by the Committe y<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Bisco keep the English School in Watertown for Seven weeks at the School-House in the East end of s<sup>d</sup>: Town at the Rate of Ten Dollars for Four weeks & so in Proportion for the Rest of y<sup>e</sup> time, Said Bisco to begin Next monday

Pr Order of ye Comtt: Nathll: Harrington

Watertown Decr: 10th: 1766

A warrant was Issued February the 25th: Anno Domini 1767 to warn Jonathan Larabee Sufanna Robertson & Elizabeth Woolfon out of town and given to Constable Daniel Sawin

Attest Jona: Brown Town Cle-

Watertown Febry: ye 2: 1767

At a Meeting of the School Committe at the House of Mr Abijah Learned. Said Committe Agreed with mr: John Hunt jur to keep the writeing School Six Weeks for four pounds Ten Shillings at the House of mr Samuel Cook Said School to be opened February ye. 9th-

David Bemis pr order of ye Comtt:-

[317] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr. Abijah Learned on Fryday the 27th- day of February Anno: Domini 1767

and for making a Coat & other things — — 4:12:9

74: 17 = 9
18: 0: 0

Old Tenor— 92:17:9

all which in Lawfull money Comes to — — 12: 2:4:1 And Phinehas Child brot: in his Account for Boarding the

wido Lydia Warrin from the Eighteenth of March 1766 to the fifteenth day of July following it comes to you Sum of ———————————————————————————————————
Alfo Daniel Bond bro <sup>t</sup> : in his account for Boarding Mary Coollidge from the Eighteenth of march 1766 to ye 18 <sup>th</sup> - of march 1767 being fifty two weeks and for Cloathing &c which Come to ———————————————————————————————————
Total— £3: 5" 7" 2  Mr Ebenezer Stone jur brot in his Acctt- for Boarding the wido  Maddox two weeks at 2/4 3/4 farthings pr week which Comes  to———————————————————————————————————
And Samuel Benjamin bro¹: in An Account for Boarding & Nursing Ruth Maddox at his House two weeks and a half ————————————————————————————————————
bro <sup>t</sup> over— 40:11" 10:3  M <sup>r</sup> Moses Stone bro <sup>t</sup> : in an Account of his Expences in providing things for the poor and for mending the School-House Glass and other things Ammounting to the Sum of—£2" 0" 6—  Jonathan Brown bro in an Account of Cash paid Jonathan Sewall Esq <sup>r</sup> for Advice Relating to Sarah Learned and the Children

of ye the wido Mary Boyington &c — — £1:15" 4—Stephen Harris brot in an Account for Labour at the Meeting-House—which comes to — — — — 0" 7" 8
The Sum Total of ye beforegoing Accounts is—£44" 15" 4" 3
There was further the following Accounts brot in to be laid before ye Town (Viz) — — — — — —
To Bez <sup>II</sup> : Learned for Labour & Meterials at ye Great Bridge — — — 1:18:5=2
To Dr: Marshal Spring for Medicine for ye poor — — — 0" 15" 0—  To Simon Hastings for Sundrys of Labour &c
for $y^e$ town . 1:10:0
To Jedidiah Leath for work for ye town — 0: 7:8— To missurs Nath! Harrington & John Kemball
yt they paid mr Trowbridg 0: 6:0—
To Jon <sup>a</sup> : Stone for Serving Constable in ye Year 1764— 1: 0:0

£10:18:5"2

0:16:0

0:16:0

[319] At a Gen<sup>II</sup> Town-Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs Regularly Asembled and Meet at the publick-Meeting-House in sd: town on Monday the Second Day of March AD: 1767 for the Choice of town officers & other affairs as Setforth in ve warrants for sd: Meeting-

To Jona: Brown for Serving Treasurer & Assessor 3: 9:4-

Voted & Chose mr: Nathll: Harrington Moderator for sd: meeting

Jona: Brown m<sup>r</sup> John Kemball m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone Voted & Chose for Selectmen

To John Kemball for Serving Assessor ye Year

To Moses Stone for Ditto -----

past — \_ -

m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White m<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Bemis ju<sup>r</sup>

Voted & Chofe Jon<sup>2</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk & Town Treasurer

Voted & Chofe for ye first Conftable mr Josiah Bright and then Voted to Excuse him ye present year then Voted & Chose mr: Jonas Barned then Voted to excuse him ye present year.

Then Voted & Chofe mr: Samuel Soden—

Then Voted and Chose m<sup>r</sup> William Bond and upon his Request Voted to Excuse him from Serving the present year then Voted & Chose m<sup>r</sup>: Elijah Bond

Voted & Chose missrs Phinehas Child & Thomas Patten Wardens

Voted & Chofe mr: Isaac Sanderson Sealer of Leather

Voted & Chofe mifs<sup>rs</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>- Bond & Jonas Bond ju<sup>r</sup> Fence Viewers Viewers

Voted & Chofe missrs Jonas Barned & Joseph Coollidge Surveyors of High-ways

Voted & Choie missrs Samll Sanger & Samll Barnerd Tything-

Voted & Chose missrs John Chenery & Fanning Learned Hogrieves—

Voted & Chose misses Nath!! Coolidge Jonas Coollidge jur David Sanger and Bezaleel Learned Surveyors of Timber Planck &c—Voted & Chose misses Sam!!: Warrin & Simon Coollidge jur Howards—

Voted & Chofe missrs Smith Prentice & Bezll Learned Clerks of ve Market

Voted & Chofe missrs Sam<sup>11</sup> Cook & Smith Prentice Cullars of Hoops & Staves &c—

Voted & Chofe mr: Elisha Learned Surveyor of Wheat

Voted & Chose mr Simon Hastings Saxton

Voted that he have two Contrabutions as Usual for his Service

[320] Then the Votes were put in for a County Treasurer— Then the town being Informed that m<sup>r</sup> Elijah Bond was in a Poor State of Health and a Motion being made & Seconded it was put to vote whether the town will Excuse him from Serving Constable the present year and it past in ye affiermative—

Then Voted and Chose m<sup>r</sup>: John Stearnes a Constable Then at his Desire Voted to Excuse him from Serving ye present year Then a Motion was made & Seconded and put to Vote Whether the town will Excuse m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Soden from Serving Constable the present Year and it past in the Affirmative—

Then it was put to Vote whether the town will Reconsider all the Votes that have been past for Chooseing or Excuseing Conftables at this meeting and it past in the affirmative—

Then it was put to Vote whether it be the minde of the town that this Meeting with the Remaining Business be Adjourned till tomorrow at one of ye Clock afternoon at this place and it past in ye affirmative—

Then the Moderator Declared it Accordingly Adjourn'd

This Day Jonathan Brown was Sworn into the offices of Town-Clerk Town Treasurer & Assessor before John Hunt J: peace

[321] m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Barnerd Tythingman — — — — m<sup>r</sup> Fanning Learned Hogrieve — — — — — — mifs<sup>rs</sup> Nath<sup>ll</sup>: Coollidge Jonas Coollidge Ju<sup>r</sup> David Sanger & Bez<sup>l</sup>. Learned Surveyors of Timber &c mifs<sup>rs</sup>: Samuel Warren & Simon Coollidge ju<sup>r</sup> Howards — — m<sup>r</sup>- Bezaleel Learned Clerk of the Market — — — — m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Cook Cullar of Hoops & Staves &c — m<sup>r</sup> Elifha Learned Surveyor of Wheat — — — — By Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town Clerk —

At a Gen<sup>II</sup>: Town-Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown on ye the third Day March Anno: Domini 1767—after the Meeting was Opened—then it was put to Vote Whether the town will Choose Collectors of Tax's and it past in the Affirmative—

Voted & Chose missrs John Stearns & Josiah Bright Constables— Voted that Swine be Shut up the present Year —

Voted & Chose a Comm<sup>tt</sup>: to

Examin ye Treasr's Acctts:  $\begin{cases}
m^r \text{ Nath}^l \text{ Harrington} \\
m^r \text{ Moses Stone} \\
m^r \text{ Sam}^l \text{ White}
\end{cases}$ 

Voted to Appropriate the Interest money as it was last year (Viz) Five Shillings & four pence to ye School & ye Remainder to ye minister

Voted & Granted the Sum of 66" 13" 4 for a Sallary for ye Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Seth Storer the Enfueing year the Interest money Appropriated to that Use to be part the Remainder to be assest — Voted & Granted the Sum of 40" 0" 0 to Support ye Grammer & English School

Then put to Vote whether the town will have any more Schools and it past in the Affirmative

Voted & Granted ye Sum of 30 pounds to Support Sd: Schools— Voted & Granted the Sum of 20 pounds to Support ye poor-Voted & Granted the Sum of 4 pounds to Repair ye Great-Bridge Voted & Granted the Sum of 30 pounds to Repair ye High-ways & Town-ways

Voted & Chofe ye Surveyors of High-ways Collectors of ye High-way Rate

Voted that ye price of Labour in Working out the High-way Rate be the Same it was the last year — -

[322] The Accounts of those Persons the town is Indebted to were Read ammounting to the Sum of 10" 18" 5" 2 and were allow'd and the Same Sum was Granted to pay the Samethen the Extra Charges of Phinehas Child Relating to ye wido Lydia Warran and Joseph Coollidge for Samuel Coollidge ware laid before the town and Accepted — — — Voted & abated william Goddings Rate in Conftable Samll Whites lists and Granted the Sum of 0:15 6:2 to make it good—

Voted and Chofe for a Committe to Manage ye Schools  $\begin{cases} m^r \colon Nath^l \ Harrington \\ dea^n \ Sam^{ll} \ Fisk \\ m^r \ W^m - \ Bond \\ m^r \ Sam^{ll} \ White \end{cases}$ 

Put to Vote Whether the town will proceed to Build a Work-House agreable to their former Vote and it past in ye Negative Put to Vote whether the town will Build a New pound as Soon as Conveniently may be and it past in the Affirmative Then Voted to Choose a Committe to Build Sd: pound-

 $\label{eq:Voted and Chose for Said Committe} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m^r \colon Jon^a \; Bemis \; ju^r \\ Jon^a \colon Brown \\ m^r \; Jonas \; White \end{array} \right.$ 

Voted that the Committe Endeavor to finde what the Cost of Said pound will be either of Stone or Timber and Report at next May Meeting — — -

Then the Report of ye Committe that were appointed to make Sale of mr Pattersons Pew was Read to the town and they Voted and Accepted of ye Same See ye Report at ye Next page Then Voted & Chofe missrs: Samll Soden & Edward Harrington Jur Collectors of Tax's—who with ye Conftables (Viz) Josiah Bright & John Stearnes and each of the persons after-

Named were Sworn to their Several offices to which they were Chosen Samuel Sanger Tythingman Smith Prentice Clerk of ye Market & Cullar of Hoops & Staves &c—

all Sworn by Jona: Brown Town Clerk

[323] The Report of the Comtee: Relating to the Sale of

Patterions Pew-

We the Subscribers being Appointed by the town to Dispose of the pew in the Meeting-House that did belong to m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Patterson, Appointed a Meeting for that Purpose to be at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Abijah Learned Innh<sup>der</sup> on the fourteenth Day of July—and Accordingly met and Sold Said Pew to m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Sanderson for Twelve pounds and eight pence Lawfull money, for which he gave Notes to the town Treasurer

Watertown Febry: 24th: 1767

 $Com^{tt} \colon \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m^r \ Nath^{ll} \ Harrington \\ m^r \ Jonas \ White \\ dea^n \ Sam^{ll} \ Fisk \end{array} \right.$ 

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr Abijah Learned on the Ninth Day of March Anno: Domini 1767—

for putting out the poor &c. They Agreed with m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Bond to take Care of & Board Mary Coollidge one year more at the Rate of 12<sup>r</sup>/6 pence old Tenor p<sup>r</sup> Week—also they Agreed with m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Harris to take Care of & Board the wid<sup>o</sup> Mary Maddox one year at Rate of 24/6 old Tenor p<sup>r</sup> week and they are to have no further Allowance lett their Circumstances be what

they will Except in Case of Sickness-

They Signed on Order on the Treasurer to pay the Sum of thirty pounds to m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>1</sup> Bond for his keeping School in Watertown Nine Months, also one other order to pay ye Sum of £44" 15" 4" 3 to Sundrey persons it being in full of their Accounts which was laid before ye Selectmen on ye: 27 day of last month See the (317) Page. They also Directed the Clerk to Issue out a warrant to warn Ebenezer Bateman & his Family and Elizabeth Bemis out of Town which was Accordingly don—

Pr Jona: Brown Town Clerk

Causions Enter'd march Court 1767

The Same Evening m<sup>r</sup> John Chenery was Sworn to the Office of Hogrieve

By Jona: Brown Town Cle

Agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Learned take care of y<sup>e</sup> Great Bridge the Ensuing Year—

[324] Gentlemen

Afsesfors

Certificate

Watertown March ye: 18th: 1767

These are to Certifie that we ye Subscribers Assessors of Said Town have Assest ye Ratable Pools & Estates in sd: Town in ye Sum of Thirty pounds and have Committed lists of sd: Assessment to ye Surveyors of ye High-ways who are the Collectors of the High-way Rate (Viz)-To mr Jonas Barned the Sum of - 15"16"10-

And to mr: Joseph Coollidge ye Sum

of — — —

£30" 0" 0

with Lawfull warrants to levy and Collect ye Same or See that it be faithfully worked out in Repairing ye High-ways-Agreable to the Vote of the town So as to make up the whole Account of their working or Collecting with your Selves or Successors on or before the last Day of Nov<sup>r</sup>: Next Enfueing the Date Hereof — — —

> Jona: Brown John Kemball Mofes Stone

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of mr: Abijah Learned on the 23th Day of March Anno: Domini 1767-They Agreed with mr Jonathan Whitney to take Jacob Boyington Son to ye late Jacob Boyington & Bring him up till he is twenty one Years of Age and to Learn him ye Trade of Cord wainer which he ve Said Whitney now follows, and he is to have ve Sum of Nine pounds paid him by the town therefor—And ye Selectmen ordered the Clerk to give him an order to Receive ye Said Child and what Cloathing belongs to it, of Mr Ebenezer Stone Jur Said order was given at ve Same time

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of mr: Jona: Bemis J on ye: 31 Day of march Anno: Domini 1767 ----The Assessors made Return of their Assessing ve High-way Rate which was accepted—See above — —

[325] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr Abijah Learned on the 13th Day of April AD 1767— They Signed Indentures for Binding Jacob Boyington to mr

Jonathan Whitney and for Binding Elizabeth Boyington to mr Samuel Phipps of Cambridge-

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of mr Thos. Salt-

marsh on ye: 8th: Day of May Anno: Domini 1767-They Signed an order on ye Town Treasurer to pay the Sum of £19" 10"4 to the Several persons that kept the English Schools the Last year-and the Sum of £1" 11" 8 to mr Benjamin Harrington of Weston it being for 156 feet of Planck which he brot: to the Great Bridge in Watertown—alfo the Sum of £3"9"0 to mt Jonas Harrington jut of sd: Weston for 345 feet of Planck which he brot: to Sd: Bridge————

The Selectmen haveing Received a Precept from the High Sheriff of ye County of Middlefex Requiring them to Assemble the Inhabitants of Watertown forth with to Elect and Depute one or more Suitable person or persons to Represent them in a Great and General Court or Assembly appointed to be Convened held & kept for his Majesty's Service at ye Court House in Boston on Wedensday ye: 27 Day of May Currant—They Ordered ye Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to the Several Constables to warn the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative to assemble & meet together at the

Day of may Next at 2 of y Clock afternoon for the purposes above

publick Meeting House in Watertown on Monday the Eighteenth

They also Agreed to have another Gen<sup>ll</sup> Town Meeting on the Same day and at ye Same place at 3th of the Clock afternoon and ordered ye Clerk

[326] To Issue out Warrants Directed to the Conftables to warn all ye Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to Afsemble and meet together at sd: time and place to act on the following Articles (Viz) — — — —

First to Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting-

(2½) To Hear the Report of ye Committe that were appointed to Examin the town Treasurers accounts and act any thing thereon they may think proper—(3½) To Hear the Report of the Committe that were appointed the last march Meeting to Build a New pound. and for the town to act any thing further

thereon they may think proper-

(4<sup>ly</sup>) For the town to Appropriate the money Arifing by ye Sale of m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Pattersons Pew for Such Uses as they may think proper— (5<sup>ly</sup>) For to grant money to pay miss<sup>rs</sup> Ebenezer Stone ju<sup>r</sup> and Jonathan Whitney for taking two of ye wido Boyingtons Children to bring up Agreable to their Contract with the Selectmen (6<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of ye town whether they will Chearge m<sup>r</sup> Edmund Fowle with the Support of ye wido Mary Boyington and Children & for ye town to act any thing Relating thereto they may think proper (7<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of the town Whether whether they will Apply to ye General Court to have the Fishery in Watertown put under Some Regulation to prevent the many Quarrils & Disputes that arise thereby and to Act thereon as they think best (8<sup>ly</sup>) For the town to grant money to pay those persons that were Chosen Collectors of Tax's if the town think fitt and to give then Such In-

ftructions Relating thereto as may be thot: proper and for the town to Act any thing thereon as they may think best (91y) To Hear the Petition of James Hay praying the town to grant him Some Releif under his prefent Needy Circumstances and for the town to act any thing thereon they may think best—

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly

Pr Jona: Brown Town Cle-

[327] At this meeting they ordered ye Clerk to Issue out a warrant to warn Anna Lawrance who Refides at the house of mr Jedidiah Leath & Amme Trask who Resides at the house of mr Ebenezer Stetson & Peter Farnsworth who Resides at the house  $L^t$ : Daniel Whitney to Depart forth with out of Watertown — — —

a Warrant was Issued out accordingly and given to Conftable John Stearns

Pr Jona: Brown Town Cle

And the Selectmen Signed an order on ye Treasurer to pay the Sum of £1" 11" 8 to mr: Benjamin Harrington for 156 feet of planck which he boot: to the Great Bridge ——

alfo ye Sum of £3"9" to mr Jonas Harrington jur for 345 feet of planck which brot: to ye Said Bridge — — — — —

At a Gen<sup>11</sup> Town-Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to Vote in ye Choice of a Reprefentative Regularly Assembled and meet at ye Publick Meeting-House on Monday ye Eighteenth Day of May AD 1767 The Votes being Called for were brot: in & Sorted & Counted it appeared that mr Daniel Whitney was Chosen Representative for ye Year Ensueing—

At a Gen<sup>11</sup> Town-Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of of Watertown who are Qualified to Vote in Town affairs Regularly Assembled & meet together at ye publick meeting-House in sd: Town on Monday ye: 18th Day of may Anno: Domini 1767 for Transacting Sevaral as Setforth in the Warrants for sd: Meeting

Voted & Chose mr: John Remington Moderator for sd: Meeting

Meeting

Voted & accepted ye Committee Report on ye Town Treasurer Acctts- which Report is as follows (Viz) See ye next page—

[328] Watertown May 6th 1767
We the Subscribers Appointed by the Town to Examin the
Treasurers Accounts upon Examination find Said Acctts- well
Vouchd & Right Cast—

Nath<sup>ll</sup> Harrington
Mofes Stone
Sam<sup>ll</sup> White

Then ye Comttee. Appointed to Build a pound Informed ye town that they Could have one Builded with Stone for Ten pounds or of Timber for Six pounds and after Some Debate thereon it was put to Vote whether sd: pound Should be Built

with Stone and it past in the affirmative-

Then Voted and Appropriated the money that arose by the Sale of mr Pattersons pew (or So much as Needfull to Build sd: pound-Voted & Granted ve Sum of £8 pounds to pay mr Ebenezer Stone jur for Bringing up one of ye wido Mary Boyingtons Children-also Voted Granted ve Sum of £9 pounds to pay mr Ionathan Whitney an other of sd Children ---

Then the Article Relating to Edmund Fowles being Chearged with the Support of ve wido Boyington & Children was Read and after Some Debate thereon The Vote was put whether it be the minde of the town that mr. Edmund Fowle Shall be Cheargable with the Support of sd: wido Boyington & Children and it past

in the Negative-

Then the Seventh Article was Read and after Debate thereon it was Put to Vote whether the town will Apply to ve General Court to have their Fishery put under Some Regulation and it past in the Affiermative-

Then Voted and Chose Jonathan Brown to Joine with the Representative in Petitioning the Great & General Court to have Said Fishery put under Some Regulation

[329] Then the 8th. Article was Read Relating to the Collectors and after Debate thereon Voted and Granted the Sum of Six pounds to pay them for their Service-Then it was Voted that they Should give good Security for their good behaviour in sd Trust-Voted that the Selectmen take Said Security - - also Voted that ye Selectmen Set the time for ye Collectors to make up their Accounts with ve Treasurer &c-

Then the Ninth Article with mr: James Havs Petition was Read and after longe Debate thereon it was Put to Vote Whether the Town will grant the prayer of sd: Petition and it past in ye

Negative-

The Business of ve Meeting being over the Moderator Declared the Meeting to be Dissolved ----

At a Meeting of ve Selectmen at the House of ve wido Mary Learned on Monday the 25th Day of may Anno: Domini 1767 They being Informed that the French Family belonging to Watertown were Defirous of going to Settle in Canady & there being an Opportunity therefor it was Agreed that mr Jona- Bemis jur one of ye Selectmen Should Inquire what the Cost of their Passage will be and make Report as Soon as may be to the Selectmen

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on the 27th- Day of sd: May at the Same place mr Bemis Informed the Selectmen that he had been at Boston and Confeer'd with the Master of the Vessell that was going to Canady who Informed him that he would Carry them for three Dollars & an half a head—and it was Agreed that mr John Kemball & mr Jona: Bemis jur Should go to Boston and Agree for their passuage &c—

[330] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the house of mr John Kemball on the 26th. day of June AD 1767—

They being Informed that Ruth Maddox was Sick at malden It was Agreed that mr Moses Stone provide at place for her and that mr John Kemball Inquire Whether She can be Removed and if So to See that She be Removed as Soon as may be—at this Meeting the Selectmen Signed an order on ye Treasurer to pay mr Jonathan Bemis jur ye Sum of 3" 12- Shillings which he paid for ye passuage of the French Family to Canady—also five Shillings & Seven pence one farthing for a Rope for the Meeting House Bell

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on the 24th- Day of August Anno: Domini 1767—at the House of ye wido Mary Learned They Agreed that mr Jonas White Should pay the Sum of Thirty Shillings as Rent for the wido Lydia Warrins thirds—at this meeting they Signed an order on the Treasurer To pay mr: Samuel Mason the Sum of £0" 10" 2 farthings—

At a Meeting the Selectmen at the House ye wido Mary Learned on the 14th Day of Sepr: 1767 the Considered the list of licensed persons the last year and Signed their approbation of Renewing them again—also they Approbated mr Bezll: Learned and Recommeded him to the Sessions for a licence to Retaile Spiritous Liquors

[331] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham at the House of Mr Josiah Gleason Innholder in Waltham on Monday the 21st Day of Day of Sepr: Anno: Domini 1767—

The accounts for Repairing ye Great Bridge in Watertown which had Arifen Since the last Adjustmen which was on the first Day of Sept: 1766 Ammounting to the Sum of £9" 2" 1" 2 farthing were Proportioned & Adjusted and Signed by the Selectmen of each Town See Libt the (2) Page ye (67) in ye Treasury—

At a meeting of ye Selectmen at the house of ye wido Mary Learned on the 18th- Day of November Anno Domi 1767 the Selectmen took Security of the Collectors of Tax's for their faithfull Performance of their Trust [332] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of mr Jonas White on the 4th: Day of January Anno: Domini 1768 They Signed an order on ye town Treasurer to pay the Sum of

10" 18" 5" 2 farthings to the town Creditors which was

Granted them the last March meeting

And they Agreed to have a Publick Town Meeting on Monday the Eleventh Day of this present January at the Publick meeting-house at twelve of ye Clock at noon and ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to the Several Constables to warn all the Inhabitans of Watertown who are Qualified to Vote in town affairs to meet at time and place before mentioned to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

First to Choose a Moderator for Said meeting

(2<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of the town Whether they will Build a Work-House this present year and if they Agree thereto then to Grant money therefor or Appropriate Some money Belonging to the town to Said use, and act anything Relating thereto as they may think best. (3<sup>ly</sup>) To know whether ye Town will accept of mr Jonathan Stones Pew in the Meeting-House & if So, then to Determin how they will Dispose of it again, and Act anything thereon as they may think Proper (4<sup>ly</sup>) To know ye minde of the town whether they will Agree upon any Measures to Promote Industery, Oeconomy & Manufactures thereby to prevent the Unnecessary Importation of European Commodities which threaten this Country with Poverty & Ruin and act any thing Relating thereto as they think fitt

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[333] (5<sup>ly</sup>) For the town to give their Representative Some Instructions at this time if they think fits — — — Warrants were Issued out Accordingly

By Jona: Brown Town Cler

The Selectmen agreed to meet at Six of ye Clock in ye Evening after the Town Meeting is over (to See what weareing Apparril was left by mr Samuel Coollidge) at the House of mrs: Mary Learned

At a Gen<sup>II</sup>: Town-Meeting of freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to Vote in Town affairs Regularly Afsembled at the Publick-Meeting House in S<sup>d</sup>: Town on Monday ye Eleventh Day of January Anno: Domini 1768 — Voted & Chose mr Samuel Fisk Moderator for s<sup>d</sup>: Meeting

Then ye Article Relating to Building a Work-House was Read and after Some Debate thereon it was Put to Vote whether the town will build a Work-House this present year and it past in ye Negative

Then ye next article was Read and it was Put to Vote Whether the town will Accept of mr Jonathan Stones Pew and that the

town Treasurer be Directed to pay him his prime Cost and it past in the Affairmative — -

Upon a motion made & Seconded it was put to Vote Whether the town will Sell Said Pew to mr Christopher Grant for £8 pounds and it past in the Negative-

also it was put to Vote whether sd: Grant Should have it for Ten pounds and it past in ye Negative

[334] Then it was Put to Vote whether Sd: Pew Should be Sold at Publick Vendue as Some others had been and it past in the Affairmative—

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Voted \& Chofe for a Comm}^{\text{tt}} \colon \text{to Sell} \\ \text{Said Pew} ------- \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{m}^{\text{r}} \text{ Sam}^{\text{ll}} \text{ Fisk} \\ \text{Jon}^{\text{a}} \colon \text{Brown} \\ \text{m}^{\text{r}} \text{ Elijah Bond} \end{array} \right.$ 

Then the Article Relating Industery Oeconomy &c. was Read together with a Letter from ve Selectmen of Boston Directed to ve Selectmen of Watertown with Some Votes past by ve town of Boston, therein Inclosed. and after Some Debate thereon—a Motion was made and Seconded & Put Whether the town will Choose a Committed to Draw up a Plan of Proper Measures for the town to come into Relating to Industery &c and it past in the affeirmative

mr: Nathll Harrington Voted & Chofe for sd: Committe

World & Chofe for sd: Committe

The sam of Sam mr Samll Fisk

Voted that sd: Committe Draw up Some Proper Instructions for ye town give their Representative at this time and that they be Ready to lay them before the town at ye adjournment of this meeting

Then Voted & adjorned this meeting to Next Monday at three of the Clock afternoon at this place—

[335] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of ye wido: Mary Learned on the Eleventh Day of January AD: 1767 They Sold What wearing Apparril was left by mr Samll Coollidge that belonged to the town

At a General Town-Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled at Publick Meeting House in sd: Town on Monday the Eighteenth Day of January AD 1768 Pr Adjournment The following Vote was Past Viz -

The town of Watertown being alarmed at the Late Im-

posions on the Colonies & perceiving the Streights and Difficulties the People of this province must be brought Into by lessening the Medium of Trade. Have Considered with pleasure the attempts made for laying afide the use of Foreign articles we may well do without, and the Resolutions many Towns have Come into for the promotion of Industery & the Encouragement of their own Manufactures do also Chearfully & Unanimusly Vote That we are Ready to joine in any patriotick Endeavors to Lesson our Importations and thereby prevent our Gold and Silver from giving us the Slipp, That we Confent to lav aside the use not only the Articles Enumerated by the Town of Boston in their Resolves but of all foreign Teas as Expensive and pernisious as well as unnecessary, this Continent abounding with many Herbs of a more Salubrious Quallity which if we were as much use'd to as the poisonus Bohea, would no Doubt in time be as Agreable & perhaps much more So and whilft by a Manly Influence we Expect our women make this Sacrafice to the good of their Country we hereby Declare we Shall highly Honor and Esteem the Encouragors of our own Manufactures & the General use of ve productions of

this-

[334] The Continent this being in our Judgment at this time a Necessary means (Under God) of Rendering us a happy & free people— — —

The following Instructions were Unanimously Voted to be Given to their Representative: the present Session of the General

Court (Viz) — — — —

We your Conftituents the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown; being legally Assembled: and haveing Deliberatly considered the Malancholy & Distres'd Scituation of our affairs as of the Province in General So of our Respective Towns, & haveing with the Greatest Pleasure & Sattisfaction beheld a Surpriseing Spirit to Promote Oeconomy Industery. & Frugallity prevail in many of our Towns as Appears by their Resolutions & Instructions given at Large to their Representatives perticularly by the Respectable Town of Boston who to their IMMORTAL HONOUR took the lead: many of them Sacraficing their private Interest to publick good, have Set us a Glorious Example, which with the utmost Gratitude we Sincearly Adopt—

And therefor Advise and Charge you Sr: as our Representative to Govern & Conduct your Self agreable to those Salutary Instructions given by our Respectable Metropolis to their Representatives, & we Desire you would be upon Your Guard against any who under false Pretences of Patriotick Zeal to their Country may Endeavour to Draw you into any Rash or Disorderly Measures Either Disrespectfull to the Best of Sovereigns or undutifull to our Mother Country, But that you Coolly & Dis-

pationatly join and Repeatedly join if Expedient in all firm Vigorous but most loyal and peacable measures in Assertaining our Charter Priviledges and for Obtaining releif of those greivances which otherwise threaten us with Impending Ruin—

[335] Upon a motion made and Seconded it was put to Vote whether the Town will Reconfider their Vote past on the Eleventh day of this prefent month Relating to the Building a work-House this prefent year, and that sd: affair be Refer'd to March Meeting for further Consideration and it past in the affeirmative—

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of mr John Kemball on Monday ye 22th Day of February AD: 1768—

m<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Harrington bro<sup>t</sup>: in his account for Keeping the English School Ten Weeks ammounting to the Sum of £6" 6" 8 and the Selectmen Signed an order on ye town Treasurer for the payment of the Same—and m<sup>r</sup> Jonas Harrington ju<sup>r</sup> Sent in an account for 295 feet of Planck which he bro<sup>t</sup>: to the Great Bridge ammounting to the Sum of £2" 19" 0 which they ordered the Clerk to Draw an order on the Selectmen of Weston for the payment thereof

At this meeting ye Selectmen Agreed to have a General Town-Meeting on Monday ye: 7th- Day of March next at the Publick Meeting-House at Ten of ye Clock in the forenoon and ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to the Several Constables to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to Assemble at time and place afore-Said to act on ye following Articles (Viz) First to Choose a Moderator for sd: Meeting (2ly) To Choose Selectmen a Town Clerk & Treasurer and all other town officers that by law are Required to be Chose in the month of march annually (3ly:) To Choose a Saxton and Agree how he Shall be paid for his Service (4ly) To put in their Votes for a County Treasurer (5ly) To know ye minde of the town whether Swine Shall Run at large the present year (6ly) To Choose a Committe to Examin the Treasurers accounts

[336] (7ly) To appropriate the Interest money Comeing to the Town ye prefent Year the year Begining the Eleventh Day of December last past (8ly) To Grant a Sallary for ye Revd: mt Seth Storer for ye Enfueing year (9ly) To grant money to Support the Grammer School & any other Schools as may be Agreed upon (10ly:) To grant money to Support the poor (11ly) To grant money to Repair the Great Bridge (12ly) To Hear the accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to & Grant money to pay the Same (13ly) To grant money to Repair the High-ways

and Town-ways and to Choose the Surveyors Collectors of the High-way Rate & Determin ye price of Labour in Working out Said Rate (14<sup>ly</sup>) To Hear The pleas of ye Constables or Collectors for abating any Perticular Persons Rates in their lists if the town think fitt and grant money to make them Good (15<sup>ly</sup>) For the town to Choose a Committe to manage the Schools if they think fitt—(16<sup>ly</sup>) To Hear the Report of the Committe that were appointed to Sell mr Jonathan Stones pew and to appropriate ye money arising by the Sale thereof (17<sup>ly</sup>) For the town to act on the Second Article in the Warrant for the last Town-meeting Relating to the Building a Work-House which was Refeer'd to this meeting (18<sup>ly</sup>) For the town to Determin whether the pew that was the late mr: Henry Springs Reverts to the town and if So then for the town to Dispose of it again as they they think fitt. and act any thing thereon as they may think best

and Likewise to Notifie the Town Creditors to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen on Fryday ye fourth Day of march next at 3 of the Clock afternoon at the House of mr Benjamin Prentice in order to their being laid before the Town—

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly

Pr Jona: Brown Town Cler

[337] 1767 The Comtee- that ware Chosen by the Town of Watertown at their March Meeting 1767 To take Care of ye Schools and to Improve the money Granted for that purpose for the Ensueing year, Proceeded as followeth.

At a Meeting of Said Comtee- at the House of mr: Abijah Learned Innholdr: March 1767 They Agreed with Mr Nathaniel Bond the present School Master to keep the Gramer School an other Quarter (the present Quarter near Expiring) at the Usual price (Viz) Ten pounds Lawfull money Pr Quarter————At a Meeting of Said Comtee- at the Publick-Meeting House in Said town on Monday the day of may AD 1767

They Agreed to provide five womens Schools for the Instructing of Children in the Remote parts of the Town Said Schools to begin on the first day of June Next and to be kept twelve weeks each at forty shillings old Tenor Pr week The School Dames to provide Rooms or pay the Rent for them—Accordingly They agreed with mr Samll Cooks wife to keep in their House—mr Joseph Hays wife to keep in their House and mis Kezia Stone to keep a School in the School-House near mr John Strattons and mr Samuel Mason's wife to keep in the House where She lives and mis Hannah Bright to keep a School in the House of Mr Phinehas Stearnes—

At a Meeting of Said Comtee- at mrs- Learneds Innholdr- on Monday the 22 Day of June AD 1767— They Agreed to hire mr Nathll: Bond the prefent School-master an other Quarter—

At a Meeting of said Comtee- at mrs Learneds Innholder on Monday the 12th Day of Octr: AD 1767 they Agreed to hire Mr Nathaniel Bond to keep the Grammer School another Quarter at the ufual price

[338] At Said Meeting they Determined that there Should be a Writing School keept in the west part of the Town for Ten weeks to begin the Ninth Day of Nov' Next and at the Expiration of said Ten weeks a writing School Should be opened at the East part of the Town and kept Ten weeks They agreed with m' Nathaniel Harrington to keep the School in the west part of the Town ten weeks for Forty Seven pounds ten Shillings (old Tenor) — — — — — —

At a Meeting of the School Comtee- at the House of mrs: Mary

Learned Innholder Decr: 22: 1767—

They Agreed to hire m<sup>r</sup>: Nathaniel Bond to keep the Grammer School an other Quarter the prefent Quarter being Near out—At Said Meeting they Contracted with m<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Harrington to keep the writing School in the East part of the town for the Space of Ten weeks for Forty Seven pounds Ten Shillings (old Ten) To begin Said School the Eighteenth day of January Next Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Fisk P<sup>r</sup> Ord<sup>r</sup>:

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House Mr: Benjan Prentice on Fryday the 4th- Day of March AD: 1768 In order to take in the accounts of the persons to whome the town is Indebted,—The following accounts were Exhibited (Viz)

m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Bond bro<sup>t</sup>, his acc<sup>tt</sup> for Boarding Mary Coollidge one year and for mending her Clothes and for Some New things which he procured Ammounting to 5—1=9

And m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Harris bro<sup>t</sup>: his Account for Boarding the wid<sup>o</sup> Mary Maddox one year which ammounts to the Sum of 8=9=10

[339] And mr Joseph Coollidge brot: his ac	anne for
	count 101
Boarding & Nursing Ruth Maddox five Weeks at	
4/1 pr Week — — — — — — — — —	1=0=0
and mr Ebenezer Stone jur brot: his account for	
Boarding Jacob Boyington 3 Weeks & four	
Days — — — — — — — —	0"9"7"1
Mr Mofes Stone brot: his Account for fetching	
Ruth Maddox from Malden — — — — —	0"4"0-
Dr: Marshal Spring brot: his account for Medecine	
and Attendance on Ruth Maddox	0"6"8—
Likwife mr Nathll: Stone brot: his Account for	
Entertaining and taking Care of Ruth Maddox	
from ye 27 Day of January last to ye 4 Day of	
March—	0"6"0
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m <sup>r</sup> Nehemiah Mason bro <sup>t</sup> : an account of 12/1 which he paid Nathan Coollidge in y <sup>e</sup> Year 1766 For a Room to keep a School in — — — — — — 0"12"0— m <sup>r</sup> William Bond bro <sup>t</sup> an account for y <sup>e</sup> Use of
a Room in his House to keep the School in Ten Weeks at 1/4 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> Week which comes to— and m <sup>r</sup> Jonas White bro <sup>t</sup> an Account for Cash paid to m <sup>r</sup> Joseph Welsh of Cambridge for
Mending the School-House windows 3/1d — — 0"3"1—
And the following perfons brot: ye following acctts- to be laid before ye town (Viz)
To m <sup>r</sup> . John Kemball for Serving Assessor last year — 0"16"0—
To m <sup>r</sup> Moles Stone for like Service ye Same year — 0"16"0
To Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown for Serving Treasurer & assessor ye Same year 3" 9"4
To mr Isaac Sanderson for mending Samll Coollidges Shoes  0" 2"3"
To m <sup>r</sup> Simon Haftings for Labour & Meterials— 0" 9"0"  5"12"8"
at this meeting ye Selectmen agreed with mr Simon Hafting to Repair on of mr Storers Glass windows that his Account may be laid before the Town at their Next meeting ——
[340] At the meeting last mentioned the Selectmen Agreed to Signe orders on the town Treasurer to pay the Rev <sup>d</sup> : m <sup>r</sup> : Seth Storer his Sallary for the year 1767 it being y <sup>e</sup> Sum of 66" 13" 4 and to pay m <sup>r</sup> Nath <sup>ll</sup> Bond for one years Service in keeping y <sup>e</sup> Grammer School which Come to
and to pay the perfons that kept the womens Schools the last Summer to each the Sum of £3"4 Shillings which comes to and the Sum of 17"6"3"1 to the perfons after-
Named which is in full of their Accounts brot- into

and the Sum of 17"6"3"1 to the perions afterNamed which is in full of their Accounts brot- into
the Selectmen at this time (Viz)—

To mr Daniel Bond ye Sum of — — 5 " 1 " 9

To mr Stephen Harris — — — 8 " 9 " 10

To mr Joseph Coollidge — — — 1 " 0 " 0

To mr Ebenezer Stone jur — — — 0 " 9 " 7" 1

To mr Mofes Stone — — — — 0 " 4 " 0" 0

To Dr Marshal Spring — — — 0 " 6 " 8 —

To mr Nath Stone — — — — 0 " 6 " 0 —

To mr Nehemiah Mason — — — 0 " 12 " 0 —

To mr William Bond — — — 0 " 13 " 4 —

To mr Jonas White — — — — 0 " 3 " 1 —

[341] At a Gen<sup>ll</sup>- Town-Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled and Meet at the Publick Meeting-House in Said town on Monday ye Seventh day of March Anno: Domini 1768 For the Choice of Town officers and other affairs as Setforth in ye Warrants for Said Meeting — — — — Voted & Chose Dean. Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Fisk Moderator for Said Meeting—

Voted & Chose for Selectmen—

| Jona: Brown mr John Kemball mr Moses Stone mr Jonas White mr Jona Bemis jur

Voted & Chose for Town-Clerk & Treasurer Jona: Brown

Voted & Chose for assessors—  $\begin{cases}
Dea^n. Sam^{ll}: Fisk—\\
Jon^a: Brown \\
m^r Moses Stone
\end{cases}$ 

Voted & Chose for Constables miss Joseph Coollidge & Jonas Bearned

Voted to Choose Collectors of Tax's this year — — — — — Voted & Chose misurs Joseph Coollidge & Jonas Bearned Collectors—

Voted & Granted Six pounds for their Service in Collecting Tax's Voted & Chofe for Wardens missurs Elijah Bond & Daniel Bond—

Voted & Chose Sealer of Leather mr Thomas Patten-

Voted & Chose Fence viewers missrs Sam1: Cook & Jonathan Learned ju

Voted & Chose Surveyors of High-ways John Chenery & Stephen Harris

Voted & Chose Tythingmen misfrs Josiah Norcross & Bezli: Learned

Voted & Chose Hogrieves Simon Coollidge jur & Israel Whitney Voted & Chose Surveyors of Timber planck &c Lt. Nathll: Coollidge David Sanger Bezll: Learned and Jonas Coollidge jur.—
Voted & Chose Howards David Coollidge jur & Jonas Cool-

Voted & Chose Howards David Coollidge ju & Jonas Coollidge ju

Voted & Chose Clerks of ye Markent missrs Samuel Cook & Jedih Leath

Voted & Chose Cullars of Hoops Staves &c misurs Samil Cook & Bezil Learned

Voted & Chofe Surveyor of Wheat mr Stephen Harris — —

Voted & Chose m<sup>r</sup> Hastings Saxton and that he have two Contrabutions as usual for his Service — — — — — — Voted that Swine be Shut up the present year — — —

Voted & Chofe a Comtt- to Examin ye Treasurers Acctts-

Dean Samll Fisk
mr Moses Stone
mr: Nathl Harrington

[342] Voted to Appropriate ye Interest money Coming to the town as it was last Year (Viz) Five Shilling & four pence to the School and the Remainder to ye Minister —————
Voted and Granted the Sum of 66"13"4 as a Sallary for the Revd: mr Seth Storer the Ensueing year the Interest money to be part and the Remainder to be Assest—
Voted and Abated Joseph Gardiners Rates in Constable Isaac Sandersons & David Sangers lists being £1"2"6"3————

At a Gen<sup>!!</sup> Town-Meeting of the freeholders & othe Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled at the Publick-Meeting House in s<sup>d</sup>: town on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup>: Day of March Anno

Domini 1768 Pr Adjornment — — — — — — — — — They Voted & Granted ye Sum of £33"6"8 to Support ye Gramr

School

Then it was put to vote whether they would grant money to Support any other Schools and it past in ye affirmative — — — Voted & Granted ye Sum of 20 pounds to Support other Schools Put to Vote whether ye town will Choose a Comtt- to manage the Schools and it past in the affirmative — — —

Voted and Chose for Said Committe—

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Voted & Granted 20 pounds to Support the poor — Voted & Granted 30 pounds to Repair ye High-ways & Townways —

Voted to Excuse mr John Chenery from Serving Surveyor of Highways

Voted and Chose mr: Jonas Bond to Serve in his Room

Voted & Chose the Surveyors Collectors of the High-way Rate Voted & abated Jonas Coollidges & James Hays's Rates in Constable Isaac Sandersons lists & Granted 2"9"11"1 to make it good—

Voted & accepted the town Creditors accounts and Granted

the Sum of £5" 12" 8 pence to pay the Same—

[343] Then the Committe that were Chosen to Sell mr

Relating thereto—

Jonathans Stones Pew made Verbal Report that they Appointed the first Day of February last to make Sale of s<sup>d</sup>: pew and Notified the town in the Ufeull manner of the time and place and put up Said pew to Sale and it was Struck of to m<sup>r</sup> Christopher Grant for 80 pounds O: T: for which he gave Security to the town Treafurer

Then it was Voted that m<sup>r</sup> Grant pay So much of the money into Treafury as will pay m<sup>r</sup>: Jonathan Stone his prime Cost—Voted that the remainder may lie for the prefent at Interest Then the Article Relating to Building a Work-House was Read and it was Voted not to proceed to Build one at present Then the Article Relating to m<sup>r</sup> Henry Spring Decsts- pew was Read and after Some Debate thereon The town Voted to Choose a Committe to Inquire further into the Circumstances of Said affair and Report what will be proper for the Town to do

Voted & Chose for Said Committe —  $\begin{cases} m^r \colon Nath^{ll} \text{ Stone} \\ m^r \text{ Moses Stone} \\ m^r \text{ Nath}^{ll} \text{ Harrington} \end{cases}$ 

The Same Day Jonathan Brown was Sworn as Town-Clerk Town-Treasurer & Assessor by John Hunt Justice Peace — — At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr: Benjamin Prentice the Same Evening after ye Selectmen had taken ye Oath Relating to other Governments Bills then the other Town officers after taking Said Oath were Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of the Several offices to which they were Chosen (Viz) misurs Saml: Fisk & Moses Stone Assessors — — — — missrs Joseph Coollidge and John Stearns Constables — — missr Elijah Bond and Daniel Bond Wardens — — missr Samuel Cook and Jonathan Learned jur Fence-Viewers missrs Stephen Harris Surveyors of Highways & Collectors missrs: Josiah Norcross & Bezll: Learned Tythingmen — — — missrs Simon Coollidge jur & Israel Whitney Hogrieves

mssrs Sam<sup>11</sup> Cook & Bez<sup>11</sup>: Learned Cullars of Hoops Staves &c—

At this Meeting the Selectmen Agreed with m<sup>r</sup> Nathan Coollidge to take care of and Board the wid<sup>o</sup> Mary Maddox for the Space of one year and he is to have at the Rate of Three Shillings and four pence p<sup>r</sup> week — — — — —

And with mr: Daniel Bond to Board and take Care of Mary

Coollidge one year more at the Rate of two Pistereens pr week and they are to have no further Allowance Except in Case of Sickness—

At this Meeting the widow Mary Benjamin & Son made Complaint that John Whitney ju<sup>r</sup> and his wife were Burdensom to them—and it Appearing to the Selectmen that they were Idle Lazey Persons They Agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Learned to have the man for £6" 14" 8 for the Space of one Year which Sum he is to pay to ye Selectmen for the use of the Said Whitneys family provided they can git the Assistance of two Justices of the Peace to binde him they also Agreed with m<sup>r</sup> Fanning Learned that he Should have s<sup>d</sup>: Whitneys wife one year he paying thirty Shillings for her Service for the like uses and on the Same Conditions———

At this Meeting ye Selectmen Approved of mr Edward Richardfons Removeing his licence to his own house and ordered the Clerk to Signe their Approbation for him to Carry to the Quarter Sessions

[345] To ve Selectmen Watertown March ye: 29-1768

These are to Certify that we the Subscribers Assessors of Said Town have assest the Ratable Pools & Estates in Sd: Town in ye Sum of Thirty pounds And and have Committed lists of sd: Assessment to the Surveyors of the High-ways who are Collectors of the High-way Rate (Viz) — To mr Stephen Harris the Sum of —£15 11 2"2 And to mr Jonas Bond the Sum of — 14" 8"9"2

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with Lawfull warrants to Levy & Collect ye Same or See that it be faithfully worked out agreable to the Vote of the Town in Repairing ye Highways & Town-ways So as to make up their Whole account of working or Collecting with yourSelves or Successors on or before ye last day of November Next Ensueing the Date Hereof

Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Fisk Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Mofes Stone

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of mr Benjamin Prentice on ye 30 Day of March AD 1768 — — —

This being the year for Perambulating lines and Renewing the Bounds Between towns the Selectmen Agreed to do that Service on ye Ninteenth Day of April Next and ordered the Clerk to Notify the Selectmen to Meet at half past Six of ye Clock in in the

morning at m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stones and the Selectmen of Waltham to meet Near m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Wellingtons at Ten of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in the fore-Noon also the Selectmen of Newton at 4 of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in the afternoon Near m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Cooks

At a Meeting ye Selectmen at the House of mr Benjn Prentice on Fryday the 8th Day of April Anno Domini 1768

They agreed with m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Learned to Care of the Great Bridge and They Appointed mifsu<sup>rs</sup> Mofes Stone and Jonas White to Perambulate with the perfons Appointed by the Adjacent Town on v<sup>e</sup> Ninteenth Inftant

[346] At Said Meeting the Selectmen Signed orders on ye town Treasurer to ye Sum of 2"2"4"2 To Bezaleel Learned in full of his last Years account for what he did at the great Bridge and the Sum of £8 pounds to Jonathan Whitney for his Bringing Up Jacob Boyington

And they Agreed that the Surveyors of the High-ways Should have their Destricts as they were last Year See Page (259) and it being thot Necessary to Rebuild the South Pier of ye Great Bridge as Soon as the Season will admit the Selectmen appointed the 19th Day of this present month of April to View and Examin the timbers of Said Bridge and ordered the Clerk to Send Notifications to the Selectmen of Weston & Waltham of the time and place of Sd: Meeting that if they thot Proper they might have their Voice in the affair —

Notifications were Sent the Next Day

Accordingly Pr Jona: Brown Town Clerk

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham at the House of mr: Benjamin Prentice Innholder in Watertown, on Tuesday ye: 19th- Day of April 1768 after Viewing and Examining the Great Bridge they found Several of ye Timbers Defective—and they Agreed with Mr: Josiah Smith one of ye Selectmen of Weston to Provide

one String peice 23 feet longe & 14 Intches Square — — — — one Cap peice 21 feet Longe & 13 Intches Square — — — — Eight Braces 12 feet Longe and Nine Intches Square — — — One Pooft 12 feet Longe and twelve Intches Square — — — alfo 3 Poofts Six feet Longe and 12 Intches Square — — —

and m<sup>r</sup> Smith is to have at the Rate of 19/4 p<sup>r</sup> Ton for S<sup>d</sup>: Timber and to Deliver the Same to m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Learned this prefent month of April —

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Perambulation

At the Said Meeting m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone and m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis Reported that they had Perambulated the lines with the men Appointed by the Adjacent towns and Renewed the marcks be tween towns

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on Monday ye. Second Day of may AD 1768 at the House of Mr Benjamin Prentice - -Mr Nathaniel Harrington brot in his account for keeping the English School Eleven Weeks which Comes to Seven pounds and the Selectmen Signed an Order on ve Treasurer to pay the Same—and mr Richard Clark Sent in a Notification to Inform that he had taken to live with him one Isaac Peirce who came last from Billerca on the Sixth Day of April Last past — The Selectmen haveing Received a Precept from the Sheriff Requiring them to Assemble the Inhabitants of Watertown to Elect and Depute a Suitable Person to Represent them in a Great & General Court or Assembly Appointed to be convened held and kept for his Majesty's Service at the Court House in Boston on Wedensday the 25th Day of This present month of may— Therefor They Ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to ye Several Constables to warn ye Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative to meet at the Publick Meeting House on Monday the 16th- Day of this present month of may at 3 of the Clock in ve afternoon for the Purpose aforeSaid— They also Agreed to to have an othe General Town Meeting on the Same Day & at the Same place at 4 of ye Clock afternoon and Directed ve Clerk to Issue out warrants to warn the Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote town affairs to Meet at Said time and Place for ye Ends following (Viz) First to Choose a moderator for sd: meeting (2) To Hear the Report of the Committe appointed to Examin ye Treasurers accounts & act thereon as they See fitt- (3) To pass on a list of Juriors prepared to be laid before the Town-

[348] (4) For the town to Act any thing Relating to Repairing ye Fence on the ministerial fence farm or Dividing ye fence with any Person or Persons that have Land Adjoining thereto and act any thing Relating thereto as they think Proper (5) To Grant money to Repair the Great Bridge— (6) To Grant money to repair the meeting House or appropriate Some money Ariseing by ye Sale of a Pew for that use if they think fitt (7) To Hear a Copy of a Petition of Sundry Towns praying that Some of the Courts of Justice may be Removed from the places where they are now held to the town of Concord & act Relating thereto as they See fitt—(8) For the town to take Some Proper measures to prevent ye the Town that leads by David Sangers to Samuel Benjamins from being Destroyed, and Act any thing Relating thereto as they See fitt— (9) For the Town to Accept of a peice of Land Purchased by Capt- Edward Harrington and others if the town See fitt— (10) For the Town to Abate Joseph Jepías Rates in Edward Harrington jur lists and grant money to make it good (11) To Hear the Report of the Committe that were Chosen last march Meeting to Inquire into ye Circumstances of ye late mr Henry Springs Pew and to Act any thing further thereon as they think Proper

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly

May ye: 6: 1768

Pr Jona Brown Town Cler

At a Gen<sup>ll</sup> Town-Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled at ye publick-Meeting House in sd: Town on Monday the Sixteenth Day of May AD 1768 For the Choice of a Representativ the Major part of ye Selectmen being present the Votes were Called for brot: in Sorted & Counted and it Appeared that mr John Remington was Chosen by ye Major part of ye Electors present — — — — —

[349] At a Gen<sup>ll</sup> Town Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs Regularly Assembled at ye publick meeting House in sd: Town on Monday ye Sixteenth Day of May AD: 1768 for Transacting Sundry Town affairs as Settforth in ye Warrants for sd: Meeting

Voted and Chose m<sup>r</sup>: Samll Fisk Moderator for s<sup>d</sup>: Meeting Upon a Motion made & Seconded the Question was put Whether it be y<sup>e</sup> minde of y<sup>e</sup> town to Adjorn this Meeting to monday Next at 2 of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon to this place in order to transact the business of the Meeting and the Vote past in the affirmative—

The meeting was Declared Adjorned Accordingly-

At a Gen<sup>II</sup> Town-Meeting of ye freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown at the publick meeting House in Said Town on Monday ye 23 Day of May AD 1768 Pr adjornment (2) article Red Relating to the town Treasurers acctts- upon which the Comtees- Report was Read Voted and Accepted—That the town Treasurers accts- were well Vouch't & Right Cast (3) article Read upon which a list of Juriors was Read after which Lt. Whitney was Excused from Serving on Jury of Tryals—and the Remaing List was Voted and accepted—(4) article Read Relating to the ministerial place. Upon which a Vote was past to Choose a Comtee- and Impower them to Divide fences with those that joine upon the Ministerial place and that Sd: Comtte- be Directed to Repair the fence Belonging to the ministerial place—

Voted & Chofe Lt: Daniel Whitney Captt Edward Harrington

and Mr Jonas White for Said Comtee-

(5) article Read Relating to the Repairs of ye Great Bridge Voted and Granted the Sum of Eight pounds to Repair the Same

[350] (6) article Read Relating to the Repairs of ye Meeting-House

Voted and Appropriated the money Arifing by ye Sale of mr Jonathan Stones pew (that Remains unappropriated —

Voted to Choose a Comttee- to do the Said Service — —

Voted and Chose mr Moses Stone mr: Jonas White & mr Richard Clark for Said Comtee- — — — —

(7) article Read Relating to Removeing ye Courts &c from the Places where they are now kept in the County of Middlesex to the town of Concord— Upon which a Petition was Read from Sundry towns to the Gen<sup>II</sup>: Court for the Ends aforeSaid Upon which a Vote was put whether it be Agreable to the town that the prayer of sd: Petition be Granted and it past in the Negative—

Voted and Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Brown to give Reasons in Behalf of the town why the prayer of S<sup>d</sup> petition Should not be granted—(8) article Read Relating to the town way by m<sup>r</sup>: David Sangers and after Some Debate thereon the Question was put whether it be the minde of the town to act any thing on s<sup>d</sup>:

article It past in ye Negative—

(9) article Read Relating to the Lands purchased by Capt Edward Harrington after Some Debate the Vote was put whether the town will act on sd: article and it past in the Negative—

(10) article—Voted & abated Joseph Jepsas Rates in Collector Edward Harrington jurs Lists and Granted ye Same Sum to make

it good—0"13"5

(11) Read Relating to the pew that Belonged to m<sup>r</sup> Henry Spring Deceased upon which a Copy of a Decree was Produced whereby it Appeared that s<sup>d</sup>: Pew was Settled upon m<sup>r</sup> Marshal Spring: upon which the Question was put whether the Town will act any thing on Said Article & it past in the Negative

Attest Samil: Fisk Moderator-

[351] Committees Report on the Town Treasurers Accounts—

Watertown May ye: 16: 1768

We the Subscribers being Appointed by the Town to Examin the Town Treasurers Acctts- have Examined Said acctt- and Find them well Vouch't and Right Cast

Sam<sup>||</sup> Fisk
Nath<sup>||</sup>: Harrington
Mofes Stone

Com<sup>tte</sup>

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Benj<sup>n</sup>. Prentice on Monday the Sixth Day of June AD 1768—
They haveing Received a Precept from the Speaker of the Honle- House of Representatives Requiring the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown to be Assembled to Choose a Representative (the Choice of m<sup>r</sup> John Remington being Set a

Side) they ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to ye Several Conftables to Warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative to Assemble at the Publick-Meeting House in Sd: Town on Thursday the Ninth Day of June Instant for Said Purpose

Warrants were Issued out accordingly

Pr Jona: Brown Town Cler

At a Gen<sup>II</sup>: Town Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in y<sup>e</sup> Choice of a Reprefentative Regularly Assembled at the Publick Meeting in S<sup>d</sup>: town on Thursday the Ninth day of June AD: 1768 The Selectmen Opened the Meeting and the Votes were Called for and being bro¹- in Counted & Sorted it Appeared that m<sup>r</sup> John Remington was Chosen by the Major part of the Electors prefent

[352] At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of mr: Benjamin Prentice on the first Day of July Anno: Domini 1768 They Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay mr Ebenr: Stone jur the Sum of Eight pounds fror bringing up Mary Boyington and to pay mr Abijah Learned 0"9"4 being ye Expence in Putting out the Poor in ye Year 1767 also to pay mr Jonathan Whitney ye Sum of £2 pounds it being Remainder of What was Due to him for taking Jacob Boyington to bring up—

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham on Fryday y<sup>e</sup> Day of August at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Gleason Inn-holder in s<sup>d</sup> Waltham 1768

They agreed to begin the Repairs of the Great Bridge in Watertown on monday ye fifth Day of Sepr: Next (if ye Weather Permit) and Appointed one of the Selectmen of Each Town for a Comtt- to Carry on the work (Viz) Capt: Jonathan Brown for Watertown mr Jonathan Stratton for Weston and Capt- William Coollidge for Waltham —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown Weston and Waltham on Tuesday ye: 13th Day of Sepr AD 1768 at ye House of mr Benjamin Prentice in order to View ye Great Bridge & Consider what further Repairs is Necessary they Agreed yt Mr: Jonathan Bemis of Watertown and Capt: William Coollidge of Waltham Should finish Putting up the Rails and Carry on as much more Gravil as they Shall think Needfull and they Appointed to meet again on the first monday of October Next at 2 of ye Clock afternoon at the House of mr Josiah Smith in Weston to Compleat the Settlement of their Chearge Relating to ye Sd: Bridge —

[353] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown on Monday ye 19th Day of Sepr AD 1768 at mr Benjamin Prentices House They Approbated mr Thomas Saltmarsh mr Benjamin Prentice mr Edward Richardson to be Innholders also Lt: Nathli Coollidge to keep an Innhold and they Approbated mr Cornelius Waldo mr Jonas White John Hunt Esqr: and mr Josiah Capen to be Retailors of Spiritous Liquors ——

And they agreed to have a town-Meeting at ye publick Meeting-House on Wedensday the 21st Day of this Instant September at 2 of ye Clock afternoon to act on the following articles (Viz)

First to Choose a moderator for sd: meeting-

(2<sup>h</sup>) To Confider what is Proper to be don in the Prefent Melancholly Circumstances of this province in Perticular all well as America in General—Especially to hear ye late Resolves of ye town of Boston and to Choose a Committe to joine with ye Committe of Boston and Such other towns as Shall think proper to appoint one to Consider what is proper to be don in the Present State of affairs—and Directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to Directed to ye Several Constables to warn the Inhabitants that are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to meet at time and place and for the Ends aforeSd:—which was done the Next Day accordingly

Attest Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Gen<sup>II</sup> Town-Meeting of ye freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the Publick meeting House on Wedensday ye 21st Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>. AD: 1768—

Voted and Choose mr: Samuel Fisk moderator for sd: meeting

Then the Proceedings of ye town of Boston were Read—and after Some Debate Relating to their Defire of Sending a Committe to joine with them and other towns in a Convention—the Vote was Put whethe it be the minde of ye town to Choose a Person to Send to said Convention and it past in the affiermative——

Then Voted and Choose mr John Remington for sd: Committe

[354] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham at the House of mr Josiah Smith Inn-holder in Weston on Monday the Third Day of October Anno: Domini 1768 The Accounts for Repairing the Great Bridge in Watertown Since ye last Adjustment (which was on ye 21 Day of Sept AD 1767) ammounting to ye Sum of £29=18=6=2 were Proportioned adjusted and Signed by ye Selectmen of the Several Towns—They are Entered at Large in the Second Book in the Treasury Page (68)—

at this Meeting ye Selectmen of Watertown & Waltham agreed to lay the affair Relating to ye wido Mary Maddox before Each  $^{\text{Town}}_{\Lambda}$  at their Next March meeting and Endeavor to git a Committe from Each town Chosen & Empowered to Settle the Dispute between ye Two Towns Relating to Said wido Maddox

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of mr John Kemball on ye 5th. Day of December Anno: Domini 1768 They Signed an Order on ye Town Treasurer to pay the Sum of £5"12"8—To ye Town Creditors which was Granted Last march Meeting—also to pay mr John Kemball ye Sum of 0"10"10"3 farthings which he paid mr: Samuel Hastings for Mending Glass at the Meeting House & School-House in ye Year 1765—They also Signed an other order to pay the Sum of £27"16"2 pence to ye persons that procured the Meterials and Did the Repairs of ye Great Bridge the present year—

at this meeting they were Informed the wid<sup>o</sup> Murch was in poor Circumstances and they Agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone provide her a load of wood and be paid for it by the town—

[355] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of mr Benjamin Prentice on Mondy ye: 9th- Day of January Anno Domini 1769

They being Informed that m<sup>r</sup> William Godding was in low Circumstances & his wife Sick it was Agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone provide a load of wood and Send to s<sup>d</sup>: Godding and be paid for it out of the town Treasury

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr Moses Stone

on Fryday the 13th- Day of January AD 1769-

They being Informed that Mary Coollidge was in want of a pair of Shifts they Agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White Should Provide her Some—and they Signed an order on y<sup>e</sup> Treafurer to pay mifsurs Edward Harrington jur and Samuel Soden Collectors three pounds each which was Granted them for Collecting the Rates also to pay m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Learned jur three Shillings & eight pence for mending the pound And they Directed the Clerk to order the Constables to Notifie the late Surveyors of High-ways to meet them at the House of the wido Mary Learned on Wedensday y<sup>e</sup> First Day of February Next at one of the Clock afternoon to Settle their Accounts

Notifications were given out accordingly Dated the Same

day Attest

Jona: Brown Town-Cler

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of the wido Mary Learned on ye first day of February AD 1769— Mr Joseph Wellington mr Thomas Clark Capt: William Coollidge Mr David Bemis mr William Bond & mr Samuel White Sattiffied ve Selectmen that they had finished their lists of Rates as Collectors of ve High-way Rate which are Accepted And mr Thomas Learned, mr Edward Harrington jur, mr Ionathan Bemis mr Ioseph Coollidge mr Richard Clark mr Daniel Sawin and mr Phinihas Stearns brot: their lists and it Appeared vt they had not finished them

[356] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on Monday ye 20thday of Febry: Anno: Domini 1769 at the House of mr Thomas Saltmarsh-They Agreed to have ve Publick Annual March Meeting on Monday ve Sixth Day of march Next at Nine of ve Clock in the Forenoon at ve publick Meeting House-and ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to the Constables to warn all ye freeholders & other Inhabitants who are Quallified To Vote in town affairs to Assemble & meet together at sd: time

and place for the Ends following (Viz)-

First to Choose a Moderator for sd: meeting (2ly) To Choose Selectmen a Town Clerk Treasurer & all other town officers Required by law to be Chofe in ye month of march annually. (3by) To Choose a Saxton and agree how he Shall be paid for his Service, (4<sup>ty</sup>) To put in their Votes for a County Treasurer. (5ly) To know ve minde of the town Whether Swine Shall Run at large the Enfueing year— (6ly) To Choose a Committe to Examin the Treasurers accounts— (71y) To appropriate the Interest money comeing to ye town the prefent Year the Year Begining the Eleventh day of December last past (8ly) To grant a Sallary for the Revd: mr Seth Storer for ve Enfueing the year begining the first day of march Next (9ly) To grant money to Support the Schools that the town may agree Shall be keept the Ensueing year, and Act any thing Relating thereto as the town may think proper - - -

(10ly) To grant money to Support the poor (11ly) To grant money to Repair the Great Bridge. (12ly) To hear the accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to and grant money to pay the Same (13ly) To grant money to Repair ye High-ways and Town-ways and to Choose the Surveyors Collectors of the Highway Rate and Determin the price of Labour in Working out Said Rate and Act any thing Relating to former Surveyors of Highways. and to come into any New Method for Repairing Said ways as the town may think Proper. (141y) To hear the pleas of ye present or any late Constables or Collectors for abating any Perticular persons Rates in their lists and grant money to make them good as the town may think fitt (151y) To know ye minde of the town Whether they will come into Some Method to Settle the Dispute with the town of Waltham Relating to the

Suppor to the widow

[357] Mary Maddox and for the town to act thereon as

they think Proper (16<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of the town Whether they will have three School-Houses and to act any

thing Relating to Said affair they may think proper—

(17<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the Report of the Committe that were appointed to Repair the Meeting-House and do any thing further on the affair they may think best (18<sup>ly</sup>) To Hear ye Report of the Committe that were Appointed to Divide fences with those persons that have land that joine on the Ministerial place and to Repair said sences and for the town to do any thing surther Relating thereto which they may think Needfull — — —

Likewise to Notifie the town Creditors to bring in their accounts to ye Selectmen at ye House of mr Benjamin Prentice on Fryday ye third day of march Next at two of ye Clock in the

afternoon in order to their being layed before ye town

Also to Notifie the Surveyors of High-ways that have not Settled their accounts to attend at Sd: time & place in order to Settle their Accounts—

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly Dated ye Same day
Pr Jona: Brown Town-Clerk—

At this meeting ye Selectmen Signed an order on the Town Treafurer for to pay the Sum of £66"13"4 to the Revd: Mr Seth Storer which was Granted for his Sallary for the year 1768. and to mr: Nathaniel Harrington the Sum of £16"13"4 for his Service in keeping the Grammer School Six months—and to Dean. Samuel Fisk ye Sum of £1: 8: 0 for his Service in taking the Special Invoice in the month of may last—

And to m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone for the like Service £1:13:4
And to Jonathan Brown ye Sum of £1"12"0 for like Service and for Copying a list of Valuation and the province Rate for to Send to the General Court—

[358] The proceedings of the Committe Chosen by the Town of Watertown march—1768 to take Care of the Schools

and and improve the money granted for that purpose the Present

At a meeting of s<sup>d</sup> Comm<sup>tee</sup> at m<sup>r</sup> Prentices March y<sup>e</sup> 27: 1768 They Agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>ll</sup> Bond the prefent School Mafter to keep y<sup>e</sup> Grammer School anothe Quarter at the Rate of £8: 6: 8 p<sup>r</sup> Quarter the Quarter to begin the Second Day of April Next allowing him the liberty of leaveing the School at any time giveing y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup>- timely Notice — — — —

At a meeting of s<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup>- at m<sup>r</sup> Prentices may 9<sup>th</sup>- 1768— M<sup>r</sup> Bond haveing notified the Com<sup>tee</sup>- that he was about to leave the School they Agreed wth m<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Harrington to keep the Grammer School a Quarter of a year at the Rate of

£8:6:8 per Quarter—Accordingly mr Bond Left the School about the 16th of may and mr Harrington began the first day of June—

At a meeting of Said Comtee- at mr Prentices June—15—1768 they Determined that there Should be a Vacancy in the Gramer School to begin the 27th- day of the present month and to Continue Seven Weeks—

At Said meeting they Determined that there Should be five womans Schools Opened to begin the 27th: day of June Instant accordingly they Agreed with mr Joseph Hays wife to keep a School in their house—They agred also with mis Kezia Stone to keep a School in the new School House and mr Samuel Masons wife to keep a School in the House where they live—and mis Hannah Bright to keep a School in mr Phinchas Stearns's House—And mr Eirs Tainters wife to keep a School in their House

Accordingly they keept School eight weeks each at Two pounds old Tenor pr- Week Said miftrefses to find rooms or alow for them out of their wages — — — —

At a meeting of said Comtee- at mr Prentices Octr. 17—1768 they Agreed with mr Nathaniel Harrington to keep the Gramer School to the first mondy of march next

[359] After the Rate of £250 old Tenor pr year his first Quarter Expiring the day next following Said meeting—The Said Comtee- agreed to procure wood for the School, The master to use his indeavours to Collect the money of the Schollers for that purpose. each Scholler to advance half a Pistereen for the first payment — — — — — —

At a Meeting of Said Comtee- at m<sup>r</sup> Richardsons Dec<sup>r</sup> 2: 1768 They Agreed and Contracted with m<sup>r</sup> John Stratton to keep a Writing School at the new School House in the east part of the Town for four weeks for Eighteen pounds old Tenor and accordingly he began December the 12<sup>th</sup>-

At a Meeting of Said Comtee- at mr Prentices's Janry- 5th- 1769 They Agreed with mr Stratton to keep the School in the East part of the town five weeks more making in the whole nine weeks after the Rate of two Dollars pr Week

At a meeting of Said Comtee- at mr Prentices Febry- 2—1769 They Agreed to hire mr John Stratton to keep a Writing School Eight weeks in the west part of the town at Mr Wm- Bonds at two Dollars pr week. Mr Bond to have ten Shillings old Tenr pr week for a Room to keep Said School in—

Samll: Fisk Pr. Order-

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr: Benjn-Prentice on Fryday the third Day of march AD 1769 in order to take in the town Credit &c—  Mr: Daniel Bond brot in his account for Boarding mary Coollidge 52 weeks at 18/ pr week old Tenor which comes to			
also an account for Some Clothing procured for her and making and mending which Comes to old  Tenor — 10:4:6			
Total is— 57:0:6 L: M. is 7:12:0—3 $m^r$ : Mofes Stone bro <sup>t</sup> : in an account for one load of wood which he procured for the wid <sup>o</sup> Murch which Came to — — 0:6:8 and for one load procured for $W^{m}$ Godding as greed by the Selectmen — — — 0:7:0			
[360] And m <sup>r</sup> Stephen Harris bro <sup>t</sup> : an account for Boarding the wid <sup>o</sup> Mary Maddox eight days ————————————————————————————————————			
At Said Meeting the following Accounts were brot: in to the Selectmen to be layed before the town (Viz)  To Dean: Fisk for Serving Afsefsor ye year past—  To mr Mofes Stone for like Service—  To Jona Brown for Serving Treafurer & Afsefsor—  To mr Saml White for Serving Conftable in ye year 1765 and other Services—————  To mr Jonas White for Labour & at mr Storers fence and Mending the School Houfe Glafs—  To mr Jonathan Learned jur for Labour &  Meterials to mend the School Houfe ———  To mr Stephen Harris for Sundry Stones for Treadways Bridge (So Called)  To mr Stephen Harris for Sundry Stones for Treadways Bridge (So Called)			
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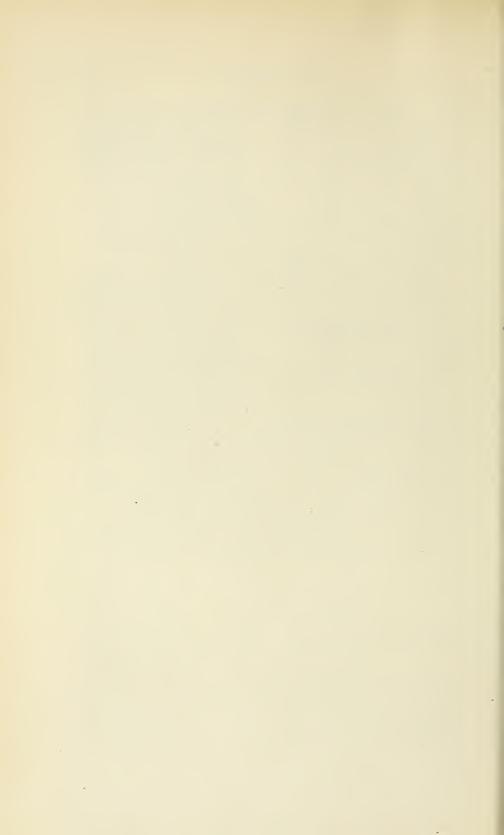
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Justice of Peace.



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Sixth Book, Began March 6th, 1769

## [1]

At a General Town Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled & meet at the Publick Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the Sixth Day of March Anno: Domini 1769 for the Choice of town officers and other affairs as Setforth in the warrants for Sd: meeting

Voted & Chofe mr Samuel Fisk moderator

Voted & Chose for Selectmen

Capt Jona: Brown mr Moses Stone mr John Kemball mr Jonas White mr Jona Bemis

Voted & Chofe for Town Clerk & Treasurer Capt Jona Brown

Voted & Chofe for Afsefsors — 

Voted & Chofe for Conftables

& Collectors

Voted & Chofe for Conftables

Total Capt Jona: Brown

mr Mofes Stone

mr Nathan Coollidge

mr Daniel Whitney jur

Voted and Granted £3 to each of them for their Service

Voted and Chofe for Wardens missrs John Stratton & Bezl. Learned

Voted & Chofe for Sealor of Leather Isaac Sanderson

Voted & Chofe for Fence-Viewers missr Jonas Barnard & John Stearns

Voted & Chofe for Surveyors of High-ways mifsrs: Isaac Sanderfon & Sam1: Sanger

Voted & Chose for Tything men mifsrs Seth Norcross & Jonas Barnard

Voted & Chofe for Hogrieves Simon Coollidge jur & Jonas Coollidge —

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Voted \& Chose for Surveyors of} \\ \text{Timber plank \&c} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{m}^r \text{ Jonas Coollidge} \\ \text{L}^t \text{ Nath}^{\text{II}} \colon \text{Coollidge} \\ \text{m}^r \text{ David Sanger} \end{array}$ 

Voted & Chose for Howards missrs Ezekiel Whitney & William Chenery

Voted & Chofe Clerks of ye markets missrs Cornelius Waldo & Elisha Learned

Voted & Chofe Cullars of Hoops Staves &c missrs: Samll Sanger & Samll Cook

Voted & Chofe for Saxton mr Simon Haftings

Voted that the Saxton Shall have two Contrabutions as usual — Voted that Swine Shall be Shut up the Present year —

Voted & Chose for a Comtee: to

Exmin ye Treasurers accths.

[mr Nath|| Harrington
Dean Sam|| Fisk
John Hunt Esqr

Voted to appropriate the Interest money as it was last year v \*
Five Shillings & four pence to ye School & the Remainder to the
minister

Voted & Granted ye Sum of 66"13"4 as a Sallary for ye Revd \* Storer ye Ensueing year the Interest money to be part ye m to be assest

#### [2]

Voted & Granted ye Sum of £33"6"8 to Support ye Gramer School Voted & Granted ye Sum of 24: - - to Support other Schools—Voted to Choose a Committe to manage the Schools

 $Voted \ and \ Chose \ for \ Said \ Committe \left\{ \begin{array}{l} Dea^n. \ Samuel \ Fisk \\ Cap^t \ Daniel \ Whitney \\ m^r \ Nath^l \ Stone \\ m^r \ Sam^l \ White \\ m^r \ David \ Bemis \end{array} \right.$ 

Voted & Granted £20 pounds to Support the poor ——

Voted & Granted £3"10-0 to Repair the Great Bridge Then the accounts of those persons to whome the town is Indebted were Severally Read to the town which ammounted to the Sum of £12:7:9 and they were accepted ———

And Granted money to pay the Same —

At a General Town Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town affairs

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Regularly Assembled at the publick meeting House in Said Town

on Monday ye 13th Day of march Anno: Domini 1769

Pr Adjournment—the meeting being opened at the Defire of mr Seth Norcrofs the Town Voted to Excuse him from Serving Tythingman ye present year

Voted & Chofe mr Joseph Hay Tythingman -

Voted to Excuse m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Learned from Serving Warden the present year—Voted & Chose m<sup>r</sup> Edmund Fowle Warden

Voted that the late Surveyors of ye High-ways have liberty till the twentieth day of June next to work out their lists of Rates and make up their accounts

Voted that ye Selectmen give sd: Surveyors Directions Where to

work out Said lists of Rates or Arearges

Voted & Granted the Sum of £20 pounds to Repair ye High-ways & town-ways and that the Assessors make a list [of] each persons proportion and that ye price of labour to be as \* last year

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of Said 20 pounds and Such perfons as Refuse or Neglect to work out their part are to pay ye Same in money with ye other town Rate The 15th article was Read and after Some Despute it was Put to Vote whether it be the minde of the town to Choose and Impower a Committe to Settle the Dispute with the Town of Waltham Relating to the Support of the wido Mary Maddox and it Past in the affeirmative

Voted that Said Committe have full power in behalf of Watertown to Settle the Dispute with the town of Waltham Relating to the Support of wido Mary Maddox———

Then Voted not to Act any thing on the Sixteenth article

Then the Committe that were Appointed to Repair ye meeting House made Report that they had not Compleated the Repairs of sd: House and that the Charge of What they had already done was more than the money that was appropriated to that use — Then the town Voted and Appropriated ye Sum of £ 4 Pounds being part of ye money that mr Pattersons pew was Sold for towards Compleating sd: Repairs —

Voted that the Committee Compleat sd: Repairs —

Voted that ye Committe that were appointed to Repair the

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	[4]
	At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr Benjamin Prentice on Monday the 13th Day of March AD 1769—— Four of ye Selectmen. Viz mifurs Moses Stone John Kemball Jonas White & Jonathan Bemis took ye oath Required by Law Relating to other Governments Bills &c. after which the persons after-named after taking Sd oath were Sworn to ye Faithfull Discharge of the Several offices to which they were Chosen Viz—Dean: Saml Fisk & mr Moses Stone assessors——
1 1 1 1 1 1 1	mifurs Nathan Coollidge & Daniel Whitney jur Conftables ————————————————————————————————————
1 1 1 1	All Sworn pr Jonn: Brown Town-Clerk————————————————————————————————————
	At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr Benjamin Prentice on monday the 27th Day of march AD 1769————————————————————————————————————
	Bridge for the prefent ————————————————————————————————————

To m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone — 0:13:0 —
To m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Harris — 0:3:8 —
To m<sup>r</sup> Nathan Coollidge— 8:13:4 —

And to each of ye persons that keept womens Schools ye Sum \*

## [5]

And that m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White take care that the following Persons work out the Remainder of their lists one third part between the meeting House on the Country Road to Cambridge line and one third part between ye Meeting house and m<sup>r</sup> John Kemballs Corner & the other third part between the Meeting-House and Waltham line near m<sup>r</sup> Woodburns on the Country Road (Viz) Edward Harrington ju<sup>r</sup>, Jonathan Bemis, Phinehas Stearns, Jonas Barnard, Stephen Harris, Samuel Hager——

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Stratton the Sum of £ 10" 4" 0 it being in full for his keeping a writeing School nine Weeks in Watertown also ye Sum of ten Shillings & eight pence to mr William Bond it being in full for ye

use of a Room to keep a School in

The Selectmen being Informed that ye wife of Ephraim Wheeler and one Child was Come to Watertown to the House of Jonas Coollidge and he made Complaint that they were Burdensom to him it was Agreed that Jonathan Brown Should Apply to Samuel Livermore Esqr: for a Warrant to Remove them to Boston where they properly Belonge-at this meeting they being informed that mr Thomas Learned had not Removed ve wido Mary Maddox to his House it was agreed that all things Considered it would be best for her to Remain at mr Nathan Coollidges if he will keep her at the Same price he did the last year —

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Jonathan Brown

on Tuesday ye 16th Day of may Anno: Domini 1769

They haveing Received a Precept from ye Sheriff of ye County of middx Requiring them to assemble ye Inhabitants of Watertown to Choose a Suitable person or persons to Represent them in a Great & General Court or assembly appointed to be Convened held and kept for his Majesty's Service at the Court House in Boston on the thirty first day of this prefent month of may at 9 of the Clock in ye morning - In observance whereof they agreed to have a publick Town-meeting at ye publick Meeting house on the 22n Day of may Instant at two of ve Clock in the afternoon for ye Choice of a Representative and ordered the Clerk to Jisue out Warrants to ye Several Conftables to warn ye Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote in ye Choice of a Reprefentative to meet at time & place before mentioned

they

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They also agreed to have an other meeting the Same Day and at the Same place at three of the Clock in the afternoon & Directed the Clerk to order the Constables to warn all the Inhabitants who are Qualified to Vote in town affairs to meet at Said time and place for the Ends following (Viz) First to Choofe a moderator for Sd: meeting (2) To hear ye Report of the Committe that were appointed to Examin the Town Treasurers accounts & for ye Town to act thereon as they think fitt (3) To hear ve Report of the Committe that were appointed to Settle ve affairs with the Town of Waltham Relating to the Support of ye wido Mary Maddox and to grant money if ye town think fitt to carry on sd affair in the Law if need be and further Impower the Committe to make a final Settlement of that and all other matters Depending between Watertown & Waltham and to Act anything thereon as the town many think best (4) To hear the Report of the Committe that were Appointed to Repair the meeting House & Grant money to Compleat s<sup>d</sup>: Repairs and act any thing thereon as the town think proper (5) To Hear the Report of the Committe that were appointed to Repair the fence on the Ministerial place and for the town to Act any thing they may think Nessecary Relating to Said affair (6) To Choose any town officers that may be wanting (7) To give their Representative Some Instructions if the town think proper (8) To here the Petition of Ezekiel Whitney & others praying for Liberty to make Some alterations in Some of ye Seats in the Gallery as Setsorth in Said petition and for the town to act their pleasure thereon————

Warrants were Issued out accordingly
Dated the next day
attest Iona: Brown Town Clec

1769 may ye: 19th Jonathan Brown was Sworn in to the office of Town-Clerk. Town-Treasurer & assessor — — — — By John Hunt Justice Pe[ace]

## [8]

At a General Town Meeting of ye freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled at the Publick Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the 22n Day of may Ann: Domini 1769 for the Choice of a Representative the Major part of ye Selectmen being present the Votes were Called for brot: in Sorted and Counted and it appeared yt Mr John Remington was Chosen to Serve for ye Year Ensueing

At a Gen<sup>II</sup> Town-Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled at the publick Meeting House in S<sup>d</sup>: Town on Monday the 22<sup>th</sup> Day or may Anno: Domini 1769 for Transacting Sundry affairs as Setforth in the Warrants for s<sup>d</sup>: meeting Voted and Chose Dea<sup>n</sup>: Sam<sup>II</sup> Fisk moderator for S<sup>d</sup>: meeting Voted and accepted the Report of y<sup>e</sup> Committe on the Town Treasurers accounts—which Report is as follows (Viz)

Comttee Report

We the Subscribers being appointed by ye town to Examin the Town Treasurers Accounts have attended that Service, and finde His acctts well Vouch't and Right Cast

Watertown May ye 19th: 1769

John Hunt
Nathli Harrington
Samil Fisk

Comtee

Then the Report of ye Comtte that were appointed to Settle ye affair Relating to ye Support of ye wido Mary Maddox with the town of Waltham was Read and after longe Debate thereon the Vote was put whether the town will further Impower their Committe to endeavor to Settle ye Said affair with the the Said Town of Waltham by leaveing it to arbritrators or in any other way as they may think best. and if they canot Come to a Settlement. Then for the town Treasurer to Sue for that and all other Demands—and it past in ye affirmative

Then Voted and granted the Sum of £ 13:6:8 to Carry on ye

affair

Then Voted and Granted ye sum of £ 10 pounds to Repair the fence \* Ministerial place

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Then the Committe made Report Relating to ye Repairs of the Meeting House and the town Voted and Granted ye Sum of £ 6:13:4 to finish Said Repairs—if any money Remains in ye Treasury that to be part and the Remainder to be assess ——Then Voted and Chose mr Simon Whitney Warden in Case mr Fowle Resuses to Serve but if mr Fowle accepts mr Whitney is to be Excused for ye present year——Then the Petition of Ezekiel Whitney and others was Read & after Debate thereon the Vote was put whether it be the minde of the town to Grant the prayer of the Petition

Warden by John Hunt Just: peace

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of mr Edward Richardson on monday the tenth Day of July AD 1769 They Stated ye assize of Bread at the Rate of Wheat at Four Shillings & Eleven pence Pr. Bushel

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#### [10]

At a meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham on the Thirtieth Day of August Anno: Domini 1769 —— at the House of mr Isaac Gleason Inn-holder in Waltham They adjusted the Charge of Repairing the Great Bridge in Watertown which had arisen Since the last adjustment which was on the third

day of October last past it being for 700 feet of White oake planck Bo<sup>t</sup>: of Cap<sup>t</sup> Mirick at 24/ P<sup>r</sup> foot which ammounted to the Sum of Eight pounds eight Shillings £ 8" 8" 0

Watertowns part of Said Sum being — 2" 17" 3" 1
Weston Ditto being — 2" 17" 5" 3
Walthams Ditto being — 2" 13" 3" 0

£8" 8" 0" 0

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of mr Edward Richardson on the 23 Day of Octr: Anno: Domini 1769—
They Signed an order on the Town Treasurer to pay ye Sum of 4" 12" 4"1 farthing to mr: Nathaniel Harrington which with what was ordered before makes the whole of his wages to the Sixth day of march last for keeping ye Grammer School At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr Benjamin Prentice on ye: 13th Day of Novr: AD 1769———
Mr: Moses Stone Informed ye Selectmen that he could not keep Ruth Maddox any longer, and they agreed with mr Jonas Barnard to take her for one month and if She Earns more than her Board he is to allow it. and if not So much then the Selectmen

are to allow him what is Right -

#### [11]

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr. Edward Richardson on the 29th Day of November Anno: Domini 1769 They being Informed that the wido Mary Maddox was Dead they Agreed that her Funeral Should be the next Day and that mr Moses Stone Should provide Eleven pair of Gloves for men & three pair for women and that the Bell Should Tolled and mr Storer be Desired to attend, and mr Moses Stone agreed to provide Said things at the Charge of the Town

At a meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr Thomas Saltmarsh on the Eleventh Day of Decr: Anno: Domini 1769 They Signed an order on ye town Treasurer to pay ye Sum of Twenty pounds to those persons that worked at the High-ways Each person to have what appeared he had worked out in the Lists of Samuel Sanger & Isaac Sanderson

at this meeting  $D^r$ : Josiah Convers Sent in his account for his attendance & medicines on the widow Mary Maddox in her last Sickness ammounting to  $y^e$  sum of £ 1:4:8 L:M: which was

accepted:

at this meeting ye Selectmen Agreed to meet at the House of of mr Edward Richardson Inn-holder in Watertown on Fryday the 22th Day of this Instant December at sour of ye Clock in ye the afternoon to sell the wearring Apparril &c: of ye widow Mary Maddox lately Deceast. at Publick Vendue and Directed the Clerk to Notify ye Selectmen of Waltham of the time & place of Sale and Desire that they would assist in ye affair \* to put up Notifications at Watertown & Waltham to notify the publick thereof which was accordingly don

Pr Jona: Brown Town Clerk

## [12]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Fryday ye: 22th Day of

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December AD 1769 at the House of mr Edward Richardson In order to Sell the things that belonged to the late wido Mary Maddox it being late before People appeared and the things not being in proper order for Sale they thot: it best to Adjourn the Sale to monday the first Day of January next at three of ye Clock in ye afternoon at the Same place and defired mr: Moses Stone to See that the things were put in Proper order for Sale before sd: time

At this meeting the Selectmen being acquainted that Samuel Warrin had Informed one of them that his Daughter Mary was Come to his House & was Pregnant and that he was unable to take care of her it was Agreed that mr Jonathan Bemis or mr Jonas White Should See that a Warrant was got from a Justice of peace and the person vt the Child is lav'd to Should be taken and Delt with as the Law Directs is Such Cases -At a Meeting of the Selectmen at ve House of mr Benia: Prentice on Tuesday ve 26th Day of December AD 1769 -Billings Putman of Medford the Person that Mary Warrin has Declared her Self to be with Child by being taken and Bound over to Court - The Selectmen Agreed that mr Jonas White go to Samuel Warrins and see what may be thought Nefsecary to do for his Daughter for the Present and Report at their Next meeting - also it was agreed that Jonathan Brown Advise with Deacon Samuel Fisk what is best to do Relating to Rachel Goddards making Sale of her land as it is feared that She will Soon Spend what She has and become Chargable to the Town

## [13]

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of mr: Benjamin Prentice on Monday ye: 8th: Day of Jan: Anno: Domini 1770 ——
They Signed an order on ye Town Treastr- to pay ye Town Creditors the Sum of £ 12"7"9 which was Granted to them the Last march Meeting—

at this meeting m<sup>r</sup>: Moses Stone Notified ye Selectmen in Writting that he has Received into his Family one Ruth Mason

town ~

at this meeting ye Selectmen Signed an order on the Town Treasurer to pay himSelf ye Sum of 0:17:4 which he has Expended on the Poor

## [14]

At a full Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown Weston and Waltham on Fryday the Sixteenth day of Feb. Anno: Domini 1770 at the House of mr: Benjn: Prentice Inn-holder in Water-

The persons Chosen for sd: { Capt: Jona: Brown for Watertown Comtt. were { Capt: Jonas Dix for Watertown Capt: Jonas Dix for Waltham

sd: affair he Shall have power to appoint another \* in his place

## [15]

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr: Benjamin Prentice on Thursday ye 22 Day of February AD 1770 They agreed to have a Publick Town Meeting on Monday the Fifth Day of march Next at twelve of the Clock at noon at the publick Meeting Meeting House and ordered ye Clerk to Jssue out Warrants Directed to ye Several Constables to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs to Assemble and Meet together at Said time & time before mentioned to Act on ye following articles (Viz) First to Choose a moderator for Said Meeting (2) To Choose Selectmen a Town-Clerk Treasurer & all other town officers Required by law to be Chose in the month of march annually— (3) To Choose a Saxton and agree how he Shall be paid for his Service (4) To put in their Votes for a County Treasurer (5) To know the minde of ye town whether Swine Shall Run at large the Present year (6) To Choose a Comtt to Examin the Town Treasurers accounts (7) To appropriate ye Interest money Coming to ye Town ye present year ye year begining ye Eleventh day of December last past (8) To Grant a Sallary for ye Revd: mr: Seth Storer for ye Eusueing year ye year begining the First day of march Next (9) To Grant money to Support the Schools that may be agreed upon and Act any thing thereon they may think proper (10) To grant money to Support the poor (11) To

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Grant money to Repair the Great Bridge (12) To hear ye accounts of those persons ye town is Indebted to and grant money to pay ve Same (13) To grant money to Repair ve High-ways & Town-ways and Act any thing Relating thereto as ye town may think best (14 To hear the pleas of any Late Constables for abating any perticular perfons Rates in their lists and Grant money to make them good and act any thing Else thereon as they may think proper (15) For ye town to agree upon Some measures to Discourage ve Importation of Goods from Great-Britain and act any thing thereon they may think best (16) To hear the Report of the Committe that were appointed to Repair ve Meeting House and Act any thing thereon they may think proper (17) To hear the Report of the Committe that were appointed to Repair the fence on the ministerial place and act any thing thereon they may think best (18) To know the minde of ve town whether they will Repair the School House and act any thing Relating thereto they think proper

## [16]

You are Likewise to notify the town Creditors to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen at ye House of mr: Benjn: Prentice on Fryday the Second Day of march Next at three of ye Clock in the afternoon—

alfo to Notify the Late Surveyors of High-ways to make up their accounts with ye Selectmen at the Same time and place

Warrants were Jssued out Accordingly Attest Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

The Procedings of ye School Comtee, who were Chosen by the Town of Watertown March 6th: AD 1769

At a Meeting of s<sup>d</sup>: Com<sup>tee</sup> at the Meeting House march y<sup>e</sup> 6- 1769 they Agreed to Employ m<sup>r</sup>: Nathaniel Harrington in keeping The Gramer School after y<sup>e</sup> Rate of 250 pounds old Ten<sup>t</sup> P<sup>r</sup> year to Oppen the School y<sup>e</sup> Next Day & keep till further orders

At a meeting of sd: Comtte: May 21-1769 They agreed to have five Womens Schools Opened the fifth Day of June Next and to keep Eight Weeks each at two pounds old Tenr: pr week ye miftrises to find Rooms to keep in or allow for them out of their Wages —

Accordingly they Contracted with mr Samuel Masons wife to keep a School in — mr Samll Whites House mis Kezia Stone to

0:5:4

keep in the East School House - mis Hannah Bright to keep in mr Stearns's House, mis Mary Prentice to keep in her Fathers House and mis Kate Saltmarsh to keep in mr Bemis's House — At a meeting of sd: Comtee. July 24th They Agreed that the womans Schools Should be Continued three weeks longer making in the whole Eleven Weeks each -At a meeting of sd: Comtee Novr: 23d: 1769 They Agreed to Employ mr John Stratton in keeping the Writing School in ye Extreem Parts of ve town at two Dollars pr Week—the School to be opened in the West part of the town on Monday the 20th of this month at ye House of mr Wm Bond -At a meeting of sd: Comtee, Novr: ve. 23, 1769 They Agreed that the School Should be kept ten weeks in ve west part of the town -And Eleven Weeks in the East part of the town mr Wm Bond to have two Dollars for the Priviledge of a Room to keep the School in.

Samll: Fisk Pr Order -

[17] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on Fryday ye. 2. Day of march AD 1770 at the House of mr Benjamin Prentice In order to Settle with ye Late Surveyors of High-ways mr Jonathan Bemis & mr: Saml: Hager Settled their accounts — also messrs: Samuel Mason, Edward Harrington jur Jonas Barned, Richard Clark & Phnehas Stearns and they not having Finished their lists it was Agreed that they Should work out the Remainder or pay it in money or or before the first Day of May Next at this meeting Sundry Persons which the town is Indebted to Brought in their accounts Which are as follows (Viz) -Daniel Bond for Boarding mary Coollidge 52 weeks at 2/ pr week and For making and mending her Clothing -0:6:5and For Boarding Ruth Maddox five weeks at 1/ pr week 0:5:05:15:5 Mr. Nathan Coollidge Brot: in his account for Boarding ve wido Mary Maddox and Nurfing &c in her last Sickness ammounting to 11: 5:3 Mr Jonas Barnard brot: in an Account for Boarding Ruth Maddox four Weeks at 1/4 pr week which

comes to

mr Mofes Stone brot in an Account for Providing for

the wido Mary Maddox's Funeral being ————and for Cash paid for mending the School Houfe Glass	1: 1:8 0:12:8
_	1:14:4
The following Accounts were brot: to be laid before (Viz)	the town
To Simon Haftings for Labour & meterials &c	1" 4" 4
To Bezaleel Learned for Labour at ye Great Bridge	1" 0" 4
To Dean. Samll Fisk for Serving afsefsor ye year past	0" 16" 0
To mr Moses for like Service	0" 16" 0
To Jona Brown for Serving Treasurer & assessor	3" 9" 4

7"

## [18]

At a Gen<sup>II</sup>: Town-Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled & meet at the publick Meeting House in Sd: town on Monday the fifth day of March AD 1770 for the Choice of town officers as Setforth in ye Warrants and to act on the other articles therein Contained—

voted & Choie m': Nathamei	Stone Moderator
	Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown
	mr Mofes Stone
Voted & Chose for Selectmen	m <sup>r</sup> Jonas White
	m <sup>r</sup> Jon <sup>a</sup> : Bemis
Voted & Chose for Selectmen  Voted and Chose Jona: Brown	m <sup>r</sup> Nehemiah Mafon
Voted and Chose Jona: Brown 7	Town-Clerk & Town Treasurer
	C T - D

Voted & Choie Aiseisors | Jona: Brown | mr Moies Stone | Dean Samil: Fisk |

Voted & Chose for Constables missrs Edward Richardson & Jedh: Leath

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Voted that there Shall be Collectors of Tax's Chosen
Voted & Chose ye Constables ye Collectors of Tax's
Voted to allow ye Collectors £ 3 pounds each for their Service
Voted that ye Collectors give Bond to the town to oblidge them
Selves to pay in the Tax's at Such time as ye Selectmen shall
appoint
Voted & Chose Wardens missus. Samuel Sanger & John Stearns -
Voted & Choie Sealer of Leather mr Jsaac Sanderson -
Voted & Chose missrs Elijah Bond & Richard Clark Fence-Viewers
Voted & Chofe Surveyor of High-Ways Christ-Grant jur & Eires
Tainter
Voted & Chose Tythingmen Ebenezer Stetson & John Tainter
junior
Voted & Chose Hogrieves David Whitney & John Vila -
Voted & Chofe Surveyors of Timber &c
Voted & Choic Surveyors of Timber &C & m. David Sanger
Voted & Choie Howards John Chenery & Moies Hager
Voted & Chose Nath Coollidge & Stephen Harris Clerks of ye
Market
Voted & Choie Cullars of Hoops Staves &c Sam <sup>ll</sup> Cook & Nath <sup>ll</sup>
Coollidge
Voted & Chose Simon Hastings Saxton and that he be paid by
two Contrebutions as Ufual —
Voted that Swine be kept Shut up the Ensueing year
Voted & Choie for a Comtte to Eamin ye Treafr acctts    Dean Samil Fisk   mr Moses Stone   mr Nathil. Harrington
Treast accitis mr Moses Stone
mr Nath. Harrington
Voted to Appropriate ye Interest money as it was last year (Viz) five Shillings * pence to ye School & the Remainder to the
Minister ———
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Voted & Granted ye Sum of 66:13:4 as a Sallary for ye Revd
m <sup>r</sup> Seth Storer for ye year Eusueing the Interest money to be part the Remainder to be assest
Voted & Granted ye Sum of 33:6:8 to Support ye Grammer
School
Voted to Grant money to Support other Schools
Voted & Granted ye Sum of £ 24 pounds to Support sd. Schools
Voted to Choose a Committe to manage and Inspect ye Schools
Then the (15) articles was Reed and it was put to vote Whether

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the town will do any thing to Discourage ye Importation of Goods from Great-Britain and it Past in ye Affirmative ---Then Voted to Choose a Committe to Consider what is proper for the town to act in ye affair and Report at ye Adjournment of this meeting

Voted & Chose for Sd: Committe ——

Voted & Chose for Sd: Committe ——

Voted & Chose for Sd: Committe ——

Moses Stone

mr John Remington

The man Charles

Then they Voted and Granted ye Sum of £ 20 to Support ye poor Then voted and adjourned this meeting with ye Remaining Business to thursday Next at two of ye Clock afternoon at this place —

The Comtee. yt were Chosen to mr Samll White manage ye Schools are mr Samll Sanger mr Samll Sanger

Watertown March ve. 8. 1770 Jonathan Brown was Sworn to the offices of Town-Clerk Town-Treasurer & Assessor

By John Hunt Justice Peace -

At a Gen<sup>ll</sup> Town Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitant of Watertown Regularly Assembled at the Publick meeting-House on Thursday the Eighth day of march Ann: Domini 1770 Pr Adjournment—the meeting being Opened—

They Voted and Granted ye Sum of £ 14 to Repair ve Great

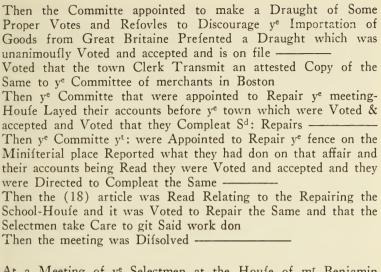
Bridge-

Then the accounts of those Persons the Town is Indebted to were Read ammounting to the Sum of 7:6:0 then Voted and Granted money to pay the Same

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Then Voted and Granted ye Sum of 40 pounds to Repair the High-ways and town-ways —

Voted that the assessors make out lists of each persons Proportion of sd: £ 40 pounds and if any person or persons Neglect or Refuse to work out their sd: Proportion that they Shall pay it with their town Rate in money-Voted that ye price of Labour be the Same it was last year



At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr Benjamin
Prentice the Same Evening after ye Selectmen had Taken the
money Oath the following persons after taking Sd. oath were
Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of the Several offices to which
they were Chosen (Viz) ———
mifer Samll. Fish & Mofes Stone afsefsors

missr Samll: Fisk & Moses Stone assessors

m<sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Leath Constable mifr<sup>s</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> Sanger & John Stearns Wardens

m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Sanderson Sealer of Leather m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark Fence Viewer

m<sup>r</sup> Christopher Grant ju<sup>r</sup> & m<sup>r</sup> Eires Tainter Surveyors of Highways

m<sup>r</sup>s David Whitney & John Vila Hogrieves ———

Lt: Nathll. Coollidge mr David Sanger & Jonas Coollidge Surveyors of Timber &c

mifrs John Chenery & Moses Hager Howards

miss Nath!!: Coollidge and Stephen Harris Clerks of ye Market miss Samuel Cook & Nath!! Coollidge Cullars of Hoops Staves &c

Sworn by Jona: Brown Town Clerk

## [21]

At this meeting ye Selectmen Agreed with mr Daniel Bond to take Care of and Board Mary Coollidge one year at the Rate of

three s/ and four pence Pr week and to have further Allowance in Case of \*

Also at this meeting Agreed to approbate & Recomend m<sup>r</sup> Ezekiel Hall to be a Retailor in the Room of m<sup>r</sup> Cornelius Waldo ——At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Benjamin

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr Benjamin

Prentice on Monday the 19 Day of march Anno: Domini 1770-They Signed orders on ye Town Treasurer for ye Sum of 66: 13: 4 to be paid to the Revd: mr. Seth Storer for his last years Sallary & to pay mr: Nathll: Harrington ve Sum of 20 pounds in part for his keeping ye Gramer School the last year and ye Sum of 2:18 \* to each of Misstresses that kept the womans School ye last \* also the Sum of 5:15:5 to mr Daniel Bond it being in full for his Boarding Mary Coollidge & other things which he did for her and for his Boarding Ruth Maddoxat this meeting it was Agreed that Jonathan Brown take Care that Billings Putman's Bonds be Continued to may Cour[t] At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on ye 2n. Day of April AD: 1770 at the House of Jonathan Brown - They Signed orders on the Town Treasurer the Sum of £9:5:8 to ye Committee that were appointed to Repair the fence on ye Ministerial place in ye following `

## [22]

At Said Meeting they Signed an other order to pay  $m^r$  Jonas White the Sum of £ 2:8:4 in full of his Accounts &  $y^e$  Sum of £ 4:8:1:2 to  $m^r$  Mofes Stone in full of his Acc<sup>tts</sup>

<sup>\*</sup> torn

[Th]ey Gave the Surveyors of High-ways there Destricks as they were the Last year See ye (5) Page of this Book

m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White was Defired to Inquire into y<sup>e</sup> Circumstances of Samul Warrins Daughter and Report at y<sup>e</sup> next meeting and it was Agreed that each of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Should See if either of them Can find a place for Ruth Maddox as m<sup>r</sup> White Informed that he could not keep her any longer and if So to make it known at the Next meeting

They Agreed to meet again on the Next monday at four of the Clock afternoon at the House of mr Benjamin Prentice to

Transact other affairs

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr Thomas Saltmarsh on monday ye 9th Day of April AD. 1770 -They Signed on order on ye town Treasurer to pay the Sum of £ 1:14:4 to mr Moses Stone in full of his accounts -They Signed Indentures to bind Tabitha Learned Daughter to the late mr Jonas Learned to mr Jedidiah Leath She being a Poor Child — they also agreed to give mr Leath the Sum of £ 2:8:0 to Cloth her with to be paid out of the next assessment — It was agreed that mr Jonas White Should git ye towns Scales & weights from mr: Fowls and Diliver them to ye present Clarks of ye Markets - also it was agreed that mr Moses Stone Should take Ruth Maddox when She is brot: to him and keep her four weeks and be paid by the town half a Pistereen pr Week for keeping her — also agreed that Samuel Warrin be allow'd 2/s pr week for keeping his Daughter Mary & Child till ve first monday in may next

And at this meeting it was Agreed to meet ye first Monday in

Each month for the prefent year -

## [23]

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on ye Seventh Day of may the House of mr: Bezaleel Learned Anno: Domini 1770

They haveing Received a Precept fro mye Sheriff of ye County [of] Middlesex Requiring the Town to be assembled to make C[hoice] of a person to Represent the town in a Great &

C[hoice] of a person to Represent the town in a Great & General Co[urt] to be Convened held and kept for his Majesty's Service at Ha[rvard] Coledge in Cambridge on Wednesday

the 30: day of may 17[70]

They Ordered he Clerk to Jssue out a Warrant Directed to the Constable to Warn ye free holders & other Inhabitants who are

Quallified to Vote in ve Choice of a Representative to meet at the Publick meeting in Sd: Town on monday ve 14 day of this Instant may for ye purpose aboveSaid also to Warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs to assemble on the Day afore Said to meet at the publick-meeting on ve Same Day at 3th of the Clock afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz) First to Choose a moderator for Sd: meeting (2ly) To Choose a Committee to Examin ve Treasurers accounts & to act thereon as they think fitt. 3ly For the town to act any thing Relating to the Support of Mary Warrin and her Child and do any thing Relating thereto they may think best. 4ly: For ye town to come into Some Method to Improve a Small peice of Land now Lying within ve town of Cambridge that belongs to the town of Watertown and act any thing Relating there[to] they may think proper. 5th To know ye minde of ye town whether they will joine with ye other towns Concerned in ve Support of the Great Bridge in Petitioning ye General Court for Some Releif in Suppor[t of] Said Bridge and do anything Relating thereto they may think pr[oper]. 6ly For the town to Choose any town officers in ve Roome of any that w[ere] Chose in the month of march Last who Refuse or Neglect to take the oaths Required by law to be taken. 71y: to hear the pleas of any of the Constables for abating any persons Rates in their lists and act any thing thereon they may think best. 8ly: For ye town to Agree upon Some Method for the more Speedy Collecting ye Interas money due to the town, and for to manefest their minds Relating to a Number of the Bonds which it is thought ought to [be] Renewed, and for ye town to give their Treasurer Su[ch direc]tions Relating thereto they may think proper.

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[9]<sup>1y</sup> To hear the Report of any Committee or Committees that have been Chosen for any Services and act thereon as they think proper.

To Grant any Sums of money to finish the fence on ye ministerial place, and to Repair the School-House and for other Services as the town may think proper.

Warrant was Jssued out Accordingly

Attest Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At Said Meeting the Selectmen Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay  $y^e$  Sum of £ 12:12:0 to  $m^r$  John Stratton it being in

full for what was due to him for keeping  $y^e$  writing School.—alfo to pay the Sum of £ 2.17:3:1 To Capt: Mireck &  $m^r$  Jonas Harrington of Weston for Planck which they brot: to the Great bridge

At a Gen<sup>II</sup>: Town-Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to Vote in ye Choice of a Representative Regularly Assembled at the publick Meeting House in Sd: Town on Monday the 14th Day of may AD 1770—The Meeting Deened and the Votes being Called for brot. in Sorted and Counted it Appeared that mr John Remington Was Chosen by a large Majority

At a Gen<sup>II</sup> Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to Vote in town Affairs Regularly assembled at the Publick Meeting House in s<sup>d</sup>: town on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>: Day of may A D 1770 for Transacting Sundry affairs as Setforth in the Warrant for s<sup>d</sup>: meeting &c Voted & Chose John Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator of S<sup>d</sup>: meeting ——Voted & Accepted the Report of the Committe apointed to See y<sup>e</sup> (26) Page

\* nd Impowered the Selectmen in behalf of ye Town to
ut or otherwise Improve that peice of land at

## [25]

Thatchers Bank now in Cambridge that belongs to Water[town] in Such a Manner as they think will be most for the Ad[van]tage of the town

Voted that the Representative joine with the other towns in Supporting the Great-Bridge in Petitioning the Great & [General] Court for Some Relief in the Support of s<sup>d</sup>: Bridge

Voted and Chose m<sup>r</sup>: James Hay Tythingman in y<sup>e</sup> Room of m<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Stetion who was Excused from Serving this year —

Voted that the town Treasurer be Directed to Collect all the money due to the town before Eleventh day of December and git Such of the Bonds Renewed as is Needful by first day of August

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next or otherwise Diliver them to Attorney to be put in Suit-Voted and Granted £ 4 pounds to finish the fence on ve Minif[terial] Place ---Voted & Granted ye Sum of £ 1:1:0 to Sattisfie the Accounts

for Warning out perfons taken in by the wido: Sufanna murch James Vila Deceast. Benjamin Felton, Josiah Stowel, & Eb[ \* ]

Goddard, Deceast -

Voted and Granted 0:10:0 to pay Jonathan Brown for writings don for the town ---

At this meeting Jsaac Sanderson was Sworn to ye office of Constable and John Tainter jur to ye office of Tythingman -Pr John Hunt Jus: peace

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of mr Bez[aleel] Learned on the 16. day of may AD 1770 -They Signed an order on the town Treasurer to pay mr Joh[n] Stratton £ 12:12:0 for keeping the writing School last [year] and to pay the Sum of 2:17:3:1 to Capt. Mirick [and] Ionas Harrington for Plank they brot: to the Bridge

#### [26]

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr Edward Richardson on Monday ye 11th: Day of June. 1770-[In] order to Sell or lease the Landing place at Thatchers [Ba]nk (So Called) lying within the Bounds of Cambridge the Selectmen of Cambridge having Sent a Letter Desireing [a] Conference with ve Selectmen of Watertown on ve affair Before they Proceeded to do any thing Relating to ye Said Leafeing or Selling Sd: Landing place, which was greed to and they ordered the Clerk to notifie the Selectmen of Cambridge that they would meet them at mr: Edward Richardsons in Watertown Next Fryday at five of the Clock P: M: to Confear on ye Sd: affair -Which was don Accordingly Attest Ion<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town Cler

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of mr Edwardson on Fryday June ye. 15th: 1770—The Selectmen of Cambridge being prefent made Some Claim of the Landing at Thatchers Bank

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in Cambridge and use'd Sundry Arguments [to] make out their Claim which the Selectmen did not think proper to acceed to—therefore it was agreed that the Selectmen of each town meet again on Monday ye Second day of July Next at Said Landing place to See if they can agree upon any Method to put an end to any Difpute about Said Landing place———

At this meeting ye Selectmen being informed that mr William Goding is in Very Needy Circumstances it was agreed that mr: Nehemiah Mason Should go to his House and See what he

is in present want of and Releive for ye present -

And it was Agreed at this meeting that the Town Clerk write an order to the Selectmen of Weston to pay Captt: Mirick and m<sup>r</sup> Jonas Harrington ju<sup>r</sup> for what Planck they Brot: to the Great Bridge in Watertown

Watertown may 10. 1770

The Comtee Appointed to Examin the Town Treasurers Accts march ye 4- 1770 — Report as followeth (Viz) Upon Examination of ye town Treasurers acctts find them well Vouch't and Right Cast

Sam<sup>||</sup> Fisk
Mofes Stone
Nath<sup>||</sup> Harrington

## [27]

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham on Monday ye 25th Day of June AD 1770 at the House of Lt: Nathaniel Coollidge, it was Agreed that the Committe that were Chosen on the Siteenth day of Febry last to Repair the great Bridge Should Proceed to Finish Said Repairs as Soon as Conveniantly may be and to do it Such way and Manner as they think best of the Towns Concerned

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown & Cambridge on the Second day of July AD 1770 at the Landing Place near mtatchers after Viewing the Same they agreed to meet again on Monday Next and Lay open the way to the River and Divide ye landing between the towns to prevent any further Dispute about ye Same

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on the Ninth day of July the Selectmen of Cambridge being present after Viewing the landing place above Mentioned it was thot: best to make Some alterations with mr Seth Hastings in the way to sd: Landing place and Collonel Thomas Oliver being Present. at the Desire of the Se-

lectmen of each town he undertook to Stake out the way according to Some Purpofals that had been made for the Confirmation of ye Selectmen if they thot: proper. it was also agreed that the Sd: way Should be opened by ye first day of November next — At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr Bezll Learned on Thursday the sixth Day of Sepr: 1770—They Approved of the following persons Renewing their Licences (Viz) missres. Edward Richardson, Bezaleel Learned, Nathaniel Cooll[idge,] and Thomas Wellington to be Inn-holders, and missues in the work of the top the service of the service

#### [28]

Waltham of ye 17th. Day of Sepr: AD 1770 at the House of mr Isaac Gleason Inn-holder in Waltham They Adjusted & Proportioned the Charge of Repairing & maintaining the Great Bridge in Watertown the year past ammounting to the Sum of £ 47:6:1:3 and Signed the Same which is Entered at Large in ye Second Book in ye Treasury Page (69)—

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr: Edward Richardson on Monday ye first Day of Octr AD: 1770—

In order to put out Ruth Maddox, but as there was not any person that Appeared that was Willing to take her ye Selectmen Agreed with mr: Ebenezer Stone jur to keep her a few days Longer till they can finde Some other Place for her & he is to have Such Allowance therefor as it may be worth————

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown Weston and

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## [29]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown & Cambridge on

the 19th: Day of November 1770

In order to Settle the Dispute with Regard to the Landing and way thereto on Charls-River on the South Side of Samuels Hill (So Called) The Selectmen of Watertown voted unanimously First that the Road or way Leading down to the Landing place on Charls River by the Side of Samuels Hill Is the Kings Highway

Secondly that any Gates Barrs or Fence across said way is not to be Considered as continued by the Consent of us the Selectmen of Watertown (Viz) Because it is the Kings High-way

Jona: Brown Mofes Stone Jonas White Jonathan Bemis Nehemiah Mafon

At a Meeting of y Selectmen of Cambridge on ye 19th day of Nov. 1770 —

In consideration of the above Vote of the Selectmen of Watertown and for Divers other Considerations Unanimously Voted ——

1 That the Road or way leading down to the Landing Place on Charls-River by ye Side of Samuels Hill Js is Kings High-

2ly That any Gate Barrs or Fence across Said way is not to be Considered as continued by the Consent of us the Selectmen of Cambridge (Viz) Because it is the King's High-Way

Wm: Brattle
Eben<sup>r</sup>: Stedman
Edw<sup>d</sup>, Marrett
Joseph Wellington
Joseph Adams ju<sup>r</sup>
Tho<sup>s</sup>: Gardiner

<sup>\*</sup> torn

## [30]

At the Meeting of ye Selectmen of Cambridge & Watertown Mentioned on the other Side the following Agreement was Entered into to be Laid before each town for Confirmation (Viz)

Cambridge November the 19th Day 1770 Be it remembered that on the 19th Day of Novr 1770 ----The Selectmen of Cambridge and the Selectmen of Watertown being meet together to determin the Respective Rights of the two towns aforesaid to the Landing place on Charls-River by the Side of Samuels Hill in Cambridge aforesaid, It was mutually agreed upon by & Between The Selectmen of said Towns that the Choice of the two parts of Said Landing place Should be Determined by Lott, and Thereupon two Lotts being Cast, On the One the word North being Wrote & on the other the word South being wrote, They being put into a Hat and being Drawn out, The Lott North was Drawn by The Selectmen of the Town of Cambridge, and the Lott South by The Selectmen of the town of Watertown, Whereupon it was Agreed by and between the Selectmen of the Said Towns of Cambridge & Watertown That the Moiety or one half part of Said Landing Place from the North Be and Remain to the Said Town of Cambridge For Ever - And that the other Moiety or half part of Said Landing place from the South Be and Remain unto the Said Town of Watertown For Ever In Witness whereof the Selectmen of Said Towns of Cambridge and Watertown have Hereunto Interchangably Set their Hands the day and year afore written

Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown		W <sup>m</sup> Brattle	
Mofes Stone	Selectmen	Eben <sup>r</sup> Stedman	Selectmen
Jonas White	of	Edwa <sup>d</sup> Marrett	of
Jonathan Bemis	Watertown	Joseph Wellington	Cambridge
Nehemiah Mason		Joseph Adams ju <sup>r</sup>	Cameriage
		Thos Gardner	

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Jonathan Brown on Monday the 3d Day December Anno: Domini 1770 It was Agreed that Missrs, Moses Stone Jonas White & Nehemiah Mason being the Major part of ye Selectmen attend the Quarter Sessions the Next Day at Charlstown and Endavour that the Town be Secured from the Charge of Maintaining Mary Warrins Child

#### [31]

At a Meeting of ve Selectmen on Thursday ve: 20th Day of December Anno: Domini 1770 at the House of Lt: Nathaniel Coollidge -Ruth Maddox being Destitute of a place and mr Ebenezer Stone jur Informing the Selectmen that he cant keep her any Longer— It was Agreed that mr Moses Stone take her the Next Day and keep her half the time till the next march Meeting for the Choice of Town officers &c., and that mr Jonathan Bemis keep her the other half part of Said time till Said Meeting, and if She Dont earn her Board they are to have any Sum they think it is Worth not Exceeding one pistereen pr week — At a Meeting of ve Selectmen at the House of mr Nehemiah on Fryday the 28th Day of December Anno: Domini 1770 To Consider what is proper to be don Relating to Sarah Learneds Child it being Dilivered to the Selectmen to take Care of -It was Agreed to take the advice of mr Sewall whether he thot: it was the poor of Watertown or Boston and Proceed according to his advice Relating thereto, and it was Agreed that missrs Mofes Stone and Jonas White wait on mr Sewall Next monday

morning and proceed in the affair According to his Advice &

Direction —

at this meeting it was agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone provide Some Necessary things for Clothing for Ruth Maddox and bring in his account & be paid out of the Treasury

## [32]

The Proceedings of the School Committe for ye year 1770 — At a Meeting of sd: Comtt. ye 5th day of march 1770 at ye meeting house They Agreed that mr Nathaniel Harrington keep

At a Meeting of ye Committee at the House of mr: Edward Richardson on the 4th Day of June 1770 it was Agreed to have five womens School to begin on the Eleventh day of June Instant (Viz) Sarah Learned to keep one at the House of mr: Bezaleel Stephen Whitney's wife at their House, Hannah Bright at her fathers House, Christopher Grant juniors wife at their House, & Kezia Stone at the New-School House

July ye 30- 1770 ———

At a Meeting of the School Com<sup>tte</sup> at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Nathaniel Coollidge it was Agreed that the womens Schools Should be kept four weeks Longer, which will be twelve weeks in the whole and will Extend to y<sup>e</sup> first day of September and it was Agreed that m<sup>r</sup>: Bond be Desired to keep y<sup>e</sup> Gram<sup>r</sup> School an other Quarter, which he did and began on the thirteenth day of August.

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> School Com<sup>tte</sup> on the 22<sup>th</sup> day of Nov<sup>r</sup>: at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned M<sup>r</sup>: Bond being yet in the it was Determined that he Should keep out an other Quarter if he be willing

at

## [33]

At Said Meeting it was Agreed that the wrighting Schools at the New School-House begin on Monday next but mr Stratton Desireing to have one Week to turn himself and Settle his own Business He promised to open Said School on Monday the third day of December next and to keep it for two Dollars a Week or Eighteen pounds old Tenor pr month

On Tuesday the 4th Day of Decr: 1770. The School Committee

On Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of Decr: 1770. The School Committe Meet at the House of Mr: Nathaniel Coollidge and mr: Bond having Said he Choose to leave the Grammer School.—It was agreed that each one of the Com<sup>tte</sup> Should inquire and look out for an other Master————

At a Meeting of the School Com<sup>tt</sup> on the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of Dec<sup>r</sup>—at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Nathaniel Coollidge M<sup>r</sup>: Bond being yet in the School — It was Agreed that m<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Clark be Desired to Desire M<sup>r</sup>: Bond to keep the Grammer School till March Meeting And in Case he Refuse Leiv<sup>t</sup>. Whitney & M<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>ll</sup> White were to try for m<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Harrington ju<sup>r</sup>

At a Meeting of the School Comm<sup>tt</sup> the 23<sup>th</sup>: Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1771 — It was Agreed that the writting School Should be keept Nine weeks in each part of the town, The Easterly part of ye town to have one Week Longer, In as much as the School-House is their own ——

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of mr Bezaleel Learned on Monday the 11th: day of February AD 1771. —

It being thought Necessary to put Some timber under Tredaways Bridge (So Called) to Support that part that yet Remains to prevent any Damage being don by its falling when men or Horses & Carriages are passing over the Same. the Selectmen Desired Some of the Neighbours to assist which they did & partly Secured the Same. and Agreed that Jonathan Brown Compleat the work the next day if the weather Permit. and that the Expence be paid out of the Treasury —

at this meeting it was agreed that mr Moses Stone take the widow Tabitha Learneds Child for the present ——

## [34]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 18th day of Febry: AD 1771 at the House of mr Thomas Wellington They Agreed to have a Publick Town Meeting on Monday the

4th Day of march Next at 12 of ye Clock at noon at the publick Meeting House in Sd: Town, and ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants directed to ye Several Constables to warn & all ye free-holders and others Inhabitants of Watertown to Assemble & meet at Said time & place for the Ends following (Viz) First to Choose a moderator for said Meeting (2ly) To Choose Selectmen a Town-Clerk and Treasurer and all other town officers Required by law to be Chose in the month of march annually (3ly) To Choose a Saxton & agree how he Shall be paid for his Service (4ly) To put in their Votes for a County Treasurer and Register (5ly) To know the minde of the town whether Swine Shall

Run at large ye Present year (6ly) To Choose a Committe to Examin ve town Treasurers acctts (7ly) To Appropriate ve Interest mony coming to the town ye present year—(81y) To grant a Sallary for ye Revd: mr: Seth Storer for the year ensueing it begining the first day of march Next. (9ly) To grant money to Support the Schools that may be Agreed upon & act anything thereon the town may think proper (10ly) To grant money to Support ye poor (11th) To grant money to Repair the great Bridge & Treadways Bridge (So Called) and act any thing thereon the town may think proper - (12th) To hear the Accounts of those persons that the town is Indebted to & grant money to pay the Same (13th To grant money to Repair the Highways & town-ways and Act any thing thereon the town may think proper, (14th) To hear the pleas of any of the Late Constables for abating any Perticular persons Rates in their lists & to Act any thing thereon they think best. (15th) To hear what ye Selectmen have don Relating to ye Landing place at Samuels Hill (So Called) and to act anything further thereon they may think proper, (16ly) To know the minde of the town Whether they will Erect two School Houses one in the Westerly, and the other in the Easterly part of the town and Whether ve Grammer School Shall be kept one half of the time at one end of ve town and the other half at the other end of the town and to act any thing Relating to ye Building sd: School-Houses &c. as the town may think proper, also to Notifie the town Creditors to bring in ther accounts to ve Selectmen at House of Lt: Nathaniel Coollidge on Fryday the first day of march Next at 4 of the Clock afternoon

[Warrants] Issued accordingly

Pr Jona: Brown Town-Clerk —

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At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of mr Jonathan Bemis on ye 19 Day of Febry: A. D. 1771. Mr Phinehas Stearns gave in Notifications that on ye 15th Day of April AD 1769 he Received into his House one John Hackleton & Bethiah his wife who Came last from Dorchester on ye Day afore Said also that he had Received one Stephen Wellman into his House in ye month of October A. D. 1769 who came last from Malden mr: Nehemiah Mason gave in a Notification that on ye 18 day of may 1767 he Received into his House one Simeon Pratt who came last from Boston on the day afore Said also that he Received into his House one Eunis Parker who came last from Lexington on the 22n Day of Octr 1769

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Fryday the 1. day of march AD 1771 at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Coollidge for taking the accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to the following were brot: in (Viz) — m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone brot in Account for Boarding for Ruth Maddox & Clothing &c, and for Cash paid for advice Relating to Mary Warrin & Sarah Learneds Child ammounting to £ 1:0:10—

mr Nehemiah Maion brot: in an Acctt for things for I	
m <sup>r</sup> Nehemiah Maton bro <sup>t</sup> : in an Acc <sup>tt</sup> for things for { William Godding which came to	
m <sup>r</sup> : Ebenezer Stone ju <sup>r</sup> bro <sup>t</sup> : an Account for Boarding Ruth Maddox five Weeks	
Boarding Ruth Maddox five Weeks	0:6:0—
Capt: Edward Harrington brot: in an account for	
labour and Meterials at the Ministerial place which }	
Capt: Edward Harrington brot: in an account for labour and Meterials at the Ministerial place which Comes to	1:16:4
Capt <sup>t</sup> : Daniel Whitney Sent in his account for	
Labour & Meterials at the Ministerial place that	
comes to	2:9:6
Capt <sup>t</sup> : Daniel Whitney Sent in his account for Labour & Meterials at the Ministerial place that comes to  m <sup>r</sup> John Cook bro <sup>t</sup> : an acc <sup>tt</sup> for 48 feet of Slitwork	*

## [36]

Daniel Bonds account for Boarding Mary Coollidge	ge from the
18th Day of march 1770 till the 18th day of march 17	71 being 52
Weeks at 3/4 Pr week Comes to —	8:13:4
and for Mending her Clothing &c -	0:8:0

<sup>\*</sup> torn

mr Jonas Whites account for Labour &c at the ministerial place Comes to and for Boarding Ruth Maddox also another Account for Mending ye School House windows and Sundry other things for which he paid Cash ——— 0:12:0

2:6:4

At this meeting mr. Richard Clark Appeared & Settled his Highway Rates — and mr John Cook being present desired Liberty to fetch Some old plank from Daniel Fullars that belongs to Watertown Weston & Waltham to lay on the Bridge over his Wast till Such time as he Can Repair his Bridge Sufficiently which was Agreed to, also to use as many more of ye old plank as is Needfull for the Present, he to Return them when Called for at this meeting the Selectmen Signed an Order on ye Treasurer to pay the sum of £ 46:7:0:1 to the Several persons that found the meterials and did the Repairs of the Great Bridge from ye 15 day of February 1770 till this Day — mr John Cook gave in a Written Notification that on the 26 day of July 1770 he Received one Penuel Park into his house who

Came Last from Newton

The following Accounts were brot: into the Selectmen to be laid before the Town (Viz) To Dean: Samuel Fisk for Serveing assessor ye year past ———— 0:18" 0 to mr Moses Stone for like Service ---to Jona Brown for Service as Treasurer & assessor — 3:11" 0 to Simon Hastings for Labour and Meterials ----1:11"10 0"10" 8 to Jonas Hastings for Stones for Bridges &c ---to Samll: Jenison for 4 Large Stones -0"6"0 to Richard Clark for Stones for Bridges to Dr Marshal Spring for attendance of Jonas Learned Dead -Likewise mr Thomas Draper brot: an account for Boarding & Clothing Sarah Learneds Child ammounting to and Sam<sup>ll</sup> Benjamin for Boarding &c for John jur wife ammounting to ye Sum of

<sup>\*</sup> torn

# [37]

At a General Town Meeting of ve freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town Affairs Regularly Assembled at the Publick Meeting House in sd Town on Monday ye 4th Day of march AD: 1771 for the Choice of town officers and other affairs as Setforth in the Warrants &c -Voted & Chose Dean: Samuel Fisk Moderator for sd: Meeting -

mr John Remington mr Nathll Stone Voted & Chose for Selectmen { mr Thos: Clark Dean Samll Fisk mr: Neheh Mason

Voted & Choie for Town-Clerk & Treasurer Jona: Brown

Voted & Choie for Aiseisors { Dean. Samil Fisk mr Moies Stone Jona Brown

Voted & Chose for Constables mr: Samuel Barnard & Mr: Elijah Bond

Voted & Chose for Collectors of Tax's mifr Samuel Barnard & Elijah Bond

Voted & Granted ve Sum of £ 3 to pay the Collectors for their

mr: Samll: Barnard & mr Elijah Bond informed the town that they had Agreed with mr: David Sanger and mr Isaac Sanderson to Serve in their Room if the town would Accept them — then the town voted and accepted mifurs David Sanger & Isaac Sanderfon to Serve Constables & Collectors in the Room of Samuel Barnard & Elijah Bond

Voted & Chofe for Wardens missurs Joseph Coollidge & Samil:

Benjamin

Voted & Chofe Sealer of Leather mr Stephen Whitney Voted & Chofe Fence-viewer mifrs Phinehas Child & Israel Whitney

Voted & Chose Surveyors of High-ways mr Jonas White mr David Bemis

mr Richard Clark

Voted & Chofe Tything-men mifrs Phins: Child & Samll Hager Voted & Chose Hogrieves miss David Barnard & Thomas Draper

Voted & Chose Surveyors of Timber Plank &c

mr Jonas Coollidge
mr David Sanger
Lt Nathaniel Coollidge

Voted & Chofe Howards mifrs Samll: Warrin & Ezekiel Whitney Voted & Chofe Clerks of ye markets mr Jedidih Leath & Lt: Nathl Coollidge Voted & Chofe Cullars of Hoops Staves &c Samll Cook & Smith Prentice Voted & Chofe mr Simon Hastings Saxton & Granted him £ 3 pound for his Ser[vice]

Then the Votes were brot: in for a County Treasurer & Regist[er]

Voted that Swine be Shut up this year ———

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 $\begin{array}{c} Voted \ \ for \ \ a \ \ Committe \ \ to \ \ Examin \ \ y^e \\ Treasurers \ \ Acc^{tts} \end{array} \ \begin{array}{c} m^r \ \ Nath^l \ Harrington \\ m^r \ \ Sam^{ll} \ \ White \\ m^r \ \ Sam^{ll} \ \ Fisk \end{array}$ 

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen the Same Evening at the House of mr Bezaleel Learned all the Selectmen took ye oath Relating to the other Government Bills — after which the persons afternamed after taking said oath were Sworn to the faithfull discharge of the Several offices to which they were this day Chosen (Viz) Dean. Samll Fisk & mr Moses Stone assessors — mistr Isaac Sanderson & David Sanger Constables — mistr Joseph Coollidge & Samuel Benjamin Wardens —

mifr Phinehas Child & Israel Whitney Fence Viewers —
misrs Moses Stone Jonas White David Bemis & Richard Clark
Surveyors of High-ways ———
mifrs Phinehas Child & Samuel Hager Tythingmen ———
m <sup>r</sup> Thomas Draper Hogrieve ———
mif Jonas Coollidge & David Sanger Surveyors of Timber &c —
mr Jedidiah Leath Clerk of the markets -
mr Samuel Cook Cullars of Hoops Staves &c
All Sworn by Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

The Town-Clerk was ordered to give out an other Notification to the Constables to Summon the other officers to appear at M<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Learneds Next monday evening at 6 of ye Clock to be Sworn

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At a Gen<sup>11</sup>: Town-Meeting of ye freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled on Monday ye 11: Day of march AD 1771 at the Publick-Meeting House in Sd Town Pr: adjournment

The Meeting being opened They proceded to Act further on the

Voted and Granted the Sum of £ 20 pounds to Support the poor— Voted and Granted the Sum of £ 2 pounds to Repair  $y^e$  Great Bridge

Then the accounts of Sundry persons Charged to the town were Read ammounting to the Sum of £ 10:9:6 and the Same Sum was Granted to Sattisfie the Same— Mr: Sam!: Benjamins was not allowed nor mr Thomas Drapers

Then the town Voted and abated part of m<sup>r</sup> Smith Prentics Rates in Constable Isaac Sandersons lists it being 7/1 & Granted y<sup>e</sup> like Sum to make it good

Voted & abated Thomas Dauceys Rates in S<sup>d</sup>: Sandersons lists and Granted the Sum of 15:6:2 farthings to make it good

Voted and abated Smith Prentices Rates in Edward Harringtons jur lists and Granted the Sum of 0:16:10:3 to make it good ~ also Voted & abated Said Prentices Rates in Daniel Whitney jurs lists and Granted the Sum of 0:10:4 to make it good — Voted and abated Aaron Fessendens Rates in Daniel Sawins lists & Granted the Sum of 5s/1d to make it good -Then the Report of the Selectmen being made Relating to ye landing place at Samuels Hill (So Called) and the Agreement made between the Selectmen of Watertown & Cambridge being Read the Town Voted and accepted & Confirmed the Same See Sd: agreement at the (30) page of this Book — then the (16) article was Read & after Some Debate thereon the Vote was Put whether the town will build two School Houses one in the east and the other in the west part of the town and it past Negative -[40] Voted and Granted ve Sum of £ 33:6:8 to Support the Grammer School Voted & Granted ye Sum of 24:0:0 to Support other Schools then put to vote whether any part of sd: 24 pounds Shall be Improved to Support womens Schools and the vote passed in the Negative ----Then Voted to Choose a Committe to take care of, and provide for the Schools the year Eusueing Voted & Chose for Said Committe — 

Jona: Brown mr Moses Stone mr Jonas Bond mr David Sanger mr Samil William At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on the 11th Day of March AD 1771 at the House of mr Bezaleel Learned the following persons after taking the money oath were Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of the offices hereafter Mentioned (Viz) mr Stephen Whitney Sealer of Leather, David Barnard Hogrieve misr Samuel Warrin & Ezekiel Whitney Howards

At this meeting ye Selectmen Agreed with mr Stephen Harris to take Ruth Maddox and Board her Six months for which he is to

Sworn Pr Jona: Brown Town-Clerk ----

have her Labour and four pence pr week———————————————————————————————————
the Selectmen Signed an order on the Town Treasurer to pay
out of the treasurie the Sum of 51:0:2:2 in ye following
manner (Viz) To m <sup>r</sup> Nath <sup>ll</sup> : Bond in part for
keeping the Grammer School ye last year ———— 20: 0: 0
to m <sup>r</sup> John Stratton in full for keeping ye writting
School 11:8:0
to m <sup>r</sup> Moses Stone for Clothing for ye poor ye year past 1: 0:10
To m <sup>r</sup> Nehe <sup>h</sup> . Mason 0:5:8
To m <sup>r</sup> Eben <sup>r</sup> Stone ju <sup>r</sup> 0:6:0
To Cap <sup>t</sup> Daniel Whitney 2:9:6
To Cap <sup>t</sup> Edw <sup>d</sup> : Harrington 1:16:4
to m <sup>r</sup> John Cook 0:3:2:2
to m <sup>r</sup> Daniel Bond 9:1:4
to m <sup>r</sup> Jonas White 2:6:4
to Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown for writings &c 2: 3: 0
£ 51:0:2:2

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At this meeting m<sup>r</sup> William Bond Informed them that m<sup>r</sup> William Godding lay Sick at his house and in Needy Circumstances they agreed that s<sup>d</sup>: Bond Should be allow'd Reasonable pay for his care & Trouble in Nursing &c for him — and m<sup>r</sup> John Remington Informed that Sarah Learneds Child <sup>was</sup> put to him as a Selectman to take care of, and that he had agreed with m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Cook to take and Board it for the Present for 3/ P<sup>r</sup> week which was Consented to by the Selectmen

and it was Agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Remington Provide Cotton & linin Cloth for two Shifts for Mary Coollidge. — also that m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone provide Necessary Clothing for the widow Tabitha Learneds Daughter which is at his House and bring in his Account to y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at their Next meeting in order to be paid.

This being the year for Perambulating lines between towns they Agreed to do that Service on the 29th Day of April Next to begin with Cambridge near Charls-River at Seven of the Clock in the morning and with Waltham at 11th of the Clock in the forenoon to beging Near mr Joseph Wellingtons and to meet with Newton Men Near mr Phinehas Cooks at 4 of the Clock afternoon, and ordered the Clerk to write to the Selectmen of ye Several adjacent towns to give them Notice thereof.

Letters were Sent Accordingly Pr Jona: Brown Town-Clerk
At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday ye first day of April
AD 1771. at the House of Lt: Nathaniel Coollidge They Appointed Lt: Nathaniel Coollidge to take care of ye Great Bridge
the present year—John Hunt Sent in a Notification Informing
that on the 23 Day of of March 1771 he Received one John
Raymond into his house who came last from Charls-town.

At this meeting They Agreed that the Surveyors of High-ways
Should have their Destricts as

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mr Moses Stone's Destrict To mend the High-ways as follows (Viz) The Country Road from the widow Mary Hastings to Cambridge line and the lane Called Parrys lane and the Back Country Road to Cambridge from the wido: Velas. and Jenisons lane and the lane from the Burying place by mr Ebenezer Stones to sd: mr Moses Stones.—and mr Richard Clarks Destrict as follows (Viz) From mr Thomas Clarks Gate under the Rocks to Cambridge line and the Road by sd: Richard Clarks own house to the Meeting House Hill (So-Called) and the Roads from thence vo the wido Velas, and the town ways by Kings Common, also masons & Goddings Lanes (So Called) mr Jonas Whites Destrict as follows (Viz) To mend the Country Road from Thomas Wellingtons to the wido Mary Hastings's and the Roads South of the River also the Road from the meeting House over the Hill to Kemballs Corner (So Called) mr David Bemis's Destrict as follows (Viz) To mend the Country Road from mr: Thomas Wellingtons to Waltham line, and the Road by Dirty-Green and the Road from Tainters-Corner to mr Phinehas Stearns's, and the Road by Jonathan Bemis's, and by mr Nathaniel Harringtons to Waltham line, and the Road under the Rock to

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m<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Clarks Gate, and the Road by m<sup>r</sup> Jonas Barnards to Kemballs Corner, also the Road by Cap<sup>t</sup>: Whitneys to the School-House. and the above mentioned Destricts were given to the afore Named Surveyors of High-ways. By order of ye Selectmen P<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

April ye 23th: 1771 Capt Daniel Whitney gave in a notification that he Received into his House one Phinehas Robbins & Elizabeth his wife who came from Newton December last — Likewife one Anna Barraye from sd Newton April ye 30th: 1770.

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Lt: Nathaniel Coollidge on Monday ye. 8th. Day of May=1771

They Agreed with mr Richard Clark to take Sarah Learneds Boy till he is twenty one years of age and to give him thirteen Shillings [and] fou[r] pence Lawfull money to Cloth him with

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At this meeting m<sup>r</sup>: Moses Stone Sent in an Account for Clothing which he procured for the wid<sup>o</sup> Tabitha Learneds Daughter which Comes to £ 0:14:11:3—also m<sup>r</sup> John Remington gave in an Account for Clothing which he procured for Mary Coollidge ammounting to 10/9 pence and the Selectmen Signed an order on The Treasurer to pay the Same.———

The Selectmen having Received a Precept from the Sheriff of the County Requiring them to Assemble the Inhabitants of Watertown to Choose a Suitable person to Represent them in a Great &

or Build a wharf on the Landing place on Charls-River within ye Limits of Cambridge and act thereon as they think proper. (5) To know ye minde of ye town whether they will grant money to Repair the ministerial House and act any thing thereon they Shall think best. (6) To know ye minde of ye town whether they will appropriate any part of ye money that was granted at march meeting last to Support English Schools, for the Support of womens Schools or grant a Sum of money for that purpose, and act on the affair as the town by think proper. (7) For the town to pass on a List of Jurors that ye Selectmen may Lay before them. (8) To grant money to pay for ye Plows provided for the towns use.

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly
Attest Jona: Brown Town-C[lerk]

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At a Gen<sup>II</sup> Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in the Choice of a Representative Regularly Assembled at the Publick Meeting House in S<sup>d</sup>: town on monday ye 20<sup>th</sup> Day of may Anno: Domini 1711.

The meeting being opened the Votes were Called for brot. in Sorted & Counted and it Appeared that mr: John Remington was Chosen Representative for the Ensueing Year

At a Gen<sup>II</sup>: Town Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown that are Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled at the Publick meeting House in sd: Town on monday ye 20th Day of may Anno: Domini 1771.

Voted and Chose m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Fisk Moderator of y<sup>e</sup> Meeting Then Voted and Accepted the Report of y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>tte</sup> that were appointed to Examin the town Treasurers Accounts See the next page

Voted & granted the Sum of £ 15 pounds to help Support ye

Then ye (4) article was Read Relating to the Landing place in Cambridge and after Some Debate thereon. it was voted that the Selectmen be a Comtt: to View the said Landing Place and Consider of, & See in what manner it may be Improved that will be most for the Benifitt of the Town and make Report at ye adjournment of the meeting

Then ye article Relating to ye Repairs of ye ministerial House was Read and after Debate thereon. It was Voted to Choose a Committe to vew Said House and Report (what Repairs they think will be necessary) at the adjournment of ye meeting

Voted and Chose for Sd: Committe  $\sim$   $\begin{cases}
M^r: \text{Nath}^l: \text{Harrington} \\
\text{Jon}^a: \text{Brown} \\
M^r \text{David Bemis} \longrightarrow
\end{cases}$ 

The Sixth article being Read Relating to womens Schools and after Debate thereon the vote was put whether the town will grant any money to Support womens Schools and it passed in the Negative————

Then voted to Reconsider the vote past at march meeting last past Relating to womens Schools & to appropriate Some part of ye money then Granted to Support English Schools; to Support womens Schools —

Then Voted that the money be Layed out as it was last year no Children under 4 years old be allowed to go to

Then

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The Comtee: Appointed by the Town March ye. 4. to Examin the town treasurers Acctts Report as followeth (Viz) Upon Examination of the town Treasurers Acctts we find them Well Vouch'd and Right Cast

Nath!: Harrington Com=

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr Edward Richardson on Monday ye 3d Day of June AD: 1771.

They agreed to have a publick Town Meeting on Fryday ye 7th day of this Instant June at three of ye Clock afternoon at the

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publick meeting House, and ordered ye Clerk to Issue out Warrants directed to ye Several Constables to warn all the free-holders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs to assemble at Sd: time & place to act on ye following articles (Viz) First to Choose a moderator for said meeting (2ly) For the town to agree upon Some Method to Prevent the Country Road being Turned of or a New Road Layed out thro' the South-west Corner of Waltham into Newton & for ye town to act anything Relating to Said affair as they may think proper. (3ly) To know ye minde of the town whether they will Petition ye Great & General Court for a Passage thro' the Bridge over Charls-River in the town of Cambridge So that v[essels] may pass & repass up & dow Said River without

\* their masts, & do any thing on ye affair yt ye town may

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(4ly) For the town to Act on the Articles that were adjourned at the last may meeting to monday ye 17th day of this Present month of June, for the town to act thereon as they See fitt —

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly Attest Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Gen<sup>ll</sup> Town-Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabits who are Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at ye publick meeting-House in Sd: Town on Fryday yd 7 Day of June AD: 1771

Voted & Chofe Dean: Samuel Fisk Moderator for sd Meeting The Second article Relating to ye Country Road being Turned was Read & after Debate thereon. it was voted to Choofe a Committe to Draw up a Remonstrance & Petition and Present it to ye next Court of General Sessions of ye peace for ye County of middlesex against said ways being turned & or do any thing that they may think proper to prevent the Same

Voted & Chose for Sd: Committe — 

John Hunt Esqr:

Jona: Brown
Ezek!: Hall
Josiah Capen
Nath!! Stone
Sam!!: Fisk
Jonas White

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The third article Relating to obtaing a Passage thro' Cambridge

Bridge for Vefsels &c: being Read after Debate thereon it was put to vote whether it be the minde of ye town to Choose a Committe to Treat with ye Selectmen of Cambridge & ye other towns Concerned in the sd: Bridge to See upon what terms they will open a afore Said

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and also give to the Committe full power in the Name & behalf of the town to Petition the Great & General Court or any other Court (if need be) in order to the obtaining a proper Passage thro' the Bridge over Charls-River in ye town of Cambridge for Vessels to pass & Repass up & down sd: River with their masts Standing &c and it passed in ye affirmative

Voted & Chose for Sd: Committe - - 

| The committe is the committee is the committee

purpose. ~ Voted that the Committee that were Appointed to vew S<sup>d</sup>: House be Continued & that they See to git ye Said Repairs don as Soon

as they Conveniantly can

Then ye Selectmen presented a list of Jurors which they had prepared which was voted & accepted. Deacon Samuel Fisk made his pleas to be Excused from Serving any Further on ye Jury of Tryals & the town voted that he Shall be excused.

The Business being don the meeting was Desolved.

At a meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr: Bezll: Learned

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on ye 24th. Day of June AD. 1771.—They Signed an order on the Town-Treasurer to pay ye Sum of 5:8:0 to mr Jedidiah Leath——alfo to pay what is Still due to mr: Nathaniel Bond for [his] School in Watertown— and what is due to mr=owen [Warland] for his keeping School in Sd: town

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At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Mr: Edward Richardson on Wednesday ye 21th Day of August AD. 1771. they Signed Indentures for binding Tabitha Learned to mr John Draper mr Jedidiah Leath haveing Dismist her. at this Meeting they Agreed that Dean Samuel Fisk Should Provide Some Nessecary Clothing for James Daucy a poor Child which is at His house to be paid for out of the town Treasury

July ye. 20th: 1771 mr Samll: White Sent in a Notification Informing that on Said Day he had Received into his House in Watertown on Jonathan Fessenden & his wife Martha: & their Four Children (Viz) John, Timothy, Phebe, & Sallome. See ye Notification on file

and m<sup>r</sup> Israel Whitney Sent a Notification Informing that he had Received into his family one Elizabeth Bemis on the day afores<sup>d</sup>: they all came last from Waltham

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham at the House of Mr Isaac Gleason Inn-holder in Waltham on monday the Ninth day of Sepr: Anno: Domini 1771.

There being only an Account from mr: John Cook of 24/s they

agreed to put it of till the Next year to be adjusted with other accounts Relating to ye Great Bridge that may year ——

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At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on the 2 Day of Octr: 1771 — at the House of mr: Bezll: Learned—They agreed with mr Simon Hastings to Repair the Roof of the School House what is Nessecary, also to Repair the Table &c: and to mend ye Curb of the well at the ministerial house

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on Monday ye 16th: Day of Decr: 1771 at the House of mr: Bezaleel Learned the Constables who are Collectors Gave Bond to ye town Treasurer for their faithfull Discharge of their trust and the Selectmen Signed orders on the Town Treasurer to pay the Sum of £ 10:9:10 to ye Several persons afternamed it being Granted them ye last march Meeting (Viz)

To Sam <sup>II</sup> : Fisk y <sup>e</sup> Sum of	0:18:0
To Moses Stone	0:18:0
To Jonathan Brown	3:11:4
To Simon Hastings -	1:11:10
To Jonas Hastings -	0:10:8
To Samll: Jenison —	0:6:0
To Richard Clark —	0:6:0
To Dr Marshal Spring -	2:8:0

10: 9:10

and to pay Thomas Draper ye Sum of ———— 2:13: 0 also to ye Revd: mr Seth Storer what was Granted him for his Suppor for the present year it being ye Sum of 66

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Invoice 1:12:0 = and to Jonathan Brown for like Service 1:18:0 =

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on Monday ye. 17th Day of February AD: 1772. at the House of mr: Thomas Wellington — They

Agreed to have a publick Town Meeting on Monday the Second Day of March Next at twelve of the Clock at noon at the publick Meeting House and ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to the Several Constables Requiring them to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to assemble and Meet together at Said time and place for the Ends following (Viz) First to Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting (2) to Choose Selectmen Town-Clerk & Treasurer & all other town officers Required by law to be Chose in the month of march Annually, (3) To Choose a Saxton and agree how he Shall be paid for his Service (4) to put in their Votes for a County Treasurer (5) To know the minde of the town wheather Swine Shall Run at large the present year, (6) To Choose a Committe Examin the Treasurers accounts

(7) To appropriate the Interest money Coming to the town the present year, (8) To Grant a Sallary for ye Revd: mt: Seth Storer for the Year Ensueing the year begining the first day of march Next, (9) To Grant money to Support the Grammer & English Schools that may be agreed upon, and act any thing Relating thereto the town may may think fitt, (10) To Grant money to

Support the poor — (11) To Grant money to Repair the Great Bridge, (12) To hear the accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to and Grant money to pay the Same (13) To Grant money to Repair the High-ways & Town-ways, and act any thing Relating thereto the town may think proper (14 To Hear the pleas of any of the late Constables for abating any perticular persons Rates in their lists and to act thereon as they See fitt, — (15) To appoint \* person to take care of the old

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Burying place to prevent it \* ver Spred with trees & briers, also to keep up the Fences &c —

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(16) To know the minde of the town whether they will Repair ye School-house, and if So then to do anything Nessecary Relating thereto as the town may think best, —— and also to Notify the town Creditors to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen on Fryday the twenty eighth Day of this present month at 4 of ye Clock afternoon at the House of mr: Bezll: Learned,

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly
Pr Jona: Brown Town-Clerk ----

The Proceedings of the School Committe for ye Year 1771. At a Meeting on ye: 19th Day of March Anno: Domini 1771. — They agreed that the Grammer School be continued four weeks more and that mr: Nathaniel Bond keep it at the Same Rate he did last year, and that mr: Samuel White Desire him to begin it the Next Day

At a Meeting of s<sup>d</sup>: Committe on the 11<sup>th</sup>: Day of April 1771. at m<sup>r</sup> Bez<sup>ll</sup> Learneds, They Agreed that the School Should be Vacant from next tuesday till the first Day of may next and that m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger Inform m<sup>r</sup>: Bond thereof. — — — — — — At a Meeting of s<sup>d</sup>: Committe on Monday y<sup>e</sup>: 10<sup>th</sup> Day of may at m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>ll</sup> Learneds AD: 1771. They Agreed that m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger Should ask m<sup>r</sup>: John Hunt junior to keep y<sup>e</sup> Grammer School one month, and if he Declines then he and m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone try to git one at Cambridge. —

At a meeting of said School Committee on monday ye 27. Day of may at mr: Edward Richardsons, It was agreed there Should be five womens Schools, (viz) three on the North Side of ye town and two on the South Side and to allow them five Shillings & four pence pr: Week to Each of the Mistresses they finding Houses to keep in, mr: Moses Stone to provide one for the East end, mr: Jonas Bond for the middle School on the North Side & mr: Samuel White for the West School on the North Side, and mr: David Sanger for the School at the River, and Jonathan Brown for the West School on the South Side, and that said Schools be opened the next monday and be kept twelve weeks each, Also Agreed that ye Grammer School be Vacant from the 20th Day of June Next till further orders, and that mr: David

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Sanger give notice thereof to the master. — At a meeting of s<sup>d</sup>: Com<sup>tte</sup> at m<sup>r</sup> Bez<sup>ll</sup>: Learneds on the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of August AD: 1771. it was Agreed to provide a Gram[mer School] master as Soon as may be, and that m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger Desire m<sup>r</sup> \* Warland to keep <sup>1t</sup>/<sub>A</sub> a month at the Same Rate he did before

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At a Meeting of the School Committe on ye: 13th Day of Sepr: AD 1771. it was Agreed that mr: Warland be Desired to keep the Grammer School till further orders, and that mr: David Sanger Acquaint him therewith — At a Meeting of ye Committe on Monday ye: 19th: Day of Novr AD 1771. at mr: Thomas Wellingtons, they agreed with mr John Stratton to Open a Wrighting School at the West end of ye town and to keep till further orders, Said School to be kept at the House of mr: Wm Bond if a Room may be had there, -At a Meeting of ye School Committe at mr: Edward Richardsons on the 31th Day of December 1771. They Agreed that mr: John Stratton keep the School at the West end of the town ten Weeks, and at the East end Eleven Weeks. -At a Meeting of ve Committe at ve House of mr: Bezaleel Learned on the tenth Day of February Anno: Domini: 1771. Mr: Owen Warland being present they Agreed with him to keep the Grammer School the Remainder of this present month, and then to give in his account to ye Selectmen in order for his pay — At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr: Bezaleel

To Daniel Bond for Boarding &c: for Mary		
Coollidge	10:13:	0 = 3
William Bond for taking care of William		
Godding in his last Sickness from ye 14 day }	14:19:	7
March 1771 to ye 4 d of august next		
Ebenezer Stone jur: for Boarding Ruth Madd	lox 0 : 13 :	2:1
Nath <sup>ll</sup> Stone for 2 pair of Shoes for ye		
poor & Mending a Chair	0:9:1	1
Samll: Fisk for Boarding James Daucy	0:18:	
Sam <sup>ll</sup> : Cook for Boarding Ditto	1 . 4 .	0

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Simon Hastings for Labour and Meterials at ye ministerial place John Remington for Clothing for James Dauge Marshal Spring for Medicine & attendance on Wm. Godding &c — Owen Warland for keeping ye Grammer School Joseph Hay for his wives keeping School Elijah Bond for Do Hannah Bright for keeping School Hannah Cook for Do	7:19: 2
[53]	68:6:1'2
At this Meeting m <sup>r</sup> Thomas Learned one of the of Highways bro <sup>t</sup> : his list of Highway Rate and it was worked out and it was Accepted by y <sup>e</sup> Se	it Appeared that
The following Accounts were brot: into the Selectheir being lay'd before the town (Viz)  Jedidiah Leath for Sharping a plow Share —0" for Spikes for ye Bridge ——0"	1 " 0
David Bemis for 137 feet of plank for treadways Bridge Stephen Harris for Boarding Ruth Maddox & f timber for a Bridge ————————————————————————————————————	2" 3" 0 0: 3: 8 1766 1: 0: 0 — 0:15:11 — 0:18: 0 0:18: 0
Daniel Sawin for Serving Constable in ye year 1	
Carrying two perfons out —	1:4:0-
	12:15:7:2

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At a Gen<sup>11</sup> Town-Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the Publick Meeting House in sd: Town on Monday the Second day of March AD: 1772, for the Choice of town officers and other affairs as Setforth in the Warrants for the Said Meeting. ~

Voted & Chofe mr: Nathl: Stone Moderator for ye Meeting mr: John Remington Voted & Chofe for Selectmen — {

Dean Samll: Fisk mr: Neheh: Mason mr Thos: Clark mr Samll: White

Voted & Chofe for Town-Clerk & Treasurer Jonathan Brown

Voted & Chose for Assessors — — 

| Jona: Brown | Dean: Samli: Fisk | mr: Moses Stone |

Voted & Chofe for Constables mifurs Josiah Capen & John Stratton

Voted & Chofe for Collectors of Tax's mr Josiah Capen & mr John Stratton and that they give Bond as useyll

Voted & Granted the Sum of 6 pounds to pay ye Collectors for their Service

Voted & accepted mr: David Sanger to Serve Constable & Collector in the Room of mr: Josiah Capen -

Voted & Chose for Wardens misurs Edward Harrington jur & Nathan Coollidge

Voted & Chofe Sealer of Leather mr Isaac Sanderson —— Voted & Chose Fence Viewers Misurs Josiah Norcross & Thos .Wellington

Voted & Chose Surveyors of | m<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Harrington m<sup>r</sup>: Simon Hastings m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>1</sup>: Harrington

Voted & Chose Tythingmen mr: Moses Hager & mr: Christ: Grant jur

Voted & Chofe Hogrieves Mifsurs Simon Coollidge jur & Stephen Whitney

Voted & Chose Surveyors of timber &c missrs: David Sanger Nathll: Coollidge & Jonas Coollidge

Voted & Chose Howards missrs. Jona. Learnediu & John Tainter ju<sup>r</sup> —

Voted & Chose Clerks of ye Markets missrs: Thos: Wellington & Bezll: Learned

Voted & Choie Cullars of Hoops Staves &c: missrs: Samll: Cook

& Samll: Sanger —

Voted & Chose m<sup>r</sup>: Simon Hastings Saxton and Granted him £ 3:10<sup>s</sup> for his Service

Then voted that this Meeting with the Remaining business be [adjo]urned to next monday at one of ye Clock afternoon at [ye Same] place

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At a Gen<sup>||</sup>: Town-Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Afsembled at the publick Meeting House in Said town on monday the Ninth Day of march AD: 1772. Pr: Adjournment — The meeting being opened, mr: Nath<sup>||</sup>: Harrington was Dismised from Serving Surveyor of Highways at his Desire, ———— Then Voted & Chose missus: William Bond & Phins: Child

Surveyors of highways Voted and Appropriated the Interest money coming to ye town

as it was last year (Viz) 5/4 to the School and the Remainder to ve minister

Voted & Granted ye Sum of 66" 13:4 as a Sallary for ye Revd. mr: Seth Storer the Interest money to be part and Remainder to be assest —

Voted & Granted ye Sum of 33:6:8 to Support ye Grammer School ~

Put to vote whether it is ye minde of the town to have other Schools besides the Grammer School, and it past in the affirmative. Voted that there be womens Schools as well as Writing Schools — Voted and Granted ye Sum of 30 pounds to Support Said Schools, one half of Said Sum to Support the writing Schools & the other half to Support the womens Schools — — — — Voted to Choose a Committe to take the Care of and provide Masters & mistresses for Said Schools — — — — — —

Voted & Chose for Said Committe—

William Bond
mr Josiah Capen
mr Elijah Bond
mr Jonas Barnard
mr: Daniel Sawin
mr Simon Whitney

Then Voted & Accepted m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Coollidge to Serve Constable and Collector in the Room of m<sup>r</sup> John Stratton. — — — — — Then Voted and Granted the Sum of £ 40 pounds to Support ye poor

Voted and Granted £ 60 pounds to Repair ye High-ways & townways

Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 12:15:7:2 to pay the town Creditors

Voted that  $y^e$  assessors make a list of each persons proportion  $_{\wedge}$  and give it to  $y^e$  Surveyors in the Same manner as was don last year ——

Then Voted and Chose m<sup>r</sup>: Ebenezer Stone ju<sup>r</sup> to take care of y<sup>e</sup> old Burying place, to keep up the fence and to Clear up the Briers and trees and to be allowed the feed and Locust trees for his Service

Put to Vote whether the town will Repair the old School-House, and

and it passed in the Negative ———
The Business being don ye meeting was Dissolved

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1772 March ye: 3. Jonathan Brown was Sworn to ye faithfull Discharge of ye offices of Town-Clerk Town-Treasurer & Assessor

By John Hunt Justice of peace

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr: Bez<sup>11</sup>: Learned on Monday ye 9th Day of march AD: 1772 — — — — — Four of ye Selectmen took ye oath Required by law Relating to other Governments Bills of Credit (Viz) Dean: Samuel Fisk mr: Nehh Mason mr: Thomas Clark & mr Samuel White. — after which the following persons were Sworn to ye faithfull Discharge

of ye Several offices to which they were Chosen which are as follows (Viz).  Dean. Samuel Fisk & mr Moses Stone Assessors mifsrs David Sanger & Joseph Coollidge Constables missrs Edward Harrington jur & Nathan Coollidge Wardens— mr. Isaac Sanderson Sealer of Leather— missur Josiah Norcross & Thomas Wellington Fence-viewers missrs Thomas Harrington, Simon Hastings, Moses Stone, Wm. Bond & Phinehas Child Surveyors of High-ways———— missrs Moses Hager and and Christopher Grant jur. Tything men missrs Simon Coollidge jur and Stephen Whitney Hogrieves missrs David Sanger, Nathll Coollidge & Jonas Coollidge Surveyors of timber boards &c: missrs Jonathan Learned jur & John Tainter jur Howards—— missrs Thomas Wellington & Bezaleel Learned Clerks of the Markets mr: Samuel Sanger Cullar of Hoops Staves &c——— All Sworn by Jonn: Brown Town-Clerk	
at this meeting ye Selectmen Signed orders on ye town-Treasurer to pay the Several persons afternamed ye Sums offixt to their names Viz       10"13" 0"3 to to William Bond 14:19:7— 14:19:7— 16:13:2:1 to Nathll Stone 16:13:2:1 to Nathll Stone 16:13:0— 16:14:0— 16:14:0— 16:16:16:16:16:16:16:16:16:16:16:16:16:1	
alfo to Simon Hastings for Serving Saxton ye Sum of 3:0:0:0 to Wm Bond for a Room to keep School in two Winters 1:4—	

[an]d to the persons yt provided the plows 5:9:2 -

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Wellington on Monday y<sup>e</sup>. 16<sup>th</sup>. Day of march AD. 1772. In order to agree with some Person to take care of y<sup>e</sup> poor that were Maintained by the town & under the Emediate care of the Selectmen, persons not appearing to take them at a Reasonable price as y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen thot. They appointed an other Meeting to be at the house of m<sup>r</sup>: Edward Richardson on Monday the 23<sup>th</sup> Day of march Instant at 4 of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon for y<sup>e</sup> Same purpose and ordered y<sup>e</sup> Clerk to put up a Notification at m<sup>r</sup>: Richardsons and at m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learneds which was accordingly don

pr: Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Edw<sup>d</sup>: Richardson on Monday y<sup>e</sup>. 23<sup>d</sup>: Day of March Anno: Domini 1772.

They agreed that the Clerk give ye Several Surveyors of Highways their Deftricts in ye following manner (Viz). Mr: Moses Stones to be the County Road from Cambridge line to Simon Hastings Shop, and the lane Called Parry's Lane to ye Road by Isaac Sandersons and the Publick Road from thence to Edward Richardsons, and Jenisons lane, also the lane from his House to ye County Road, from thence thro: the lane to Nathan

Coollidges —

Mr: Simon Hastings Destrict to be from his Shop to ye Great Bridge and the Roads South of ye River. — Mr: Phinehas Childs Destrict to be the Road from the Corner by Joseph Wellingtons Runing by Kings-Common, and So over the Hill where the Meeting House Stood to the Great Road where the Meeting House now Stands, and from his House to mr: Isaac Sandersons and Masons lane, and the ways in the North-east Quarter. — Mr: Thomas Harringtons Destrict to be the Road from Cambridge near Thomas Clark Runing under the Rocks to Waltham line above mr Nathaniel Harringtons, and the Road by Jonas Barnards to Phinehas Child's - and the Road from the School-House to John Stearns's, and also the Road from thence over to Capt: John Tainters Corner, and the Road by Jonathan Bemis's to Waltham line, — Mr: William Bonds Destrict to be the Country Road from Watertown Great Bridge to Waltham line, and the Road by Dirty-green to mr: John Cooksons, also to work out the Sum of Five pounds in Such parts of mr Thomas

Harringtons Destrict under the Rocks as he may think proper. — at this meeting they agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Bond to take Care of and Board Mary Coollidge for one year at the Rate of four Shillings p<sup>r</sup> week and to have no further allowance except in case of Sickness —

then [they] Signed an order on ye treasurer to pay mr: Edward Richardson Six \* it being ye Expence in putting out the

poor ---

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At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Capt: Nathaniel Coollidge on Monday the 11th Day of may Anno: Domini 1772. They Signed an order on the town Treasurer to pay mr: Simon Hastings ye Sum of 0:11:2:2 for Mending the Meeting House windows — — — —

They having Received a preccept from ye Sheeriff of ye County of middlefex Requiring them to assemble ye Inhabitants of Watertown to Choose a Suitable person to Represent them in a Great & General Court Appointed to be Convened held & kept for his Majesty's Service at Harvard-Coollege in Cambridge on Wednesday the 27th Day of this Instant may - In observance whereof they ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to ye Several Constables to warn all ye Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to vote in the Choice of a Representative to meet at ye publick-meeting House on Monday the 18th Day of

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this present month of may at two of ye Clock afternoon for that Purpose.

They also agreed to have an other Publick town-meeting on ye Same Day and at the Same place at three of ye Clock afternoon and ordered ye Clerk to Direct ye Constables to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants who are Qualified to Vote in town affairs. To meet at said time & place to act on the following articles (Viz) First to Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting (2) To Hear ye Report of the Committe appointed to Examin the treasurers accounts and to act thereon as they See fitt. (3) To Grant money to Repair the Great Bridge and to act any thing Relating thereto they may think proper

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(4) To know the minde of the town whether they will Repair the School-House and do any thing Relating thereto they think best. (5) To hear the Petition of James Hay praying the town to grant him Some Releif under his present Needy Circumstances, (6) To Hear the accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to & grant money to pay the Same (7) To know the minde of ye town whether they will Build a Wharf at their Landing place at Samuels Key (So Called) in Cambridge and act any thing Relating thereto as they think proper (8) To know the minde of ye Town whether they will Build a Work-House and if they Agree thereto, Then to grant money therefor, and to act any thing Relating thereto as they See sitt.

The Next Day Warrants were Issued out Accordingly.

Pr Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a General Town-Meeting of the freeholder and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to vote in the Choice of a Reprefentative Regularly Assembled at the Publick Meeting House in Said town on Monday the 18th Day of may Anno: Domini - 1772. The Meeting being opened The Votes being brot: in Sorted & Counted it appeared that Capt: Jonathan Brown was Chosen to Serve for and Represent them in the Great & General Court the Ensueing year ——

At a Gen<sup>ll</sup> Town-Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to Vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the publick Meeting in Said Town on

after Some Debate the Vote was put whether the town will Repair the School-House and it past in the affeirmative — — Then Voted to Choose a Committe to View ye Said School House & made Rep[ort]

Voted & Chose for Said Committe | mr Simon Hasti[ngs] mr David B \* mr Simon \*

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The fifth article Relating to  $m^r$ : James Hays Request to the town & after a Longe Debate thereon — They Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 10 pounds as an addition to the Grant made at march Meeting last to help Support the poor — — — —

Voted and Granted 12/ Shillings to pay m<sup>r</sup>. Israel Whitney for Some Stones to Repair Treadways Bridge (So Called — — — Then Voted to adjourn the meeting with the Remaining Business till the Next Monday at 4: of the Clock afternoon at this place — — — — — — — — —

The following is the Report of ye Committe Appointed to Examin the town Treasurers Accounts which was accepted (Viz)

We the Subscribers being Appointed by the town of Watertown to Examin the town Treasurers accounts have Attended that Service and find said acctts well Vouch't and Right Cast

Watertown May ye: 14th = 1772. Nath!: Harrington Sam!: Fisk William Bond Comttee

At a General Town-Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the Publick Meeting House in sd: town on Monday ye 25th Day of may AD 1772. Pr: Adjournment— The Meeting

being Opened They Proceeded to act further on the (4) article in  $y^e$  Warning (Viz) 1. Voted to Grant money to Repair the School-House ( $2^{ly}$ ) Voted & Granted  $y^e$  Sum of £ 18 pounds for

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that Purpose (3) Voted to Choose a Committe to Repair sd: School-House

- 4 Voted and Chofe for Said Committe  $\begin{cases} m^r \colon Sam^{ll} \colon White \\ m^r \colon Mofes \ Stone \\ m^r \ Simon \ Whitney \end{cases}$
- (5) Voted that the Chimney be Removed to Some other place Then the (7) article being Read—They Voted to Build a Wharf at Samuels Key (So Called) in the town of Cambridge — then voted to Choose a Committe to finde what the Charge may be &c —

 $\label{eq:Voted & Chofe for sd: Committe} ---- = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m^r \colon Mofes \ Stone \\ m^r \ Sam^{ll} \colon White \\ m^r \ Josiah \ Capen \end{array} \right.$ 

Voted that said Committe make Report to the town this day Fortnight.

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Voted & Choie for Said Committe m<sup>r</sup>: David Bemis

m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White m<sup>r</sup>: David Bemis m<sup>r</sup>: William Bond m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Sawin

At a General Town-Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled at the Publick Meeting-House on Monday the eighth Day of June Anno-Domini 1772-Pr: Adjornment—

The meeting being opened —The Seventh article Read Relating to the Building a wharf at Samuels Kee (So Called) the Com-

mitte that were Chosen to Estimat the Cost of Building a Wharf at Said place made a Verbal Report—that it will Cost about one Hundred & Forty pounds (old Tenor) or in Lawfull money £ 18:13:4 to Build a good Wharf at said place

Then they Voted and Granted sd: Sum of £ 18:13:4 for sd:

purpose

Then they Voted to Choose a Committe of three men to Build sd: Wharf

 $\label{eq:Voted and Chofe for Said Committe} Voted and Chofe for Said Committe} - \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m^r \colon Mofes \ Stone \\ m^r \ Jonas \ Bond \\ m^r \ Neh^h \ Mason \end{array} \right.$ 

The Business being don ye moderator Declared the mee[ting]

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At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham at the House of Capt: Nathaniel Coollidge on Monday the 15th. day of June Anno. Domini 1772 — — — — — — — — — They Agreed to Repair the Great Bridge in Watertown as Soon as it can Conveniantly be don and it is to Remain the Same Wedth that it now is—and it was agreed that it Should be laid about ten or twelve Inches higher than it now is at the South pier — They also Agreed to Choose a Committe of three persons to take Care and git the Work Don (Viz) one from each town. — —

Voted & Chose for Watertown — mr: Samuel White for Weston — Lt Jonathan Stratton for Waltham — Dean Isaac Stearns

and it was Agreed to begin the work ye Next monday

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 31th Day of August AD: 1772. at the House of mr: Thomas Wellington They Signed their Approbation for missrs: Edwd: Richardson, Bezaleel Learned, Thomas Wellington, & Capt: Nathll: Coollidge for their Renewing their licences as Inn-holders,—and Mr

Ezekiel Hall, m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Capen, m<sup>r</sup>: John Hunt junior for Retailors, They Likewise approbated & Recommended m<sup>r</sup>: Abner Craft for a Retailor.

And they Appointed a Meeting of the Selectmen of ye Several Towns Concerned in the Support of the Great Bridge in Watertown to be on the 14 day of September Next at 3 of ye Clock afternoon at the House of Samuel Livermor Esqr: in Waltham and ordered the town-Clerk to notifie the Selectmen of Weston & Waltham of ye time and place and to Desire their attendance. Notifications were Sent to ye Selectmen of Weston and Waltham Accordingly

Pr: Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at mr. Bezll. Learneds on ye 18 Day of Janry: 1773. Samll Benjamin Applyed for Some Releif for his Sifter Whitney and they agreed to git her a Baize Gown & peticoat & allow him 2/ Shilling pr week till further [ \* ]ers

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston and Waltham on Monday ye: 14th Day of Sepr: Anno: Domini 1772. at the House of Samuel Livermore Esqr: in Waltham The accounts that were brot: in by Sundry persons for ye Repairs of the Great Bridge in Watertown Since ye last Adjustment which was on the 17th Day of Sepr: AD 1770. the Sum ammounting to £ 11:12:4:2 was proportioned & adjusted Signed by the Selectmen and Entered at large in the Second Book in ye Treasury

Watertowns part being	4: 1:11
Westons D°	3:16: 7:1
Walthams D°	3:13:10:1
	11:12:4:2

At the Meeting aforesaid L<sup>t</sup>: Jonathan Stratton paid the Sum of  $11/10^d$  to the Treasurer of Watertown it being the Ballance which is due to Watertown after Weston has paid Said Stratton ye Sum of £ 3:4:8:1 for which Sum the Selectmen ordered the town-Clerk to give s<sup>d</sup>: Stratton an Order on ye Selectmen of Weston for the Sum of £3:16:7:1 which Sum will be in full of Westons part when paid of ye Sum proportioned as abovesaid

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an order was Given on ye Selectmen of Weston Accordingly and Signed by Order of ye Selectmen Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen the 23th Day of Octr: AD 1772. at the House of mr: Thos: Wellington — They Signed an order on the town Treasurer to pay or Order ye payment out of the town Rate to each of ye Inhabitants of the town what appeared by the Surveyors lists they had worked out in Repairing ye High-ways Since last march. — also to pay mr: John Clark £ 6:13:4 pence for his Service in keeping School— also one pound one Shilling and Seven pence one farthing to ye wido: Elizabeth Wyth of Cambridge for her Boarding Ruth Maddox. — at this meeting mr John Remington gave in a Notification to ye Selectmen Informing them that he had Received into his Family one Sarah Flagg who Came last from Concord on ye: 22d Day of September last past.

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Fryday ye: 18th: Day of December Anno: Domini: 1772 at the House of mr: Bezaleel Learned They agreed that the Clerk Should Diliver the late Samuel Hackletons Indentures to Dr: Marshal Spring—

at this meeting James Hay made Application to ye Selectmen for Some Releif and they agreed that mr: John Remington Should Supply him with Nessecaries to the Value of 2/8 pr week till further orders.—

They also Signed orders on the Town-Treasurer to pay the Sum of £ 11:12:4:2 to the town Creditors which found the Meterials & Repaired the Great Bridge, also to pay the Sum of £ 12:15:7:2 to the Town Creditors agreable to the Grants made them the Last march Meeting, and the Sum of £ 66:13:4 to the Revd: mr: Seth Storer which was Granted him as a Sallary for the present year, also the Sum of £ 6:10:0 to the Committe appointed to Repair the School-House.—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup>: AD. 1773 at the House of m<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Wellington — They Sold the Clothing & other things which belonged to Mary Coollidge at Publick Vendue for the Sum of £ 29:9:6 old Tenor — and ordered the Treasurer to pay the Sum of £ 1:12:0 to m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Wellington it being the Expence in his House — —

a meeting on ye 18 Day See ye (62) page ———

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at ye House of Capt: Nathaniel Coollidge on Monday the 25th Day or January AD 1773—

The wife of Joseph Bond & their two Children were brot: from Charlstown & Dilivered to ye Selectmen to take Care of Whereupon they Agreed with mr: Nehemiah Rand of Charlstown to take the Said Joseph Bonds wife & the Eldest Child and keep them till the first day of may Next & mr: Rand is to pay Four Shillings pr: week to ye Selectmen for ye Labour of mrs: Bond besides her, & her Childs Board———

They Agreed with mr: Jedidiah Leath to take the other Child of Joseph Bond for the present for 3/1 pr: week———
and they Agreed with Joseph Coollidge to keep Ruth Maddox Six [we]eks for 13/6 old Tenor pr week. he is to fetch her from mr Masons

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Also Agreed with mr Thomas Learned to take John Whitney jur and to have his labour Six Weeks & to pay to ye Selectmen 14/ Shillings pr: week old Tenor at this meeting a Petition was presented to ye Selectmen Signed by a Large Number of the Inhabitants of ye town Desiring that they would Call a Town-Meeting that the Inhabitants may have an Oppertunity to agree upon Some Measures in order to Obtain a Redress of ye Many Greivances which the people of this as well as the other Colonies Labour under at this time --- Wherefore They ordered the Town Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to the Several Constables Requiring them to warn the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs to Assemble at the publick Meeting House in said town on Monday ye first Day of February Next at one of the Clock afternoon to Choose a Moderator for said Meeting - Secondly To Consider of the Greiveances Mentioned in the Petition to the Selectmen for Calling this meeting as also any other that the Colonies in America in General or this Province in perticular Labor under and to hear the Pamphlet Read which the Selectmen have Received from Boston wherein the Rights of the people are Stated as also the Greivances are pointed out, and for the town to act any thing Relating thereto the town may think best. - -

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly

Pr: Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the

Town of Watertown on Monday the first day of February AD.

Said Meeting being Called by the Selectmen in Compliance with a Circular Letter Received from the Com<sup>tte</sup> of Corrospondance of ye Town of Boston and at the Request of more than fifty of ye Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Watertown ———— The meeting being opened & Dean: Samll: Fisk being Chosen Moderator at the unanimous Desire of the town the Pamphlet containing the Votes & proceedings of the town of Boston at their meeti[ng] Nov<sup>r</sup>: ye. 20th. 1772, Containing also the State of ye Rights of the [Colo]nists and of this Province in perticular and of the

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Infringments and Violations of those Rights was Publickly Read and after Some Debate thereon the Town Proceeded to Choose a Comtte to prepart Something that may be proper for the town to act on the affair before them and to make Report at ve adjournment of sd: Meeting was Adjourned to the Fryday following -At a Meeting of ye freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown February ye. 5th. 1773. By Adjournment the Comtte Appointed by the town the first Inftant Reported according to order which was Read and is as followeth (Viz)-Resolved that it is the Opinion of the town that the State of Rights of the Colonists in General and of this province in perticular as men as Christians and as Subjects are by the town of Boston very properly Stated, and the violations of those Rights perticularly pointed out and fully Demonstrated.- upon these very Important affairs the Sentiments of the town are more fully exprest in the following Remarks &c: When we take a view of the Numerous Inftances wherein our Constitutional Rights & Charter priviledges are invaded, and Violently taken from us and the many perticulars where in we are Cruelly opressed — we are filled with fearfull Apprehentions that there is a Defign Laid not only

formed and plann A to oprefs but to Inflave us, which plann Seams to be Carrying into Execution with great Rapedity — The Consideration whereof fills us with great Grief & Anciety — For Rendering Such a wicked Defign abortive, we are willing to Contrabute to the utmost of our ability in any Constitutional way that may be thought Expedient in Conjunction with our Bretheren of the Community — for however deep Such a plann may be laid and how far Soever advanced towards a Compleation, yet we

Don't look upon the Case Desperate It is not Impossiable but the Snare may be broken and we may Escape; There are Several Considerations which Serve to Enliven our hopes, Perticularly the People in General through the province Seam to be Roused to a Sence of the Danger to which their Liberties & properties are exposed — and to use their utmost Endeavors to Recover & Secure them — we are also Incouridged by the Glorious Stand which the Representative Body of this people and the Hon!: his Majesty's Council are making in Desence of our Liberties and their united Indeavours (with a fortitude) peculier to themselves, to Stem the torrent of tyrany and oppression which Seams to threten to overwhelm & Destroy us, Whereby they have merited ye applause and thankfull Acknowledgments of the whole province — and proved themselves truly the Guardians of our Liberties,

we are \* Especially incouridged by the A many Instances wherein

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Divine providence hath Interposed in Behalf of this People in times of their most eminent Danger — and wrought Diliverance for them — and it is our Earnest prayer to the Supream Governer of the univers who hath the Hearts of all men in his Hands that he would So order it in his providence that our Rights Liberties & priviledges Civil and Sacred may be Restored and Confirmed to us, that they may be wifely Improved peacably and uninteruptedly Enjoyed by us and our Desendants till time Shall be no more

Sam<sup>II</sup>: Fisk Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Mofes Stone Sam<sup>I</sup> White

Committe

Watertown Febry: ye. 5th. 1773.

The foregoing Report Read & accepted without oposion —— Voted that the Town-Clerk enter the Same on the town Records and Return an attested Copy thereof to the Committe of Corrofpondance in Boston

Attest Samll. Fisk Moderator ----

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr: Bezaleel Learned on Fryday ye. 5th: Day of February AD- 1773 ——

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They Agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Bond to take Joseph Bonds Child from m<sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Leaths and keep it for the present and he is to have 3/ p<sup>r</sup> week for his trouble — — — ———

At a meeting of s<sup>d</sup>: Committe at m<sup>r</sup>: Wellingtons may the 11. 1772 They Determined that there Should be a Vacancy in the G[rammer] School to begin the first Day of June — — —

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At Said Meeting they Agreed that there Should be five womans Schools opened to begin the first Day of June accordingly they agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: John Strattons wife to keep a School at the East School House, and with m<sup>r</sup>: Elijah Bonds wife to keep a School in their House, and m<sup>rs</sup>: Rebecca Warrin to keep a School in m<sup>r</sup>: Phinehas Stearns s House, and m<sup>rs</sup>: Hannah Cook to keep a School in their House, and m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Hay wife to keep a School in their House, Accordingly they kept School Eleven Weeks & one Day and an half each at two pounds old Tenor p<sup>r</sup>, week Said Mistresses to finde rooms or allow for them out of their wages. — At a meeting of s<sup>d</sup>: Committe at m<sup>r</sup>: Richardsons September ye 21<sup>th</sup> 1772. They Agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: John Stratton to keep a School in the Towns School House to begin the 28<sup>th</sup> of September Instant and to keep till the 23<sup>th</sup> Day of October at the Rate of 250 pounds P<sup>r</sup> year — At s<sup>d</sup>: meeting the Committe Agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Palsgrave Wellington to keep the Grammer School a Quarter of a year at the Rate of £ 300 pounds old Tenor p<sup>r</sup> year to begin the 23<sup>th</sup> of October — —

At Sd: meeting They also Agreed with mr: John Stratton to keep a School at the East School House to begin the 9th Day of Novem-

ber and to keep twelve weeks & three Days at two Dollars  $p^r$ : week — — — — — —

At a meeting of S<sup>d</sup>: Committee at m<sup>r</sup>: Learneds January the 6<sup>th</sup>. 1773.

They Agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: John Stratton to keep a School in the West School House to begin the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of February and to keep twelve weeks and three Days at two Dollars p<sup>r</sup>: week

At S<sup>d</sup>: meeting they agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Henry Bright to keep the Grammer School to begin the 27<sup>th</sup>. Day of January & to keep till the first Day of march at the Rate of 300 pounds old Tenor p<sup>r</sup>.

William Bond Pr: Order

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At a meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Capt: Nathl: Coollidge on Monday the 15th: Day of February AD. 1773.— They Agreed to Call a Publick Town Meeting to be on Monday the first day of march Next at twelve of ye Clock at noon at the Meeting House and ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to ye Several Constables Requiring them to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs to meet at Said time & place for the

Ends following (Viz)

First to Choose a Moderator for Sd: meeting (2ly) To Choose Selectmen Town-Clerk & Treafurer & all other town officers Required by law to be Chose in the month of march annually — — (3ly) To Choose a Saxton & agree how he Shall be paid for his Service (4<sup>ly</sup>) To put in their Votes for a County Treasurer (5<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of the town Whether Swine Shall Run at Large the present year — — (6<sup>ly</sup>) To Choose a Committe to Examin the Treasurers Accounts (7ly) to appropriate the Interest money Coming to the town the present year. (8ly) To Grant a Sallary for the Revd: mr: Seth Storer for the year Enfueing the year begining the first day of march next (9ly) To grant money to Support the Grammer & English Schools that may be agreed upon and act any thing Relating thereto the town may think fitt -(10ly) To Grant money to Support the poor (11ly) To Grant money to Repair ye Great Bridge (121y) To Hear the Accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to & Grant money to pay ve Same (13ly) To grant money to Repair the High-ways and townways and act any thing Relating thereto the town may think

proper. (14ly) To Hear the Pleas of any of ye late Constables for abateing any perticular Persons Rates in their lists and to act thereon as they See fitt, (15) To know the minde of the town whether they will take up the two Hinde Seats in the Body of ye meeting House on both Sides & make pews and act any thing Relating thereto as they think proper (16) To know the minde of the town whether they will Sell or lease a town way that lies between the lands of mr: Christopher Grant and the Heirs of mr John Kemball Deceast and to act thereon as they See fitt. (17) To Hear the Report of the Committes that were Appointed to Repair the School-House & to Build a Wharf (at Samuels Key So Called) and to act any thing Relating thereto as the town think best, (18) To agree how Said Wharf Shall be Improved and act any thing on the affair they think best (19) To know the minde of the town whether they will appoint a Committe to finde out the Bounds of the Landing place near Dean: Fisks Marsh & do any thing on the affair they think best (20) To know the mind of the town wheather they will Build a work-House and ac any thing Relating thereto they See proper - - - -

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Likewise to notifie the town Creditors to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned on Fryday the 26 Day of this present month of February at 4 of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in the afternoon

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly Pr Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on Fryday the 26th Day of February AD. 1773. at the House of mr: Bezaleel Learned the following acctts were brot: in & accepted by the Selectmen (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mr: Daniel Bond for Boarding &c for Mary Coollidge 3 "9" 8 mr David Bemis for a Coffen for sd: Coollidge \_\_\_\_\_ 0"9" 0 mr Simon Hastings for Diging a Grave for sd: Coollidge \_\_\_\_\_ 0"4" 0 mr Samuel White for Gloves for sd. Coollidges Funeral \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 1"1"9:2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5"4"5:2

Dean: Samuel Fisk for provisions for James Hay 0"12"4 mr John Draper for Do for Do 0"7"4"2

m <sup>r</sup> John Remington for D° to D° — — — 5 " 6" 10" 2
m <sup>r</sup> : John Remingtons other account being — 6" 6" 7"0 1" 5: 2:0
$\mbox{m}^r\colon \mbox{Ezekiel Hall for Clothing for John Whitneys} \\ \mbox{wife} & & & & 1\text{`'}\mbox{11''}\mbox{9''3} \\ \mbox{m}^r\colon \mbox{Samuel Benjamin for Do} & & & & & 0\text{''}\mbox{11''}\mbox{5''0} \\ \label{eq:model}$
m <sup>r</sup> : Jonathan Child for Boarding ye wido Tabitha Learned  2" 3" 2"3  1: 4: 0:0
Capt: Nath Coollidge for Labour &c at the Great Bridge 4" 1" 8—  mr Stephen Harris for Do———————————————————————————————————
The following accounts were brot to the Selectmen to be laid before the town (Viz)

To Dean: Samll: Fisk for Serving Assessor the year past 0"18:0 To mr: Moses Stone for like Service 0"18:0 To Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown for Service as Treasurer & assessor To Cap<sup>t</sup>. Daniel Whitney for Stones for a Bridge 3"11:4 0" 4:0

5"11:4

# [71]

At a Gen<sup>II</sup>: Town-Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to Vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the publick meeting-house in Sd: Town on Monday the first Day of March AD. 1773 for ye Choice of town officers & other affairs as Setforth in the Warrants for sd: meeting

Voted & Chofe mr: Nathll: Stone Moderator for Sd: meeting

Mr: Moses Stone & mr: Thos: Clark mr: Nehemiah Mason [ mr: Stone & mr Clark Voted & Chose for mr. Samll White at their Desire were Excufed from Serving mr David Bemis Selectmen mr Josiah Capen (mr: Bond Refused to mr Jonas Bond Serve & mr Sanger was Chofen in his Room see ye (73) page

Voted & Chose Jonathan Brown Town-Clerk & Treasurer  $Voted \ \& \ Choie \ for \ afsefsors \longrightarrow \begin{cases} & Jonathan \ Brown \\ D^n \ Samuel \ Fisk \\ m^r \ Mofes \ Stone \end{cases}$ 

Voted & Chose for Constables & Collectors mrsr: Thos: Pattin & Wm Bond

Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 6 pounds to pay ve Collectors for their Service

Voted & Choie for Wardens missrs. David Coollidge & Ebenr: Stetson

Voted & Chose for Sealer of Leather mr: Isaac Sanderson Voted & Chose for Fence-Viewers missrs. Phins. Stearns & Samll: Barnard

Voted & Chose for Surveyors of High-ways 

| mr : Richard Clark mr Moses Stone mr Sam!: Barnard mr Thos: Wellington

Voted & Chofe for Tythingmen missrs Samll: Soden & Jedidiah

Voted & Chose for Hogrieves misrs Isaac Prentic & Jonas Coollidge

Voted & Chose for Surveyors of Timber &c Captt: Nathll: Coollidge & mr David Sanger

Voted & Chose for Howards misrs: Isaac Sanderson jur & Jonas Barnard

Voted & Chose for Clerks of the markets miss: Elisha Learned & Wm: Hunt

Voted & Chose for Cullars of Hoops Staves &c mr/: Samll: Cook & Samll: Sanger

Voted & Chofe mr Simon Hastings Saxton & Granted him 3:10:0 for his Service

Then the Votes were brot: in for County Treasurer -Voted that Swine Shall not Run at large the present year -  $\begin{array}{c} Voted \ \& \ Choie \ for \ a \ Com^{tte} \ to \ Examin \ \begin{cases} m^r \colon Nath^{ll} \colon Harrington \\ m^r \colon Sam^{ll} \ Fisk \\ m^r \colon John \ Remington \\ \end{array}$ 

Voted & appropriated ye Interest money as it was last year (Viz) 5/4 to the School and the Remainder to ye minister

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Voted & Granted ye Sum of 66:13:4 for a Sallary for the Rev<sup>r</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Seth Storer the Interest money to be part, & the Remainder to be asseft

Voted & Granted ye Sum of £ 40 pounds to Support ye Grammer

School

Voted to have Writting Schools & Granted £ 20 pounds to Support ve Same

Voted to have womens Schools & Granted £ 15 pounds to Support

y<sup>e</sup> Same

Then Voted that this Meeting with the Remaining business be Adjourn'd to monday Next at one of ye Clock afternoon at this place

At a Gen¹ Town-Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to Vote in town affairs Regularly afsembled at the Publick meeting House in sd: town on Monday the 8th Day of march AD 1773. By Adjornment ———
The meeting being Opened They Voted & Granted ye Sum of

the meeting being Opened They Voted & Granted  $y^e$  Sum of £ 24 pounds to Support the poor  $y^e$  present year ————
Voted and Granted the Sum of £ 2 pounds to Support  $y^e$  Great

Voted and Granted the Sum of £ 2 pounds to Support ye Great Bridge

Then the accounts of ye town Creditors were Read ammounting to the Sum of £ 5:11:4 which Sum was Granted to pay ye Same

Voted & Granted £ 80 pounds to Repair ye High-ways & townways and that the price of Labour be 3/ Pr Day for a man & the Like Sum for a Team — — — — — — — — — — — —

Voted that the Assessors make out Lists of Each Inhabitants proportion of  $s^d$ : Sum of Eighty pounds & give the list to  $y^e$  Surveyors in the Same manner as they were the last year. — — Then they voted & abated Fanning Learneds Rates in Issaac Sandersons lists & Granted  $y^e$  Sum of £1:5:9:3 to make it good also abated  $y^e$  Sum of 14/5 of Jonathan Fessendens Rates in the  $y^e$  Sandersons Lists & Granted the like Sum to make it good — —

then voted that the money for writing & womens Schools [be] Equally Divided

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Then they Voted & Excused mr William Bond from Serving Constable the present year - - - then the town being Informed that mr: Jonas Bond Declined Serving Selectman—they then Voted & Chose mr. Nathaniel Harrington a Selectmen and he Refused to Serve ---Then Voted & Choie mr: David Sanger for a Selectman Then Voted & Chofe mr. Samuel Nutting Constable in the Room of William Bond, and upon his plea to be Excused the town having Considered the Same Voted to Excuse him -Then they Voted & Chose mr: Nath! Harrington Constable in ye Room of mr Samll: Nutting but he being unwilling to Serve they Chose mr Josiah Norcross for a Constable - and mr: David Sanger was accepted to Serve Constable & Collector in the Room of mr. Thomas Pattin, and mr Joseph Coollidge in the Room of mr Josiah norcross by a Vote Then after Some Debate thereon the town Voted to take up the two Hind Seats in the Body of ye meeting House & make Pews -Then Voted that Said pews Shall be Sold to ye Highest Bider --Voted to Choose a Committe to Build Said Pews - - -

Voted & Chose for Said Committe 

| mr: Moses Stone | mr: Samll: Fisk | mr: David Bemis

Then they Voted & adjourned the meeting with the Remaining business to monday next at this place at 2 of ye Clock afternoon

Middlefex fs: March the 8th. 1773.

Capt: Jonathan Brown of Watertown Appeared and was Sworn

to the office of a Town-Clerk Town-Treasurer & assessor for the town of Watertown, to which offices he was Respectively Chose by Said Town and Sworn the faithfull Discharge thereof

Before me Samuel Livermore Justice [of Peace]

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At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr Bezaleel Learned on monday the 8th Day of march AD 1773—— Four of the Selectmen took ye oath Required by Law Relating to other Governments Bills of Credit (Viz)—————— missrs Samuel White David Bemis Josiah Capen and David
Sanger. — after which the following persons were Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of the Several offices to which they were Chosen (Viz) Dean Samll Fisk & mr Moses Stone Assessors misrs David Sanger & Joseph Coollidge Constables
mifr David Coollidge & Ebenezer Stetson Wardens — — mr Isaac Sanderson Sealer of Leather — — —
mifrs Phinehas Stearns and Samuel Barnard Fence-Viewers mifrs Richard Clark, Moses Stone, Samll Barnard, & Thos:
Wellington Surveyors of High-ways — — — — — — mifrs Samuel Soden & Jedidiah Leath Tythingmen — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —
mif <sup>rs</sup> Isaac Prentice & Jonas Coollidge Hogrieves mif <sup>rs</sup> Nath <sup>ll</sup> Coollidge, David Sanger, & Jonas Coollidge Survey- ors of Timber &c
mif <sup>rs</sup> Isaac Sanderson ju <sup>r</sup> & Jonas Barnard Howards — — — m <sup>r</sup> : Elisha Learned Clerk of y <sup>e</sup> markets
m <sup>r</sup> : Samuel Cook Cullar of Hoops Staves &c Sworn by Jonathan Brown Town-Clerk
At this meeting the Selectmen Agreed with mrs: Lock of Wooburn to take Joseph Bonds youngest Child and Board & provide for it three months for which She is to have 19/' Shillings Pr week old Tenor ————————————————————————————————————
and they Signed an order on the Town-Treasurer to pay the Sum of $\pm 46:3:5:1$ to the Several persons after named to each ye Sum affixt to his name Viz
To Palsgrave Wellington — 10" 0"0 To John Stratton — — 8" 0"0
To Elijah Bond — — — — — 8" 0" 0  To Leseph Herr
LO LOCADO Horr

To Joseph Hay — — — — 3" 0"0

To Hannah Cook — — — —	3 " 0 " 0
To Rebecca Warrin — — —	3"0"0
To Daniel Bond — — — —	3" 9"8
To David Bemis — — — —	0" 9"0
To Simon Hastings — — —	0" 4"0
To Sam <sup>II</sup> : White — — — —	1" 1"9:2
To Sam <sup>11</sup> : Fisk — — — —	0"12"4—
To John Draper — — — —	0"7"4:2
To John Remington — — —	6"12"0"2
To Ezekiel Hall — — — —	1"11"9"3
To Samuel Benjamin — — —	0"11"5"0
To Jonathan Child — — —	1" 4"0—
10 Jonathan Child — — —	1 1 0 —
	16 " 2 " 5 1

#### 46" 3"5:1

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At a Genell: Town-Meeting of ve freeholders & other Inhabitants of of Watertown who are Regularly Quallified to Vote in town affairs being Meet at the Publick Meeting House in Sd: town on Monday the 15th Day of March AD 1773. By Adjournment ~ The Meeting being Opened they Proceeded to act on ye (16) article and after Some Dabate thereon they Voted that the Selectmen Inquire into the Circumstances of the town way mentioned in Said article, and Make Reporte what they think proper for the town to act on the affair at may meeting — — — — Then the Report of ve Committe appointed to Repair the School-House was Read, and it was Voted to accept the Same, also Voted that the money Due from mr: Isaac Sanderson by his Note of Hand be Appropriated to help Sattisfy the Committee account and that a Sum Sufficient with the Grant & appropriation to Sattisfie the Same Should be Assest which is £ 1:10:5:3 The the Report of ye Committe Appointed to Build the Wharf at Samuels Kee So Called being Read none of ye Committe being Present it was Voted that the Consideration thereof be Refeer'd

to next may Meeting — Then (18) article being Read Relating to the Improvment of above-Said Wharf and the town Voted that the Selectmen let out the Same for the present as may be most for the Benfitt of ye town — ——

The (19) article being Read and after Debate thereon they Voted to Choose a Committe to finde out & Settle the Bounds of ye

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Landing place near / Samuel Fisks Marsh & to make Report at may Meeting

Voted & Chofe for Sd: Committe — — 

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 Dean: Samll: Fisk Capt Jona: Brown mr: Nathl: Stone

Voted to put of the Consideration of ye article Relating to a Work-House till next may meeting. —— The business of the meeting being don the moderator Declared it Dissolv'd

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on monday the 29 Day of this present month of march to Let out the Wharf lately Built in Cambridge to the Highest Bider & Directed the Clerk to put up Notifications of the time and place of their meeting for s<sup>d</sup>: buisinefs ——

At this meeting it was Agreed that m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Capen and m<sup>r</sup>: David Ṣanger take Care of y<sup>e</sup> Great Bridge for the present. at this meeting m<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Bond bro<sup>t</sup>: in his account for Boarding & nursing Joseph Bonds youngest Child 4 weeks and an half at 3/p<sup>r</sup> week — — — — — — — — — 0:13:6—

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on ye. 29th. Day of march AD 1773. at the House of mr: Edward Richardson in order to Let out the Wharf lately built by ye town in Cambridge it being put up to be let to the Highest Bider it Appeared that mr. Christopher Grant had bid ye Sum of 1:15=4 which was the Highes Bid—

Grant A bid ye Sum of 1:15=4 which was the Highes Bid—Therefore it was Agreed that Said Grant Should have the Improvement of Said Wharf for one year from Sd: Day he giveing his note of Hand to the town Treasurer to pay Said Sum by ye Expiration of Said Term. and he gave his note accordingly—at this meeting ye Selectmen Signed an order on ye town Treasurer

to pay ye Sum of 45=15=11=2 to ye Several persons &c in ye following manner (Viz).-To Capt: Nathll. Coollidge for taking Care of ye 4" 1"8 Bridge 0"19"4 To mr Stephen Harris for Labour at Do --18" 0"0 To ye Committe for Repairing ye School House To ye Committe for Building ye Wharf - -18"13"4 to Isaac Sanderson — — — — — — — 0"1"9=2to Israel Whitney — — — — — — 0"12"0 to mr Henry Bright in part for keeping school 2"13"4 to mr Daniel Bond - - - -0"13"6

45"15"11"2

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At Said Meeting they Settled the Destricts of ye Surveyors of the Highways as follows (Viz) mr: Moses Stones to be the Country from Cambridge line below mr: Edward Richardsons to mr John Remingtons, and the Roads South of the River, and Jenisons Lane and the lane from sd: Stones to the Publick Road by Nathan Coollidges, and the North Publick Road from Richardsons to Vilas and the lane Called Parrys lane — and also to work Four pounds Lawfull money under the Rocks. ---Mr: Richard Clarks District to be from the Corner by Joseph Wellingtons the Road over Kings Common to the Road by Kemballs Corner at the foot of the meeting House Hill (so Called) and the Publick Road from thence to Vilas and also Masons and Goddings & Chenerys Lanes -Mr: Thomas Wellingtons Destrict to be the Country Road from mr: John Remingtons to Waltham line and the Road by Dirtygreen and Capt: Tainters lane as far up as his House - and also to work out the Sum of five pounds under the Rocks. — Mr: Samuel Barnards Destrict as follows (Viz) mr: Bemis's lane and from Capt: Tainters North to John Stearns's Corner from thence by mr: Nathaniel Harringtons to Waltham line, also the lane by Capt: Daniel Whitneys to the meeting House, also the lane from the School House over the old Meeting House Hill to Kemballs Corner, and from thence the Country Road to Samuel Warrins and from thence North the Road by Thomas Harringtons and under the Rocks to Thomas Clarks Gate -

at this meeting they agreed that the Clerk write to ye Selectmen

of Weston to Send five or Six Hundred feet of good plank to the Great Bridge to Repair ye Same with

At a meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Capt: Nathll: Coollidge on monday ye 3d: Day of may Anno: Domini 1773 — They Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay ye sum of £ 5:17:4 to mr Ameriah Fullar & his Brother in full for House Rent for James Hay the last year.— And they Directed the town Clerk to write an or [der] to the Selectmen of Weston to pay mr: Jonas Harrington jur of [Water]town the Sum of £ 1:14:4:3 for 172 feet of Planck which [he] brot: to ye Great Bridge in Watertown — ——

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The Selectmen haveing Received a Precept from the Sheriff of the County of middlesex for the Purpose hereafter mentioned, They ordered the Clerk to Issue out warrants Directed to ye Several Constables to warn all ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative to assemble and meet at the Publick meeting House on monday ye 17th Day of may Currant at two of ye Clock aftermoon to Choof a Suitable Person to Represent them in a Great & General Court or assembly appointed to be held & kept for his Majesty's Service at the Court House in Boston on Wednesday the twenty-Sixth Day of this Instant month of may. They also Agreed to have an other Meeting the Same Day and at the Same place at 3 of ve Clock afternoon and ordered the Clerk to Direct the Constables to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of sd: town who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to meet at Said time & place for ye Ends following (Viz) First to Choose a moderator for Said meeting — Secondly To Hear the Report of ye Committe appointed to Examin the Treasurers accounts and to act thereon as they See fitt ~

(3<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of the town whether they have any objection to the Wall's Standing in the place where it now is against ye Land of John Draper which he purchased of William Sanger & for the town to act thereon as they think proper. (4) To know the minde of the town whether will Sell the Spots where they Agreed to Build pews and if So then to make Sale thereof or otherwise to give their Committe Some further Directions Relating to Building the Same, and to appropriate the money that

may arise by the Sale thereof for the Repairs of the meeting House or other uses as may be thought proper, and to act thereon as they

think best  $(5^{ly})$  To know  $y^e$  minde of  $y^e$  town whether  $\wedge$  will keep an English School the whole year, and if So to Choose a School-master, and also Choose a Committe to take Care of all the Schools that have been agreed upon or may be agreed to be kept, and to do any thing Relating thereto as may be thought proper.  $(6^{ly})$  To know the minde of the town whether they will appoint a Committe to See what peices or percels of  $^{Land}_{\wedge}$  there is belonging to the town and agree how they Shall be Improved and to act any thing Relating thereto as may be thought proper —  $(7^{ly})$  To Hear the Report of any Committes that have been appointed for any perticular Services, and to act any thing thereon as they see fitt —  $(8^{ly})$  To finish any Business that was Refered over to this meeting from the last march meeting. —

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly Dated the next Day
Pr Iona: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Gen<sup>II</sup>: Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Reprefentative Regularly Afsembled at the Publick Meeting-House in S<sup>d</sup>: Town on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Day of may AD 1773.— The meeting being Opened and the Votes were Called for and after they were bro<sup>t</sup>: in and Sorted & Counted it appeared that Cap<sup>t</sup>: Jonathan Brown was Chosen to Represent the town in the Great & General Court for the year Ensueing.——

At a Gen<sup>II</sup>: Town Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the publick meeting House in sd: Town on monday the 17th Day of may Anno: Domini 1773. For transacting Sundry affair as Setforth in the warrants for sd: meeting

Voted & Chose Capt: Jonathan Brown Moderator for ye meeting Then the Report of ye Committee appointed to Examin ye treasurers accounts were Read and Voted & accepted the Same

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Then ye (3) article was Read — and the town Voted that John Draper have Liberty to Continue & keep up his Wall or fence against ye River where it was when he purchased the Land of William Sanger. — — —

The (4) article being Read after Some Debate thereon the town Voted to make Some alterations in their first Inftructions

Voted that the pews to be Built Should not go acrofs the Little alley & that the two Hinde Seats may be Removed two Inches forward & the fore Seat one Inch So as to make five Inches in the whole. and that the floor be laid the Same height as those behinde  $y^m$ 

Voted that the Committe appointed to Build sd: pews proceed to and git Said work don, by the first monday in August next —

Voted that Said Committe make Sale of Said pews to ye Highest Bider as before Directed giveing Notice of Said Sale both as to time & place Seasonably beforehand the purchaser to be an Inhabitant of the town. — — — — — — — — — — —

 $\label{eq:Voted & Chose for Sd: Committe} \begin{tabular}{ll} Woted & Chose for Sd: Committe & $---$ & $m^r: Nath^l: Harri[ * ] \\ m^r: Nath^l: Stone \\ m^r: Sam^l: B[ * ] \end{tabular}$ 

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The (6) article being Read it was put to Vote whether it is the minde of ye town to Choose a Committe to finde out any peices or parcels of Land Belonging to ye town & make Report thereof at the Next meeting — it past in the affirmative

 $Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ for \ Said \ Committe \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} John \ Hunt \ Esq^r \\ m^r \ Nath^{ll} \colon Stone \\ m^r \ Mofes \ Stone \end{array} \right.$ 

Then it was Voted that ye Selectmen let out the town way between mr: Christopher Grants Land & Land belonging to the Heirs of mr John Kemball Deceast: for ye present year and make Report at the adjournment of this meeting

Then the accounts of ye Committe appointed to Build the wharf at Samuels Key was Read & accepted ammounting to the Sum of

£ 30:18:6 — and there being ye Sum of 12:5:2 Ballance

<sup>\*</sup> torn

due more than ye Grant for sd: Service it was Voted to put it off till the adjornment of this meeting —

Then the affair Relating to a work House which was put off from march meeting last to this meeting was Considered — and it was Voted that the Selectmen apply to the neighboring towns to See if they or any of them will joine in building one & Report

to the town what is proper to be don

Then it was put to Vote whether this meeting with the Remaining business Should be adjorned to ye Second monday in August

next and it past in the affirmative

it was accordingly adjorned to s<sup>d</sup>: Day at two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon at this place — — — — — — — — — — — —

The Report of ye Comtte appointed to Examin ye treafr acctts is as follows (Viz) —— We the Subscribers being Appointed by the town to Examin the Treafurers accounts have attended Said Service & finde Said accounts well Vouched & Right Cast

 $\left. \begin{array}{ll} John & Remington \\ Nath^{l}. & Harrington \\ Sam^{ll} & Fisk \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{ll} Com^{tte} \end{array}$ 

At a meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr Bezll Learned on the 17th Day of may AD: 1773. They Approved of mr Amos Bond being a Retailor in the Room of mr Jonas White & [a]nd ordered the Clerk to Certifie it to ye Court of Sessions of ye [P]eace

# [81]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of mr. Bez<sup>11</sup> Learned on monday the 31<sup>th</sup> Day of may Anno: Domini 1773. They let the Lane between the Land of mr: Christopher Grant & the Heirs of mr: John Kemball Deceast: to mr: Phinehas Child to be Improved by him till the first Day of January Next for which he Agreed to pay ye Sum of twelve Shilling to the town-Treasurer for the use of the town and gave his note of Hand for the Same —

meeting on monday ye ninth Day of August next at one of ye Clock afternoon at the Publick Meeting House and ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed the Several Constables to warn all ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to assemble & meet together at ye publick meeting House at Said time to act on the following articles (Viz) —

First to Choose a Moderator for Said meeting (2<sup>ly</sup>) to grant money for Repairing the meeting House or to appropriate any Sum of money that may arise by the Sale of pews or otherwise to Said use. and also agree how S<sup>d</sup>. House Shall be Repaired. and to do any thing Relating thereto that the town think Needfull (3<sup>ly</sup>) To act on any matter or thing that may be laid before the Town as they shall think best, and Likewise to give notice that the last may meeting Stands adjourned to the Same Day at two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon.

Warrants were Issued out accordingly Dated ye 28 Day Instant Pr Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

### [82]

At a Gen<sup>11</sup> Town-Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhats of Watertown who are Qualified to vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled & meet at the Publick meeting house in Sd: Town on Monday ye 9th Day of augt: Anno: Domini 1773 Voted & Chofe mr: Samuel Fisk Moderator of sd: meeting Voted to Repair the Steple of ye meeting House and the the other parts, and to new paint all the windows and other works on the House that were painted before — — — — — — — Voted that there Shall be Conducting wires put upon the Steple — Voted & appropriated the Sum of 30 pounds out of the money that may arife by ye Sale of the new Pews if a Sufficient Sum may arife thereby, and if not then to assess So much as to make up said Sum Voted that ve Selectmen be a Committee to take care and git Said Repairs don — — — — — — — — — — Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in October next at two of ye Clock afternoon at this place and the meeting was accordingly adjou'd

At a Gen<sup>!!</sup> Publick Town Meeting of ye freeholders &c at ye publick meeting House in sd: Town on ye ninth day of August

#### [83]

At a meeting of ye Selectmen on Monday ye 16th Day of August AD 1773. at the House of mr: Bezaleel Learned. — They Agreed with mifsrs Simon Hastings Jonathan Learned jur & William MacCurtain to Repair the meeting House at the Rate of 4/6 pr Day for their Labour they to finde themfelves Board, and all their tools Ropes Blocks and all Nefsecary tackling only the town to pay 20/s Shilling for the use of Ropes &c: and ye Selectmen are to find all meterials — the workmen to begin as Soon as the Stuf is provided — at this meeting ye Selectmen Signed an order on ye Treafurer to pay mr: John Stratton the Sum £ 11:1:3:2 in full for his keeping School Last year. — They also appointed a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham to be on the 30th. Day of this present month of august at 2 of ye Clock afternoon at the House of Bezll. Learned in Watertown and ordered the Clerk to notifie the Selectmen thereof—

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown, Weston & Waltham on monday the 30th. Day of august AD 1773 at the House of mr Bezaleel Learned in Watertown the Charge that has arisen Since the last adjustment which was on ye 14 Day of Sepr: AD. 1772—The whole Sum being 9:7:10 was adjusted & Signed by the Selectmen of each town and Watertowns part is 3:6:6

Westons  $D^{\circ}$  is- 3:2:0Walthams  $D^{\circ}$  is- 2:19:4

9:7:10

They also agreed to provide one String peice three Braces & as many Plank as is Nefsecary for the Repairs of the Bridge & Chofe m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Capen for Watertown, m<sup>r</sup>: Tho<sup>s</sup>: Rand for Weston,

and m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>11</sup>: Bridge for Waltham to make y<sup>e</sup> Nefsecary Repairs at this meeting there was an order on y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Weston Signed to pay Jonas Harrington ju<sup>r</sup> of Weston y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 2:13:7:1 in [full] for the Plank which he had bro<sup>t</sup>: for the use of the Grea[t Bridge]

### [84]

And after ye Selectmen of Weston, Waltham were gon the Selectmen of Watertown Agreed with mifsurs Jedidiah Leathe and Phinehas Stearnes to make the Iron Rods for ye Steeple of ye meeting House & they are to have four Shillings Pr pound for them old Tenor

They also agreed to meet again on Thursday Next at 4 of ye Clock afternoon at mr Edward Richardsons to approbate Suitable persons for Tavern keepers & Retailors of Spiritous Liquors

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Edward Richardson on Thursday the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD. 1773 —

They Approved of m<sup>r</sup>: Edward Richardson, m<sup>r</sup>: Tho<sup>s</sup>: Wellington, m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned & Cap<sup>t</sup>: Nathaniel Coollidges Renwing their licences as Inn-holders—also m<sup>r</sup> Ezekiel Hall m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Capen m<sup>r</sup> Abner Craft m<sup>r</sup>: Amos Bond and of John Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: in the Room of his Son John who is Removed out of town Retailors of Spiritous Liquors

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr: Bezaleel Learned on Monday the 13th: Day of Sepr: Anno: Domini 1773 —

## [85]

At a Publick Town Meeting of ye freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled at the publick meeting House in Said Town on Monday ye 4th Day of October AD- 1773 - By adjournment

Dean: Samuel Fisk being Moderator The Report of ye Committe Appointed to Build four new pews & to Sell the Same, was Read and Voted and accepted See below-Then the Selectmens account of the Charge of ye Repairs of the Meeting House ammounting to £ 71:1:11:3 was Read & Voted & accepted See Page (86) Then they Voted and Appropriated the further sum of 41:1:11:3 of the money that has arisen by the Sale of the pews to Sattisfie Said account ----Then they Voted that the Selectmen Should lay what Gravil is Necessary Round the meeting House to Secure the under pining — Then the Voted to have New Steps made to the meeting house Voted that the Selectmen git hewed Stones for the Steps to the front Door and make the other as they think best Voted that they Draw money out of the Treasury to provide the Meterials with ---- --- --they also voted that the Glass that was left Should be kept for the use of the meeting House — — — — — — — Then The Meeting was Disolved -The Report of the Committe appointed to Build and Sell the pews is as follows (Viz) We the Subscribers a Committe Appointed by the town of Watertown to Dispose of the pews lately Built in the meeting-House have attended that Service and Sold Said four pews to the highest Bidders under the Same Regulation that the other pews were Disposed of—sd. pews were Sold as followeth (Viz) Nº [1] [86] £ old Tenor No: 1 Sold To mr: Simon Whitney for — — 281 — 0----No 2 Sold To mr: Ezekiel Hall for — — — 250 — 0— No 3 Sold To mr: David Bemis for — — 185 — 0— No 4 Sold To mr: Samuel Soden for — — 177 — 0—— 893:0:0 Lawfull money. 119:1:4 Received of the Purchasers. 12

8 — 2 — 8

Pr Cr- - - - - -

Remains in Cash £ 3—17—4
Prime Cost of Said Pews 7: 4:0
Expence of Sale — — — 0:18:8

### Remains in Cash £ 3—17—4

7: 4:0
0:18:8

Mofes Stone Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Fisk David Bemis

Watertown Octr. 4th. 1773.

The Selectmens account of the Charge for Repairing the meeting House is as follows (Viz) —— To mr: Simon Hastings for Labour & meterials 11:13: 2 To mr: Jonathan Learned jur for Labour &c — 6" 8" To mr William Mc: Curtain for Do: ---5"17" 0 4" 0" 6 To mr Jedidiah Leathe for Iron-work — — — 2"10" 6"2 To mr Phinehas Stearns for Do — — — — 1"17" 5"3 To mr: Abner Craft for Nails &c — — — To mr: Samuel White for Labour & meterials 3"15" 4"3 18" 9" 2"2 To mr: David Bemis for Do — — — — — To mr Josiah Capen for Do - - - - -10"16" 3"1 To mr: David Sanger for Do - - - -4"14" 2-To the Selectmen for Extra Expence — — 1" 0" 0— £ 71" 1"11"3

And

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Family one James Downing from Lynn on the first day of February last past. also one Daniel Jackson gave in a Notification Informing that he had Received into his house in Watertown one William Fullar and Elizabeth his wife & their four Children (Viz) Katy, Molly, John & Cornelius, See the notifications on file

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 22: Day of Novr: Anno: Domini 1773. at the House of mr: Bezaleel Learned — They Signed an order on the Town-Treasurer to pay mr: Henry Bright the Sum of twenty four pounds which with what has been ordered before will make the whole of his wages for keeping ye Grammer School in Watertown till the third Day of December next ————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of December Anno: Domini. 1773 at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Wellington, They Agreed to Call a publick Town-Meeting to be at the publick meeting House in Said town on Monday the third Day of January Next, and Then agreed to Adjourn their meeting to monday the 27 Day of this Instant December to meet again at Said Wellingtons to appoint the time of Day and also the Business to be acted on at Said Meeting

and

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And on the Said 27 Day of Decr: the Selectmen being meet according to Agreement They ordered the Town-Clerk to Issue out warrants Directed to the Several Constables to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs to meet at ye publick meeting- four in Said town on Monday ye Said Third Day of January 1774. at one of ye Clock afternoon to act on the following articles (Viz) First To Choose a moderator for Said Meeting. — Secondly To

See if the town will agree upon any Method or way to prevent ye Estate of John Stearns from being taken from him for Debt and for the town to act any thing Relating thereto as they may

think best. Thirdly To See if the town will agree upon any way or means to widen and Repair the Great Bridge over Charls-River to make it more Safe passing & Repassing over the Same, & Do & act any thing Relating thereto as the Town Shall think Necessary.

Pr: Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

Dated Decr ye 28th: 1773.

### [89]

At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly assembled on monday the third Day of January Anno: Domini 1774. at the publick Meeting House in Said Town to Transact Sundry affairs as Setforth in the Warrants for Said

Meeting —

They Voted & Chose Dean: Samuel Fisk moderator of sd: meeting Then the Second Article Relating to the Circumstances of John Stearns being Read and after Some Debate thereon — it was Voted that the Town-Treasurer be and is hereby Impowered in the name & Behalf of the town to pay and Sattisfie, or give Security for one half of the Sum for to Sattisfie an Execution that now lies against John Stearns & Thomas Harrington in Favor of Francis Dana it being the Proper Debt of Andrew White —— also Voted that the Selectmen be desired to proceed to finde out the Circumstances of John Stearns's Estate & Endeavor to bring his affairs to a Settlement as Soon as they can ———

Then the third article was Read Relating to the Great Bridge over Charls-River in Watertown and after Debate thereon they Voted & thereby Impowered their Representative in the name and Behalf of the town to joine with the Representatives or any Committee that may be Appointed by the other towns Concerned in the Support of Sd: Bridge, in Petitioning to the Great and General Court for Some Releif under the Great Burden of Supporting Said Bridge

Then it was moved & Voted that the meeting with the Remaining business be adjourned to the House of mr: Bezl Learned to

meet there in half an Hour from this time -

The town being meet at Mr: Bezaleel Learneds House according to adjournment. The moderator Oppened the meeting and the article Relating to East India-Companys Sending Teas into this province subject to Duty, being read and after Consideration

and Debate thereon, The Town Exprest their minds on this occation in manner and form as Entered on the next page

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Taking into Consideration the Diftressed Scituation of this province as Well as the other Brittish American Colonies Occationed by the Brittish Parliments Claiming a Right to tax the Colonies & bind them in all Cases Whatsoever - Thereby Denving us an Exclusive Right to tax our Selves and Disposing of our own properties, and have actually levied a Tax upon the Colonies by Imposeing heavy Duties on Sundry articles Imported by the Colonies for the Express purpose of Reising a Revenew to the Crown, and the Injurious Application of the Revenues So unjustly Extorted from us (Viz) for the Support of Civil Government and Defraying the Charges of the Administration of Justice -The bad Effects whereof are already felt in this Colony by Rendering one Branch of the Legislative Court intirely Independant of the other for its Support, and the aspect is no less thretning with Respect to the Executive part of the Government. - having a tendancy (as we apprehend) of Saping and finaly overthrowing our Civil Constitution of Government and Introducing an arbitrary one. --- The publick Diftress is Greatly Increased by a late act of parliment, Impowering the East-India Company to Export their Teas to america Subject to Duties upon its being Landed, — and the proceedings of Said Company in Consequence of Said Act in Shiping a Very large Quantity for the Colonies a Large Quantity whereof hath lately arived in Boston Harbour, whereby the Inhabitants of Boston and the

Neighbouring towns has been greatly Alarmed, which has Occationed the Inhabitants of Boston & the Neighbouring towns to assemble and Confult how the fatal Consequences of Landing & Vending Said Teas might be Prevented, and we are fully of oppinion that the people had a Right thus to meet & Confult for their Common Safty —— We Read that the Jews in a State of Captivity & Slavery under an arbitrary King when a Decree was gon forth to Destroy them had Liberty to assemble together & Defend themSelves & Confult how to ward off the blow that was coming on them by Preventing the wicked Edict being Carried into Execution. - under Providence they were wonderfully Succeeded having the kind Influences of a good Mordica in their favour who not accusing them of Riot Sought their welfare & was accepted by the multitude of his Bretheren, — and we are also fully of oppinion that the people assembled at Boston on the 14 & 16 of December last, had no Design or Desire that the Tea on Board the Vessels in the Harbour Should be Destroyed or any way Damaged but on the Contrary were very Desirous and used their utmost Endeavours that Said Tea might be Safely Returned to the [own]ers thereof

But

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But that the Distruction of the Tea was occationed by the Custom House officers and the Governors Refusing to grant a Clearance and pass for the Vessel that was Designed to Carry Said Tea back to the owner from whence it came — Being Influenced by ye foregoing Considerations Dreading of Slavery with which we Seem to be thretned and being True Friends to Liberty to which we have an undoubted Right, we would Exert ourSelves to the utmost of our power to avoid the former and Secure the latter. — and we would be Glad to be joined by all our Bretheren on the Continent (in like Tribulation) in this Laudable attempt, For this purpose we Resolve —

Then it was put to Vote whether the foregoing Refolves &c: be agreable to the town and it passed in the affirmative unanimously—and Voted that the town-Clerk Record the Same and transmit a Copy to the Committee of Correspondence for the town of Boston

which was don accordingly & attested by

Jona: Brown Town-Clerk
Th[en]

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Then the article in the warrant for this meeting Relating to Building pews in the meeting House was Read & after Debate thereon, It was Voted to Build pews in the Galleries next to the windows from one Stair-way to the other Round in ye front of the House

Voted that they be Built at the Cost of the town

Then Voted to Choose a Committe to Build sd pews in Such way & manner as the Committe with the advice of the Selectmen Shall think most for the Benefit of the town and that they git Said work don by the Last Day of February next, and make Report to the town at next march meeting———

Voted & Chose for sd: Committe —  $\begin{cases}
m^r: Josiah Capen \\
Cap^t: William Bond \\
m^r: Bez^{ll}: Learned \\
m^r: Sam^{ll}: Sanger \\
m^r Jedidiah Leathe
\end{cases}$ 

The Business of the Meeting being don the moderator Declared the meeting to be Dissolved

At a Meeting of y° Selectmen at the House of m′: Bezaleel Learned on Monday the 10th: Day of January AD. 1774
They Agreed with m′ Daniel Bond to Board the wid° Tabitha Learned for the present at the Rate of three Shillings P′ week
At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston & Waltham at the House of m′: Isaac Gleason in Sd: Waltham on the 24 Day of January AD 1774.

They Agreed unanimously to petition the Great and General Court to afford Some Releif in widning and Supporting the Great Bridge over Charls-River in Watertown and that the Representative of each town be Impowered as a Committe for that purpose

### [93]

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of mr Thomas Wellington on ye 21 Day of February Anno: Domini 1774 —— They Signed an order on the Town-Treasurer to pay mr: Moses Stone £ 12:5:2 it being what Remained Due to him for Building the wharf in Cambridge ——— and they agreed to have a publick Town meeting on Monday the Seventh Day of march Next at twelve of ye Clock at noon at the publick meeting House & ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to ye Several Constables to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to assemble at the time and place afore Said to act on the following articles (Viz) First to Choose a moderator for Said meeting Secondly to Choose Selectmen Town-Clerk & Treasurer and all other town officers Required to be Chose in the month of march annually (3) To Choose a Saxton and agree how he Shall be paid for his Service ()4 To put in their Votes for a County Treasurer (5) To know the minde of the town whether Swine Shall Run at Large the present year (6) To Choose a Committe to Examin the Town-Treasurers accounts (7) To appropriate the Interest money coming to the town ve present year (8) To Grant a Sallary for ve Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup>: Seth Storer for the enfueing year the year begining the first day of march next (9) To Grant money to Support the Grammer & English Schools that may be agreed upon, and to act anything Relating thereto the town may See fitt (10) To Grant money to Support ye poor, (11) To Grant money to Repair the great Bridge and to act any thing Relating thereto they See fitt, (12) To hear the accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to and grant money to pay the Same (13) To Grant

money to Repair the High-ways & town-ways, and to act any thing Relating thereto they think proper, (14) To hear the pleas of the Constables for abating any perticular persons Rates in their lists, and to act thereon as they See fitt (15) To know the minde of the town whether they will Improve m<sup>r</sup>: John Stratton to keep the English School the whole year & to act thereon as they think proper, (16) To See if the town will provid firewood for the Schools and agree upon Some Method to Regulate the Same, and to act thereon as they See meet, (17) To know the minde of the town whether they will act any thing Rela[ting to] John Stearns's affairs, and to act any thing thereon as th[ey think] best.

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> Warrants were Issued out accordingly by me Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen on Fryday the 4 <sup>th</sup> Day of march at the House of m <sup>r</sup> : Bezaleel Learned AD 1774 ——————————————————————————————————	
To David Bemis for Necessaries for ye poor — 0"18" 0	
To Sam! White for Shoes for Ruth Maddox — 0" 5" 4	
To Jedih Leathe for Joseph Bonds wife & Child 0"14" 8	
To Ditto for Spikes for the Great Bridge 0" 4" 0	
To Ditto for Spikes for the Great Bridge 0" 4" 0 To Josiah Capen for Labour & meterials for the Bridge — — — — — — 2" 0" 10	
for the Bridge — — — — — 2" 0"10	
To David Sanger for Do. at Ditto — 2"13" 5:3	
To Dr Marshal Spring for Medicine & attind-	
ance on ye poor — — — — — — — 1 " 2" 4	
To David Sanger for Cash Lay'd out for the poor 4" 2" 8	
To Thomas Learned for Boarding ye wido	
Tabitha Learned — — — — — — 0 " 6" 8	

To Daniel Bond for Boarding the poor — — 7"  To Bezaleel Learned for Boarding ye wido  Tabitha Learned — — — — — — 0"	5" 5 12" 8—3 18" 0—0 6" 0—0
	9″10— 16″0
the following accounts were allowed & a Grant made to To Samuel Fisk for Serving afsefsor ye year past To Mofes Stone for like Service 18/ & Stones for a	o pay them 0″18″0
Bridge 9/	1" 7"0
To Jona Brown for Serving Treasurer & assessor	3"11"4
To Sam <sup>II</sup> Barnard for Stones for a Sluce	0"5"0
To John Kemballs Estate for a plow	0"1"6
To John Cook for timber & Sawing	0"8"8
To Isaac Sanderson for Serving Constable in ye year	
1765	0"12"0
[05]	7" 3"8

#### [95]

The account given by the School Committe is as follows (Viz) There will be due to mr: Henry Bright the Ninth Day of this Instant March for three months Service in keeping the Grammer School ye Sum of 10" 0" 0-There is due to mr: John Stratton for keeping the ) 10: 4:0 writing School 17 weeks at 12/ Pr week and for his wives keeping School 6 weeks @ 5/4 There is due to mrs: Stearns the wife of John Stearns There is due to mr Elijah Bond for his wives keeping the School last Summer There is due to mr: Eires Tainter for his wives 0:10:4keeping School two weeks at their House and to mrs Sufanna Wales ye Sum of 3:0:0Watertown March 7: 1774.

Signed

Nath<sup>ll</sup>: Stone Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Barnard

1774 March ye 4th: Bezaliel Learned gave in written Notifications of Several persons he had Received into town

#### [96]

At a Gen<sup>II</sup>: Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs Regularly assembled at the publick meeting-house in Said Town on Monday the Seventh Day of march AD 1774. for the Choice of town officers and other affairs as Setforth in the Warrants for the meeting.

Voted & Chofe Mr: Samuel Fisk Moderator for sd: meeting

Voted & Chose for Selectmen

| mr Samll: White mr Josiah Capen mr David Bemis mr David Sanger mr Elijah Bond

Voted & Chofe for Town-Clerk & Town-Treasurer Jona: Brown

 $Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ for \ afsefsors ----- \left\{ \begin{array}{l} Jon^a \colon Brown \\ m^r \colon Sam^l \ Fisk \\ m^r \ Mofes \ Stone \end{array} \right.$ 

Voted & Chose for Constables mr: Samll: Nutting & mr: Samll: Sanger

Voted & Chofe Wardens mefrs Daniel Whitney ju<sup>r</sup> & Josiah Norcrofs

Voted & Chofe Surveyors of Highways

| mr : Elijah Bond | mr Nathl: Harrington | mr . John Cook | mr Amos Livermore

Voted & Chose Tythingmen mistr Josiah Bisco & Samll. Cook Voted & Chose Hogrieves missrs Saml. Hager & Simon Coollidge jur

Voted & Chofe Surveyors of Timber &c: David Sanger, Jonas Coollidge & Seth Norcrofs

Voted & Chofe Howards missrs William Chenery & Abraham Whitney

Voted & Chofe Clerks of ye Markets mifrs John Remington & Wm Hunt

Voted & Chose Cullars of Hoops Staves &c misss Saml: Cook & Saml: Sanger

Voted & Chose mr Simon Hastings Saxton & Granted him

3:10-0 for his Service

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Voted \& Chose for a Com^{tte} to Examin} \\ \text{$y^e$ Treas$}^{\text{$r$}} \text{ acc$}^{\text{$tts$}} \end{array} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{$m^r$: Nath$}^{\text{$l$}} \text{: Harrington} \\ \text{$m^r$ Sam$}^{\text{$l$}} \text{ Fisk} \\ \text{$m^r$ Sam$}^{\text{$l$}} \text{: White} \end{array}$ 

## [97]

At a Gen<sup>II</sup> Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the publick meeting House in s<sup>d</sup>: Town on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of march AD: 1774. by adjournment — M<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Fisk being Moderator, The meeting being opened The (7) article in the Warrant being Read — it was Voted to appropriate the Interest money as it was Last year (Viz) 5/4 to y<sup>e</sup> Grammer School and the Remainder to the minister. — The Voted & Granted as a Sallery for y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup>: Seth Storer for the year ensueing the Sum of 66:13:4 the Interest money appropriated to that use to be part & the Remainder to be asseft Voted to make the great Bridge over Charls-River in Watertown

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Voted & Granted ye Sum of 30 pounds to Support the poor —

Then the accounts of Sundry persons to which the town is In-

debted was Read ammounting to the Sum of 7:3:8 which was Granted to pay the Same — — — — — — — — — —

Voted 20 pounds out of the grant made to Repair the High-ways be laid out to Repair the Road at Dirty-Green (So Called) — Voted that the Constables Collect the Tax's this year & Granted three pounds to each of them for their Service they Giveing Bond as usual — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

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Voted and Granted 40 pounds to support the Grammer School Then voted to have other Schools & granted the Sum of 30 pounds to Support the Same — — — — — — — — — — Voted that the grant made for other Schools be Laid out for Writting Reading & arethmatick and that there be two English Schools opened one at each end of the town at the Same time —

Then it was Voted that the 14-15-16-17 and ninteenth articles in the Warrants be put of to next may meeting then to be Considered

Then the meeting was Disolved -

# [98]

Middlesex s Watertown March ye 14. 1774

Jonathan Brown was Sworn into the offices of Town-Clerk Town-Treasurer & assessor —

By Josiah Convers Justice peace At a meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr: Bezll: Learned

on monday the 14 Day of march AD 1774. The persons afternamed were Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of the Respective
offices after mentioned (Viz) ————————————————————————————————————
miss Daniel Whitney & Josiah Norcross Wardens ——
mr: Stephen Whitney Sealer of Leather ———
missrs John Tainter jur & Phinehas Child Fence-Viewers ———
missr Elijah Bond Nathl: Harrington John Cook & Amos Liver-
more Surveyors of High-ways — — — — — — — — —
m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco Tythingman — — — — — — — —
missrs Samuel Hager & Simon Coollidge jur Hogrieves
missrs David Sanger Jonas Coollidge & Seth Norcross Surveyors
of timber &c
mr Samuel Sanger Cullar of Hoops Staves &c: — — — —
all Sworn by Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At this meeting of ye Selectmen they agreed with mr: Josiah Capen to keep & Board Ruth Maddox eight weeks and he to have Six Shillings pr. week old Tenor & her Labour ——
They also agreed with mr William Learned to Board the widow Tabitha Learned eight weeks for which he is to have 21/ Shillings old Tenor pr week & her Labour ——
at this meeting ye Selectmen Signed an order on the town-Treasurer to pay mr: Storer s Sallary for last year it being 66-13-4 ——
also an order to pay the persons after named the Sums affixt to their names (Viz)

To mr Henry Bright	10" 0" 0
	11"16" 0
to mr Elijah Bond	3"0"0
to mrs Stearns wife to John Stearns	3" 0" 0
to mr Eires Tainter	0"10" 4
to m <sup>r</sup> Elkanah Wales	3"0"0
to m <sup>r</sup> David Bemis	0"18" 0
to mr Samll: White	0"5"4
to mr Jedidiah Leathe	0"18: 8
to m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen	2" 0"10
to mr David Sanger	2"13" 5—3
to Dr Marshal Spring	1" 2" 4—
to mr David Sanger	4" 2" 8—
to mr Thomas Learned	0" 6" 8—
	43:14:3:3

## [99]

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of mr: Edward Richardson on Monday the ye 28th Day of march AD 1774— They let the wharf in Cambridge that belongs to Watertown to mr: Phinehas Child for one year next ensueing to begin the thirtieth day of this Instant month of march for which ye Said Child is to pay £ 2:8:8 for ye Same and he accordingly gave his Note of Hand to ye Town-Treasurer for Sd: Sum—at this meeting they Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay mr Samuel White 3/4 for the Expence of ye Selectmen at their last meeting with ye other Selectmen of Weston & Waltham about the Great Bridge, also to pay mr: Edward Richardson 5/8 it being the Expence in leting out the Wharf—at this meeting mr Josiah Capen brot: in an account for things &c procured for the poor ammounting £ 2:6:0 Lawfull money—

At a meeting of the Selectmen on Monday ye 4th: Day of April 1774 at the House of mrs Dorothy Coollidge —
They agreed that ye Districts for the Surveyors of Highways Should be as follows (Viz) ————

m<sup>r</sup>: John Cooks to begin at Waltham line on the Country Road & all that Road down to the Great Bridge, Including the Road by Dirty-Green and all the Roads that belong to the town on the South Side of the River, also the Country Road from the Great Bridge to the Barrs of Deacon Fisks pasture, and Capt: Tainters lane to Whitneys Corner —— and m<sup>r</sup>: Cook is to work out £ 20 pounds at Dirty-Green

Mr: Nathaniel Harringtons Diftrict to begin at Waltham line west of his House, and the lane Called Bemis's lane, and from thence over ye Hill northward to John Stearns's Corner, thence the lane by Capt: Whitneys to the meeting House and the Road to Jonas Barnards — also the Road from Samuel Warrins Round by Thomas Harringtons to Thomas Clarks Gate under the Rocks.———

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Mr: Amos Livermores Destrict is to be from his own House South thro' Parrys lane and West on the Country Road to Deacon Fisks Barrs at the Southwest Corner of his pasture & Nuttings Lane, and from Parrys lane East to Cambridge line & Stones Lane with the Country Road on the North Side Westward to Ionas Bonds

At a Meeting of ve Selectmen at the House of mr: Bezll: Learned on Fryday the 15th Day of April AD 1774. -

It being the year for Perambulating lines & Renewing the Marks between towns. The Selectmen that missrs Saml. White & David Bemis Shall go on the line between Watertown and Cambridge also between Watertown & Waltham and that they attend that Service on Monday ve 25th day of this prefent month and to begin with Such as Cambridg appoint at Charls-River at eight of the Clock in the morning of Sd: Day — also to begin with with Waltham men at Cambridge line at two of ye Clock afternoon They also Agreed that missrs: Josiah Capen & David Sanger

Should perambulate with Newton men to meet with them at two of ve Clock afternoon on ye Same day to begin at Charls-River — They Directed the Clerk to write to the Selectmen of the Several Towns aforementioned to give them notice of ye times and places aforeSaid & to desire their attendance — which was accordingly don by Iona: Brown Town-Clerk

at this meeting they Signed orders on the Treasurer to pay out of the Treasury the Sums affixt to ye Several persons names hereafter mentioned (Viz) -

( 12)	
To Abner Craft	2" 5"5
To Daniel Bond	4"12"8"3
To Bezaleel Learned	0 " 18 " 0 —
To Jonas White	0" 6"0—
To Sam <sup>ll</sup> : White	2" 1"0—
To Josiah Capen	2" 6"0—
	12" 0"1 . 3

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on monday the 25th Day of april AD: 1774 at the House of mrs: Dorothy Coollidge — They Signed orders on the Treasurer to pay m<sup>r</sup>: Henry Bright 1:10:9 in full for his keeping ye Grammer School in Watertown —also

to pay ye Sum of 3:12:0 to mr: John Stratton in full for his Service in keeping School the year past ——

They Appointed a meeting of ye Selectmen of ye Three towns Concerned in Maintaining the Great Bridge in Watertown to be at mr Isaac Gleasons in Waltham to be on Monday the 2th Day of may Next at 4 of ye Clock afternoon & ordered ye Clerk to notify ye Selectmen of Weston & Waltham which was accordingly Don by me

Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen on monday the 9: Day of may AD 1774. at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wellington — They having Received a Precept from the Sheriff of y<sup>e</sup> County of middlefex for the purpose hereafter mentioned. They ordered the Clerk to Issue out warrants Directed to the Several Constables Requiring them to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative to assemble at y<sup>e</sup> publick Meeting House in Said town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>. Day of this present month of may at two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon to Choose a person to Represent them in a Great & General Court appointed to be held and kept at the Town-House in Boston on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of this present month of may

They also agreed to have an other meeting at 3 of ye Clock in the afternoon on the Same day at the Same place and that the Constables be Directed to warn all ye freeholders & other Inhabitants who are Quallified to vote in town affairs to meet at Said time and place to act on ye following articles (Viz)

First to Choose a moderator for Said meeting -

(2) To hear the Report of ye Committe appointed to Examin the Treasurs accounts and to act thereon as they see fit ———

(3) To pass any votes the town think proper on a list of juriors prepared by the Selectmen to be laid before them —

(4) To Choose any town officers in the Room of any that Refuse

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<sup>(5)</sup> To grant money to widen & Repair the great Bridge & to act

any thing Relating thereto as the town may think proper — (6) To Hear the petition of a number of persons praying the town to allow the Singers two pews in the Gallaries for ve Reafons Setforth in their petition. (7) To know the minde of the town whether they will purchase the Estate of John Stearns, and to act any thing Relating thereto they think Necessary - (8) For the town to agree how they will Dispose of the pews that are Building the Gallaries, and to do any thing Relating thereto they think best. (9) To know the minde of the town whether they will purchase a New Bell for the Meeting House out of the money ariseing by the Sale of pews, and to act thereon as they See fit. (10) To appropriate any Sum or Sums of money belonging to the town that Remain unappropriated (11) For the town to finde out any peices of Land that belong to ye town, and agree how they Shall be Improved and to act thereon as they See fit (12) To know the minde of the town whether they will Sell Samuel White a Small peice of Common Land, & to act thereon as they think best. -

(13) To act on the Several articles in the warning for March meeting that were Refered over to this meeting.

Warrants were Issued out accordingly
Pr: Jona: Brown. Town-Clerk

At a Gen¹ Publick Town Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly assembled at the Publick Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the Sixteenth Day of may Anno: Domini 1774 —

for the Choice of a Representative Capt: Jonathan Brown was Chosen to Represent the town in the Great & General Court appointed to be held & kept at the Court-House in Boston on Wednesday the 25th Day of this Instant month of may.——

Watertown May ye: 16th 1774 mifsrs: David Sanger & Joseph Coollidge were Sworn to the office of Constables and mifsrs William Chenery to the office of Howard and also Abraham Whitney.

By Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Gen¹ Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs Regularly assembled at the publick Meeting House in Sd:

Town on monday ye: 16th: Day of may A: D: 1774- to transact the affairs as Setforth in the Warning of meeting -They Voted and Chose Dean: Samil: Fisk moderator Then Voted and accepted of the Report of ve Comtte appointed to Examin The Town-Treasurer accounts The Voted and accepted as list of Jurours which was prepared by the Selectmen Except missrs Nathaniel Stone and Samuel Cook who are Excused from Serving -Voted & Chose m: David Sanger to be Constable in ve Room of mr Saml: Sanger & mr: Joseph Coollidge in the Room of mr: Samuel Nutting -Then Voted & Granted ye Sum of £ 40 pounds to be Improved in widening and Repairing the Great Bridge over Charls-River in Watertown -Then the petition of William Bond & others praying that two pews in the front Gallary might be allowed to ve Singers was Read and after Debate thereon, they Voted & Granted ye prayer thereof & allowed the use of two pews During the towns Pleafure The 7th article in the warning being Read and after Debate thereon the Question was put whether the town will purchase the Estate of John Stearnes if it is like to be Sold under the Value thereof and it past in the affirmative Then Voted to Choose a Committe with power to purchase Said Estate for the use of the town if they think proper - $Voted \ and \ Choie \ for \ Said \ Committe \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m^r \ Jonas \ White \\ Jon^a \colon Brown \\ m^r \ Mofes \ Stone \end{array} \right.$ Then Voted and Appropriated as much money as is due to the town on Bond or Note of Hand as will purchase the Same ---Then Voted that the pews now a Building in the Gallaries Shall be Sold to Highest bider under the Same Regulations as those that were first Built -Voted that the Same Committee that were Appointed to Build the pews Shall have power to Sell the Same. -Then Voted that the purchasers Shall pay Six Dollars dow[n]

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earnest money on Each pew, & the Remainder in one month?

The 12th article being Read and after Consideration thereon they Voted to Choose a Committe to view ye peice of land which

m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel White Desired to purchase of the town and that they Report to the town at the adjournment of this meeting what is proper to be don thereon

 $\label{eq:Voted and Chofe for Said Committe} Voted and Chofe for Said Committe — <math display="block"> \begin{cases} m^r \colon Nath^l \: Stone \\ m^r \colon Sam^{ll} \colon Soden \\ m^r \: Simon \: \: Whitney \end{cases}$ 

Then Voted that this meeting with the Remaining business be Adjourned to monday next at two of ye Clock afternoon and it was Accordingly adjourned —————

The following is the Report of the Committe on the Treafrs accounts which has been accepted

Watertown may ye 13th 1774 — We the Subscribers being appointed by the town to Examin the Treasurers accounts having attended Said Service and find Said accounts Well Vouched & Right Cast

Nath!: Harrington Sam!!: White Comtee

At a Gen<sup>1</sup> Town meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Regularly assembled at the publick Meeting House in Said Town on monday the 23<sup>d</sup> Day of may AD 1774 - by adjournment the meeting being Opened,

The 9th article being Read and after Some Debate thereon the vote was put whether it be the minde of the Town to Choose a Committe to Inquire at what lay they can purchase a new Bell and make Report at the adjournment of the meeting and it past in the affirmative

 $\label{eq:Voted & Chofe for Said Committee} \begin{tabular}{ll} $m^r$ Josiah Capen \\ $m^r$ W^m$ Hunt \\ $m^r$ David Sanger \\ \end{tabular}$ 

The 11<sup>th</sup> article being Read and after Debate thereon they then Voted & Choose Dea<sup>n</sup>. Samuel Fisk to be a Committe man in the Room of John Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: who is out of y<sup>e</sup> Province they to Endeavor to finde out what peices of Land belong to the town, and Inquire further Relating to a peice of Land which m<sup>r</sup> Samuel White desires to purchase and make Report [a]t the adjournment of this meeting ———

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Then ye 14th article in the warning for march meeting being Read They Voted and abated Samuel Jenisons jurs. Rates in mr

Isaac Sandersons Lists and Granted 1:4:6 to make it good. -Then Voted & abated sd: Jenisons Rates in Joseph Coollidges list provided he will give his note of hand to ye Same at Such time as the Selectmen Shall Call upon him for ye Same and Granted ye to make it good ---Voted & abated John Reads Rates David Sangers lists & Granted ve Sum of 0:13:6:2 to make it good also Voted & abated morgan mc: Conners Rate in sd: Sangers list for 1773. & Granted ye Sum of 0:8:4 to make it good Voted & abated Tom Humphry's Rates in sd Sangers lists and Granted 0:8:6 — to make it good — Then the town Voted that the Selectmen Should purchase firewood for the Schools out of the Grants that were made to Support them. -Then it was put to vote whether the Committe appointed to Build & Sell the pews Should pay the workmen out of the money arifing by ve Sale of them and it passed in ye affirmative Then it was Voted that this meeting Should be adjourned to ye last monday in June next at 4 of ye Clock in ye afternoon and it was accordingly adjour'd -At a meeting of ve Selectmen at the House of mr: Bezll: Learned on Monday ye 23d Day of may AD 1774. -They agreed with mr: Convers Spring to take & Board the wido: Tabitha Learned till ye last monday in June next, he to have 3/ They also agreed with mr: Moses Stone to take the Care of and Board Ruth maddox three months from this time he to have 6/6 old Tenor Pr week at this meeting mr: Samuel Cook was Sworn to the offices of Tything man & Cullar of Hoops Staves &c By Jona: Brown Town- [Clerk]

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At a Gen<sup>II</sup>: Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs Regularly Assembled at the Publick meeting House in S<sup>d</sup>: town on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup>. Day of June Anno: Domini 1774. by Adjournment.

Dea<sup>n</sup> Samuel Fisk being Moderator. the meeting being opened

The Committe appointed to See at what price a Bell might be

procured at, Reported that they had not made any I Then the Committe Appointed to Sell the pews m their doings in Said affair which is as follows (Viz We the Committe Appointed by the Town to Disposately Built in the Galleries in the meeting House that Service and Sold Said pews to the Highest Bid Same Regulations that the other Pews wer Sold (N°. (1) was Sold to mr: Bezaleel Learned in old Tenor for N° (2) To mr Josiah Capen for N° (3) To mr Samuel Sanger for N° (4) and (5) not Sold N° (6) To mr. Samuel White for	ade Report of 2) ———————————————————————————————————
N° (7) To m': David Coollidge for	- 56:0-
No (8) To mr David Stone for	- 53:0-
No (9) To mr Joseph Coollidge for —	- 50: 0-
Nn (10) To mr David Sanger for	- 55 : 0 <del></del>
No (11) To m John Draper for	- 60: 0-
	C: 537: 0:0 M 71:12:0
By Cash Received of the purchasers — — — — — By ye purchasers notes payable to ye Treasurer —	32: 4:— 39: 8:0-
By Cash paid for Building ye pews	71:12:0
By the Expence of ye Sale &c	58:8:0
By the Ballance Remaining due to ye town	- 57:8:0
William Bond Bezaleel Learr Jedidiah Leath Samuel Sanger	! ned e
Then the Committe appointed to purchase John Ste Reported that they had agreed for sd: Estate for	

town, and were to give 269:6:8 for the Same, then the

Question [was] put whether it be the minds of ye town to accept Said [Re]port and it past in the Affirmative

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The Selectmen Informed the town that there not being a Sufficient Stock of ammunition belonging to the town they had purchased four half Barrils of powder & purpose to purchase Some Balls & Flints, and after the town had Considered the matter they Voted and Appropriated the Sum of £ 20 pounds out of ye money ariseing by the Sale of the pews to pay for sd: ammunition Then they Voted and appropriated the Remainder of the Said pew money (after the purpose'd Repairs of the Meeting-house are sinished) to help pay for John Stearns's Estate

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel on monday the 27 Day of June AD 1774. — They Agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Learned to take and Board the wid<sup>o</sup> Tabitha Learned 8 weeks for which he is to have 21/ Shillings old Tenor P<sup>r</sup> week — at this meeting they Sold Some old plank which belonged to the three towns Concerned in the Support of the Great Bridge to m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Capen for 15/ —

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr Thos: Wellington on Tuesday ye 28th Day of June A. D. 1774. — They Signed

an order on the town-Treasurer to pay m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger 1:3:1 for what he had Disbursted for the Support of the poor &c ——

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on monday ye 4th. Day of July AD. 1774. at the House of mr: Thomas Wellington. They agreed to have a publick Town-meeting at the Publick meeting House in sd: town on monday ye 18th Day of this Instant month of July at Six of the Clock afternoon. And ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to the Constables to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to assemble at Said time and place to act on the following Articles (Viz) —

First to Choose a moderator for s<sup>d</sup>: meeting. (2) To agree how the Estate which was purchased that belonged to John Stearns Shall be Improved. (3) To agree where the Ammunition that

has lately been purchased Shall be kept, and to act thereon as they See fitt.

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(4ly) To take into Confideration the Difficult and Diftrefsed State to which this province in perticular as well as America in General are brought into by any late acts of ye British Parlement. and to Agree upon Some proper measures that will have a tendancy to Relieve us under the present Burdens Occationed thereby — (5) For the town to agree upon Some way to pay their part of the Expence of the purposed Congress, and to do any thing thereon they think proper —— (6) For the town to act any thing Relating to the Settlement of the line between Watertown and Newton as may be thot: best — (7) For the town to act any thing Relating to the widning and Repairing the Great Bridge they think proper. —— (8) To know the minde of the town whether they will Sell Some peices of Land that belong to the town and to act thereon as they See fitt. - (9) To know the minde of the town whether they will grant Some Releif to the town of Boston under their present Diftrefsed Circumstances and to Do thereon as they See fitt —— (10) To hear the Report of any Committes that have been Appointed by the town and act thereon as they think proper — (11) To grant any Sum or Sums of money as may be thought Necessary, and to act on any matters and things that may be thot: proper at this meeting -Warrants were Issued out Accordingly —

By Iona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Gen<sup>II</sup>: Publick town meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the Publick meeting in sd: town on monday ye 18th Day of July Anno: Domini: 1774. to Transact the Several affairs as Set forth in the Warrat &c -Voted and Chose mr: Nathll: Stone for moderator — Then Voted that the Selectmen Should have power to Lease out and Improve the Estate that was John Stearnes as they Shall think will be most for the benefit of the town that the ammunition that has lately been be kept in the meeting House -

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The (4) article being Read together with a Covenant purposed to be Signed and after Some Debate thereon it appeared that the Form of the Covenant was not altogether agreable it being moved

& Seconded that a Committe Should be Chofe to make a new Draft of what will be proper for the Inhabitants to Sign

Voted and Chofe for sd: Committe

m<sup>r</sup>: Mofes Stone Dea<sup>n</sup>: Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Fisk Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>ll</sup> Stone

Voted that they make Report at the adjournment of this meet-

ing —

Then Voted & Granted the Sum of 1:13:8 towards ye Intended Congress as their part of the Expence — — — — — — — Voted that this meeting with the Remaining business be adjourned to the fourth monday in august next at three of the Clock afternoon at this place and it was Declared Accordingly adjourned. —

By Jona Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to vote in Town affairs Regularly assembled at the Publick meeting House in said Town on Monday the 22<sup>d</sup>. Day of August Anno: Domini 1774.

By adjournment — m<sup>r</sup>: Nathl. Stone being moderator — The meeting being Opened the (6) article being Read Relating to ye line between Watertown and Newton it was Voted that the Selectmen be a Com<sup>tte</sup> with full power in Behalf of ye town to

Settle Said line with Such perfons as may be appointed in Behalf of Newton ----

at this meeting it was Voted that the Selectmen are Desired to meet with Such persons as may appear at at a purposed meeting to be held at Concord on the thirtieth day of this present month which may be Sent from the Several towns in this County to Consult what may be proper to do in order to preserve our Charter Rights —

also voted that the Selectmen Shall have Reasonable pay for their

time and Expence while in Said Service ——

Then it was Voted that this meeting Should be adjourned with the Remaining business to the first monday in Sep<sup>r</sup> next at this place at 4 of ye Clock afternoon.

and the moderator Declared it was Accordingly adjourned

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham on the First Day of Sepr: AD 1774 at the House of  $m^r$  Isaac Gleason Inn-holder in Waltham The accounts for the Repairs of the Great Bridge in Watertown which has arisen Since the Last adjustment which was on the thirtieth Day of August anno: Domini 1773. amounting to  $y^e$  Sum of £8:9:0 was adjusted & proportioned and Signed by the Selectmen of each town

Watertown's Part being 3:0:0
Westons Do is 2:16:0
Walthams Do is 2:13:0

8:9:0

\* the Settlement at Large in ye Second Book in ye Treasury [pag]e (70)

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the publick Meeting House in Said on monday the 5<sup>th</sup> d Day of September AD: 1774. By adjournment. m<sup>r</sup>: Nathaniel Stone being Moderator. — The meeting being opened & the Refolves Entered into by the members of the County meeting held at Concord being Read. The Question being put whether they be agreable to the minde of the town and it past in the affirmative —— and it was ordered that they be Recorded in the town Book

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upon a motion made & Seconded, it was Voted that it is ye minde of the town the officers of the Melitia Company that Refide in the town Should Exercise all Such persons as belonge to the towns &

all others that Reside therein two Hours in each & every week in armes &c. during the three fall months also take a view of the armes & ammunition of all the persons borne on the alarm list and Report the State thereof to the town at the adjournment of this meeting. —— also Voted that all persons that are borne on the alarm & Training band list be provided with armes & ammunition accordingly by the First monday in October next — Voted that the Selectmen Secure the town Stock of ammunition in the best manner they Can ——

Then it was Voted that this meeting with the Remaining Business be adjorned to the first monday in October next at one of ye Clock afternoon at this place, and it was accordingly adjourned. At a meeting of ye Selectmen on monday the 5th Day of Sepr: AD 1774 at the Hous of mr: Bezll: Learned - They agreed with mr: Thomas Learned to keep the wide Tabitha Learned four weeks for three Shillings pr week, and with Convers Spring to keep Ruth maddox 4 weeks for nine Shillings pr: week old Tenor the Said Learned & Spring to have their Labour

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen men on monday ye 12th day of Sepr: AD 1774. at the House of mr: Bezaleel Learned They Approved of the following Perfons Renewing their licences (Viz) Thomas Wellington Bezaleel Learned, Edward Richardson, and the wido Dorothy Coollidge — Inn-holders Ezekiel Hall, Amos Bond, Iosiah Capen, & Abner Craft to be Retailors

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on Tuesday ye. 13th. Day of Sepr 1774 at the House of mr Thomas Wellington, They having Received a Precept from the Sheriff of ye County of middlefex Requiring them to assemble ye freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in the Choice of a Representative

They ordered the Clerk to Issue out warrants Directed to the Several Constables to warn all the freeholders &c Quallified accordingly to law to vote in in that affair to assemble at the publick meeting House in Said town on monday ye third day of

october next at twelve of y<sup>e</sup> Clock at noon for Said purpose
Warrants were Issued out accordingly

By Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Gen<sup>||</sup>: Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly assembled at the Publick meeting House in S<sup>d</sup>: Town on monday the 3<sup>d</sup>: Day of October Anno: Domini 1774. for the Choice of a Representative the votes were Called for, & being bro<sup>t</sup>: in & Numbered it appeared that Cap<sup>t</sup>: Jonathan Brown was unanimously Chosen to Represent the town in the Gen<sup>||</sup>. Court that was appointed to be held at Salem on the fifth day of this Instant month of October.

Then the town Voted to Choose a Com<sup>tte</sup> to Draw up Some Instructions to give their Representative and Dea<sup>n</sup>: Sam<sup>||</sup>: Fisk m<sup>r</sup> John Remington & m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Capen were Chosen for s<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>tte</sup> [Th]en the meeting was adjourned to 5 of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon

[113] At a General Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in Town affairs Regularly Assembled at the publick meeting House in Sd town on monday the third Day of October Anno: Domini 1774. by Adjournment mr: Nathll. Stone being moderator a motion was made & Seconded & it was put to vote whether day Chosen Representative Should joine with the Representatives of the Several towns in forming a Provincial Congress and it past in the afirmative -Then it was put to vote whether the town will Choose one or more perfons to joine with the Representative in forming the Said Congress and it past in ve afirmative -Then they voted & Chofe for Delegates to joine Sd Congress at Such time and place as may be appointed mr: John Remington and mr: Samuel Fisk -------Then a Motion was made to know ve. minde of the town Whether it is advifable for the Collectors of Tax's to pay any more money into the province Treasury at present and they voted that it was their opinion that they Should not till further orders from the town, and that the town will Save the Collectors harmless from all Charges that may arife by their So doing — The it was voted that the Collectors Should proceed to Compleat their Collections as Soon as may be and pay the money into the town Treasury till further orders of the town -

Then voted that this meeting be adjourned to next Fryday at 4 of the Clock afternoon at this place.

At a Legal Town meeting at the Publick meeting House on Fryday ye 7th Day of October 1774 - it Appearing to be a thin meeting and the Clerk not being present, it was voted that the meeting Should be adjourned to monday ye 17th Instant at 3 of ye Clock afternoon at this place

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At a Publick Town meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the Publick meeting House in Sd: Town on monday the 17th Day of Octr: AD: 1774. by Adjournment mr: Nath!: Stone being moderator

The meeting being Opened. & the (7) article in the warrant

being Read, it was Voted that the Sum of 4 pounds be assest towards the Repairs of the great bridge this present year & ye Remainder of the grant be left till further order of the Town.— Then the Question was put whether the town will mount & Equip two peices of Cannon now Lodged in the Town at their own Charge and it past in the affeirmative.—— Then it was Voted to Choose three persons as a Committe to git Said work don——

 $Voted \ \& \ Choic \ for \ S^d \colon Committe ---- \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m^r \colon \ David \ \ Sanger \\ m^r \colon \ Jonas \ \ White \\ m^r \colon \ Abner \ \ Craft \end{array} \right.$ 

Then Voted that the meeting Should be adjourned to Fryday the 28th Day of this present month of October at 3 o Clock afternoon And on ye Said 28th Day it was further adjourned to monday ye 31th Instant.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Wellington on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup>: Day of Nov<sup>r</sup>: Anno: Domini 1774 They Agreed to have a publick Town-Meeting on monday the 21<sup>th</sup>: Day of this present month of November at one O: Clock afternoon at the Publick meeting House and ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to y<sup>e</sup> Several Constables to warn the Inhabitants who are Quallified to to vote in town affairs to assemble at S<sup>d</sup>: time and place to act on the following articles (Viz)

First

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First to Choose a moderator for Said meeting. Second to Grant money to pay for the two Carriages to the two peices of Cannon that were ordered to be procured at the Expence of the town (3) To give the Selectmen Some Instructions Relating to the Schools and to act any thing Relating thereto as the town may think proper. (4) For the town to Grant money to hire Preaching for the present or appropriate Some money for that Service and to act any thing Relating thereto that the town may think proper (5) For the town to do or act any thing that they may Judge Nessecary for to Carry the Resolutions of the Continential and

Provincial Congress's into Execution by any Grants of money or otherwise as they think proper.

Warrants were Issued out accordingly
Pr: Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a General Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled at the Publick meeting House in sd Town on monday the 21th Day of November Anno: Domini 1774—

They Voted and Chose Dean: Samuel Fisk moderator of sd meeting.

Voted and Granted £ 20 pounds to pay for the Carriages for the

They then Voted that £ 15 pounds only Should be Improved out of the money granted for Supporting Writing Schools this present year.

Voted that the money be Improved in manner as usual
Then Voted the Remainder of the Grant made for Writting
Schools be Improved for hireing Preaching if Nessecary
Then Voted that the Selectmen together with Dean Sam! Fisk
take care to provide preaching for the present.

Voted that this meeting with the Remaining business be adjourned to this day three Weeks at this place at one [of] the Clock afternoon, which was accordingly don ——

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of mr Bezaleel Learned on monday the 21th: Day of Novr: AD: 1774

They Agreed with mr Thomas Learned to take & keep Ruth Maddox from this time till the annuverfery Meeting of the town in March Next for which he is to Receive from the town two

Shillings pr week and he is to have her Labour

At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled at the publick meeting House in Sd: Town on Monday the 12th. Day of December Anno: Domini 1774. by Adjournment Dean. Samuel Fisk being Moderator - but not being able to attend mr: Samuel White was Chosen Moderator in his Room

A motion being made & Seconded it was voted to adjourn to the House of mr: Bezall Learned to attend at 4 o Clock the Same day

which was accordingly don -

at Said time & place. The meeting being opened & after ye Reading the Association entered into by ye Several Delegates of the Colonies in a Congress held at Philadelphia on ye 2d Day of October last - also the Resolutions of the Provincial Congress They Voted to Choose a Committee of nine persons to See that Said Association & Resolutions be properly Executed

Voted that any three of Said Committee be a Quoram — Voted & Chose to be Capt: of the train Voted & Chose mr: David Sanger to be Leivt. Voted that they appoint Such other officers as are needfull Voted to Choose a Committe to Draw out on Quarter of the Melitia Company as minit men agreable to the advice of Congress

[Then] the meeting was Dissolv'd

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Fryday ye 23 Day of December AD 1774. at the House of mr: Bezaleel Learned ~

They Signed an order on the Town-Treasurer to pay the Remainder of what was due to the late Revd: mr Seth Storer for his Service in the work of the ministry for the last nine months which ammounted to 50 pounds which will be in full for his Service to his Decease — — — — — They also Directed the Treasurer to pay or order the payment of what each Inhabitant worked out in Repairing the Highways Since last march, agreable to the Surveyors lists — and also to pay the town Creditors £ 7:3:6 which was granted to them at last march meeting in the following manner (Viz) — — —

To Dan: Samll: Fisk for Serving assessor ye year past To mr Moses Stone for Do: 18/ & Stones for a	0 "	18"0
Bridge 9/ — — —	1 "	7 " 0
	3 "	11"4
To Lt: Saml: Barnard for Stones for a Sluce — —	0 "	5 " 0
To the Estate of John Kemball Dect for a plow —	0 "	1 " 6
To m <sup>r</sup> John Cook for timber & Sawing — — —		8"8
To mr: Isaac Sanderson for Serving Constable		
in 1765 —	0 "	12 " 0
	7 "	3 " 6

and at this meeting they Agreed to have a Publick Town-Meeting on monday the Second Day of January next at one of the Clock afternoon and Directed the Clerk to Issue out warrants Directed to the Constables to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote for Representatives to assemble at the Publick-Meeting House in said town at said time to Choose one or more Persons to Represent the town in a Provincial Congress Proposed to be held at Cambridge on the first Day of February next, and to act anything Relating thereto as may be thot: proper. Then to Choose a moderator for the meeting —

Whereas the town is now Destitute of a Gospel minister, For to take into Consideration what Steps is proper to be taken at this time, and whether the town will Set apart a Day for Fasting and prayer. to Seek the Divine prefence & Direction Relating to the Settleing an other Gospel minister, and for the town to act any thing that they may Judge proper to be don Relating thereto. and Likewise to warn all the Training Soldiers borne on the training list, & also all that are borne on the alarm list to appear at the meeting House at half past one of the Clock th[e] Same-Day

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For the Town then and there if they think proper to Choose officers for the milletary Company, and Draw out minit men agreable to the advice of the provincial Congress, and to determin upon what pay they Shall have for their Service, and to Grant any Sum of money for that purpose they think fitt. — and to do or act any thing the town may Judge Necessary to put the Melitia of this town into the best posture of Defence.

Warrants were Issued out accordingly Dated the next Day-

and Signed by me Jona: Brown Town-Clerk
At a Legal Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in the Choice of Representatives assembled at the Publick Meeting House in sd: Town on Monday the Second Day of January Anno: Domini 1775, for the Choice one or more persons to Represent the town in a purposed Congress to be held at Cambridge on ve First Day of February Next.

Voted to Choose but one person for the purpose aforesaid -Then the votes were Called for brot: in Counted & Sorted and it appeared that Jonathan Brown was unanimously Chofen

Then it was Voted that he Shall have power to Joine with the other members of the Congress when meet to adjourn from time to time and to any other place if they think proper, and to Continue their Session & Sessions until the Tuesday before the last Wednesday in May Next -

Then mr: Nathaniel Stone was Chofen Moderator of the meeting to transact the Several Matters Contained in the Warrant. Then a motion was made & Seconded and Voted to Choose a Committe to prepare a Draught of a proper Covenant for the Inhabitants of the town to Sign to, and to Make Report to the

town at the adjournment of ye meeting

mr: Chrisr: Grant Jona Brown Dean Samll: Fisk Voted & Chofe for Sd: Committe mr Josiah Capen mr: Mofes Stone

Then the third article was Read & it was Voted to Set apart Thursday the 12th Day of this present month of January

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the purpose mentioned in the warrant included in sd: article

Voted to Apply to all the Rev<sup>d</sup>: Gentlemen that were Pall-Holders to y<sup>e</sup> late m<sup>r</sup> Storer to attend the Service of the Day & that the Rev<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup>: Cook & m<sup>r</sup> Cushing Preach on the Day afore s<sup>d</sup>: and that the other Gentlemen Perform the Services as they agree

Voted that m<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Clark be desired to Invite m<sup>r</sup>: Cook & m<sup>r</sup>: Clark m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone Invite D<sup>r</sup>: Appleton, m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Capen Invite m<sup>r</sup> Meriam and m<sup>r</sup>: David Bemis invite m<sup>r</sup>: Woodward & m<sup>r</sup> Cushing —————

Voted that Divine Service begin at ten of the Clock in ye fore-noon —

Voted that Dean: Samuel Fisk be Desired to Entertain the minifters —

Then the article Relating to the Miletary Company was Read and Some debate it was Voted to Choose officers for the Company with the addition of one more Leiutenant then what was before Then they Voted & Chose the following persons for officers (Viz)

Samuel Barned Captain — John Stratton 1 Leiv<sup>t</sup> — Phinehas Stearns 2 D° Edward Harrington ju<sup>r</sup> Ensign

Samuel Sanger ye 1 Abner Craft — 2 Chris <sup>r</sup> : Grant ju <sup>r</sup> 3 Josiah Capen ju <sup>r</sup> 4	Stephen Whitney Isaac Sanderfon ju Mofes Stone ju <sup>r</sup> Nath <sup>1</sup> : Bright	$\begin{bmatrix} 1\\2\\3\\4 \end{bmatrix}$ Corporal	ls
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At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in Town affairs Regularly assembled at the publick Meeting House in Said Town on monday the 16th Day of January AD. 1775. -By Adjournment. Mr Nathaniel Stone being moderator -The meeting being Opened. it was moved & Seconded to know whether the town will Choose or Draw out minuit men and it was put to vote and it past in the Negative -Then it was Put to vote whether the town will grant any money to incourage the learning the miletary art & it passed in the affiermative — Then voted to Grant and allow 4 Coppers to each man for his attendance once a week to learn miletary Exerfice, to be laid out for Refreshment. — also voted to allow one Shilling to pay for Fifing at each meeting -Then Voted & Chose the four Commission officers with the Sergants to be a Committe to lay the money out — Then a motion was made to know the minde of the town whether mr: Isaac Biglow Should be Desired to Supply the Pulpit any longer than what he had already agreed to do, and it was voted that he be Desired to Supply Four Days more or till march Meeting

Then ye Comtte. appointed to prepare a Covenant Reported which

was accepted -

Then it was Voted to adjourn this meeting with ye Remaining business to the first monday in February next at two of ye Clock afternoon to meet at this place, and it was accordingly adjourned

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the publick meeting House in Said Town on Monday the 6th Day of February Anno: Domini 1775

by Adjournment

m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>1</sup>: Stone being moderator. — it was moved & Seconded that the meeting be adjourned to the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned which was accordingly don, The town being meet at m<sup>r</sup> Learneds after Reading the warrant. it was put to vote whether it be the minde of the town that the Committe appointed to mount y<sup>e</sup> great Guns do not Compleat the Same till after the Congress Rises at it past in the affirmative ————

Voted that ye Representative take advice of Some of the Congress Relating to ye purposed Association in Such way and manner as he thinks proper. — Then it was Voted that this meeting Should be adjourned to monday the 20th Instant at two of ye Clock afternoon to be held at the meeting House which was accordingly don —

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly assembled at the publick Meeting House in Said Town on monday the 20th Day of February AD. 1775 — By Adjournment mr: Nathl: Stone being moderator — after Reading an adress from the Congress to the Inhabitants of this province with the Resolves &c: and after Some Debate on the publick Affairs. it was Voted that the Committe appointed to mount the Great Guns Compleat the Same as Soon as may be. — The Business of the meeting being don it was Desolved ———

(2) To Choose Selectmen & Town-Clerk & Treasurer and all other town officers Required to be Chose in ye month of march annually — — — — — — — — —

(3) To Choose a Saxton and agree how he Shall be paid for his Service

(4) To put in their Votes for a County Treasurer —

(5) To know the minde of the town whether Swine Shall Run at large the prefent year —————

(6) To Choose a Committe to Examin the Treasurers Accounts—
 (7) To appropriate the Interest money coming to the town ye present year

(8) To Grant money to Support the ministry the ensueing year —

(9) To Grant money to Support any Schools that may be agreed upon & act any thing Relating thereto as the town may See fitt —

(10) To Grant money to Support the poor

 (14) To hear the pleas of the Constables for abating any perticul[ar] persons Rates in their lists, nd to act thereon as they See [fitt]

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(15) For to Determin in what way the Pulpit Shall be Supply'd for the present and act any thing Relating thereto the town shall think hest.

(16) To agree how the ministerial place Shall be Improved &

act any thing thereon as is thot: best ———

- (17) To know the minde of the town whether they will Sell or let out the Town-way between the Lands of m<sup>r</sup>: Christopher Grant and the Heirs of m<sup>r</sup>: John Kemball Deceaí<sup>t</sup> and act thereon as they think best — — — — —
- (18) To know the minde of the town whether they will allow m<sup>r</sup> Moses Coollidge liberty to Set a Shop on the towns land near the wido murches, & act thereon as they See fitt ~

(19) To know if the town will abate mr Phinehas Child any part of the Rent of the wharf for Reasons that may then be

offered —

(20) For the town to Impower their Treasurer if need be to give Security in their name and behalf for the purchase of mr: John Stearns's Estate, and Determin how it Shall be Improved — (21) For the town to take into Consideration the Difficult State of the public affairs, and do or act any thing Relating to Encourage the miletary, or any thing to forward the payment of the money Designed for the use of the province and act any thing Relating thereto as the town Judge best —

and Likewise to notifie the town Creditors to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen at the House of mr: Bezll: Learned on Fryday the third Day of march next at three of the Clock afternoon

Warrants were Issued out accordingly the next Day By Jon<sup>2</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

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brot. forward — — — — — — — —	1:8:4:3
m <sup>r</sup> Elijah Bond bro <sup>t</sup> an account for Boarding Ruth Maddox from y <sup>e</sup> 10 of Sep <sup>r</sup> : 1774 to y <sup>e</sup> 19 of Oct <sup>r</sup> : being 5 weeks & 4 days	0:6:8—
For 2 day work at ye meeting House 50/ two loads of wood 120/ m <sup>r</sup> : David Bemis account —————	1:2:8
To 1 pint of Rum for mr Learned /6 two Bushels of meal for mrs Goddard 6/8 } other acctt 2 days work at the meeting	0:7:2
House 0: 6:8	
two Chests for powder — — — 1" 4"0	
two loads of Wood for the School — 0"12"8	
2: 3:4	L2:3:4
m <sup>r</sup> : Sam <sup>ll</sup> : Whites Account For Labour & meterials at y <sup>e</sup> meeting House — 0 also an other account for things for Jame Hay 1:18:4 For things for Ruth maddox — — — 1: 1:6 For John Stearns & wood for the School 1" 8:6	<del>1</del> 5
•	4:7:10
m <sup>r</sup> : Josiah Capens account for Sundry things for ye poor &c as may appear by his Account	: 4:4
m <sup>r</sup> : Tho <sup>s</sup> : Learneds acc <sup>tt</sup> : for Boarding the poor { &c to this time	:15:6
Convers Spring for Boarding ye wido: Tabitha	:18:0
Learned 6 weeks  W <sup>m</sup> Chenery for one Days work at the meeting	:10:0
House — — — 0	: 3:4
mr David Sanger for things provided for the poor &c 3	12:2:2 18:8:0
and for Timber and Labour &c — — — — 0 also an other account for Timber & Labour at ye	.10:0:0
	: 7:0—
38	3:10:6:2

16:19:10:[9]

#### N: B out of these acctts paid for ye poor £ 22:12:7:1

The following accounts were brot to the Selectmen & allowed by the town (viz)
To Dr: Marshal Spring for attendance on ye poor 2"16" 6
To m <sup>r</sup> : Simon Hastings for Labour for the town
&c 1" 1"11
To L <sup>t</sup> Moles Stone for D° — — — — 1" 0: 0
To Jonathan Brown Do and Treasurer — 3"13: 4
To Jedidiah Leathe for laying two plow Shares 0"16: 0
10: 7: 9
Miletary acctts To Colo Wm Bond for fifing — 0:6:0
To Capt: Samuel Barnard for Expence at
trainings — — 1: 0: 5
To L <sup>t</sup> : John Stratton for D° — — — 2: $7:10:2$
To L <sup>t</sup> : Phinehas Stearnes for D <sup>o</sup> — — — 0:10: 2:2
To Enf <sup>n</sup> . Edward Harrington for D <sup>o</sup> — 0:10: 4:2
To Serjant Samuel Sanger for Fifing — 0: 7: 0:0
To the '10 Department Carllillan for Drink for 1 110 2 3
To the wido Dorothy Coollidge for Drink &c 1:10: 2:3
This Control of the C
This Sum is Granted by the town See Page

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Then Voted & Chofe the following persons to Serve in the Several offices hereafter mentioned (Viz)

 $\label{eq:Selectmen} \text{Selectmen} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Enf}^n. \ \text{Sam}^l \colon \text{White} \\ \text{Josiah Capen Esq}^r. \\ \text{Serj}^t \ \text{David Bemis} \\ \text{L}^t \ \text{David Sanger} \\ \text{Elijah Bond Esq}^r. \end{array} \right.$ 

For Town-Clerk & Town-Treasurer Jonathan Brown For assessors — — — — — =  $\begin{cases} & \text{Jon^a Brown} \\ & \text{Cap^t: Sam^l: Fisk} \\ & \text{L^t: Mose Stone} \end{cases}$ For Constables Colo Wm. Bond & mr: Amos Livermore — — Lt. David Sanger appeared & offered to Serve in Said Bonds Room who was accepted by a Vote of the town — — — — Voted that Said Sanger and Livermore be Collectors of Tax's Voted & Granted 3 pounds to each of them for their Service they giving Security to the town as usual -Voted for Wardens missrs John Hunt jur: & Daniel Sawin For Sealer of Leather m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Whitney — Fence Viewers mr: Simon Whitney & mr: Bezll Learned -Surveyors of Highway Elijah Bond & Josiah Capen Esq<sup>rs</sup>. Tythingmen Jedidiah Leathe & Edward Harrington ju<sup>r</sup> Hogrieves missr Isaac Prentice & Daniel Bond ——— Surveyors of Timber &c mifrs David Sanger & Jonas Coollidge Howards mifrs Bezll Learned & Phinehas Child -Clerks of the Markets mifrs Wm Hunt & Abner Craft ——— Cullers of Hoops Staves &c mifr: Samll: Cook & Samll: Sanger For Saxton mr Simon Hastings & granted him 3:10:0 for his Then the votes were brot in for a County Treasurer - - -Then it was put to vote whether Swine Shall Run at Large the Enfueing year it past in the negative — Chose for a Com<sup>tte</sup>: to Examin ye

Treasfrs: acctts

Capt: Samll: Fisk

mr Nathll: Stone

mr Nathl Harrington [125] Then Voted and Appropriated the Interest money coming to the town as follows (Viz) 6/8 for ye Grammer School & ye Remainder towards the Support of the ministry — — — — — — — Voted & Granted ye Sum of 66:13:4 for the Support of ye ministry the Interest money to be part & the Remainder to be assest -Then Voted to adjourn to two of ve Clock afternoon — Afternoon ----Then Voted that the Grammer School Continue till next town

and to Report at the adjournment of this meeting — — — — — — Voted and Chofe for Said Committe — { mr: Nath!: Stone mr: Sam!!: White

(17) article being Read it was voted to Choose a Committe to See into the Circumstances of the Town-way mentioned in sd: artcle & Report at the adjournment what they think is proper for the town to do with ye way

 $Voted \ and \ Chose \ for \ said \ Committe \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m^r \colon \ Jonas \ White \\ m^r \colon \ Nath^l \ Stone \\ Cap^t \colon \ Jon^a \colon Brown \end{array} \right.$ 

(18) article Read the town voted that ye Selectmen Shall grant the Request of mr: Moses Coollidge in behalf of the town if they think proper — —

also it was Voted the Selectmen make Such allowance to m<sup>r</sup>: Phinehas Child Relating to y<sup>e</sup> wharfe as they think proper. Likewife Settle m<sup>r</sup>: W<sup>m</sup> Hunts account as they see best.

The accounts of  $y^e$  persons the town is Indebted to amounting to the Sum of £ 16:19:10:1: See page (123) being Read they voted & Granted  $y^e$  like Sum to pay  $y^e$  Same — They Likewise voted that Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Shall Receive the Sum of £ 10 pounds out [of] the School money in part for his Service in  $y^e$  General Cour[t and] Congress — Then Voted & adjourned to monday next 2 of  $y^e$  Cl[ock]

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At a meeting of ye Selectmen on the 6th Day of march: 1775. at

the House of mr: Bezll: Learned. They agreed with Josiah Capen Esqr to take care of & Board Ruth Maddox three months for which he is to have 16/ old Tenor per week & her Labour ~

At a Legal Publick Town meeting of ve freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the Publick-meeting in Said Town on monday the 13th Day of march AD 1775 by Adjournment. Capt: Samll: Fisk being moderator — The meeting being Opened, and the article being Read which Related to the ministerial place and after debate thereon and Considering the Verbal Report of the Committe that were Appointed to Enquire into the matter, it was Voted to Choose a Committe to let out the Same or Such part thereof as they think proper -

Capt: Saml: Fisk Voted & Chose for Said Committe.

| mr: Nath!: Stone | Josiah Capen Esq | mr: Jonas White | Lt. David Sanger |

The Committe appointed to view ve town-way by mr Christopher Grants Reported that it was not Necessary to Continue Said way and sd: Grant purposed to buy ye Same. and Then it was Voted that if Sd: Grant will pay five pounds into the town Treasury for ye use of the town Said way Shall be Confirmed to him Then it was Voted that Jonathan Brown Town-Treasurer Shall, and is hereby empowered in the name & behalf of town to give Security for a part of the purchase of John Stearnes place as he Shall Judge Necessary ——— Voted that the Selectmen Shall have power to Improve John Stearns's place as they think best. —

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Then the accounts of ye Committe that were Appointed to mount and Equip the Cannon were Read & after Considering the Same — The town Voted to Choose a Committe to Examin The accounts and Report to the town at their next meeting

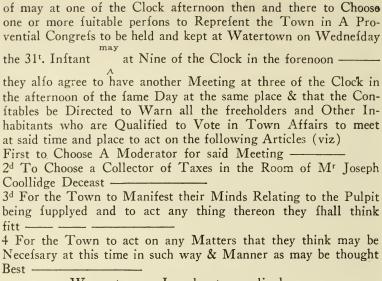
 $\label{eq:Voted & Chofe for Said Committe} \text{$ V$ oted & Chofe for Said Committe $$\sim$ } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m^r \colon Nath^l. \text{ Stone} \\ \text{Jon}^a \colon Brown \\ L^t \colon Phin^s \text{ Stearnes} \end{array} \right.$ 

The (21) article being Read and it being moved to know if the town will Continue to encourage the learning ye miletary art and it was Voted that ye Same allowance be Continued as was allowed at former meetings (Viz) 4 Coppers per man each time he attends to Execise provided it be not more than once a week & allowance
For Fifers as before ————————————————————————————————————
The Business of ye Meeting being don it was Dissolved -
March ye 13th: 1775. Jonathan Brown was Sworn to ye
faithfull Discharge of the offices of Town-Clerk Town-Treasurer
assessor by. John Hunt Justice of ye peace
The Same day there not being any Justice of ye peace prefent
The following persons were Sworn to ye faithfull Discharge of
the offices hereafter mentioned by Jonathan Brown - Town-
Clerk
(Viz) Capt: Samuel Fisk afsessor
Lt David Sanger and mr: Amos Livermore Constables
missre John Hunt jur and Daniel Sawin Wardens -
mr Stephen Whitney Sealer of Leather
mrs: Simon Whitney & Bezll Learned Fence-Viewers
Elijah Bond and Josiah Capen Esqrs: Surveyors of High-
ways
mrs Jedidih Leathe and Edward Harrington jur Tythingmen
mr Daniel Bond Hogrieve
Miss David Sanger and Jonas Coollidge Surveyors of Timber &c
mifs Bezl Learned and Phinehas Child Howards

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miss Samuel Cook & Samuel Sanger Cullars of Hoops &c -

At a Meeting of the Selectmen the twenty fourth Day of May AD one Thousand seven Hundred and seventy sive. at the House of M<sup>1</sup> Barzaliel Learned they having Receiv<sup>d</sup> an Order from the Provential Congress for the purpose hereafter Mentioned they Ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to the several Constables Requiring them to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualify<sup>d</sup> to Vote in the Choice of a Representative to Assemble at the Publick Meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of this present Month



Warrants were Issued out accordingly
Pr Jona; Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Publck Town-meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative Regularly assembled at the Publick meeting House in Said Town on monday the 29th Day of may 1775 Capt: Jonathan Brown was Chosen to Represent the town in a Provincial Congress appointed to be Convened at the above Said Meeting-House on the 31th: Day of this Instant month of may

at a Publick Town Meeting held at the Publick Meeting House in Sd: town on the above Said Day, of The freeholders & others Quallified to Vote in Town affairs being Regularly assembled They Voted & Chose Capt: Samll Fisk moderator for Said meeting ——

Then the Second article being Read then it was Voted to Choose a Com<sup>tt</sup>. to Examin the lists of m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Coollidge Deceast. Late Collector of Tax's — Voted & Chose the present assessors for S<sup>d</sup>: Com<sup>tte</sup> - and that they be Impowered to apppoint an other Person in his Room and to agree what he Shall have for his

Service & make Report to the town at the adjournment of this meeting the third article being Read it was Voted that ye Selectmen with Dean: Samll Fisk Continue to Supply the Pulpit till further orders. — Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to this Day Fortnight to this place which was accordingly Don. —

At a Publick Town-meeting on ye 12th Day of ye Next month at the School House nothing appeared necessary to be don it was further Adjourned to the 26 Day of June to meet at the House of m<sup>15</sup>: Dorothy Coollidge There being but two Persons that appeared the meeting Dropt —

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At a meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Lt: Thomas Wellington on monday the 10th Day of July — AD 1775
They having Recd: a letter from the Colony Congress for that Purpose they agreed to have a Publick Town-meeting at the meeting House on monday the Seventeenth Day of this present month for the Choice of a Representative or Representatives in a Great and General Court Appointed to be held & kept at the

Said Meeting House in Watertown on ye 19 Instant. and they Directed the Clerk to Issue warrants Directed to ye Several Constables to warn all the Inhabitants Quallified to Vote in Said Choice to meet at Sd time place for the Purpose aforeSaid——attest Jona: Brown Town Clerk

At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in the Choice of a Reprefentative Regularly Assembled at the Publick meeting-House in S<sup>d</sup> town on monday the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1775 Capt: Jonathan Brown was Chosen to serve them in a Great & Gen<sup>ll</sup> Court to be held at Watertown meeting House on ye 19<sup>th</sup> Infant—

At a meeting of ye Selectmen on the 7th Day of Sepr: AD 1775. at the House of mr: Joshua Davis. They Signed on order on the Treasurer to  $_{\Lambda}^{\text{pay}}$  ye Sum of £ 38:10:6:2 to the following perfons each one the Sum affixt to his name being in full of their acctts brot in on the third Day of march last Viz

To Daniel Bond To Elijah Bond To David Bemis To Sam¹: White To Josiah Capen To Thos: Learned To Convers Spring To Wm Chenery	1:8:4:3 1:9:4:0 2:10:6— 5:2:9:1 9:4:4— 11:16:0— 0:18:0— 0:3:4
To David Sanger	0: 3: 4 5:17:10:2
	00 11 10 1

38"10:6:2

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston and Waltham on the 18: Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD. 1775. — at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Isaac Gleason Inn-holder in Waltham the accounts for Repairing the Great-Bridge in Watertown which has arisen Since the last adjustment which was on the first day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1774. were adjusted and Signed by y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of each town the whole Sum being 9:7:3—

of which Watertowns part is 3: 7:0

Westons Do is . . 3: 2:0

Walthams Do is . 2:18:3

9:7:3

See the Settlemen at large in ye ( ) Book in ye Treasury At a meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Lt: Thomas Wellington on Wednesday the 4th Day of Octr: AD: 1775. it was agreed that the wido: Eunice Coollidge Should take care of and Board Mary Learned from the Second Day of this month at 5/4 pr: week till She lys-inn, then She is to have at the Rate 11/4 Pr week for one month more from that time.

They also Agreed to have a publick Town-meeting at the Publick Middle School-House on monday ye. 16th. Day of this present month at two of the Clock afternoon, and ordered the Clerk to Issue out warrants Directed to the Several Constables to warn the Qualified Voters to assemble at Said time & place to act on ye the following articles (Viz) First to Choose a moderator for Said meeting.

Second

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Secondly To know the minde of the town whethey they will open one or more Schools, & Grant money to Support the Same, and Choofe a Committe to take care of and provide Masters, and to act any thing Relating thereto as the town may then think proper. Third For the town to act on any Matters & things that they may Judge Necessary for the Benefitt of the town

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly attest Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the publick middle School-House in Watertown on Monday the 16th Day of Octr: AD 1775 to Transact the business Settforth in the warrant for Calling Said Meeting -

Voted & Chofe Samll: Fisk Esqr: Moderator

upon a Motion made & Seconded the Vote was put whether it be the minde of the town that this meeting be Adjourned to monday next at three of the Clock afternoon to this place to transact the business contained in the warrant and it past in the affirmative—

and the meeting was accordingly adjourned
Attest Sam!: Fisk moderator

At a Publick town meeting held & the middle publick School-House in Watertown on monday the twenty Third Day of Octr: 1775 By adjour.

Saml: Fisk Esqr: being moderator the meeting being opened the town proceeded

and

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The Second article being Read after Debate thereon the Question being put whether they will open any Schools and it past in the affirmative

Then it was Voted that there be a Grammer Schools kept three months. also Voted that there be kept two English Schools for three months one at each end of the town at the Same time. Then Voted & Granted £ 30 pounds to Support s<sup>d</sup>: Schools Then Voted to Choose a Com<sup>tte</sup> to provide masters and firewood and to Inspect Said Schools

Voted & Chose for Sd: Committee

M<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Bright M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Pattin M<sup>r</sup>: Simon Whitney Enf<sup>n</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup>: Harrington ju M<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Soden —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House L<sup>t</sup>: Thomas Wellington on the twelfth Day of Feb<sup>ry</sup>: AD. 1776 —

They Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay the Rev<sup>d</sup>. D<sup>r</sup>. Samuel Cooper £ 20 pounds in part for his Service in the work of the ministery in Watertown. —

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of L<sup>t</sup>. Thomas Wellington on Fryday the First Day of march AD 1776 —

They Agreed to have the Annual march meeting on monday the Eleventh Day of march Inftant at nine of the Clock in the forenoon and Directed the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant Directed to Amos Livermore one of the Constables to warn the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to Vote in town affairs to assemble at the Publick Meeting House in S<sup>d</sup>: town at the time beforementioned to act on the following Articles (Viz)

First to Choose a moderator for S<sup>d</sup> meeting. Secondly to Choose Selectmen Town-Clerk & Treasurer & all other town officers Required by law to be Chose in the month of march annually.

(3d) To Choose a Committe of Correspondence Agreable to a Résolve of the General Court. (4) To Choose a Saxton & agree how he Shall be paid for his Service. (5) To put in their Votes for a County Register & Treasurer.

(6) To Choose a Committe to Examin the Town-Treasurer
Accounts

(7) To Appropriate the Interest money Coming to the town ye present year.

(8) To Grant money to Support the ministery the Ensueing year. —

(9) To Grant money to Support the poor the year ensueing

(10) To Grant money to Support the Repairs of the Great Bridge

(11) To Hear the accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to & Grant money to pay the Same.

(12) To Grant money to Repair ye High-ways & Town-ways ye

eusueing year and to act anything Relating thereto as ye

town think proper.

(13) To Hear the pleas of any Constables for abating any perticular persons Rates in their lists & to act thereon as they think best.

(14) To Hear the Report of the Comtte that was appointed to Improve the ministerial place the last year, and to Determin how it Shall be Improved the year enfueing

(15) For the town to Confirm the town Road to mr Christ: Grant that was agreed for if they think proper — —

(16) To know the minde of the town whether they will Straighten the line between the ministerial place and the Land of mr: Bezll: Learned, and to act thereon as they See fitt. (17) To know the minde of the town how the Estate of John Stearns Shall be Improved ye year enfueing, and to act thereon as they think best (18) To appropriate any Sum or Sums of money that are unappropriated as the town may think proper. (19) To Determin whether Swine Shall Run at large the enfueing year.

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(20) To Grant money to Support any Schools that may be Agreed upon & to act any thing thereon as they think Proper and Likwise to Notify the Town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of Lt Thomas Wellington on Fryday ye 8th Day of this present month of march at two of ye Clock afternoon -

A Warrant was Issued out Accordingly Dated the next day Signed by Order of the Selectmen.

Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

The aforementioned meeting was afterward put off to monday the Eighteenth Day --

At a Meeting of ve Selectmen at the House of Lt: Thomas Wellington on Fryday the 15th Day of March AD 1776 to Receive the accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to the following were brot: in (Viz) - The wido: Eunice Coollidge for Boarding mary Learned 10 days at /8 pr Day 0:6:8

to Do 24 weeks at 16/ pr week 19:4:0

Wm. Chenery to Nurfing Mary Learneds Child 17	
weeks @ 4/	3:8:0
Wm Learned to Boarding Mary Learned 6 weeks	
@ 4/8	1:8:0
Thos: Learned to providing for & Boarding ye wide	
Abigail Learned	27:11:4
Jonas White for Beef for James Hay	0:16:2
Sam! White for Sundrys for James Hay & others	1:18:4
David Bemis for Do for James Hay & others	1:10:6
Elijah Bond for Do and others	2: 3:2:1
Mofes Stone for things and Boarding Ruth maddo	x 1: 4:1—
Saml White for wood for the School	0:6:0
Josiah Capen for Beef for James Hay	0:11:7 —
David Sanger for things for the poor	2:12:8
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ž	63: 0:6:1

Dr Marshal Spring brot in an account of Medecine and attendance on the poor ammounting to — 9:14:8 which was Refered to the town ——

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(V m <sup>r</sup> m <sup>r</sup>	e Accounts following were brot: in to be laid be iz) There being no grants made to pay them — Elijah Bond for 1 Day work @ the Highways Thot: Clark for Labour at Highways Richard Clark for Do Samuel Fisk Esqr: for Do	0 0 0	 : 3 : 8 : 6		1
mr	Samll: Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup> for Serving Assessor ye year p Moses Stone for like Service Jona: Brown for Service of assessor & Treasurer the year past	1	: 0 : 0	: 0 : 0 : 4	
apr her Ma Ca	id <sup>o</sup> Dorothy Coollidge for Rum y <sup>e</sup> 19 Day of il for the men in the Lexington Battle other Account for Training Expence ajor Sam <sup>1</sup> Barnard Training Expence p <sup>t</sup> Phinehas Stearns for D <sup>o</sup> Edward Harrington ju <sup>r</sup> for D <sup>o</sup>	2 0 0	: 2 : 4 ' 4	2:3:1 "0— :0 :4	

Capt Samll Fisk for Do

2:8:2:3

mr: John Draper for Bread at the Lexington Battle on ve 19 Day of April 1775 -

1:1:4-

£ 13:15:2:0

The above accounts were allowed at march Meeting

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At a Genl Publick Town-meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs Regularly Assembled at the publick meeting House in Sd: Town on monday the 18th Day of march A.D. 1776 - for the Choice of Town officers & Transacting the other business as Setforth in the Warrant for Calling the meeting — Voted & Chofe Samuel Fisk Esqr: for moderator of ye meeting They they Voted & Chofe the following persons to Serve in the Several offices hereafter mentioned (Viz)

Selectmen  $\begin{cases}
m^r \text{ Sam}^1 \colon \text{ White } \\
\text{ Josiah Capen Esq}^r \\
m^r \text{ David Bemis } \\
m^r \text{ David Sanger } \\
m^r \text{ Elijah Bond}
\end{cases}$ 

For Town-Clerk & Town-Treasurer Jonathan Brown

For Asselsors

For Asselsors

For Asselsors

For Asselsors

Moses Stone

Constables miss Simon Hastings & John Draper Collectors mifr Simon Hastings & John Draper Wardens missrs Ebenr: Everit & Moses Coollidge -Sealer of Leather Isaac Sanderson Fence-Viewers missrs Jonas White & Phinehas Child Surveyors of High-ways mifsrs Elijah Bond & Josiah Capen Tythingmen mr: Amos Bond & Major Samuel Barnard Hogrieves missrs Stephen Harris & Thomas Coollidge Surveyors of Timber &c missrs David Sanger & David Bemis Howards missrs William Chenery & Jona. Coollidge Godding -Clerks of the Markets missrs Saml. Cook jur & Amos Bond Cullars of Hoops Staves &c missrs Samll. Cook & Seth Norcross Then Voted & Chofe mr. Simon Hastings for Saxton and Granted him £ 3:10:0 for his Service

 $Voted \ \& \ Choie \ a \ Com^{tte} \ of \\ Correspondance \\ \begin{cases} Sam^{l} \colon Fisk \ Esq^{r} \\ m^{r} \ Nath^{l} \ Stone \\ m^{r} \ Mofes \ Stone \\ m^{r} \ Jedi^{h} \ Leathe \\ m^{r} \ Richard \ Clark \end{cases}$ 

Then a motion was made & Seconded that the meeting be adjourned to three of the Clock afternoon at the House [of] Lt. Thos Wellington which was accordingly don

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Monday afternoon The town being meet according to adjournment & the meeting being Opened

Chose for a Comtte to Examin ye

Trease acctts

Chose for a Comtte to Examin ye

Trease Sam! Fisk Esqr

mr Nath! Harrington

Then Voted to appropriate ye Interest money as it was last year (Viz) 6/8 to the School & the Remainder for ye ministry -Then Voted & Granted the further Sum of £ 40 pounds to be assest to Support the ministrey — — Voted & Granted £ 100 pounds to Support the poor —

Voted & Granted £ 4 pounds to Repair the Great Bridge Then Sundry accounts of persons to whome the town is Indebted was Read & accepted and the Sum of £ 13:15:2 Granted to Sattisfy the Same See page (136)

Then they Voted that the £ 40 pounds Granted last year Should be worked out this year in the Same manner as was agreed

Then it was Voted that the meeting Should be adjourned till Fryday next at two of ye Clock afternoon at this place which was accordingly don ----

At a Gen<sup>1</sup>: Town-Meeting on Fryday ye 22<sup>d</sup> Day of March AD 1776 at the House of L<sup>t</sup>: Thomas Wellington by adjournment. The meeting being Opened - Several accounts were Read & accepted & the Sum of 13:15:2 was Granted to Sattisfie the Same See page (

Then the Com. tte appointed last year to Improve ye ministerial place Reported that they had let out part of Said place the

year past for £ 20:1:0 which was accepted

Then it was Voted that mrs Storer have liberty to Improve part of the House During the towns pleasure -

Then Voted to Choose a Committe to take care of & Improve the ministerial place ve ensueing ~

 $Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ for \ Said \ Committe \ \begin{cases} m^r \colon Simon \ Whitney \\ Major \ Sam^l \ Barnard \\ L^t \ Edw^d \colon Harrington \end{cases}$ 

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Then Voted to Choose a Committe with full power to give a Quit Claim Deed to Christopher Grant of a Town way which was agreed with him for ye last year

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Wat agreed with finite for years of the properties of the$ Stearns for the Benefitt of the town — — — —

Voted to Appropriate any Sums of money that Remain unappropriated to Discharge the towns Debts - - - -

Put to vote whether Swine may Run at large this year it passed in the negative — — — —

Then Voted to keep a Grammer School - - -

Then Voted & Granted £ 3 pounds to each of the Collectors provided they make up their whole accounts with ye Treasurer within Six months after they Receive their lists, & also give Bond as usual - - -

Then Voted & Chofe mr: David Sanger Constable - - - the the Votes were brot in for a County Register & Treasurer -The Business of ye Meeting being don it was Disolved -

March ye Jonathan Brown was Sworn to 1776 the faithfull Discharge of the offices of Town-Clerk Town-Treasurer & assessor by Abraham Fullar Justs. peace

The Several persons hereafter Named were Sworn to the Several offices hereafter mentioned (Viz) -

Saml Fisk Esqr: & mr: Moses Stone Assessors ~

mr John Draper Collector of Tax's. Ebenr: Everit & Mosses Coollidge Wardens

mr Phins Child Fence-Viewer

mrs Elijah Bond & Josiah Capen Surveyors of Highways

m<sup>r</sup> Amos Bond Tythingman m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Harris Hogrieve m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis Surveyor of Timber mií<sup>srs</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Cook ju<sup>r</sup> & Amos Bond Clerk of y<sup>e</sup> markents — Before me Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Just<sup>s</sup>: peace

March 1776.

may the 13the Simon Hastings was Sworn to the office of Consta[ble]

by me Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Jus: peace

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Learned on the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of April Anno 1776

They ordered the Clerk to Issue out a warrant to Warn one Sarah Fessenden out of town who came last from Newton or Cambridge in the month of march last past

They Signed an order on the town Treasurer to pay  $m^r$ : John Hunt ju<sup>r</sup> the Sum of £ 7:4:0 for keeping School three months

At a meeting of ye Selectmen on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of May AD: 1776 at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Wellington ——

They having Received a precept from the Sheriff of the County Directing to assemble the Inhabitants to Choose a Representative or Representatives - They agreed to have a Town-Meeting on Monday the 20the Day of this present month of May for the Choice of a Representative or Representatives to be at the publick Meeting House at two of the Clock afternoon —

Also to have an other meeting at three of the Clock at the Same

place on the Same Day to act on the following articles. (Viz) First to Choose a moderator for Said meeting. (2<sup>ly</sup>) To put in their Votes for a County Register (3) To Choose Town officers in the Room of Such as Refuse to Serve. (4) To Determin whether any Schools Shall be kept and to act anything thereon as they See fitt (5) To hear any accounts that any persons have against the town and grant money to pay the Same as they may think proper. (6) To hear the Petition of Thomas Learned praying the town to allow him the Household Furniture of his Sifter Learned for the Reasons Setsorth in the petition. (7) To

hear the Report of the Committe appointed to Examin the town Treasurers accounts & to act there on as they See fitt (819)

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(8) To act on all other matters & things that Properly ly before the town &c —

Warrants were Issued out accordingly Dated the next Day and Signed by order of ye Selectmen Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in the Choice of Representatives Regularly assembled at the publick Meeting House in said town on Monday ye 20th Day of may AD 1776 — — —

First the vote was put whether it is the minde of ye town to Choose two persons to Represent the town in the Gen'l: Court this present year & it past in ye affeirmative.

Then the Votes were Called for & were brot: in Sorted and Counted & it appeared that Jonathan Brown Esqr: was Chosen.

— Then the votes were Called for one other person & were brot: in Counted & Sorted & it appeared that Samuel Fisk Esqr: was Chosen — — —

Then a Refolve of the late House of Representatives Relating to the Congress of the thirteen united Colonies Declaring them Independent of Great-Britain - The Question was put to know you minde of the town whether they will Stand by & Defend the Same with their lives and Estates & it past in the affeirmative unanimously.

At a meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the Publick meeting House in Sd Town on monday

the 20: Day of may AD: 1776 - To Transact Sundry town affairs as Setforth in ye warning

Voted & Chose Samuel Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup> moderator of y<sup>e</sup> meeting Then the votes were bro<sup>t</sup>: in for a County Register —

Then ye third article was Read & past over for ye present —

Then ye 4 article was Read & after Debate thereon it was Voted to Grant money for Support of Schools —

Then they Voted to adjourn the meeting with the Remaining

business to Tuesday the 4 Day of June next at 3 o Clock afternoon at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Wellington —

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may ye 20. 1776 mifs<sup>rs</sup> William Chenery & Jonathan Coollidge Godding were Sworn to the of office of Howards by Jona: Brown Just<sup>s</sup>: peace

At a meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr: Bez<sup>11</sup>: Learned on monday the 20: Day of may AD 1776 —

They agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Jonathan Coollidge Godding to take and Board Ruth Maddox one month for which he is to have her Labour & 16/ Shillings p<sup>r</sup>: Week=old-Tenor.

At a meeting of the Selectmen on Tuesday the 27th day of may at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Saml Wellington They Signed an order on the town Treasurer to pay m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Henshaw ju<sup>r</sup> The Sum of thirty pounds in full for his preaching in Watertown, and the

Sum of 21:6:8 to m<sup>r</sup>: John Eddy which with what m<sup>r</sup> Capen paid him is in full for his Service in keeping School in Watertown also an other order to pay m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 16:8:0 Shillings for what he has Supplyed James Hay with.—

At a Gen¹ Publick Town-meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the House of mr Sam¹!: Wellington on Tuesday ye 4th. Day of June AD: 1776. Sam¹: Fisk Esqr being moderator the meeting being upon an Adjournment —

The 4: article being Read the Question was put whether their Should be any womens Schools kept this year and it past in the Negative —

Then it was put to vote Whether any School or Schools Should be kept this year & it past in ye affirmative

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Then it was Voted to Reconfider the vote for not keeping womens Schools, and Voted that five be kept for the Space of three months — — —

Then Voted to Choose a Committe of five persons to take Care of and provide for Said Schools

mr: Richard Clark

Voted & Chose for sd: Comtte

With the complete complete

Then Dr: Springs Account for medicine & attendance on the poor was Read & Considered & the Sum of £8:6:8 was Granted to pay the Same. -

Then mr: David Coollidge was Chosen a Fence-Viewer in the Room of mr Jonas White who was Excufed ----

mr: David Coollidge was Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of Sd: office & mr: David Sanger to the office of Constable at the Same time by Iona B:rown Just: Peace -

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on Fryday ye 21ft Day of June AD 1776 at the House of mr: Samuel Wellington They agreed with mr: Phinehas Child for a Room in the House where mr: Samuel Nutting lately Dwelt for the use of mrs: Hackleton the wife of John Hackleton it being the west lower Room for which he is to Receive of the town at the Rate of Thirty Six shillings pr year for the time She Improves the Same at this Meeting Major Samuel Barnard was Sworne to the

office of Tythingman. -

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At a meeting of ye Selectmen on the Second Day of July AD 1776 They agreed to call a Publick Town-meeting to be held the Same Day at the House of mr: Saml Wellington at four of the Clock in the afternoon —

Fist to Choose a moderator for the meeting -

(2) To agree upon Some Proper method for Raising Watertowns part of the five Thousand men ordered for the Defence of this Country, and to Grant a Sum of money to forward the affair. and to act thereon as as they See fitt - and ordered the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant Directed to one of the Constables to warn the freeholders & Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to meet at Said time & place. - which was accordingly don emediately & Signed By Order of the Selectmen

Iona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Publick town-meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the house of mr Samuel Wellington Innholder in sd. Town on the Second Day of July AD: 1776 For encourriaging ye Inlifting men for the Defence of the Country &c ————

Voted & Chofe mr: Samuel White moderator of ye meeting

Then Voted & Granted the Sum of Six pounds six shillings & eight pence to each person that Shall inlist into the Service for the town of Watertown for the present Service till Watertowns proportion is Compleated. —

Voted that the Sd: Sum be allowed to those that inlist within

Voted that all those persons that are now out in the Service & those that are going be Excused from paying a pole tax toward

the above voted Bounty. ----

Voted that the Town-Treasurer be impowered to hire the money to pay the Bounty untill Such time as the money Can be assest - Voted that the assessors be Desired to assess the Inhabitants of this town to Raise mony to pay this Bounty emediately in a Seperate list.

Voted

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Voted that the assessors be Directed that where any persons hold lands by lease or otherwise that they lay the tax on the Landlords. —

attest Saml White moderator Then the meeting was adjourned to Fryday next at this place at 6 o Clock afternoon. —

At a Gen¹: Publick Town-meeting of ye freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly assembled on the 5 Day of July AD 1776 at mr Sam¹ Wellingtons —

m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel White being moderator. The meeting being opened they proceeded to take into Consideration the affair mentioned in the warrant It was moved to allow the bounty Granted at the former meeting to Such as inlist on or before the fifteenth Day of this month which was Voted and allowed — Then it was

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 15 Day of this month at Six of ye Clock afternoon at this place which was accordingly don —

On the fifteenth Day of the month the town being met according to adjournment—it was Voted that the bounty be allowed till the thirty men be inlisted as Required as Watertowns proportion of the five Thousand —

Then the meeting Difsolved ----

See the Declaration of Independance Recorded in the last Pages of this Book

#### [146]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on monday the 23 Day of September AD 1776 at the House of mr Samuel Wellington — They Agreed to Call a Publick Town-Meeting to be at the meeting-House on monday the 30th day of this Instant month of Sepr: at two of the Clock afternoon First to Choose a Moderator for the Meeting (2) To Consider & agree upon Some Proper Steps to be taken for the Settling a minister and to act thereon as they See meet (3) To Grant money to Support Schools and to act thereon as they they See best —

(4) For the town to agree upon Some Proper method for Raifing men for the Defence of the united States of America and to act any thing Relating thereto the town may think best. —

(5) For the town to Direct in what manner the Household Furniture of Fanning Learned Deceased Shall be Disposed of — (6) To hear the accounts of those persons the town is Indebted

to and grant money to pay ye same

(7) To Choose a Person to take Acknowledgments of Debts &c and also to warn all the Male Inhabitants of the town that are free being twenty one years of age & upwards to assemble at Said time & place to Consider and Determine whether they will give their Consent that the present House of Representatives with the Council Should agree upon a Form of Government for this State and to act thereon as they See best —

and the Clerk was Directed to Issue out warrants Directed to ye Constables to warn the Inhabitants to meet at Said time & place

for sd Purposes, which was accordingly don

By Jona: Brown Town. Cler

The following Accounts were brot in (Viz	2)			
Thomas Pattin for wood for the School.	1	:	17:0	
Simon Whitney for do	1	:	4:0	
Samuel Soden for Do ———	1	:	7:0	
				_
	4	:	8:0	

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At a Gen!: Publick Town-Meeting held at the Publick meeting House in Watertown on monday the 30th Day of Sepr: AD. 1776 to transact Sundry articles as Setforth in the warrants for the Meeting

Voted & Chofe Saml: Fisk Esqr: Moderator for ye meeting Then the vote was put whether the town will proceed to Settle a minister as Soon as they Conveniently can and it Past in the

Then they Voted to Choose a Committe to look out for and provide Such perfons as they think proper for trial — -

 $Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ for \ Said \ Committe \ \begin{cases} M^r \colon \ Nath^{ll} \ \ Stone \\ Sam^{ll} \colon \ Fisk \ Esq^r \\ M^r \ \ Mofes \ \ Stone \end{cases}$ 

Then it was put to vote whether the town will keep writting Schools this year and it past in ve affirmative also Voted to keep a Grammer School Some part of ve year Voted that the Schools be opened the first Day of Decr: next — — Then the 4th article was Read and after Debate thereon it was Voted to Choose a Committee to Consider thereon and Report what way they think will be best for the town to proceed in Raifing men for the Defence of america for the Futer & make Report at the adjout:

 $Voted \& Chofe for S^d : Committe \\ \begin{cases} m^r : Sam^l : White \\ M^r David Bemis \\ m^r Josiah Capen \\ m^r David Sanger \\ m^r Mofes Stone \\ \end{cases}$ 

Then the meeting was adjourned to monday next at two of ve Clock afternoon at this place —

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At a Genl Publick town Meeting of ye freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled at the Meeting House in Said Town on the 7th Day of Octr: A D1776 By Adjournment Saml Fisk Esqr being moderator

Voted that two writting Schools be kept three months — — — Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 60 pounds for the Support of the Schools the firewood Included

Voted that the first month the Schools be kept once a Day & the other two months twice a Day

Voted & Chofe mr: Jonas White for one of ye School Com-

mitte — — — —

Then the town took into Consideration a Refolve of the Gen<sup>ll</sup> Court of the 17<sup>th</sup> of September last Relating to a Form of Government and after Debate thereon — They voted unanimously that they give their Consent that the present House of Reprefentatives with the Council Should Form a plan of Government for this State to be laid before the Several towns in the Same for their Consideration before it be Ratified —

Then they voted to adjourn this meeting with the Remaining business to the first monday in Nov<sup>r</sup>: next at two of the Clock afternoon to be at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Wellington Innholder in this town which was accordingly don

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly assem ld on the 4th Day of Novr: 1776. By adjournment at the House of mr Saml: Wellington — Saml: Fisk being moderator—

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The meeting being Opened There being but a few persons present it was moved to adjourn the meeting to this day three weeks to be held at the meeting House at two of the Clock afternoon and it was accordingly adjourned to finish the Remaining business

At a Gen<sup>II</sup>: Publick Town-Meeting held at the Publick Meeting House in Watertown on the 25<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup>: 1776 by adjournment Sam<sup>I</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: being moderator. — The Committe appointed to Consider the matter Relating to Raising men for the Desence of the Country made Verball Report that they had not don any thing on the affair ——

The it was Voted not to act any thing on that article. — Then it was Voted to adjourn the meeting to Six of the Clock this Evening to meet at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>1</sup>: Wellington. — The town being meet. They Proceeded to the Sixth article. Then m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Capens account was Read & accepted and the Sum of £ 1:18:6 was Granted to pay  $v^e$  Same

Voted & allowed m<sup>r</sup>: David Bemis account & Granted the Sum

£ 0:17:9 to pay the Same ———

Then the account of Sam!: Fisk Esqr: was Read & Voted that the Selectmen Examin the Same & allow what they think is Right. — Then they voted & Chofe John Remington Esqr: to take the Confession of Debts &c ———
Then the meeting was Disolved ————

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Wellington on the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of march AD 1777. They agreed to have a Publick town-meeting on the tenth day of this present month of march at nine of the Clock in forenoon at the Publick meeting House & Directed the Clerk to Issue out warrants Directed to the Several Constables to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to assemble at Said time & place to act on the following articles (Viz) First to Choose a moderator for the meeting

(2) To Choose Selectmen Town-Clerk & Treasurer & all other town officers that are Required to be Chose in the month of march annually. (3) To know the minde of the town whether they will come into Some method to proportion the Charge that has already been by hireing men to go into the Service. and to act

any thing thereon as they think proper ~

(4) To know the minde of the town what method they will take to Raife Watertowns proportion of men to Compleat the Continential Army, and to act thereon as they think proper (5) to Choofe a Committe of Correspondance &c agreable to a Resolve of the General Court. (6) To Choose a Saxton & agree how he Shall be paid for his Service (7) to put in their Votes for a County Register & Treasurer (8) To appropriate the Int: money coming to the town the present year

(9) To Choose a Committe to Examin the town Treasures acctts

(10) To grant money to Support the ministery ye year Ensueing (11) To grant money to Support the poor the year Eusueing —

(12) To grant money to Support the Poor the year Buttering

(13) To Hear the accounts of those persons the town is In-

debted to & grant money to pay the Same ----

(14) To Grant money to Repair the Highways and Town-ways the ensueing year and to act any thing Relating thereto as the town think Proper ——

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the pleas (15) To Hear A of any late Constables for abating any Perticular persons Rates in their lists, and to act thereon as they think best. - (16) To Hear the Report of Committe that was Appointed to Improve the ministerial place the last year, and Determin how it Shall be Improved the year enfueing (17) To know how the Estate of John Stearnes Shall be Improved the year enfueing and to act thereon as they think best, (18) To appropriate any Sum or Sums of money unappropriated as the town may think best ————(19) To Determin whether Swine Shall Run at large the ensueing year - - - - - - - - -(20) To grant money to Support the Grammer School & other Schools that may be agreed upon and act any thing thereon as they think Proper - And Likewise to notify the town Creditors to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen at the House of mr Bezaleel Learned on Fryday the Seventh day of this present month of march at two of the Clock afternoon ---Warrants were Issued out accordingly & Signed By order of ye Selectmen Jona Brown Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Fryday the Seventh day of March AD 1777 at the House of mr: Bezaleel Learned for Receiving the accounts of those perfons the town is Indebted the Following accounts were brot: in (Viz)

To Samuel Fisk Esqr for entertainment for Preachers from Novr: the 20th. 1774 to march ye 2d. 1777 — 14:1:2

To Elijah Bond for his wives keeping School last year 5:4:0

To Mofes Hager for Hay for Docr Cooper — 1:4:0

To John Hunt for keeping School — 6:0:0

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And the following accounts were brot in for Charge for the poor (Viz) David Bemis for Supplys from the 15 day of march 1776 to the 7th: of march 1777 7: 7:5:1

Saml: White for do: from July 10. 1776 to march 7th. 1777 9: 0:1:1

Elijah Bond do: march. 1776 to march 7th. 1777 3: 5:7:0

David Sanger for do for the wido murch 0"18—

Amos Livermore for Board &c for Ruth Maddox 3:13:2:2

Sarah Godding Boarding Mary Learned s Child from march ye 14. 1776 to march ye 5th. 1777	8:14:0-
Thos Learned for Boarding Aaron Learned from march ye 15. 1776 to march the 12- 1777	3: 4:6
William Chenery for Boarding & Nurfing Mary Learned's Child from march 15th.  1776 to march 7, 1777	10:1:4
Simon Hastings to Diging the Graves for ye wido Abigail Learned & Tabitha Learned	0:9:0
Phinehas Child for eight & a half months house Rent for mrs Hackleton	1:5:6
wido Hannah Harris for Delivering Mary Learned	0"6:0
	48: 4:8:0

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Proceedings of the School Committe for the Town of Watertown 1777. ---

At a Meeting at Mr Richardsons June ye 18th Agreed to open five womens Schools & Employ the following persons (Viz) Mrs: Dorothy Brewer to keep School her House 13 weeks @ eight Shillings Pr week - - - - - -

mrs Sulanna Shed to keep School in the west School-House

15 weeks & 4 days @ Six fhillings and eight pence Pr
week 5: 4:2

mr Elijah Bonds wife to keep a School in his House
13 weeks @ eight Shillings pr week — 5: 4:0

mr Andrew Whites wife to keep a School in his His
house 13 weeks @ eight Shillings pr week — 5: 4:0

and with mrs: Lydia Anderson to keep a School in the
east School House 15 weeks @ Six shillings and eight
pence pr: week — 5: 4:2

20:16:4

At a Meeting at m<sup>rs</sup>: Coollidges December ye Sixth 1777. Agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: John Stratton to keep a School in the East School House three months at four pounds p<sup>r</sup> month - 12: 0:0

and with mr: Iosiah Bisco to keep a School in the west School. House three months @ Four pounds ten shillings v pr month — — — 13:12:0 and with mr: John Remington jur to keep the Grammer School one month for four Pounds 4: 0:0 50:8:4 and accordingly the Schools were opened the 23d Day of De-Jedh; Leathe Pr Order ~ The Committe also brot in an account for wood provided for the School amounting to — — 6: \* [154] At a Gen! Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs Regularly assembled at the meeting-House in sd Town on monday the tenth Day of march AD. 1777, for the Choice of Town officers & other affairs as Setforth in the Warrant for Sd: meeting -Voted and Chofe Mr: Nathl: Stone for Moderator John Remington Esqr: mr: Saml: Soden For Selectmen { Mr: Elijah Bond mr Nathan Coollidge mr Jedidiah Leathe N B Messrs: Sam!: White, Richard Clark & David Sanger were Chosen & at their Request were Excused -Town-Clerk & Town-Treasurer Ionathan Brown { Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup> Voted & Chose for assessors mr: Josiah Bisco For Constables & Collectors Messrs: Christ Grant jut & Amos Bond Wardens Messrs Edmd: Fowle & William Hunt Sealer of Leather Stephen Whitney -Fence-Viewers Josiah Capen Esqr & mr: Wm. Hunt Surveyors of High-ways Messrs. Amos Livermore and John Draper -Tythingmen Mefrs David Coollidge & Jona Child -

Hogrieves Mefrs Wm Hunt & John Draper -

<sup>\*</sup> torn

Voted & Chose Com<sup>tte</sup> of Correspondence m<sup>r</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup>: Richardson m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Harris

Then the Votes were put in for a County Treas & Register Chose for Saxton m<sup>r</sup> Simon Hastings & granted the Sum of £ 3 pounds for his Service

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Then the 3<sup>d</sup> article was Read & after Debate thereon it was Voted that the town will beare the whole Charge of the war in Equal proportion as They pay other Tax's Voted to Choose a Committe to bring in an account of what has

already arifen &c

 $Voted \& Chofe for s^d : Committee \longrightarrow \begin{cases} Maj^r Sam^l : Barnard \\ Cap^t Phin^s Stearns \\ Clerk Nathan Coollidge \\ m^r David Bemis \\ m^r David Sanger \\ L^t : Josiah Capen ju^r \\ m^r Elijah Bond \end{cases}$ 

Voted that ye Committee bring in a perticular account what each man has don

Then the 4th article being Read after Debate thereon 
Voted to Choose a Committe to procure men at ye Expence of the Town

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee for sd: purpose — 
Voted & added mr: Simon Whitney — Lt: Chrisr: Grant jur

Voted that ye Committee give £ 24 pounds Pr man - if they Cannot be had for less & have Power to hire money for yt Purpose in the name & behalf of the Town

Then they Voted and adjourned the meeting to this day week to meet at this place at one of the Clock afternoon

Before me Jona: Brown Justi: Peace

March ye 17th. 1777 the following persons were Sworn into ye offices hereafter mentioned (Viz) Saml: Fisk Esqr: & mr Josiah Bisco assessors mr Stephen Whitney Sealer of Leather — missrs Josiah Capen and Wm Hunt Fence Viewers Wm Hunt Hogrieve — missrs: Dav[id] Sanger & David Bemas Surveyors of Timber &c — Mr John \* Clerk of ye market — Before Jona: Brown Hust: Peace]

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown held at the Meeting House on monday yellow 17th Day of march AD 1777——

By Adjournment m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>I</sup> Stone being moderator John Remington Esq<sup>r</sup>: Refigned the office of Selectman Then m<sup>r</sup> Simon Whitney was Chosen who Refused to Serve

Then mr John Cook was Chofen a Selectman —

Then the Com<sup>tte</sup> appointed to Consider what Services persons have don in the war & made Report ———

Their Report being Read after Debate thereon

Voted to Recommit the Report & add four more to the Committe. Voted & Chofe messrs: Saml: White, Daniel Sawin, Saml: Fisk Esgr: & mr Wm Hunt ——

Then m<sup>r</sup>: Edward Richardson Excused himself from Serving on the Committe of Correspondance and m<sup>r</sup>: David Coollidge was Chosen in his Room

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Chose for a Com}^{\text{te}} \text{ to Examin } y^{\text{e}} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Sam}^{l} \colon Fisk \ Esq^{r} \\ \text{m}^{r} \ W^{m} \ Hunt \\ \text{m}^{r} \ Sam^{l} \ White \end{array} \right.$ 

Voted to appropriate the Interest money coming to the town a

<sup>\*</sup> torn

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At a meeting of  $y^e$  Selectmen on monday  $y^e$   $17^{th}$  day of march AD 1777. at  $m^r$ : Bez $^{ll}$ : Learneds — They Agreed with  $m^r$ : Elijah Bond to take Mary Learned for three months at the Rate of 7/6  $P^r$  week She to have the Benefitt of her Labour. —— and with  $m^r$ : Samuel Soden to take Mary Learneds Child three months at the Rate of 3/6  $p^r$ : week —— and with  $m^r$ : Thomas Coollidge to take Ruth Maddox for three months at the Rate of  $p^r$  week he to have her Labour

 $\label{eq:Voted & Chofe for Said Committe} \begin{tabular}{ll} $m^r$: Sam^l$ White \\ $m^r$ David Sanger- \\ $m^r$ Simon Whitney \\ \end{tabular}$ 

Voted that sd: Committe Repair the Barn & fences on the ministerial place as they think needfull and pay for the Same out of the money coming for Rent last year -

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Voted that the Selectmen take care of and Improve the Estate that was m <sup>r</sup> : John Stearn's as usual. ————————————————————————————————————
Voted & Chose for a Comtte to take care of & provide for the School ————— Sam¹: Fisk Esq¹: m¹ David Bemis m² Sam¹ White
Voted that the Committe may employ either a Lattin or English School-master as they think best ————————————————————————————————————
Mr John Cook Excused himself from Serving a Selectman and Major Samuel Barnard was Chosen in his Room Then the Report of ye Comtte appointed to Consider what Services each person has don for the town the present war was Read & was Voted & accepted and is as follows (Viz)
Watertown 20 of march 1777——————————————————————————————————
(1) That there be paid by the town to each non-Commission officer & Soldier that engaged in the Service for eight months in 1775 the Sum of £ 2 pounds each $y^e$ N° 35 is £ 70:0:0
(2) That there be paid by the town to each non-Commission officer & Soldier that marchd from Cambridge to New-York & from thence to Canada twenty pounds each 19 in Number
(3) That there be paid by the town to each Non-Commission officer & Soldier that march'd to New-York & engaged in the Service one year £ 10 each being four in Number
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Carried forward £ 490:0:0

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(4 <sup>ly</sup> ) That there be paid by the town to each non-Commission officer and Soldier that engaged for one year & marched for Ticonderoga in aug <sup>t</sup> : 1776 £6 each Number being 6 is	36:0:0
(5 <sup>ly</sup> ) That there be paid by the town to each non-Commission officer and Soldier that engaged in the Service in July 1776 for five months Exclusive of those yt were hired £ 5 each ye Number being 5 is	25:0:0
(6) That there be paid by the town to each non-Commission officer and Soldier, that engaged in the Service for two months and marched for New-York Oct <sup>r</sup> : 1776 £ 5 each (exclusive of those that were hired) being 9 in number is	45:0:0
(7) That there be paid by the town to each non-Commission officer and Soldier that engaged in the Service for three months and marched to New-York in Decr: 1776. Exclusive of those that were hired £ 8 one only went — — —	8:0:0
-	£ 604:0:0
(8) That there be paid by the town to the followin Perfons the Respective Sums affixed against their names, being money Expended by them for the benifet of the present War (Viz)  To Cash paid by David Stone — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	6" 13 : 4 6" 13 : 4 6" 13 : 4 6" 13 : 4 7" 13 : 4 7" 13 " 4 6" 13" 4 6" 13" 4 7" 0" 0 6" 13" 4 6" 13" 4 6" 13" 4 7" 0" 0 6" 13" 4 6" 13" 4 6" 13" 4 6" 13" 4 6" 13" 4 6" 13" 4

To Do by Samuel Barnard — — — — —	7:13:*
To Do by Moles Stone — — — — —	7:5:*
To Do by Jonas White no bounty recd from ye	
Town	3: *
Carried over £ 11	[2:15:4]

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bro <sup>t</sup> : over ——— 112:15:4
To Cash paid by John Stimson — — — 6"13"4
To Do by Stephen Whitney — — — — 3" 0:8
To Do by Simon Hastings — — — — 6:13:4
To Do by Daniel Whitney — — — 7: 5:4
To Do by Nathaniel Coollidge — — — 7:5:4
To Do by Amos Bond — — — — — 6"13:4
To Do by Josiah Norcross — — — — 6"13:4
To D° by Thomas Clark — — — — 7: 5:4
To Do by Thomas Harrington — — — 6" 13:4
To Do by John Cook — — — — — 6 " 13 " 4
To Do by Bezaleel Learned — — — 6"13"4
To Do by Thomas Pattin — — — — — 10 " 13 : 4
To Do by Phinehas Stearnes — — — 7" 5"4
To Do by Samuel Hager — — — — — — 11 " 0:0
To Do by Samuel Benjamin — — — — 6" 0:0
To Do by Edmund Fowle — — — — 4" 18:0
To Do by Jonathan Child — — — — 4:17:4
To Do by Eires Tainter — — — — 4"13:4
To Do by Peter Harrington — — — — 4: 0:0
To Do by Elkanah Wales — — — — 10: 0:0
To Do by Oliver mn Roe — — — 7 " 10:0
To Do by Elisha Learned — — — — — 10: 0:0
To Do by Ephraim Jones.————————————————————————————————————
To Do by Samuel Nutting 10: 0:0
To Do by Amos Livermore — — — 8" 6:0
To Do by Samuel Fisk Esqr —       7:0:0         To Do by Jonathan Brown Esqr —       10:12:0
To Do by Jonathan Brown Esqr — 10:12:0
To Do by David Bemis — 11: 0:0
To Do by William Cookran — — — — — 10: 0:0
To Do by John Cookson — — — — — 10: 0:0
To Do by Marshall Spring — — — — 10: 0:0
To Do by Ebenr Stedson — — — — — — 10: 0:0

To	D° by Samuel Cook — — — — —	10:	0:0
To	Do by Nathaniel Harrington — — —	10:	0:0
To	Do by Samuel Whitney ——	10:	0:0
To	Do by Christopher Grant — — — —	10:	0:0
	D° by Solomon Prentice — — — — —		
	Carried up 4	-06:	0:8

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bro <sup>t</sup> up — — — — 4	106:	0:8
To Cash paid by Isaac Sanderson — — —		
To Do by Ebenezer Stone — — — — —		
To Do by Nathaniel Stone — — — — —		
To Do by Phinehas Harrington ———		
To Do by David Sanger — — — — —	8:	6:8
To Do by John Chenery ———	10:	0:0
To Do by Richard Clark —	3:	6:8
To Do by Daniel Sawin	0:	6:0

£ 465:12:0

The within Report is Submitted to the town by their Said Committe

Samil Barnard Pr Order

At a meeting of ye Selectmen at mr Bezll Learneds on the third day of April AD 1777. They agreed with mr John Cook to take care of the Great Bridge the year ensuing

At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 25 Day of April AD 1777 at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Wellington They agreed to Call a Publick Town-meeting to be at the meeting House on monday the 28th day of this present month at 4 O: Clock afternoon to Choose a moderator for the meeting & (2) To agree upon Some method to Raise Seven men to go & march to the State of Rhod-Island agreabled to an order of the General Court

and ordered the Clerk to Issue out warrants for that Purpose which was accordingly done

By Iona: Brown Town-Cle[rk]

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At a Publick Town meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs Regularly Assembled at the Publick meeting House on monday the 28th Day of April AD 1777.

Voted & Chose mr: Nath! Stone moderator of ye meeting Then the article Relating to Raifing Seven men to join the army at providence was Read and after Debate thereon — The town Voted to Choose a Committe of Seven persons to procure sd men

on as easie termes as they can

mr: Moses Stone Voted & Chose for Sd: Comtte

Voted & Chose for Sd: Comtte

Voted & Chose for Sd: Comtte

Lt. Josiah Capen
mr Stephen Harris
mr Jonas White
mr Nathan Coollidge

#### Comtte

Then Voted that the Said A Shall have power in the name & Behalf of the Town to hire money to pay the men they may hire to go into Sd: Service

At a meeting of the Selectmen on monday the 12th day of may AD 1777. at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>1</sup>: Wellington They agreed to have a Toun meeting on monday ye 19th Day of this present month of may at the Meeting house at two O Clock afternoon to Choose one or more Persons to Serve as Representatives in the General Court the ensueing year. — and also to have an other Toun Meeting at the Same place at 3 O Clock the Same day to act on the town affairs hereafter mentioned (Viz)

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First to Choose a moderator for the meeting -(2ly) To act on the Several articles in the warning for march meeting which were Refered over to this meeting (Viz) the making Grants for the Poor & Schools & for Town Creditors and abating Tax's & Such other matters as were not then acted

upon - (3ly) To Choose any Town officers in the Room of Such as have Refused or Neglected to take the Oaths Required by Law ——— (4ly) To give Directions to the Committe appointed to take care of the Ministerial Place and Determin how it Shall be Improved the present year. — (5ly) To make Grants of any Sums of money if Need be for past Services in the present war, and for further Services's and do any thing thereon as the town may think Proper — (6) by To Choose any Committee or Committees Required to be Chofe to See to the putting any laws of this State into Execution — (7ly) To hear any Reports of Committees that have been Appointed for Perticular Services and to act anything thereon as The town may See fitt. ——— -(8ly) To know the minde of the Town whether they will allow one or more Hospitals for Enoc lating for the Small-pox. (9ly) To know the minde of the town whether they will Erect a New-pound or Repair ye old one and do anything thereon as they See fitt. ——— (10<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of the town whether the persons the town purpose to allow any Sums of money to for past Services Shall Exhibit their accounts under oath and to act thereon as they See fitt -The Town-Clerk was Directed to Issue out warrants Directed to the the Several Constables to warn the Inhabitants to meet at the times and place aforementioned

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Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Reprefentative Regularly assembled at the Publick meeting House in s<sup>d</sup> Town on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of May AD 1777.

They made Choice of Jonathan Brown Esqr: to Serve for & Represent the Town in the Great and General Court the ensueing year ———

At a Gen<sup>II</sup>: Publick Town-meeting of ye freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled at the Publick Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the 19th Day of may AD: 1777: for

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of may AD 1777. They Agreed with m<sup>r</sup> Moses Coollidge to finde the widow Hackleton House Room three months for which he is to have Eighteen Shillings—————

To Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown for Service in the General Court and provincial Congress — — — — to Sam <sup>1</sup> Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup> : for Service in Congress — to John Remington for do — — — — — to m <sup>r</sup> Jonas White on account — — — — to m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen on do — — — — —	-4:5:0 $-0:12:0$
Sam¹ Jenisons for D°       1         W™ Godding for 1772 & 1773       0         Jonathan Learneds for 1774       0         John Crane for D°       0         Eben¹: Hovey for D°       0	Extreme Settle the Rates in the late 1.7 15: 3:3 17: 8—17: 8—17: 13: 9:0 17: 13: 9:0 17: 13: 13: 13: 13: 13: 13: 13: 13: 13: 13
	5" 5:8:1
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In David Sangers lists for 1773 Phin <sup>s</sup> Gates 0 1774 Tho <sup>s</sup> Drapers — — 0 Jonathan Brewers — — 1	: 11 : 6 : —— " 10 : 0 —— " 1 : 2 ——
	1.4
	:10:8
and Granted the Several Sums to make	

The (6) article being Read. Then the following persons were Chosen to put the Act against — monopoly & oppression into Execution Viz Messrs: David Bemis, Simon Whitney, Jedidih: Leathe Jonas White & Moses Stone, -Then the Votes were Called for for a person to procure & lay Before the Court of Special Sessions Such Evidance as may be had against any persons that are inimical to the american States which being brot: in it appeared that John Remington Esq was Chofen ---The wido Eunice Coollidges two accounts as allowed by ye Selectmen [we]re accepted (Viz) the first amounting to 11:12:0 Then the Second to --- 27: 4:6 38:16:6 [167] £ Then they Voted & Granted the Sum of 1183:0:10 pence to be Raifed by a Tax. to be paid to the Several persons or their Legal

Raised by a Tax. to be paid to the Several persons or their Legal Representatives, that have done Services in the present war, and that have Advanced moneys for the Support of the Same, The persons first making Oath to the payment of the Value affixed to their Several names, or produce proper Receipts from the officer or officers to whome they paid the Same, Agreable to the Report of the Committe Chosen by the town to Consider Sd: Services. — Then Voted the above mentioned Sum be assessed as Soon as Conveniantly may be in a list by it Self

Then the meeting was Dissolved —

at the aforementioned meeting Messrs: Jonas White and Thomas Learned were added to the Comtte of Corrospondance

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>ll</sup>- Learned on monday the 23<sup>d</sup> Day of June AD 1777.

They Agreed with mrs: Jenison the wife of Wm Jenison to take and Board Ruth Maddox three months at the Rate of 5/3 Pr week.

To Dorothy Brewer — — — 5: 4:2
To Sufanna Sheed — — — — 5" 4"2
To Elijah Bond — — — — 5 " 4 " 2
To Andrew White — — — — 5 " 4 " 2
To Lydia Anderson — — — 5" 4"2
To John Remington jur — — 4" 0"0
To Josiah Bisco — — — — — 13 " 12 " 0
To Jedh Leathe for wood
for the School — — — } 6" 9"0
£ 50 " 1 " 10

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Watertown June ye 26. 1777
We the Subscribers being Appointed a Committe to Perambulate the lines between this & the Neighbouring Towns have attended that Service and have Renewed the Several Marks as Agreed to by the Committees of the other towns.

Sam!: Soden
Jedh: Leathe
Nathan Coollidge
Samuel Barnard

Comtte: —

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen of ye Selectmen of Watertown Weston. & Waltham on ye 8th Day of Sepr: AD. 1777 at the House of Capt: Isaac Gleason Inn-holder in Waltham the acctts of the Charge that has Arifen for the Repairs of the Great Bridge In Watertown Since the 18th Day of Sepr: AD 1774. which amounted to the Sum of £ 25:11:8 were proportioned and Signed by the Selectmen of each town of which Watertown part or proportion was — 9" 2:9

Westons D°: was — 8" 7:7

Walthams D° was — 8" 1"4

£25"11:8

See the Settlement Ent<sup>d</sup>: at Large in the Second Book in the Treasury

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of mr: Edward Richardson on Fryday ye 12 day of Sepr: AD. 1777. They approved of Messr: Edward Richardsons Samuel Wellingtons and mrs: Dorothy Coollidges Renewing their licences as Inn-

holders and messrs: Saml: Cook, Amos Bond, David Bemis jur: Moses Coollidge & Abner Craft as Retailors — — — — — at this meeting mr: John Chenery gave in a Notification of his Receiveing into his House one John Larrabee & Martha his wife and their two Children (Viz) Thomas & Sarah who came last from Boston about the first Day of December 1775. being of the Poor of Boston ————

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of October anno: Domini 1777 - m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger brought in an account of his Expences for the Support of the poor last year ammounting to the Sum of twenty pounds & ten pence — — 20: 0:10

and also brot: in an account of ye things that were Sold that belonged to the widows Abigail and Tabitha Learned ammounting to ye Sum of — 18: 1: 8

1"19: 2

also brot: in an account for Expence in Selling the Said goods of Seventeen Shillings — — — — 0:17:

and then a Ballance was due to  $S^d$ : Sanger of £ 2:16: 2 which the Selectmen Signed an order on  $y^e$  Treasurer to pay

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Wellington on the third day of nov<sup>r</sup>: Anno: Domini 1777-They Agreed to have a Publick-Town-Meeting on monday y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Day of Nov<sup>r</sup>: Currant at one of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon at the meeting House to act on the following articles (Viz)

First to Choose a moderator for the meeting

 will do any thing Relating to the Settlement of a minister. & to act any thing Relating thereto as they may See fitt. —— (6) To act on any other matters that may be thought Necessary —— Warrants were Sent to the Constables Signed By order of the Selectmen

Jona: Brown Tow[n Clerk]

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At a Publick Town Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled at the publick meeting House in Said Town on monday the tenth day of November AD. 1777. to transtact Several Matters Contained in the Warrant for Calling the meeting ———

persons in the Continential army

Locks that they Bought and be accountable to the town for the money arifing by the Sale thereof

money arming by the Sale thereof

attest Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders and other In-

habitants of Watertown Regularly assembled at the Publick meeting House in Said town on Monday the 24th Day of Novi: AD 1777, for the Choice of a Gospel Minister &c: as mentioned in the Warning for Said meeting. - - - - - - -Voted & Chose Samuel Fisk Esqr: Moderator of ye Meeting The Town being Informed that the Church had made Choice of mr: Daniel Adams for their minister Voted unanimously for the Said mr: Daniel Adams approveing of & Concuring with the Church in the Choice they had made — Voted to Choose a Committe Confifting of Seven to Consider (and make Report at the adjournment of this meeting) What Salary or Support it will be proper for the town to offer Said m<sup>r</sup> Adams for his encouridgment

 $Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ for \ s^d \ Committe ---- \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m^r \colon David \ Bemis \\ m^r \colon Sam^{ll} \ White \\ m^r \ Mofes \ Stone \\ m^r \ Nath^l \ Stone \\ m^r \ Jedi^h \ Leathe \\ Sam^{ll} \ Fisk \ Esq^r \colon \\ m^r \colon Elijah \ Bond \end{array} \right.$ 

Voted & adjourned this meeting to monday Next at two of the Clock afternoon at this place -Attest Saml: Fisk moderator —

as followeth (Viz)

that

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That mr: Adams have the use and Improvement of the ministerial place both the homested and Marsh and also the ministerial pew in the meeting House during his ministry in Watertown, & That mr: Adams have a Grant of one Hundred pounds Lawfull money pr annum as a Sallery during his ministery

Watertown as aforesaid

and in confideration of the Extraordinary price of the Necessaries of life the Sum of one hundred & Fifty pounds in Addition to his Sallary for the first year and they promis in future to make Such additional Grants to his Sallary the first mentioned hundred pounds as the State of the medium and the price of the Necessaries of life Shall make to appear Just and Reasonable.

David Bemis Pr: Order

Watertown Decr: 1n: 1777.

in.

Then the town Voted and Accepted the foregoing Report — — Voted to Choose a Committe to wait on Mr: Daniel Adams & present him a Copy of the Votes of the Town, and to know if he will accept of the purposals

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Jonathan Brown on the 14th Day of Decr AD 1777

They Agreed to Call a Publick Town-meeting to be at the Meeting House on the 15th Day of the Same Month at two of the Clock afternoon to manifest their minds Relating to the Quartering Some of the officers of the army lately Commanded by Genl Burgoyne in Watertown, and to act thereon as they think proper. —— and Directed the Clerk to Issue warrants to the Constables for that purpose which was accordingly don

Pr Jona: Brown Toun-Clerk

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At a Publick Town meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled at the Meeting House in Said Town on the 15th Day of December AD 1777.

They Voted & Chose Jonathan Brown Esqr: Moderator of ye

meeting

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of January AD: 1778. at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>11</sup>: Wellington They Signed an order on the town Treasurer to pay m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel White £ 4:10:0 for taking The late Fanning Learneds Child: and also to pay m<sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Leathe the Sum of £ 2:8:0 which he paid m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Jenison for Boarding Ruth Maddox, —

Jan<sup>ry</sup>. ye 12. 1777 Phin<sup>s</sup> Child gave in a notification At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 12 Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup>: AD. 1778. They ordered the Clerk to Issue Warrants directed to the Constable to warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown to assemble at the meeting House on Fryday the 16 Instant at one of the Clock afternoon to hear the articles of Confederation Read and to act on the Same &c

Warrant Issued accordingly pr Jona: Brown [Town-Clerk]

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At this meeting they Signed an order on the town Treasurer to pay into the hands of Samuel Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup> the Sum of one Hundred pounds to pay for Supplying the Pulpit he to be accountable for the Same

At a Publick Toun-Meeting held at the Meeting-House on Fryday the 16th. Day of Janry: AD 1778.

Voted & Chose Dean: Nathaniel Stone moderator then adjourned to the House of mr Bezll Learned and being there Assembled, the articles of Confederation & perpetual union between the united

 Constables to warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to assemble at the publick Meeting House on Monday the 9th Day of march Next at nine O: Clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles (Viz) — — —

First To Choose a Moderator for the meeting (2<sup>ly</sup>) To Choose Selectmen Town-Clerk and Treasurers & all other town officers Required by law to be Chose in the month of march annually

 $(3^{1y})$  To Choose a Saxton & agree how he Shall be paid for his Service

(4ly) to put in their votes for a County Treasurer —

(5) to Determin whether Swine Shall Run at large ye present year (6) To Choose a Committe to Examin the town-Treasurers ac-

counts —

(7) To appropriate the Interest money Coming to the town y<sup>e</sup>

present year
(8) To Grant money to Support the ministery the present

[(9) To Gra]nt money to Support the poor — — — — — — (10)

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(10) To Grant money to Support the Great Bridge — — — —

(11) To Grant money to pay the Collectors of Tax's (12) To
Grant money to Repair the High-ways & Town-ways and
agree upon a Method to perform the Service—

(13) To Grant money to pay what was hired to pay the Bounty to the Continential Soldiers (14) To Grant money to pay Such persons as have been in the Service for which no allowance has been made and to act any thing thereon the town

think proper — — —

(15) To know the minde of the town whether they will Call in the money that is due to them & Appropriate it for Defraying the Charge of the war, and act thereon as they See fitt. (16) To pass on a list of Juriors that is prepared by the Selectmen (17) To Determin what Improvement Shall be made of the ministerial place and the place that was John Stearnes's (18) To Determin in what manner the money Shall be paid to the persons that have been in the Service or have paid money therefor agreable to the Grants that have been made for them (19) To know the minde of the town What Steps Shall be taken with James Hay in order for his

Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

The Com<sup>tte</sup>: Appointed to provide for the School For the year 1777 Agreed with m<sup>r</sup> John Remington ju<sup>r</sup> to Keep the Grammer School eight months from y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> of June 1777 at £5 pounds

P month — — — — — — — — — 40:0:0:0

P month — — — — — — — — — — 40 : 0 : 0

paid by m<sup>r</sup>: David Bemis for wood for the School — 4 : \*

paid by Sam<sup>l</sup> White for wood for the School — — \*

Saml White Comtte £4

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of mr Samuel Wellington on Fryday the 6th Day of march AD 1778. for Receiving the accounts of those persons the toun is Indebted to the following accounts were brot: in (Viz) - - -Sam<sup>||</sup> Soden for provisions for James Hay and ye wide Hackleton — — — — — — — — — Wido Vela for Boarding Mary Learneds Child 13:13:6 Saml White for Boarding Aaron Learned - - - -Dr Willian Gamage jur: for medicine &c for mrs } Hackletons Child — — — — — — — \$ William Chenery for Board for Mary Learneds Child 0: 6:8 Moles Stone jur for Boarding Ruth Maddox — 1:16:0 Zacharias Shed for Carting James Hays Goods — 3: 0:0 Sarah Godding for Boarding Mary Learneds Child. Thomas Coollidge for Boarding Ruth Maddox — 3:15:0 John Sawin for Boarding the wido Hackletons Child 5: 14:0 Moses Coollidge for house Room for ye wido 2:10:0Nathan Coollidge for Supplying James Hay & the \{\) wido Hackletons Child — — — — — — \} Samuel Barnard for Supplys for ye Poor — Jedidiah Leathe for do — — — — — — — -17:17:0

accounts for which no grant is made that were brot in To David Sanger for Services as pr: account — — To Saml: White pr do — — — — — — — To Elijah Bond pr do — — — — — — To David Bemis pr do — — — — — — To Josiah Capen pr do — — — — — To Richard Leathe for making Cartriages — — To Hugh Mafon for do &c — — — — — To Seth Norcrofs for Casting Bullets — — — To John Draper for Baking &c — — — — — To Saml Fisk for 12 Days in taking the Invoice & making the Rates @ 8/ pr day — — — — \$ To Josiah Bisco for do — — — — — To Jona Brown for do — — — To do for Serving Treafurer — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	4 2 2 4 2 3 0 2 4 4 6		2 8 2 2 16 1 10 12 16		8 0 8 8 0 8 0 0 0 0 0
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At a Gen¹: Publick Town Meeting of the Freeholder Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to veraffairs Regularly assembled at the Meeting house in standard the ninth day of march AD 1778. For the Town officers & other affairs as Setforth in the warmeeting————————————————————————————————————	ote d: e (	in To Ch ng	own	ow n c e c r :	on of s <sup>d</sup>
For Selectmen ————————————————————————————————————					
For Town-Clerk & Toun-Treasurer Jonathan H	3ro	W	n E	sq	r.
For Assessors { mr Josiah Bisco Lt Amos Bond mr Jedih: Leathe					
For Constables Messrs: David Coollidge & Eires Tair  For a Committe of Correspondence Inspection and Safty   [mr: Saml: White mr David Bemis mr David Sanger Capt Phins Steam mr Daniel Sawin	nes			.fe	- d

Wardens Meſsrs: Nath¹ Bright & Amos Bond ——
Sealer of Leather mr: Stephen Whitney — — ——
Fence-Viewers Meſsrs: John Draper & Jonas Hastings
Surveyors of Highways meſsrs Solon Prentice & David Bemis
Tything men meſrs: John Draper & Thos: Learned — ——
Hogrieves meſsrs: John Randal & Jonathan Craft
Surveyors of Timber & meſsrs David Sanger & David Bemis
Howards Meſsrs: Nath¹ Bright & Amos Bond ——
Clerks of the Markets Lt: Josiah Capen jur & Lt Amos Bond —
Cullar of Hoops Staves & mr David Sanger ——
For Saxton mr: Simon Hastings & Granted 6 pounds for his
Service, ——
Then the Question was put whether Swine Shall Run at Large & it past in ye negative

[Sam¹: Fisk Esqr]

Com<sup>tte</sup>- to Examin ye Treafu<sup>rs</sup> acc<sup>tts</sup>- Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>
m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone
m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis

Voted & appropriated the Interest money as follows to the School and the Remainder to the Minister

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Voted & Granted to Support the Poor the Sum of £150	
To Repair the Great Bridge ye Sum of 6	
To pay the Collectors of Tax's 6	
(Viz) three pounds to each — — — —	
to Repair the Highways & Townways 150	
Voted that the price of Labour in working at sd: ways	
Shall be 9/s for a man & 9/s for a Team pr Day—eight	Hours to
be Accounted a day ————	
Voted that the assessors make a list or assessment and Co	mmit the
Same to the Surveyors that each person may work out hi	
tion of Said Sum	
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The 13th article was put off to the adjournment

The 14 Article being Read. it was Voted to Choose a Committe to procure a list of the persons that have done Service in the War Since there has been any allowance made, and Report what their Service has been. & Report what is proper to be don thereon —

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Chose for Said Committe

Capt Phins Stearnes
mr David Bemis
Majr: Saml Barnard
mr Saml White
mr Elijah Bond
Lt Josiah Capen juLt Amos Bond
mr Jonas White
Sergt Moses Stone
mr: Daniel Sawin
mr Josiah Bisco

Then Voted that the money now in the Treasury that was on Interest before be appropriated to help pay what money has been hired to pay Soldiers————

Then they Voted & accepted the lists Juriors

Then Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Monday the twenty third Instant at one O.Clock afternoon at this place

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Middlefex fs: Watertown March ye 13th: 1778.

Sworn

The following persons appeared & were into the Several offices hereafter mentioned (Viz)

Messr: Josiah Bisco & Jedidiah Leathe — Assessors mr: Nathl Bright. Warden. mr: Stephen Whitney Sealer of Leather Mr: John Draper & Jonas Hastings Fence Viewers — mr John Draper Tythingman mr: John Randal Hogrieve mr Nathaniel Bright Howard, & Lt: Josiah Capen jur Clerk of the market — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — Sworn by Jona: Brown Justt: Peace

March ye 23d: 1778 Lt: Amos Bond was Sworn into the offices of assessor, Warden, Howard, & Clerk of the market — — — Nath! Bright & Moses Coollidge Constables, — — — — —

mess Solomon Prentice & David Bemis Surveyors of Highways David Sanger & David Bemis Surveyors of Timber &c Sworn by Jon<sup>2</sup>: Brown Just<sup>t</sup> Peace

At a Publick Toun-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabi-

tants of Watertoun Regularly assembled at the Meeting House in Said town on monday ve 23d Day of march AD 1778. By Adjournment Dean Nathl: Stone being moderator mr: David Coollidge paid his fine having Refused to Serve Constable, & Nath Bright was Chosen Constable - - - mr Eires Tainter paid £12 pounds which was accepted in lieu of his serving Constable, and mr: Stephen Whitney was Chofen Constable & at his Request was Excused this year m<sup>r</sup> Moses Coollidge was Chosen Constable — — — — mr Elijah Bond was Chosen one of the Committe of Corrospondance in the Room of Capt Phins Stearnes. mr Samll: Barnard jur was Chofen a Hogrieve Voted & Granted the Sum of £500 towards paying the Bounty to the Continential Soldiers Voted that the Same Committe take Care of ve ministerial place that had the Care of it the last year ---Voted that the Committe Notify miss Storer & m<sup>r</sup> \* to Re-

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Voted that the Committe put up the fences & Secure the Place as

move out of the house as Soon as mr Crafts

<sup>\*</sup> torn

Voted & Chofe for Sd: Comtte

Mr: Jedih Leathe
Saml: Fisk Esqr
mr Moses Stone
mr David Bemis
Dean Nathl: Stone
mr Simon Whitney
mr Daniel Whitney
Lt. Christ Grant jur
mr Richd Clark
mr Josiah Capen
mr Jonas Barnard

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Sam!: Wellington on the First day of april AD 1778. they agreed to have a Town Meeting at the meeting house on the Sixth day of this month at two o:Clock to act on Several matters [Setfo]rth in the Warrants which are on file————

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to Mofes Stone --- 1: 4:0 to Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown --- 3:17:4 to d<sup>o</sup> --------- 12: 0:0 to Sam<sup>1</sup> Fisk ---- 5: 0:0 to John Remington - 4: 5:0

to John Remington - 4:5:0 to Jonas White - - 0:12:0 to Josiah Capen - - 0:12:0

28:14:4

They also Signed an order to pay the Selectmen that Served  $y^e$  last year the Sum of 65:0:2 which Sum they paid for armes Flour &c

To Sam<sup>1</sup>: Soden - - - 4: 9:5 to the wid<sup>o</sup> Vila - - 13:13:6 to Elijah Bond - - - 5: 0:6

to Sam<sup>1</sup> White - - - 2: 4:9 to D<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Gamage - 4:17:0 to W<sup>m</sup> Chenery - - 0: 6:8

to Moses Stone ju - 1:16:0 to Zach<sup>s</sup> Sheed ---- 3:0:0

to Sarah Godding -- 5: 0:0 to Thos: Coollidge - 3:15:0

to John Sawin --- 5:14:0 to Mofes Coollidge - 2:10:0 to Nathan Coollidge 11:8:5

to Sam¹ Barnard - - - 3 : 11 : 0 to Jediʰ Leathe - - - 17 : 17 : 0

85: 3:3

At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs assembled at the public meeting House in Sd: Town on Monday the 6th: Day of April AD: 1778 By adjournment

Dean: Nathaniel Stone being Moderator

Voted that the Ordination of mr: Daniel Adms be on the 29th Day of this present month of April

Voted to Choose a Committe to provide for the ordination

Mr: Moses Stone

Saml: Fisk Esqr.

mr David Bemis

mr Jonas White

mr Saml White

mr Jedih Leathe

Voted that the Committe draw £100 pounds out of the Treasury for the above Service & be accountable for ye Expenditure of the Same ————

Voted that m<sup>r</sup>: Adams's Sallary Afseft as Soon \* be

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Voted that a Grammer School & two writting Schools be kept from the middle of Nov<sup>r</sup>: next till the first Day march next following - - -

 $Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ for \ s^d \ Com^{ttee} - \left\{ \begin{array}{c} Sam^l \colon Fisk \ Esq^r - \\ m^r \ David \ Sanger \\ m^r \ Amos \ Livermore \end{array} \right.$ 

Voted that the Schools be keept twice a day (Viz) three Hours in the forenoon & three in the afternoon Votd & Chofe for a Committe to view the pound & Report what is proper to be don (Viz)

Committe— { mr Josiah Capen mr Moses Stone mr David Bemis

The Committe made verbal Report that they had attended the

<sup>\*</sup> torn

Service and had found all the timber unfitt for use and that is v

necessary to build a new one ---

Then it was Voted that they endeavor to finde what the Cost of a New one will be and Report to ye town at the adjournment - - -Then they took under Consideration the Report of the Committe Relating to the men that have don Service in the War & have had no allowance

Voted that the men that went in person & those that hired others be paid alike for the Service — — — —

Voted that the following twelve persons that were to Reinforce

the Nothern Army have 30 pound each

(Viz) Daniel Parker Sam<sup>1</sup> Sprague Henry Bradshaw Moses Hager Jona: Stone Tohn Sawin

Jacob Sanderson Zachh: Shed Benj<sup>n</sup> Capen Jedidh Leathe Jona: Livermore Peter Richardson

Nov

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Nov<sup>r</sup>: The nine that were Raifed to Guard the prisoners at Cam-

bridge (Viz) Ruggles Whitney Jona: Craft David Bemis jur Thadus Fullar ~

Stephen Harris Thos: Learned— Saml: Wellington James Mallard Daniel Mason

The nine men for Dorchester heights (viz) —— Josiah Learned Seth Norcrofs Pennuel Park Andrew Stimfon Iona: Child Daniel Coollidge Phins Child Benj<sup>n</sup> Hurd Benj<sup>n</sup> Hastings

1778 Janry: to Reinforce the Guards at Cambridge being twenty

George Alen

three men (Viz)

Nath<sup>1</sup>: Coollidge

Edwd: Harrington jur Joshua Stratton Sam1: Bond Simon Coollidge jur Nath1: Bemis Coverfe Spring Luke Bemis Wm Learned Thos: Prentice Richd Everit James Stone

Step<sup>n</sup> Cook Wm Sanger Wm Morfe Phins Jenison Joseph Child

John Vila Joseph Bright Andrew White Iona: Brown iur Edmd: Fowle

March Eighteen men to go to the lines for one month all these to have their wages with what is allowed them by ye Continent & State

A made up to Six pounds pr Month - - - Then the Report Relating to Raifing men for the futer was Read & Committed to a new Comttie to be taken in to a New Draught

Chose for S<sup>d</sup>: Committe Chose for S<sup>d</sup>: Committe Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>. m· Josiah Bisco

Then the meeting was Adjourned to monday of this month at 3: OClock afternoon at this pl[ace]

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At a Publick Town meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in Town affairs Regularly Assembled at the Publick meeting House in Sd: Toun monday the 20th Day of April AD, 1778. By adjournment Dean: Nathel. Stone being Moderator -

The accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to were Read & accepted and the Sum of 45:10:4 was Granted to pay the Same - - - -

Then the Comtte—Appointed to take care of the ministerial place & Repair the Barn fences &c made Report of their doings thereon and there Appeared to be a Ballance in their hands of 25:17:2. which was Voted & Accepted See the Report on File — Votd & accepted the Report of the Committe on the plan for Raifing men for the Service in the army See the Report . . . Voted that the Meletia officers with the Committe of Corrospondance be a Committe to procure men for the Publick Service in the army at the Expence of the Toun - - - -Voted that Said Committe have power in the name & Behalf of the Toun to hire money if Need be for Said Service

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on Monday ve 11th Day of may AD 1778, at the House of mr: Bezaleel Learned They Agreed to have a Toun meeting for the Choice of a Representative or Reprefentatives at the meeting House on Monday the 18 day of this Instant month of may at two O:Clock in the afternoon for Sd purpose, and also an other meeting at three O.Clock the Same day at the Same place to act on the following Articles (Viz) — — First to Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting — (2<sup>ly</sup>) For the toun to grant money or do any thing they think necessary to Incourage the Raising men for Recruiting the army as they think best — — — — — — — — — — — (3ly) For the Toun to Determin what Sums of money Shall be assest at this time (4ly) For the Toun to make grants to Such men as have been in the Service that were omitted before, if they See fitt- (5) For the town to make provision for Building a pound and to act thereon as they think best. (6ly) To know if the Town will Call in the money that is due on Bond or note of Hand & appropriate it to Such uses as they See fitt. (7) To know the minde of the town what Shall be don Relating to the Counterfitt money that has been taken for the Service of the Town and to act thereon as they See fitt. (8ly) To know the minde of the town whether they will allow of a Hospitall for Enocculating for the Small pox and to Act thereon as they See fitt (9ly) To hear the Reports of any Committees and act thereon as they See fitt. and also act on any other Matters that they may Judge Necessary at Warrants were Issued out to ye Constables Directing them to warn

the Inhabitants to meet at Said times & place for Sd purpofes. Dated may ve 12th 1778 -

> By Order of ye Selectmen -Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Regular Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of Representatives held at the Publick Meeting House in Sd: Town on Monday ve 18th Day of may AD 1778 — They made Choice of Jonathan Brown Esqr. to Serve for & Reprefent the Town the year enfueing in the General Court ——— At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled at the Publick Meeting House in Sd: town on monday the 18th Day of may AD 1778, to transact Sundry town affairs as Sett-forth in the Warrants -They Voted & Chofe Dn: Nath!: Stone moderator -Then they Voted to Choose a Committe to Examin what Expence the town has been at in hiring men for Service in the War & Report to the town — —

1:13:4 each —

Mr: Mofes Stone  $Voted \& Chofe for S^d : Committe \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M^r \colon David \ Sanger \\ M^r \colon Sam^l \ White - \\ Cap^t \ Phin^s \ Stearnes \\ Maj^r \ Sam^l \ Barnard \end{array} \right.$ 

Then Voted that the Selectmen be joined to the Committe of Corrospondance & Melitia for Raising men to Recruit the army Voted & Granted a further Sum of £5 pounds to each of the men that went to the White plains in the year 1776 Voted that the men that went to the Northward in the year 1776 with Capt: Edwd: Harrington be allowed a further Sum of

[Vo]ted vt the Committe appointed to hire men Report [wh]at they Should Receive -

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Voted to Choose a Committe to Build a Pound for ye present  $\label{eq:Voted and Chofe for Sd} Voted \ and \ Chofe \ for \ S^d \colon Committe \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{c} Jon^a \ Brown \\ m^r \ Josiah \ Capen \\ m^r \ Mofes \ Stone \end{array} \right.$ 

Voted that the Town Treasurer Call in all the money that is due to the town on Bond or Note as Soon as may be - - - - - -Voted & appropriated Said money to help Defray the expence of the present War — — — — — — — — — —

Voted that the Treasurer Report what money is due to the town as aforesaid & from whome due

Voted that the Selectmen take an account of the money that any persons have Received for the use of the toun that is Counterfit and lay the Same before the Toun at the adjournment of this meeting

Then the meeting was Adjourned to the first Monday in June Next at this place at three O:Clock afternoon —

At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled at the Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the First day of June AD. 1778 By Adjournment Dean:

Nath!: Stone being moderator

Voted & Granted a further Sum of £3 pounds pr: month to each of the men that went to Cambridge to Guard the prisoners & also to each of those that went afterwards as a Reinforcement to sd Guards and to the men that went to Roxbury lines in addition to what was granted them before.

Voted & Granted the Sum of £720 pounds to hire men to go into the Continential army. also voted & Granted the Sum of £270

pounds to pay the men to go to Peks-kiln

Granted to Wellington & Crane for the 8 months 40/ each £4 pounds they being ommitted

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Voted & granted the Sum of twenty two pounds to Cornelius Park for his Service the first eight months and for his Service for one year in going to New-York & Canada — — —

The Committe appointed to enquire into the whole Expence that

toun had been at in hiring men for the Service Reported

See their Report on file - - - - - - - - - -

Voted that the Sum of 2443 " 18 " 11 be assest as Soon as may be to pay the men according to the Several grants made them

Voted & Granted the Same Sums of money to Cap<sup>t</sup> Phin<sup>s</sup>: Stearnes and Leiutenants Josiah Capen & Amos Bond as were allow'd the privates that Served with them

The Committe appointed to Inquire what Sums of money had been Received by perfons for the use of the town that was Counterfit Reported the following (Viz)

 Jedh Leathe
 10:0:0

 Saml: Barnard
 8:0:0

 Jonathan Brown
 1:10:0

 John Draper
 5:6:0

 David Sanger
 6:10:0

£31: 6:0

Then they voted & granted the above Sum of to make it good: Voted that if any of the persons above named Receive any

<sup>\*</sup> torn

thing for sd Counterfitt money it Shall be for the benefitt of the

The Committe on the toun-Treasurers accounts Reported as follows (Viz)

Watertown June 1h: 1778

We the Subscribers a Comtee appointed by the sd: town to Examin the Town-Treasurers acctts. have attended that Service

A his accounts for the year 1774-1775-1776 & 1777 Well vouched and Right Cast.

Samll: Fisk David Bemis

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 4th day of June AD 1778: They appointed a publick Toun-meeting of all The freeholders & other male Inhabitants of Watertown who are 21 years of Age that are free, to be held at the Dwelling House of mrs: Dorothy Coollidge on monday the 8th Day of may Inftant. First to Choose a moderator—

(2<sup>ly</sup>) To take into Consideration a New Form of Government purposed by a Convention of ye late General Court ordered to be laid before the Inhabitants for their approbation or Disapprobation and to act thereon as they See fit ———

(3<sup>ly</sup>) For to know the minde of the town whether they will Sell the two pews that were Referved for y<sup>e</sup> Singers and to act thereon as they think proper. (4<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the Report of a Committe Relating to the Raifing men for the Service of the war, and to act thereon as they See proper. (5<sup>ly</sup>) To país on James Hays account for Labour on the ministerial place & make a Grant to pay the Same if they think proper (6<sup>ly</sup>) To act on any other Matters that may then be thought Necessary.

Warrants were Issued directing the Constables to warn the Inhabitants to meet at Said time & place for s<sup>d</sup>: purpofes. & Signed By Order of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen

Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Publick Town-Meeting of the Male Inhabitants of Watertown that were 21 years of age that are free held at the publick House of m<sup>rs</sup>: Dorothy Coollidge on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of June AD. 1778. Dea<sup>n</sup> Nath! Stone was Chofen Moderator of The

meeting. The purposed Form of Government being Read & after Debate thereon. The Question was put whether they Approve of the Same, and it passed in the Negative unanimously, there being Sixty Voters present ————
Voted that the Representative endavor to prevent any thing being

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Then a Report of a Committe appointed to Report a Plan for a more easie & Just way of Raising men for the Publick Service was Read & accepted which is on file. Then Voted to Choose a Committe to devide the Inhabitants into Lotts agreable to s<sup>d</sup>: Report — Voted that they Shall be paid 12/ each for each day they Shall Spend Necessarily in the Service ———

 $Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ for \ S^d \colon Comtt^c \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} Sam^l \colon Fisk \ Esq^r \\ Jon^a \ Brown \ Esq^r \\ m^r \ Mofes \ Stone \\ m^r \ Sam^l \colon White \\ m^r \ Josiah \ Bisco \end{array} \right.$ 

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of mr Bezaleel Learned on the 25th Day of June AD: 1778: They agreed to have a publick Town-meeting at the Meeting House on Saturday the 27 Day of this present month of June at 4:O:Clock afternoon to act on ye following articles (Viz) First to Choose a Moderator for the meeting. Secondly to agree upon a Method to raife four men to go into the Service of the united States to do duty in the State of Rhoad. Island & to make a Grant of a Sum of money to encourage the Inlistment of the men for that Service or any futer Service & to do & act any thing thereon that may be thought Necessary: (3) To hear the accounts of any persons to whome the town is Indebted & Grant money to pay the Same. and also to Choose a Committe to Settle accounts with those persons that have Received money out of the Treafury, and to act on any other matters that may be thot Necessary: Warrants were Issued out acaccordingly

Pr Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Publick Town-Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote Town affairs Regularly Assembled at the meeting House on Saturday the 28 day of June AD: 1778. ---

Voted & Chose Samuel Fisk Esqr: Moderator of ye meeting Then voted to Reconsider their vote of ye 4 Instant Relating to Raifing men &c: Voted to Choose a Committe to hire 4 men for the Service at Rhoad Island - and also men for other Services as often as they are ordered by proper Authority with full power to hire money in the Name & behalf of the town for Such Services as often as Occation may Require: They to Continue a Comtte for Sd purpose during the towns Pleasure

Then Voted to Choose a Committe to Settle accounts with those persons that have hired Received money out of the town Treasury

Voted & Chose for Said Committe

| Mr: David Sanger | Mr: Jedih Leathe | Mr: Saml. White

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on monday the 20th Day of July AD 1778: at the House of mr Bezaleel Learned. They Provided & appointed mr: Jonas Whites Barn yard to be a publick Pound for the present & appointed his Son mr: Joel White to be pound keeper till further orders — — -They also agreed to allow the wido Mary Vila 12/s p week from

this time till further orders for Boarding Mary Learneds Child at

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At this meeting they Signed an order on the town Treaft, to pay the Sum of £1054:12:8 to Such persons as had been in the War or had paid money for Such Service, agreable to the Severall grants

at this meeting mr Jonas Bond Sent a Notification to the Selectmen Informing them that he had Received a Female Child in to his Family to Board Named Betfey Johnston who came Last from Cambridge on the first day of August Last past Supposed to be a poor Child

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on monday the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: 1778 They Approved of Bezaleel Learned. Edward & Richardson Renewing their licences as Innholders and Amos Bond, Moses Coollidge & Josiah Capen as Retailors and Recommended David Bemis for a Retailor in the Room of his Son David Deceased ---- and at a Meeting at m<sup>rs</sup>: Dorothy Coollidge on Fryday the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: 1778 They Approved of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Abner Crast and Samuel Cook for Retailors, and Approbated Jonathan Crast: & Recommended him for a Retailor ———

At a meeting of ye Selectmen (on ye Day of Sept: AD 1778)—Viz of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham at Capt: Isaac Gleasons in Waltham they adjusted & proportioned & Signed the accts for the Repairing the Great Bridge in Watertown which had Arisen

Since the last adjusment which  $\wedge$  on ye 18 day of Sept: AD 1777. amounting to the Sum of £2:14:6

Watertowns Part of Said Sum being ————————————————————————————————————	0	19 17 17	11	
	£2	14	6	0

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At a meeting of ye Selectmen on monday ye day of Octr: 1778 at the House of mr Bezaleel Learned they Agreed to Call a Publick Town meeting to be at the Meeting House on monday the Second day of November Next at one O:Clock afternoon to act on the

following Articles (Viz)

(1) To Choose a moderator (2) To Determin in what manner the ministerial place Shall be Improved, and agree how the Pulpit Shall be Supplyed for the Futer, and Determin whether the town will Defray the Expence of the Funeral of the Late Rev<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Adams. to do and act any thing thereon y<sup>t</sup> the town think proper. (3) To put in their votes for a County Treasurer. (4) to Choose a Committee to finde what peices of Land Belong to the town that have not been Disposed of and Determin whether the town will Sell them or any of or take Such Methods as may be thought proper to Remove any Incumbrances from off them, and act thereon as they See fitt- (5) To hear the Reports of any Com-

mittees and act thereon as they See fitt. (6) To do any thing further that may be thought Necessary for Building a Pound. (7) To know the minde of the town What Sums of money or Whether any that have been hired to Raife Soldiers Shall be assest at this time, and Determine what Shall be further don thereon -(8) To

know whether any thing further Shall be don Relating to Schools,

and act thereon as they See fitt-(9) To Grant any further Sum of money for the Support of the poor or other Services as may be thought Proper— (10) To abate any Persons Rates yt the town may think Proper. Lastly to act on any other matters as may appear Necessary at this time as the town may think Proper. The Clerk was Ordered to Issue out Warrants directed to the Constables Requiring them to Warn a Meeting at sd: time & place for the purposes as abovementioned which was accordingly don

P Iona: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Publick Town meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs Regularly Assembled at the publick meeting House in Said town on monday the Second Day of November AD. 1778-For Transacting Sundry affairs as Mentioned in ye Warrant &c

Voted & Chose Samll: Fisk Esqr: for Moderator of yr meeting Voted that mrs: Adams have the use of the ministerial House & other Buildings belonging to the ministerial place till the first day of April Next - Voted that ye Sallary of the late Redd: mr Daniel Adams be paid to mrs Adams his wido till Six weeks after

Voted to Choose a Committe to Supply the pulpit at present

Voted & Chose for Said Committee 

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Then the Expence of the Funerel of ye late mr Adams was laid before the toun and after Considering ye Same they Voted to accept the account & Voted & Granted the Sum of £44 " 16:0 to Sattisfie ve Same —

(3) article Read & the votes were brot: in for a County Treaf-

(4) article Read & Considered & Voted to Choose a Committee to Inquire and See what peices of Common or other land belonge to the town & make Report — — —

 $Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ for \ S^d \colon Committee \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m^r \ Josiah \ Capen \\ Jon^a \colon Brown \ Esq^r \\ m^r \ David \ Bemis \\ Sam^l \colon Fisk \ Esq^r \\ m^r \ Jonas \ White \end{array} \right.$ 

Then Several Reports of Committees were Read and are as follows (Viz) one Signed by Mofes Stone & others being a Committee for hiring men for the war &c the account ammounting to £342 " 12 " 0 which was Voted & Granted. one other Signed by Sam! Soden & others for like Services ammounting to £974:3:0 which Sum was also Voted & Granted -

David Sanger & others a Comtte: to Settle with Such persons Received money out of the treasury Reported their

gs which was accepted See the Reports on

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Then they Voted to Build a pound as Soon as Conveniently Can be --- Voted that the Same be built with Timber Voted that it be Built on the Same Ground where the last pound was. then Voted to Choose a Committee to Build Said pound

Voted & Choose for Said Committee

mr Moses Stone m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen mr Simon Whitney

Then Voted that the Remainder of the Charge that the town has been at in hiring men for the war be assesst as Soon as may be — Then a motion was made & Seconded to adjourn the Meeting to the House of mr Bezll: Learned at Six O'Clock this Evening which was accordingly don ----

At Said time & place the meeting being opened They Voted & Granted £50 pounds as a further Sum to Support the poor also Voted & Granted £100 pounds as addition to the former grant for Support of Schools —

The town being Informed that they had no Deed of ye ministerial

<sup>\*</sup> torn

place which was purchased Some time past of Capt: John Brown they Voted to Choose a Committee to Enquire into that affair and Endeavor to obtain a title from Said Brown, and make Report of their doings to the toun at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted & Chofe for Said Committee | Sam¹: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup> Jon²: Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> Sam¹: White

Then Voted that the Selectmen Improve a larg tree near Mr Sandersons for the use of ye Schools or Poor as they See fitt. Then the meeting was adjourned to monday Next to Meet at mr: Bezil: Learneds at two O:Clock afternoon

## **[196]**

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled at ye House of mr: Bezll: Learned on monday ye 9th Day of Novr: AD 1778 By Adjournment. Samll Fisk Esqr: being Moderator

The article Relating to a pound being Read & after debate thereon. They voted & Granted the Sum of £40 pounds to be applyed to ye

Then they took into Confideration the affair of the title to the ministerial place and after Some Debate thereon they Voted to Choose four persons as an Addition to the Committee on Said

 $\label{eq:Voted & Chose on Sd: Committe} Voted & Chose on Sd: Committe & W^m \ Hunt \ Esq^r \\ m^r \ Simon \ Whitney \\ m^r \ Josiah \ Capen \\ m^r \ David \ Bemis \\ \end{cases}$ 

Then the meeting was adjourned for half an hour to give the Committe time to Confer with Capt: John Brown on ye affair —

The Town being again Met according to Adjournment They proceeded on the affair Relating to the ministerial place — The Committe Informed the town that they had not Come into any Agreement with Capt John Brown

They voted to Dismiss that Committe and Choose a new one but

v further Consideration thereon they Voted to Reconfider yt vote and Voted to make an addition to ye Committe

Voted & added to Said Committe

Mr Moses Stone mr David Sanger Majr Sam<sup>11</sup> Barnard mr Jedi<sup>h</sup>. Leathe

Voted that the Committe be Injoined to attend ye Business Voted that they be unanimous in their proceedings and Determination in order to make their doings Valid ————
Then voted yt this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday next at four O:Clock afternoon to meet at this plac
B[y] Reason of a Severe Storm the Inhabitants not appearing at the time aforesaid the Meeting Desolved of Course

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A a Meeting of the Selectmen on monday ye 16th day of Novr: AD: 1778 at mr: Bezll Learneds: They agreed to have a publick Town meeting on monday the 30th day of this Inftant November at two O:Clock afternoon at the meeting House for ye ends following (Viz)—

Warrants were Issued out accordingly p Jona Brown Town-Cle

At a publick Town-meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the meeting House in s<sup>d</sup>: Town on monday the 30<sup>th</sup>: day of Nov<sup>r</sup>: AD: 1778———

Voted & Choe Dean: Nathll: Stone Moderator of ye Meeting The Committe appointed to Settle the matter Relating to ye minifterial place with Captt: John Brown Delivered their Report. which being Considered was Voted & accepted

the third article being Read they Voted to Choose a Committe to enquire into the doings a Committe C[hosen] in the year 1755 to Sell the ministerial psilace

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 $Voted \ \& \ Chose \ for \ S^d \colon Committe \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} W^m \ Hunt \ Esq^r \\ m^r \ Moses \ Stone \\ m^r \ Sam^l \ White \\ m^r \ Simon \ Whitney \\ m^r \ David \ Bemis \\ Jon^a \colon Brown \ Esq^r \\ Sam^l \ Fisk \ Esq^r \\ m^r \ Jedi^h \ Leathe \\ m^r \ Sam^l \ Soden \end{array} \right.$ 

They voted that they make Report of their doings at the Next town meeting — Then the meeting was Desolved — At a meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of mr Bezaleel Learned on the First day of Decr: AD. 1778

They Signed an order to the town-Treasurer to pay the Sum of Eleven Hundred & thirty Nine Pounds 17/8 Pence to Sundry Persons that have don Services in the war each one the Sum that was Granted to them —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 22<sup>d</sup> day of February 1779 at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Bez<sup>ll</sup> Learned They Agreed to have the annual Town Meeting to be on the Eighth day of March Next at 9: O Clock in the morning at the meeting House and Directed the Clerk to Issue Warrants Directed to y<sup>e</sup> Constables to Warn meeting of the Inhabitants at Said time & place for the Following purposes (Viz) First to Choose a moderator for the meeting— (2) To Choose Selectmen Town-Clerk & Treasurer & all other town officers Required by law to be Chose in the month of march annually (3) To Choose a Saxton & agree how he Shall be paid for his Services (4) To put in their votes for a County

Treasurer (5) to Determin whether Swine Shall Run at Large the present [year]

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(6) To Choose a Committe to Examin the Treasurers accounts (7) To Grant money to Support the ministery the present year and to act any thing thereon the town may think proper. (8) To grant money to Support the poor (9) To grant money to Support the Great Bridge. (10) To hear the accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to & Grant money to pay the Same. (11) To Grant money to pay Collectors of Tax's and act any thing Relating thereto they think Proper. - (12) To agree what School or Schools Shall be kept and Grant money to Support the Same (13) To Determin how the ministerial place & the place that was John Stearnes Shall be Improved and to act any thing Relating thereto they See fitt (14) To abate any perticular persons Rates in any of the Constables or Collectors lists if the town think proper. (15) To grant money to Repair the Highways & Townways and agree upon a Method to perform the Service. (16) To know the minde of the town whether they will Sell or Leafe a Small peice of Land between the Mill-Creek and the land that was the Late Nath!: Harris's and to act thereon as they See fitt -(17) To know the minde of the town whether they will purchas Choose a Committe to purchase grain for the use of the Inhabitants of the town & to act thereon as they think Proper — (18) To know the minde of the town whether they will Build a house for the use of the poor & do anything Relating thereto they think Necessary — (19) To know the minde of the town whether they will Reconvey the Estate that was John Stearnes's to him again and do any thing thereon that may be thought proper (20) To know the minde of the town whether they will join with Some of the Inhabitants of Newton in Petitioning the General Court to annex them to Watertown & to act thereon as they See fitt —— (21) To hear the Reports of any Committees and to act thereon as they See fitt - and also to notify the town Creditors to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen at the house of mr Bezaleel Learned on thursday the 4th Day of march next at 3. O Clock afternoon -

> Warrants were Issued accordingly P Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town Clerk

At this meeting the Selectmen Signed an order on the Tre[asurer] to pay Josiah Capen 4:10:0 Interest money

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at m<sup>r</sup> Bez<sup>ll</sup>: Learneds on the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of march 1779. They Signed an order on the Treafurer to pay to the Administratrix of the Estate of the late Rev<sup>d</sup>: Daniel Adams Deceased the Sum of £93 pound it being the whole of the Sallary due to the Deceased. and also the Sum of £32 pounds to m<sup>rs</sup>: Silence Adams the wid<sup>o</sup>: of the Said Deceased it being a Grant made her by the town—and also the Sum of £48 p 9:0 to Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: for Cash advanced by him for Preaching & for wood for the School &c———

At this meeting the following accounts were Prefented and Al-

lowed (Viz):

To Samuel Soden for Supplys &c for the poor the	year	P	ast	as	$p^{r}$
account — — — — — — — — —	28	:	3	:	0
To Jedh Leathe for do: P Do	34				
To Samuel Barnard for do p do	6	:	18	:	0
To Richard Clark for do p do	3	:	11	:	0
To Nathanl Coollidge for do p do	- 10		7	:	10
To Mary Vila for Boarding mary Learneds \	35		1.1		٥
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one year ending the eighth Inftant 5	43	٠	O	•	U
To John Sawing for Boarding one other of					
Hackletons Children one year ending the fifth }	15	:	12	:	()
day of this month of march ————					
To Elisha Learned for the poor — — — — — To Thomas Learned for do. — — — — — —	6	:	0	:	0
To Thomas Learned for do. — — — — —	- 5	:	18	:	6
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To David Sanger for wood for ye School	13	:	4	:	0
the present year — — — — — §					
To Amos Livermore for Do — — — —	13	:	10		U

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We the Subscribers appointed by the Toun to take Care of the Schools the Proceeding year have Proceeded as followeth (Viz) — Your Com<sup>tte</sup>: Imployed m<sup>r</sup>: John Stratton to keep the east School three months @ £18 p<sup>r</sup>: month - - - - - - - - £54 : 0 — and m<sup>r</sup> Wight to keep the middle School two months @ 20 pounds p<sup>r</sup> month — — — } and m<sup>r</sup>: John Remington ju to keep the west £

School three months & ½ @ 20 p<sup>r</sup> month.

Expended for wood for the Schools	s — — —	36 : 0 —
Watertown, March 8th: 1779	Sam <sup>l</sup> Fisk David Sanger Amos Livermore	00:0: Com <sup>tee</sup>
Town Creditors accounts are as fold To Josiah Bisco for Service as an apast ————————————————————————————————————	fsessor the year	: 12 : —— : 0 —— : 0 —— : 6 —— : 2 —— : 15 —— : 3 ——
Mrs: Silence Adams for Boarding Misters &c as p account — — — — Voted that ye Selectmen Settle ye the Treasurer for payment See	$\frac{\text{Min-}}{}$ \right\} \tag{44:} account and give	7:1 10:allow'd an order on

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly assembled at the Publick meeting House in Said Town on monday the 8th Day of March AD 1779 for the Choice of Town officers & other affairs as Setforth in the Warrant for Calling ye Meeting

Voted & Chose Dean: Nath!: Stone for Moderator———
Then Voted & Chose the Several Persons to Serve in ye Several offices hereafter mentioned (Viz)

 $\label{eq:selectmen} \begin{cases} & M^r \colon Sam^l \colon White \\ & M^r \ David \ Bemis \\ & M^r \ David \ Sanger \\ & Maj^r \ Sam^l \ Barnard \\ & M^r \colon Amos \ Livermore \end{cases}$ 

For Town Clerk & Town-Treasurer Jonathan Brown Esqr

 $A fsefsors = - \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M^r \colon Josiah \ Bisco \\ L^t \ Amos \ Bond \\ M^r \ Jed^h \ Leathe \end{array} \right.$ 

Constables Messis: David Coollidge & Ezekl: Hall

 $\label{eq:committee} \begin{tabular}{ll} Committee of Corrospondance Safty &c \\ Committee of Corrospondance Safty &c \\ M^r & Elijah & Bond \\ M^r & Sam^{ll}: Soden \\ M^r & Daniel & Sawin \\ \end{tabular}$ 

Wardens Mess' Elkah: Wales: & Eben r: Everit
Sealer of Leather mr Stephen Whitney
Fence Viewers mess' John Draper & Jonas Hastings
Surveyors of Highways Mesr' Nathli Bright & Thos: Learned
Tythingmen mess' Edmund Fowle & Jonathan Child
Hogrieves mess' John Stimson & Phins Jenison
Clerks of the markets Lts: Josiah Capen & Amos Bond
Surveyors of Timber & mess' David Sanger & David Bemis
Howards Mess' Ezekl: Whitney & Richard Richardson
Chose for Saxton Phins: Jenison & Granted the Sum of 20 pounds
to pay him for the Service
Then the Question was put whether Swine Shall Run at Large
the present year & it past in ye Negative
Then the Meeting was adjourned to two O:Clock in [the] afternoon

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Afternoon The meeting being Opened they Proceeded and Choose for a Comtte: to Examin the Treaser: acctts &c Saml Fisk Esqr mr: Jedh Leathe mr Saml White

Voted that the Selectmen take care of the ministerial Place for the Present -

Chose for a Com<sup>tte</sup>: to take care of ye School — Chose for a Com<sup>tte</sup>: to take care of ye School — Chrise Grant jur

Voted & Granted the Sum of 500 pounds to Repair the Highways and tounways the present year. and that the price of Labour be 40/ pr Day for a man & the Like Sum for a Team — Voted to Choose a Committee apprise the peice of land near the

mill-Crick and to leafe or Sell the Same or any part thereof to the Highest Bider and any other peices that they Judge will be for the Benefit of the toun & that make Report how far they have Proceeded at the adjournment of the meeting

Voted to Choose a Committe to Purchase grain for the use of the Inhabitants of the town and that they be Impowered to hire money if Need be for Said Service

Chosen for Said Committee ———— { In Jean Leathe Lt Josiah Capen jur mr Sam!: Soden mr Sam!: Cook mr Daniel Parker

The Town Creditors accounts were Read and Allowed [See] Page (201)

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Voted to Choose a Committe to See if they can provide a House for the use of the poor and make Report of their doings at the adjournment of this meeting

Chose for Said Committe 

mr Simon Hastings
mr Amos Livermore
mr Moses Stone

Then they took into Consideration the Request of John Stearnes Relating to his purchasing his Place Again & after Debate thereon-They voted to Choose a Committe to Inquire into the Circumstances thereof & to make Report at the adjournment of this meeting.-

 $Voted \ \& \ Chose \ for \ S^d \colon Committe \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m^r \colon Josiah \ Capen \\ m^r \ David \ Bemis \\ maj^r \ Sam^l \ Barnard \\ m^r \ Joeh^t \colon Leathe \\ m^r \ Sam^l \ White \end{array} \right.$ 

Then they Voted to Choose a Committe to Joine with Such of the Inhabitants of Newton as they may think Proper, to Petition the General Court to annex them to Watertown—Voted that the Selectmen Chosen for the year ensueing be Said Commmitte——
The Committe Appointed to enquire into the doings of the Com-

mitte Chosen to Sell the ministerial place in the year 1755. A made a written Report which was ordered to lie on file. also the Committe appointed to See what Peices of Common Land belonged to the town Reported Several Certain peices See the Report on file ——— Then it was Voted to adjourn the meeting to monday Next at 3 O:Clock afternoon at this place

Manual Graces Rates in Constable Simon Hastings Lists was abated at the meeting on ve 15 d of March being O: 16:10

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At a Publick Town Meeting held at the meeting House on monday the 15th Day of march AD: 1779 by adjournment Dean: Nathll: Stone being Moderator. The meeting being opened—Mr

David Coollidge moved to the town to A Excused from Serving Constable the present year — and the Question was put whether the Town would Excuse him & it past in ye Negative

and Mr: Samuel Benjamin was Chosen first Constable and Mr: Jonathan Child was Chosen the Second Constable

Samuel Benjamin being Notified by a Constable to attend at the meeting to be Sworn but Refused & The town Proceeded & Chose m<sup>r</sup> Moses Hager in his Room ————

Then a Motion was made to know the minde of the town whether they would Reconvey the Estate that was John Stearnes's to him again—

And it was Voted that if the Said John Stearnes Shall Pay the the Sum that was given for Said place when it was purchased with Interest for the Same from the time the purchase was made to the time it is paid again together with what Charges has arisen thereon then it Shall be Conveyed to him again ————

Then voted & Chofe Messres William Hunt Moses Stone and Samuel Fisk Esqr for to give the Said Stearnes a Deed of the place in the Name & behalf of the town on the Conditions before mentioned-

Then the Committe Appointed to Look out for a House for the poor Reported that they had viewed a Building which did not answer the purpose — and they were Directed to look further & Report again at the adjournment ———

The Committe appointed to hire men to go into the Service in the War Reported that they had hired men for the Service to the amount of £80:18:2 and the town Voted & Granted the Same

Jonas White jur Sent in an Account for bringing Some Powder &c from Boston amounting to the Sum of 12/s which was Voted & Granted.

Then it was Voted that the Constables Should be Collectors of Tax's, & granted them £9 pounds each for the Service -----Then the meeting was adjourned to monday [ \* ] at this place

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At the Said Meeting the Selectmen Signed orders on ye Treasurer to Pay the Several persons the Several Sums Set against their Names (Viz)

<sup>\*</sup> torn

To David Sanger	4:16:8	To Samll: Soden	28: 3:	0
To Saml White	2:2:8	To Jidh Leathe	34: 5:	4
To Elijah Bond	2: 2:8	To Sam <sup>ll</sup> Barnard	6:18:	0
To David Bemis	4: 2:8	To Richd Clark	3:11:	0
To Josiah Capen	2: 2:8	To Nathan Coollidge	10: 7:	10
To Richd Leathe	2:16:0	To wido Vila	35:14:	0
To Hugh Mason	3:1:8	To Bethh: Hackleton	23: 8:	0
To Seth Norcross	0:10:0	To John Sawin	15:12:	0
To John Draper	2:12:0	To Elisha Learned	6:0:	0
To Saml Fisk	4:16:0	To Thos: Learned	5:18:	6
To Josiah Bisco	4:16:0	To David Sanger	13: 4:	0
To Jona Brown	10:16:0	To Amos Livermore	13:10:	0
To Simon Hastings	6:0:0	To John Stratton	54: 0:	0
To Mofes Coollidge	3:0:0	To mr Wight	40: 0:	0
To Nath! Bright	3: 0:0	To John Remington	ju-	
			36: 0:	0
-				
7	£56:15:0	£3	26:11:	8

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Bez<sup>ll</sup>: Learned on ye 17 Day of march AD 1779

They Settled m<sup>rs</sup>: Silence Adams's account and allowed £44: 10—fhillings & Signed an order on the Toun Treasurer to pay Said Sum to m<sup>rs</sup>: Adams in full of the Same acc<sup>tt</sup>---- at this meeting they Signed Orders on ye Treasir [to p]ay the Several Sums hereafter mentioned

(Viz)

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To the following Persons the Sum affixt to his name which was granted for to make good the Countersit money Received for the use of the town (Viz)

 Jedh: Leathe
 10:0:0

 Saml: Barnard
 8:0:0

Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown 1:10:0 Counterfit money

John Draper 5 : 6 : 0
David Sanger 6 : 10 : 0

£31: 6:0

also the Sum of £43:16: to the following Persons for their Expence of mr: Adams's Funeral (Viz)

To m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis 19:16:0 to m<sup>r</sup>: Jed<sup>h</sup> Leathe 24:0:0

to mr: Simon Hastings

44:16:0 following Perfons their Several accounts

1:0:0

And an order to Pay the following Persons their Several accounts for Labour at the Great Bridge (Viz) —

To John Cook 0: 9:6 to Daniel Cook 2: 5:0 to ye Selectmen for last year 1: 0:0 £3:14:6

Voted & Chose m<sup>r</sup>: Eben<sup>r</sup>: Everit Constable & was Sworn Chose m<sup>r</sup>: Moses Coollidge to be Constable to Serve in the Room of m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Child—and m<sup>r</sup> Coollidge was Sworn

Chose Inspectors of the Market  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} M^r \colon Joel \ White \\ M^r \ W^m \ Warrin \\ M^r \ Josiah \ Capen \ ju^r \end{array} \right.$ 

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Voted that the Committe appointed to Sell or lease the Land Near the mill-Crick proceed to Sell the Same to the Highest Bider—and that it be put up in two or more Lott — — — — — Voted that the Selectmen be Directed to Improve the ministerial place in Such manner as they think will be most for the Advantage of the town

Voted that the Necessary Expence of the Selectmen while they

are in the actual Service  $\wedge$  be Borne by the town be Borne by the town

Middlefex fs April ye 7th: 1779 Then Jonathan Brown Esqr Appeared & was Sworn to A offices of Town-Clerk & Town-Treasurer

Before me Jonas Dix Justice of Peace

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(4) To know the minde of the town whether they will do any thing Relating to the Hay-Market and do and act anything thereon as they Judge Proper.

(5) To Agree upon ways & means to Raife Soldiers for the Publick Service when Called upon by lawfull Authority ———

(6) To Confirm a town-way to m<sup>r</sup>: Chris<sup>r</sup> Grant upon Such terms as was formerly agreed upon, and to do anything thereon y<sup>t</sup> may be thought Necessary (7) To know the minde of y<sup>e</sup> town whether they will grant any further Sum to Support Schools and to Agree upon Some proper places for keeping y<sup>e</sup> Schools make Such Necessary Rules for Regulating the Same as may be thought Proper — (8) To hear the Report of any Committees that have been Appointed to any Perticular Services and to act thereon as they See fitt —— (9) To appropriate any Sums of money that has Arisen by Sale of Lands or otherwise, as may be thought Proper — (10) To know the minde of the town whether they will Sell or lease any perticular peices of land or other Priviledges near the Great Bridge and to Act thereon as they think Best —— (11) To know y<sup>e</sup> whether the town will pay for the Repairs of

the wido Goddards fence and to do what h think Proper thereon ———

Warrants were Issued to the Several Constables for said Purposes Dated May ye 17. 1779. Pr Order of ye Selectmen

Jona: Brown Town Clerk

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative Regularly Assembled at ye Publick meeting House in sd: town on Monday ye 24th Day of may AD: 1779. Jonathan Brown Esqr: was Chofen to Represent the town in the General Court the year enfueing — -At a Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote Regularly Assembled at the Meeting House in Sd: town on the: 24th Day of may AD: 1779 — — Voted & Chose Mr: Samll: White Moderator -They took into Consideration a Refolve of the Gen<sup>ll</sup>: Court Relating to a new Constitution or Form of Government and after Debate thereon the Question was Put Whether they Chuse at this time to have a New Constitution or Form of Government made & it Past in ye Negative twenty being againt it but three for it then the Second Question mentioned in sd Refolve was Put and it Passed in the Negative —— Then the article Relating to the Fishery was Read and Considered — and they voted to Chool a Committe to Examin & See if the town have Power to let the Fishery & if So then to Lease it out for one year but if otherwise then to petition the General Court in the name & behalf of the town for to be Impowered by law to let it for the benefitt of the town, Voted & Choose for sd: Committe Samuel Fisk & Jonathan Brown Esquires and mr Richard The article Relating to ye Hay-market was Read & Considered & mr: Joseph Hay was Chosen weigher of Hay for the Present -

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Then they voted to Choose a Committe to hire men to go into the Service when Called for ———

[ mr Moses Stone

 $Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ for \ S^d \colon Committe ----- \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m^r \ Mofes \ Stone \\ m^r \ Sam^{ll} \ White \\ L^t \ Amos \ Bond \end{array} \right.$ 

Voted to Choose a Committe with full power in the name & behalf of the town to give m<sup>r</sup> Chris<sup>r</sup>: Grant a Deed of the town way formerly agreed for he Performing the Conditions then Agreed to — Voted & Chose for S<sup>d</sup>: Committe Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> Then they Considered the article Relating to y<sup>e</sup> School and Voted that it be a moveing School —

Voted that the Committe Divide the money & time of the School in the three Several parts of the town according to the grant. the 8th article being Read two Committes made Report of their doing which were Voted & Accepted (Viz) on the Treasurers Accounts as followeth (viz) — We the Subscribers being Appointed to Examin the Treasurers Acctts: have attended that Service, and find Said Accounts Well Vouch,t and Right Cast -Watertown May 21st. 1779. Sam<sup>II</sup>: Fisk Tedh. Leathe

Saml White

(2ly The Comtte Appointed by the town to make Sale of any peices of Land belonging to the town that might be Spared Beg leave to Report as followeth (Viz)

Your Comtte on the 29th, of march last Sold to mr: Daniel Parker a Small peice of Land Near mr: Pattins Shop for £221 - and on the fifth Day of April following they Sold a Small peice of Land Near Mr Remingtons Corn

Mill to mr: Thomas Learned for -220 -

441 The Expence of the Comtte at Sundry meetings and the Sales above-mentioned -16 425

Watertown May 24th. 1779. Saml Fisk p o [rder]

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(9th) Article Read & they voted & Appropriated the Said Sum of £425 Pounds the Neat Produce of the afore-sd: Sales for to help

towards the Supplying the Pulpit

Then the tenth Article being Read Relating to the Selling or leasing Lands Near the Bridge & it was Voted that the Committe Appointed on the 8th day of March last for Like Purposes Proceed in Selling or Leasing Such peices of Land or priviledges Near Said Bridge as may Conveniently be Spared, in Such manner as may be most beneficial to the town

(11) article being Read Relating to the paying for the Repairs of the wido Godards fence - and they voted to Choose a Committe to inquire into the affair & make Report at the Next meeting -  $Voted \& Choie for S^d: Com^{tte} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} Sam^l: Fisk \ Esq^r: \\ m^r \ Edw^d: Richard fon \\ m^r: Jonas \ White \end{array} \right.$ 

Then the Meeting was Defolved ———

At a meeting of ye Selectmen at mr: Bezl Learneds on monday the 31th day of may 1779. They Agreed to give the Surveyors of High-

ways their Destricts as follows (Viz) To Thomas Learned the Westerly Destrict (Viz) all ye Roads West of the way that Leads from the meeting House over the hill North to Cambridge line on both Sides of the River in Watertown, & under the Rocks from ye wido Sarah Clarks Barrs Westward to Waltham line———and to Nath!: Bright the East Destrict The Road from the meeting House North over the Hill to Cambridge line and under the Rocks to the wido Sarah Clarks Barrs together with all the Roads in Watertown east of ye first mentioned Road— They were given to them [accor]dingly

P Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 28th day of June 1779 at mr: Bezaleel Loarneds They Agreed to Call a Publick Town-Meeting to be held at the meeting House on Wednesday the Seventh day of July Next at 4 O Clock afternoon for the following Purposes (Viz) First to Choose a Moderator for the meeting— (2ly) To conider & adopt any measures for Appreliation of the Currency and to act any thing thereon that they may Judge Necessary & proper (3ly) To see if the town will give any Instruction or Directions to their Committe of Corrospondance who are Invited to meet in Convention at Concord on the 14th: Day of July next for the abovesaid Purpofes and to act any thing thereon they See fit (4<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of the town whether they will Come into any measures for the Settleing a Gospel minister and to act thereon as they think Proper. (51y) For the town to Grant and order the Assessing the monies that have been paid for Raising Soldiers and to act theron as they See fitt —— (6<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the Reports of any Committees that have been Chosen by the town & act thereon as they See fitt -Warrants were Issued June ye 30th. 1779

 At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled at the meeting House on Wednesday ye 7th. Day of July AD 1779 they Voted & Chose Dean: Nathaniel Stone Moderator ——

The article being Read relating to taking Measures for the Appreciating the Currency as Recommended by the Inhabitants of Boston & other Places after Considering the Same. They voted to Choose a Com<sup>tte</sup>. to Consider ye Same and Report what is Proper to be don thereon & Report as Soon as may be

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Voted & Chose for Sd: Committe Samll: Fisk & Wm Hunt Esqrs: mr David Sanger mr: Samll: Cook & Jonathan Brown

Then Voted that Said Committe Sit emediately. who Proceeded & Cosidered the matter & in about one Hours time Returned &

made the following Report (Viz)

We the Inhabitants of Watertown in Town meeting assembled July ye 7th. 1779 Taking into our Serious Consideration the Critical Scituation of our Publick affairs, and the Refolutions heretofore Taken by our Delegates in Congress. Plighting our faith & Sacred Honour that we would Support with our lives & Fortunes the Independancy of the united States of America, and also Confidering the great Depreciation of our currency (which Necessarily emitted by Congress, for the Express purpose of procuring to us and our Posterity peace liberty & Safty) Occationed by the enormous rife of every article of Confumtion both foreign & Domistick the rife of which is princeple to be attributed to those enimies of our Country who have Monopolized the Same, for the Preventing of which abuses ( and in order to do Justice to those Sons of of Freedom who have nobly dar'd to face our Enemy in the field, and who for the Sake of their Posterity, & that they might again pertake of the Blessings of Citizens have for a time put on the armour of war & become Soldiers) many of the Capitol Towns of ye united States have been adopting modes of economy and Regulating the prices of many Articles of life both Forign & Domistick, which will have a Natural tendancy to Appretiate our currency. --- Therefore in Conformity to So laudable Examples, & in order to further assist our Bretheren in the Mercantile Part of the Community in their late worthy Resolutions to lower the Prices of Such foreign Marchandize as may Come to their hands for [ \* Do

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Do hereby Vote & Refolve (1ly) That we highly approve of the late Resolutions of the Merchants of the Town of Boston else where in this State, and also of the doings of the Said Town of Boston and their purpofal for Calling a Convention at Concord in the County of middlefex on the 14th: Day of this Inftant July for the purpose of Deviseing ways & means for lowering the prices of all the Necessary articles of life both foreign & Domistick, and for the effectually Appreciating our Currency — (2ly) Voted that the town will by their Committee meet at Concord on the 14th of July Instant for the purpose afore Said. (3ly) Voted That in order to Cooperate forthwith with the Merchants in their Glorious attempt for the lowering the prices of every Necessary of life, it is Resolved that the produce of our Respective Farms Shall not advance in price in the least Degree from what they now are upon Condition the late Resolution of the Merchants Respecting forign Articles shall Continue but the Same shall lower in the Same Proportion as forign articles do, and that we will use our utmost exertions yt: the Several Machanicks in this Town lower in Like Proportion — and in order that this Vote be Carried into Compleat Execution, Voted (4<sup>ly</sup>) That a Committee of Seven be Chosen whose business it Shall be to ascertain as Nearly as may be, the prices of forign & Domiftick articles and to Determin what proportion they ought in equity to bear each to the other, and publish their doings monthly and Cause the Same to be posted up at the Meeting House and other places of Publick Resort in this Town, which Shall Regulate the prices of all the Articles Mentioned in Said Notification for the time therein Specified: and if any person or persons Shall be So lost to all Sence of honour, love of their Country, or their own Interest as to Violate in the least Degree the true Intent & meaning of this Resolution, by Selling their produce at a higher price than Establi.hed by Said Committee from time to [time]

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Said Person or Persons So offending Shall be deemed enemies to their Country and Cryed as Such by the Town-Clerk for Six months after at every Publick meeting of the Town. This Resolution to hold good & Voted untill the State at large shall have Adopted some permanant mode of Regulating the Same — (5<sup>ly</sup>) Voted that the Selectmen be directed without loss of time to Transmit Copies of the proceeding of this meeting to the

towns of Newton & Waltham praying them to adopt Some Such method, in order that we may be mutually Assisting in the only Feazable way possiable that we can think of (for the Appreciating our Currency and thereby Rendering our Independancey Sure & Secureing to us and our Posterrity Peace, Liberty, and Sasty ———

Sam!: Fisk Pr Order of ye Committe
The foregoing Report being Read by Parragraphs was Voted & Accepted — Then Voted & Chose the following Persons to be a Committee for ye purposes Mentioned in the foregoing Resolves (Viz) —

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At a Legal Publick Town meeting held at the meeting House on monday the 26<sup>th</sup>: Day of July 1779 by Adjournment. The Town being Informed that Dea<sup>n</sup>: Nath! Stone the moderator being unable to attend the meeting. They Voted & Choose Samuel Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: moderator in his Room——

Voted & Chose for Sd: Committe mr Richard mr Jedih I

They voted & added the two last to the Committe ———

m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Parker m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark m<sup>r</sup> Jedi<sup>h</sup> Leathe L<sup>t</sup> Josiah Capen m<sup>r</sup>: Tho<sup>s</sup>: Pattin m<sup>r</sup> Phin<sup>s</sup> Jenifon m<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>1</sup> Cook

mr Saml White

Then voted to adjourn the meeting with the remaining business to Fryday Next two O: Clock afternoon to meet in this Place which was Accoordingly don ————

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the meeting House on Fryday the 30th Day of July AD. 1779 by adjournment Sam<sup>II</sup> Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: being Moderator. The meeting being opened. the 4th article being Read Voted not to act any thing thereon — The 5th & Sixth articles being Read the Com<sup>tte</sup>: for Raising Soldiers Reported the Expence attending the Raising men for Rhoad. Island & the Continential army amounting to £ 3226" [ \* ] which was Voted

& accepted .See the Report on [file]

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Then the Committe Appointed to Build a Pound Reported the Charge they had been at in performing the Said Service amounting to the Sum of £ 124:19:8 which Report was Voted

& accepted (See the Report on file)

Then they voted to Choose a Committe of five persons to Consider & Report what Sums of money will be proper to Assess at this time

 $Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ for \ S^d \colon Committe \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} W^m. \ Hunt \ Esq^r \colon \\ L^t \ Amos \ Bond \\ Sam^l \ Fis^k \ Esq^r \\ Jon^a \colon Brown \ Esq^r \\ L^t \ Josiah \ Capen \end{array} \right.$ 

Voted that the Several Collectors of Tax's that have not Compleated their Collections & Settled their accounts be Directed to Report to the town at their next meeting ye names of the Several Perfons who have not paid their tax's with the Sums they Still owe.

The Committe Appointed by the town of Watertown, at a Meeting of Said town on the 26 Inst: in Compliance with the 5th Refolve of the Convention at Concord on the 14th of July Inst: being met & being Sensiable of the Importance of the Business Committed to them, the great Necessity of its being Compleated and the Accuracy Required in fixing the prices of ye articles of Consumation in a due Proportion Proceeded with utmost Care & Deliberation to Compleat the Same, but finding it Impossiable to extend to every Article in each Branch, were under the Necessity of Including many of them under the General Term of all

other Articles in the usual Proportion the bad Confequences which might attend Such General Regulation they hope is Prevented in a Succeeding Refolve, in which they beg leave to Report — Refolved That from & after the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of aug<sup>t</sup>: Next — — The following articles of marchandize Country Produce Labour [ \* ] addition to articles Stated by the Convention at

Concord

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Concord on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July Inft: be not Sold at a higher price, nor Charged more for, in this Town or elswhere, by any Person or persons belonging to this Town, than is hereafter affixt. to them, Except Hay & Milk in Boston Market (Viz)

Blackfmith — 7:10 — Shoeing a horse 7:10 — Round with Refined 5:0 — Iron & Steel Shoeing oxen in ye Same manner — all other articles in the usual Proportion —

Mechanicks finding themselves
Pr Day ----- 72/
do & found — 52/

#### Sadler

a best Hogskin Sadle Compleat
£ 70

a best Double Run'd Curbed
Bridle — 12—
a best Single Run'd d°- 6
All other articles in the usual
Proportion ————

<sup>\*</sup> torn

Leather Drefser —— best Sheeps Wool P B/ 22/6 best Washd Leather Drefsed Sheepskins } 56/3 Single — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —			
Taylor ——— making a mans best worked Coat £ 8 d° a d° waistcoat d° 4			

d° a d° Breeches d° 4 all other articles in the ufual Proportion

Boating from Boston ——
P Boat Load - - - £ 18"15 —
P hogfhead - - 25/——
Pr barril - - - 7/6——
Barber — Shaving 3/ o[ther]
articles in the ufual Propor[tion]

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Weaver —
For weaving 1/8 Cotton &
linnen Cloth
P Yard @ 6/3
d° yard wide Tow @ 6/3 5/4 all Wool d° 9/—
all other articles in the usual
Proportion
1 Topol cion
Joiner —
Common Mehogony Desk £ 20
do Round top Case
Drawers £ 130   do 4 feet Table £ 27
d° 4 feet Table £27 all other articles in the usual
Proportion ———
Hatter —
best beaver Hatt £ 40
best Felt do 4—
all other Articles in the
ufual Proportion ————————————————————————————————————
1 01161 ————
Quart mugs Pr Dozn 50/
d° Single " " 5/
all other articles in the usual

Currier
Curring Calf Skins 24/—
d° a Hide £ 4—
all other articles in the ufual
Proportion ———

Tallown Chandler
Candles P pound
hard Soap
Soap P Barril

18/
10/
£ 15

Butcher
Raw Hides P B 3/
Raft Tallow pr B 9/—

Flax p<sup>r</sup> B 12/ Pota<sup>s</sup> p<sup>r</sup> peck- 12/ milk p<sup>r</sup> Quart 2/ Oats p<sup>r</sup> Bufhel 48/ Barley p<sup>r</sup> Bufhel £ 4:10—— Malt p<sup>r</sup> d<sup>o</sup> £ 4:10——

Proportion — # £ 130 Horse hire p<sup>r</sup> mile 5/ Chaise hire p<sup>r</sup> mile 5/ — all Articles of European Manufactures at the Same Rates that they Shall be affixed to them by the Town of Boston. -Refolved. 2d: That a Committe of Inspection be Chose & Directed to See that the Proceedings of the Convention at Concord. & of this Town be carried into the most Rigid & Effectual Execution -

Refolved 3d: That Should any Person dare to ask more for any article, than the Proportion commonly known to be between Such articles, & those in the Same Branch, whose Prices are here fixed, the Committe of

Infrection

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Inspection Shall be Authorised & Directed to affix Such price to that article as they Shall find to be in Proportion to those already Fixed, and any Person exceeding the Price so fixed, on any article Shall be Subject to the Same Penalty as if he had Violated the Proceeding of the Convention at Concord. Refolved 4th:

That Should the Committe of Inspection or either of them Neglect to carry into the most Rigid & Effectual Execution The proceedings of the Convention at Concord and of this town he or

they offending Shall be Considered as ^ having the Faith & Confidence of the Town, & unworthy to Serve it in any Capacity hereafter -

Signed by Order of the Committe Saml: Fisk Chairman The foregoing Report being Read & Considered it was Voted to accept the Same

Voted & Chose for a Comtt: of
Inspection

Mr Jedih Leathe
Major Saml Barnard
Wm Hunt Esqr
Capt Abner Craft
Mr David Bemis Mr Richard Clark Mr Daniel Parker

Then the town Voted and Refolved further (Viz) That the Committe of Inspection be Directed to Transmitt to the Towns of Newton, Waltham, Westown, Sudbury, Natick, Sheurburn & needham a Copy of the Proceedings of this town Inclosing the Same in a Letter to the Selectmen of the Several towns abovenamed Requesting that the Proceeding aforesaid be laid before each Town at their meeting to Carry into Execution the Proceedings of the Convention at Concord, & in Such of those Towns as hav[e] had a meeting for that Purpose, to lav the Same befo[re] the Committe Chosen to Compleat said proceed[ings]

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That there may be as great an agreement in the Prices of the Several Articles Fixed, as the Situation of each Town will admit of, on which Agreement we Conceive will depend the greates force for carring the whole into Execution. — — Resolved That whenever the Committe of Inspection or either of them Shall arrest any person who Shall or may be Supposed to have Violated the Proceedings of the Convention or of this town in order that ye Supposed Transgression may be Regularly enquired into and any Controversy or Opposition is made by ye Supposed Transgresor or in Case he Neglects to give information respecting his Place of abode, or Refuses to answer to Such Ouestions as may be asked him by Said Committe or either of them, in every Such Case Said Committe or either of them are to Call upon and order every or any Inhabitant to assift in Secureing the person thus offending in order that he be Proceeded with Agreable to the Refolution of Said Convention, - and if any Inhabitant of the town Shall Refuse or Neglect to Aid & assist Said Committe or either of them, when thus Called upon, he or they Shall Suffer the like Punishment as is provided for the Committe upon Neglect of their Duty as aforesaid, both of which offences are to Initantly enquired of by the Town upon Complaint to the Selectmen — Then the meeting was Defolved —

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(2) To hear the Reports of any Committes that have been appointed for any perticular purposes, and to act thereon as may

be thought proper — (3) To hear the pleas for abateing any perticular perfons Rates, and act thereon as they See fit —— (4) To make Such further Grants of money for Supporting Preaching or further Releif of the poor or any other Necessary Charges as may be thought best — (5) To hear the accounts of any persons the Town is indebted to & Grant money to pay the Same (6) For ye town to Consider what is proper to be don for the Repairing and widning the Great Bridge, and to Act thereon as may be thought Proper (7) & Lastly to act on any other matters that Appear Necessary ———

Warrants were Issued out accordingly

Pr Jona: Brown Town Clerk

At the aboveSaid Meeting they appointed a Meeting of the Selectmen of Weston & Waltham to adjust the Charge of the Great Bridge the Last year to meet at m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> Wellingtons in Waltham on the 26<sup>th</sup> Inftant 3 o: Clock afternoon. Letters were Sent to the Selectmen of Sai[d] towns P order of ye Selectmen I Brown Town [Clerk]

#### [225]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled at the Meeting House in Sd town on monday ve 23d Day of August AD 1779 — Voted and Chose Samuel Fisk Esqr: moderator -Then it was Voted to Choose two persons to Represent the Town in the Convention to be held at Cambridge. Then the votes were Called for one & it Appeared that Samuel Fisk Esqr: was Chofen-Then ye votes were Called for one other and it Appeared that Jonathan Brown Esqr: was Chosen -Then it was Voted to Choose two persons to attend the Convention at Concord to Reprefent the Town -Voted & Chofe Mr: Saml: White & Mr: Richard Clark Then the Committe of Inspection made a Representation of the doings of Mr: Samuel Cook for a Supposed Violation of the Orders of the Convention which after Debate thereon it was Voted to put of the further Consideration thereof to the adjournment of the Meeting. — Then the meeting was adjourned to the Second Day of Sepr: Next at this place at 4: O:Clock

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, and Waltham on the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of Aug<sup>t</sup>: AD 1779 — at the House of M<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Wellington in Waltham They adjusted: & Proportioned

afternoon -

& Signed the accounts for Repairing the Great Bridge in Watertown which had Arisen Since the last Adjustment the whole amounting to the Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ £ 112" 8"0

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At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled at the Meeting House on Thursday the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>; AD. 1779 ——— By Adjournment. Saml: Fisk Esqr: being Moderator -They took into Consideration the Representation made by the Committe of Inspection Relating to mr: Samuel Cooks Supposed violation of the Refolves of the Convention Lately held at Concord and after Consideration of the matter the Question was put whether it is the minde of the Town that mr: Samuel Cook has don any thing in Violation of ye Refolves of Said Convention & it Passed in the Negative Unanimously Then Voted that the Committe aforeSaid Publish the doings of the town in favour of mr Cook ----Then mr Jedih: Leathe Presented an account for Money he Paid Samuel Benjamin for Carting amounting to the Sum of £30:4-0 which was allowed and Granted mr Thomas Pattin brot: an account Repairs &c of the School House amounting to £ 32:11.0 which was Objected to and it was Voted that the Selectmen Settle the Matter as they Judge Tust & Right. -Then the meeting was Adjourned to monday the 13th Instant at 2 O: Clock afternoon at this place —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the Sixth Day of Sep<sup>r</sup> 1779 at m<sup>rs</sup> Dorothy Coollidges They Approved of mesí<sup>rs</sup> Edward Richardson and John Bullard & m<sup>rs</sup>: Dorothy Coollidge being licenced for Taveners & mesí<sup>r</sup> Amos Bond, David Bemis, Abner Craft, Sam¹ Cook, mary Cockran & Daniel Parker to be Retailors & Recommended m<sup>r</sup> Bullard & m<sup>r</sup> Parker for that Purpose

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At this meeting orders were Signed on the Treasurer to pay the

Sum of £ 34:16"9 to mr Nathan Coollidge in full of his account the last year, and also to pay the Sum of £ 115:8:0 for the Repairs of the Bridge the year past in the following Manner (Viz)

To David Sanger -	6" 0"0
To Francis Brown	8 " 10 : 0
To Simon Hastings —	7"0"0
To Wm Leathe —	0 " 18 " 0
To Jonas Harrington jr	90″0″0
For Expences in Settleing	3 " 0 " 0
	£ 115" 8"0

At a Publick Town Meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup> AD 1779 held at the meeting House by Adjournment Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: being moderator. They Proceeded Fifth article being Read M<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark bro<sup>t</sup>: an account for Service in Convention amounting to

£ 21:4:6 also m<sup>r</sup> Jedi<sup>h</sup> Leathe for D°. \_\_\_\_\_\_ 21
Which was allowed & Granted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 21:4:6 Then Several Lists of Rates which has not been Collected were Read and it was Voted that the Collectors Proceed to Collect their Rates within two months from this time and make up their account with the Treasurer Voted that if the Collectors or Constables do not make up their Accounts within two Months the Treasurer Shall Send out Executions against all Delinquent Collectors without Delay the following accounts were Voted allowed & Granted (Viz) To Capt Phins Stearnes for Service in the War £45: 0:0 To Lt: Amos Bond for Do ----22:12:0 67:12:0 Granted — Leathe to pay — 0 : 0 : 0Voted that Com<sup>tt</sup>: Report the names of the officers that have don Service in the War which have had no Grant Brown Esqr ----\* Bond

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Voted that all the Grants that have been made for Soldiers & other Services Should be Afseft all which ammount to the Sum of £ 3468:19:9———

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Voted to Choose a Committe to Consider & Report what is proper to be don Relating to the Repairing and Widening the Great Bridge & to make Report

Mr Dainel Parker Voted & Chofe for Sd: Comtte

Wr Daniel Tarker

Mr David Bemis

Jona: Brown Esqr

mr Saml White

mr Richd Clark

Lt Amos Bond

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 12th day of October 1779 at the House of mr Bezll: Learned they agreed to have a town meeting on the 14 day of this Instant month of Octr: at 3 O: Clock afternoon at the meeting House. To agree upon Some way to Raife nine men to go into the Publick Service Agreable to the Order of the General Court ——— also to take Some Proper Measures for filling up Watertowns Proportion of the Continential Army, and to Grant Such Sums of money as may be thought Necessary for Said Services, & to act any thing Relating to the Same that may be thought Necessary & proper —

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in Watertown on Wednesday ye 14th day of Octr: AD 1779 for the purpofes Setforth in the Warrant for the Meeting Voted & Chofe Wm Hunt Esqr: Moderator of the Meeting Then voted to Raife a Sum of money to hire men for the Service in the War. — Voted & Granted £ 1500 pounds for Said Service and voted that it be Assessed emediately Voted that it be paid into the Treasury by monday next 6: O Clock afternoon - Then Voted that Misirs David Bemiss &] David Sanger be of the Committe in the Room Saml Whi[te and] Amos Bond who are Excused for the Present -

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At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on the 22d: Day of Novr AD 1779 at mr Bezaleel Learneds. They Signed an order on the Town-Treasurer to pay £ 84:19:8 to mr Moses Stone & others for Building the pound. & also to pay the Several Sums which ye Committe for hiring men &c: have given their Obligations for, and to pay mr Caleb Gannett £ 60 pounds for two days Supplying the Pulpit. -

M<sup>r</sup> Josiah Sanderson gave in a Notification for Susanna Wilton which he had Rec<sup>d</sup> into his Family and M<sup>r</sup> David Bemis gave in one Relating to Sarah Fuller he Received into his Family (See the Notification on file)

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 10th Day of Decr: 1779 at the House of Mr Bez!!: Learned They Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay mr R Roswell Eliot £ 240 pounds for Six Days Preaching — They also Agreed to have a publick Town meeting at the Meeting House on monday ye 20 Instant at one O:Clock afternoon to act on the following articles (Viz) First to Choose a moderator for the meeting — (2) To Grant money to Supply the Pulpit & to act any thing Relating thereto the town may think proper — (3) To grant money to Support Schools & to act any belong to the Convention Relating to their Conduct at the Next meeting of that Body (5) To know whether they will abate any persons Rates and to act thereon as they See fitt. (6) To hear the Reports of any Committees and to act thereon as they See proper. (7) To act on any other matters that then may be thought Necessary. — Warrants were Issued to the Constables Accordingly By order of ye Selectmen

Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, and Waltham on the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of December AD 1779 at the House of L<sup>t</sup>: W<sup>m</sup> Hager in Waltham they adjusted & Proportioned the Charge that had arisen for the Repairs of the Great Bridge in Watertown Since the Last Adjustment the whole amounting to the Sum of £ 148:0:0

Watertowns part of s<sup>d</sup>: Sum being 52:11:10
Weston's do being 50:0:2
Walthams do being 45:8:0

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly assembled at the Publick meeting House in Said town on Monday the 20th Day of Decr: AD: 1779. ——Voted & Chose Samuel Fisk Esq: Moderator——Then Voted & Granted £ 1000 pounds to Supply the Pulpit——

For Repairs of ye Great Bridge	To W <sup>m</sup> Chenery to Sam! White to David Sanger to Amos Livermore to mrf Dorothy Coolidge	4:10- 4:10- 4:10- 4:11- 12:	*
		£ 30	* .

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 17th Day of January AD 1780 at the House of mr: Bezaleel Learned They Signed orders on the Treasurer to pay the following Sums (Viz) to the School Committe to pay mr Lane & others for Board &c £ 310: 0:0 the Sum of also to pay Said Comtte for the Repairs of ve House 32:11:0 and to Pay mr Jedidiah Leathe the Sum of 30:4:0 which he paid Samuel Benjamin for Carting and also an order to Pay or Order ye payment of the Sums the Inhabitants have worked out in Mending the Highways &c and to pay mr Chrisr: Grant jur for Collecting -3:0-3:0to Amos Bond for Like Service --to Eben<sup>r</sup> Everit for Like Service in 1779 ----9:0to Mofes Coollidge for do the Same year ----9:0to Phins: Jenison for Serving Saxton -20:0to Capt: Phins Stearnes for Service in the War -45: 0 — 22:12to Lt: Amos Bond for Do to mr Richard Clark for attending Convention 21:4=6at Concord

<sup>\*</sup> torn

to Jedi<sup>h</sup> Leathe for d° — — — — — — — — 21: 4:6

£ 526:16:0

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of mr: Bez! Learned on the 4th day of Feby: AD 1780 — They Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay £ 52 pounds to the widow Mary Vila for Boarding Mary Learneds Child from the Second day of Oct: 1779. to the Second day of Jany: 1780 being 13 Weeks — and to pay the Committe for Supplying the pulpit one £ 1000 pounds for that Purpose — They ordered the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant directed to Constable Everit to Warn Diadama White out of Town She Came last from Waltham in December Last. Past

her Circumstances being Such that they Refuse to accept

be an Inhabitant of Watertown -

A Warrant was Issued Accordingly Pr Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday ye 21th Day of Feby: AD 1780 at the House of mr Bezll Learned ————

They Agreed to have a Publick Town-Meeting on Monday the 28th day of this Instant month of February at two O: Clock in the afternoon at the Publick Meeting House for the following Purpose (Viz)

First to Choose a moderator of the meeting

(2) For the town to agree upon Some Method for the Settleing a Gospel minister and to act any thing Relating thereto that may be thought Proper. or otherwise to agree upon Some way to Supply the Pulpit in Some other manner as may be thought best. They also agreed to have the Publick Annual Town meeting on Monday the Sixth Day of march Next at the meeting House at Nine O: Clock in the forenoon for to Choose a Moderator for the Meeting

(2) To Choose Selectmen Town-Clerk & Treasurer & all other Town offices Required to be Chose in the month of march

Annually —

(3) To Choose a Saxton and Agree how he Shall be paid for his Service — (4) To put in their Votes for a County Treasurer (5) To Determin Whether Swine Shall Run at Large the ensuring year.

(6) To Choose a Committe to Examin the Treasurers accounts— (7) To grant money to Support the ministery the year ensueing,

(8) To grant money to Support the Poor — (9) To grant money to Repair the Great Bridge and to agree upon Some way, (11) To grant money to Repair the Highways & Townways and Agree upon a Method to perform ye Service (12) To hear the accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to and grant money to pay the Same

(13)

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(13) To grant money to Support the School or Schools and act any thing Relating thereto that may be thought Proper. (14) To hear the pleas of the Collectors for abateing any Persons Rates & to act thereon as They See fit - (15) To know the minde of the town whether they will Lease out the Fishery in the town and do & act any thing Relating thereto they may think Necessarv. -(16) For the town to Appoint a Committe to See what peices of Land belonge to the town and to act any thing Relating thereto the Town may think Proper. (17) To See if the town will Sell any Pews in the meeting House that belong to the town and to act any thing Relating thereto they may think Proper — (18) To know if the town will make Some further Grant to mr Ebenezer Everit for his Service in Collecting Tax's and to act thereon as they See fit — (19) To hear the Report of any Committees that were appointed for perticular Services & to act thereon as they think best. - and also to Notify ye Town Creditors to bring in their accounts to ye Selectmen on Fryday the third day of march Next at 3 O Clock afternoon at the House of mr Bezaleel Learned -

> Warrants were Issued Dated ve 22d: Inftant Pr Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At the Meeting afore Said Lt: Josiah Capen and Mr: Joseph Hay were Appointed by the Selectmen to be Measurers of Wood Bark &c: agreable to a Law of this State —

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At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in Watertown on the Twenty Eighth Day of of February AD: 1780.

for to Consider what is proper to be don Relating to the Settleing a Minister ————————————————————————————————————		
At a Meeting of the Selectmen at m <sup>r</sup> Bez! Learneds on the 28 <sup>th</sup> Day of Feb <sup>y</sup> : AD 1780 — They Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay Samuel White & others a Committe for hiring men for the war the Sum of 67:15-0 for their Service in full of their Accounts, also to pay m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco one £ 100 pounds for one months Service in keeping the School ———		
At a meeting of the Selectmen at mr Bezaleel Learneds on the 3d Day of march AD 1780 the following acctrs  (Viz) mr Samll White for Supplys for the poor — 31" 7"0  mr David Bemis for do — 28" 7"0  Major Saml Barnard for do — 22"10"0  mr Amos Livermore for do — 213" 7"6		
m <sup>r</sup> David Bemis for keeping m <sup>r</sup> Wheatons horse Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown for hay for D <sup>r</sup> Cooper &c — 6: 4:0		
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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled at the publick Meeting House in sd: Town on Monday the the Sixth Day of March AD: 1780 for the Choice of Town officers & other affairs as Setforth in ye Warrants & Voted & Chose Dean: Nath! Stone Moderator		

Then Voted & Chose the the Several Persons hereafter named to Serve in the Several offices hereafter mentioned — ——
Messrs: Saml White, David Bemis, David Sanger Saml Barnard

and Amos Livermore for Selectmen who at their Request Were Excufed ——
Then Choic for Selectmen ———  {     Saml: Fisk Esqr.     Jona: Brown Esqr     mr. Mofes Stone     Dean: Nathl Stone     Mr Jedih Leathe
I own-Clerk & I own-I realurer Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown Esq <sup>r</sup> ————
Assessors ———— { Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown Esq <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup> M <sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco
Constables Messr Jona: Livermore & Ezekl Hall Wardens Missr Saml: Cooke & Simon Whitney
Color ( I all Mr. Coll Mr. Col
Sealer of Leather M <sup>r</sup> Stephen Whitney Fence-Viewers Messr John Draper & Jonas Hastings Surveyors of Highways Misrs David Coollidge, Richd Clark & Phins Harrington
Howards Abraham Whitney & Daniel Mason.  Tythingmen m rs Saml Nutting & Thos Pattin  Surveyors of Timber &c mr David Sanger & Lt Josiah Capen
Clerks of the Markets Jedidiah Leathe & Ebent: Everit ——— Hogrieves: Richard Richardson, & Elkanah Wales ———
Chose Phinehas Jenison Saxton & Voted that he have two Contrebutions for his Service  Then the Votes were brot in for a County Treasurer  Then the Vote was Put whether Swine Should Run at Large it Passed in the Negative
it Passed in the Negative ————————————————————————————————————
Voted & Granted to Support the Poor £ 100 pounds
Then
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Then Information was given that the Great Bridge was in great Danger of being Carried of by the Ice it was moved that a Committe be Chofe to take care & git help to cut away the ice to prevent the Bridge from being Deftroyed if Possiable ————————————————————————————————————
Chofe for Said Committe ——— { Josiah Capen David Sanger
Then they Voted to Choose a Committe to Joine with Such Persons as may be Appointed by the towns of Weston & Waltham

or either of them, to Devise ways & means for Widning & Repairing the Great Bridge ———

Chose for Said Committe ——  $\begin{array}{c}
M^r: \text{ Daniel Parker} \\
\text{Cap}^t \text{ Phin}^s \text{ Stearnes} \\
M^r \text{ David Bemis} \\
M^r \text{ Sam}^l \text{ White} \\
W^m \text{ Hunt Esq}^r
\end{array}$ 

Voted & Granted £ 3000 Pounds to Repair the Highways &c voted that the Price of Labour be £ 9 pounds Pr Day for a man & the like Sum for a team and that the Assessors make out list of each Persons Proportion as has been usual

Then it was Voted that the meeting Should be Adjourned to the third monday in the Present month two O Clock afternoon to

meet in this Place & it was accordingly adjourned

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on monday ye 6th Day of March AD: 1780 The following person were Sworn to the Several offices hereafter mentioned (Viz)

Jonathan Livermore & Ezekiel Hall Constables

Stephen Whitney Sealer of Leather. Jonas Hastings Fence Viewer David Coollidge, Richard Clark. & Phins: Harrington Surveyors of Highways. Daniel Mason Howard, Richard Richardson Hogrieve,— March ye 20. 1780 Saml Fisk Esqr: assessor Simon Whitney Warden, Thos: Pattin, & William Warrin Tythingmen, Jedih. Leathe & Ebenr: Everit Clerks of the Markets — John Draper Fence-Viewer

Sworn P Jona: Brown Ju[ \* \* torn

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At the meeting aforementioned they Signed an order on the town Treafurer to pay the Several Sums (Viz)

To mef<sup>rs</sup> Sam<sup>1</sup> White for Supplys for the Poor to David Bemis for do 28: 7:0

to Sam<sup>1</sup> Barnard for do 22:10: —

to Amos Livermore for do 213: 7:6

and to m<sup>r</sup> Bemis for keeping m<sup>r</sup>: Wheatons horfe 50: 8:0

to Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown for 6 hundred of Hay for D<sup>r</sup> Cooper 1:16:0

and for Indentures for binding poor Children 4: 8: —

<sup>£ 352: 3:6</sup> 

<sup>\*</sup> torn

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Publick Meeting House on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March AD 1780. By adjour<sup>t</sup>: it being for the Choice of a Minister — Dea<sup>n</sup> Nath<sup>1</sup> Stone being Moderator ———
Votes were Called for & being bro<sup>t</sup>: in & Sorted and Counted & it

Votes were Called for & being brot: in & Sorted and Counted & it Appeared that Mr: Richard Rosewell Eliot was unanimously Chosen———

Then it was Voted to Choose a Committe to consider and Report what is Proper to give m<sup>r</sup> Eliot as a Sallery to Encourage him to Settle in the town as a minister ————

Chosen for sd Comtte

Then it was Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday Next at five O Clock afternoon at this Place which was Accordingly don ————

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At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Publick meeting House in said Town on monday the 20th Day of march AD 1780 P Adjournment — Dean: Nath! Stone being moderator. The meeting being opened the Seventh article being Read. Voted and Granted £ 5000 pounds to Support the ministry. The Voted & Granted 1000 Pounds to Repair the Great Bridge. Voted that the Constables be the Collectors of the Tax's accounts of those Persons the Town is Indebted to were laid before the town and the following Sums were Granted (Viz) To the Selectmen that Served the Last year being Their Necessary £ 140:16 To mr Samuel White for Service in Convention — 34: 6 — 34: 6 ----To mr Richard Clark for do ----To mr Simon Hastings for mending Glass &c — 6: 0 — To mr Josiah Bisco for Serving Assessor last year 100: 0 ---100:0To Lt: Amos Bond for do - - - - -

To mr Jedh: Leathe for do — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —
To Jona: Brown for Serving Treasurer — 250: 0——  765: 8:—  Then they Voted that there Shall be three Schools kept four months begining the middle of November next one of Said Schools to be a Grammer School. Then Voted & Granted to Support sd: Schools ye Sum of £ 2000  Then Voted & abated Jedh: Learneds Rates in all the Constables lists amounting to the Sum of Voted & abated Saml Hartwells Rates & Saml Barnard jur do in Moses Coollidges lists amounting to ——  Voted & abated in Amos Bonds lists Dr Osgoods and Wm. Adams
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Schools to be a Grammer School. Then Voted & Granted to Support s <sup>d</sup> : Schools y <sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 2000  Then Voted & abated Jed <sup>h</sup> : Learneds Rates in all the Constables lists amounting to the Sum of Voted & abated Sam <sup>l</sup> Hartwells Rates & Sam <sup>l</sup> Barnard ju <sup>r</sup> d <sup>o</sup> in Mofes Coollidges lists amounting to ———  Voted & abated in Amos Bonds lists D <sup>r</sup> Osgoods and W <sup>m</sup> . Adams
Support s <sup>d</sup> : Schools y <sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 2000 Then Voted & abated Jed <sup>h</sup> : Learneds Rates in all the Constables lists amounting to the Sum of Voted & abated Sam <sup>l</sup> Hartwells Rates & Sam <sup>l</sup> Barnard ju <sup>r</sup> d <sup>o</sup> in Mofes Coollidges lists amounting to ——— Voted & abated in Amos Bonds lists D <sup>r</sup> Osgoods and W <sup>m</sup> . Adams
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Rates amounting to ——
rates amounting to
John Draper Presented a list for abatements (Viz) Dr Osgoods
Bertholomew Peirces, Wm Oliver, William Baxter & Daniel
Coollidges, and it was Voted that the assessors allow Such as they
think proper. Then it was Voted to Grant the Like Sums to
make them good ——
Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 48 pounds to pay mefrs  * Mofes Stone, David Bemis & David Sanger for hiring me[n]
Wrotes Stone, David Benns & David Sanger for miring me[n]
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Then Voted to Choose a Committe to Lease out the Fishery if
they find there is any law in favor thereof but if otherwise to
Petition the General Court for Power So to do -
Jona Brown Esqr
Voted & Chose for Sd: Comtte ——  Wm Hunt Esqr mr John Draper Saml Fisk Esqr mr David Bemis
Voted & Choic for Sa: Comate —— In John Draper
m <sup>r</sup> David Bemis
Then voted to Choose a Committe to See what peices of Land
belong to the Town & make Report thereof
$ \begin{array}{c} \text{Chose for Said Committe} \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{c} m^r \text{ Sam}^l \text{ White} \\ W^m \text{ Hunt Esq} \\ m^r \text{ David Sanger} \end{array} \right. \\ \end{array} $
Chose for Said Committe — { W <sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq
m <sup>r</sup> David Sanger
Then Voted to Choose a Committe to See what pews that belong
to the town & make Report at the Next meeting
Choose for Said Committe Bauir Fisk Esq.
Choose for Said Committe ——   Sam <sup>ll</sup> Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup> m <sup>r</sup> David Sanger  m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> White
* torn
* torn

Then m<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Everit moved that he might have Some further Grant or allowance for his Service in Collecting Tax's & the Queston being put whether any Should be allowed & it Passed in the Affermative————

Then it was Voted to put of the further Consideration to the Next meeting. Then the meeting was adjourned to Mr Bullards at 7 O Clock this evening at which time They being meet. Mr Saml Nutting was Excufed from being Tythingman, & Lt: Wm Warrin was Chofen in his Room, also mr Josiah Bisco was Excused from Serving Assessor & Mr Elijah Bond was Chosen in his Room

This day being the time to which the Town meeting was adjourned to hear the Report of the Committe that was appointed to Consider what Sallary is proper to offer mr Richard Roswell Eliot to encourage him to Settle &c the Committe accordingly Reported which was voted and Accepted & is on file — Then Voted to Choose a Comtte to present the Votes of the town to Mr: Eliot for his Consideration Chose for Said Committe —— Saml Fisk Esqr: Dean Nathl Stone & Mr: Moses Stone

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At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham on the 27th Day of march AD 1780 — at the House of Capt: Isaac Gleason Inn-holder in Waltham the accounts for the Repairs of the great Bridge in Watertown amounting to the Sum of £ 722:4:4 was adjusted and Signed by the the Selectmen of said Town's

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the third day of April AD 1780. at the House of m<sup>r</sup> John Bullard — They Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay the Sum of £ 722=4=0 to the persons that did the Service and provided the Meterials for the Repairs of the Great Bridge as abovementioned — also an order to pay the following Sums

(Viz) To Seth Hastings for keeping School 275:0 ——
To Jona Remington for do ——— 275:0 ——
To Josiah Bisco for do ——— 175:0 ——

To Saml Soden for do Wood —	75:0 ——
To Thos Pattin for do	90:0 —
To Jedh Leathe for do ———	60:0 —
and to Jedh. Leathe to Pay mr Dinsdell House	
& to ye wido Vila for Boarding Mary Learneds	Child
13 weeks	78: 0 ——
to the wido Learned for House Rent for Mary Learned for 26 Weeks	} 7:16 ——
	£ 1075:16

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 7th Day of May AD: 1780. at the House of mr: John Bullard they agreed that mr Moses Stone & mr Jedih: Leathe Should Perambulate the lines betwixt this and the adjacent towns on Fryday the 19th Instant to Begin with Cambridge at 7 oClock in the morning at the

River; with Waltham at 11 oClock beforenoon & with Newton at 4 afternoon of the Same day

Notice was Sent to ye Selectm[en]

Pr Iona: Brown Town-Clerk ----

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on Wednesday the 10th Day of may AD 1780. at mr John Bullards — They agreed to have a Town meeting on monday the 15th Day of the present month of may at the meeting House to Choose a person or persons to Represent the town in the General Court the year ensueing and also an other meeting the Same day at the Same place to act on the following Articles (Viz) to Choose a moderator — (2) To Choose town officers as are Needfull in the Room of Such as do not Serve. (3) to do any thing that may be thought Needfull Relating to the ministerial place. or for the Settleing mr: Eliot and to make Such further Grant of money as may be Judged Needfull for that Service (4) To Consider & make Such grants to mr: Ebenezer Everit and any other Collectors as they think Proper — (5) To know the minde of the town Whether they will Build any more Pews, or Sell any that belong to the town and Act thereon as they See Proper --- (6) To Consider what is further Necessary to be don Relating to the Repairs of the Great Bridge & act thereon as they See fitt. (7) To Consider of and Act any thing the town may think proper Relating to John Stearnes's place —

thing Elfe that may be thought proper ----

At

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At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly assembled at the meeting House in sd: Town on Monday the 15th Day of may AD 1780 for transacting Sundry town affairs

Then the article Relating to the ministerial Place was Read and it wa Voted to choose a Com<sup>te</sup> to View the Premises & Report what Repairs are Necessary, & make Report at the Next meeting —

Then they voted and Granted Mr: Ebenr: Everit the Sum of one Hundred Pounds with what was Granted before for his Service as Collector for the year Past:

Then the Article Relating to Schools was Read and after a Number of Questions were Put no alteration Relating to the Schools Obtained —

Then it was Voted that the meeting with the Remaining business Should be adjourned to Monday Next at 3 O Clock afternoon in this place & it was Accordingly Adjourned —————

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the meeting House on monday the 22<sup>d</sup>: Day of may AD: 1780 by Adjournment Dea<sup>n</sup>. Nath!: Stone being moderator, the third article in ye warrant Relating to the ministerial place being Read there was Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 900 pounds to Repair ye ministerial place

Voted that the time for ordaining mr Eliot be the third Wednesday in June Next

Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 1500 Pounds to Defray the Expence of the ordination

Voted to Choose a Committe to take care of & provide for the ordination

Voted & Chose for Said Committee Mr Richd: [\* ] Mr Saml White, Saml: Fisk Esqr: mr Saml Cook mr Simon Wh[\* ] mr David Bemis, mr Jonas White

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Then Voted that the Sums Granted be assest as Soon as may be Then the Article Relating to Pews was Read & the town Voted yt the two pews in the Gallery that belong to ye Town Should be Sold to the highest. Bider under the Same Regulations as the other pews were Sold & that the Committee appointed to See what Pews belong to the town, Should be the Committee for Said purpose ---Then a motion was made & it was Seconded to Sell the two hind Seats in the womens Side below which was Voted and it was also voted to Sell the two hinds Seats on the mens Side and after Consideration thereon it was Voted to Reconfider the two last Votes - -Then it was Voted to Choose a Committee to Repair ye ministerial Place mr David Bemis Voted & Choose for Said Committee — mr David Sanger

Then Voted to Choose a Committee for Said Purpose -

<sup>\*</sup> torn

Voted & Chose for Said Committee 

Mr David Sanger Mr Saml White 

Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 220 pounds in Silver money or other money &c Equivent thereto for Said Purpose 
Voted that the Said Sum be assest if the other towns agreed to go on with the Said Repairs and not otherwise 
Then the article Relating to John Stearnes place was Read, & after Debate it was Voted that the Selectmen take care of that

May ye 19: 1780 The lines between this and the adjacent Towns were Perambulated & Renewed

By us

Moses Stone | Comtte

#### [244]

Sam!: Fisk Esqr:
Dean Nath! Stone
mr Daniel Parker
Wm Hunt Esqr.
Lt Amos Bond
mr Sam!: Cook
Jona Brown Esqr
mr Jedh: Leathe
mr Josiah Bisco

Voted and Chose for sd: Committee

Adjourned the Meeting to Tuesday Next at 3; o Clock in ye afternoon at this place

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting House on the 29th day of may AD: 1780 By Adjournment Dean Nath! Stone

being Moderator. the Meeting being opened They Voted & Chose Mr: Daniel Parker an Assessor — Then the Article Relating to John Stearnes Place was Read. Then it was Voted to receive the money now in the Hands of Messrs: Josiah Capen, & David Bemis which belongs to Said Stearnes's Estate as Part of the Purchase of the Place. — Then they voted to Choose a Committee to Consider what is proper to be don Relating to Schools and to Report.

#### [245]

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting House on Tuesday the 6th Day of June AD: 1780, by adjournment to Consider the Purposed New form of Government The Comtte to whome the Consideration thereof was Refered made Verbal Report that no very Meterial alteration was Necessary in their Opinion. The Said Form was again Read & after Consideration thereon they came to the following Vote (Viz) -Voted that the Form of Government or Civil Constitution Agreed upon by the Convention, is Agreable to the minds of this town and that our Delegates in Convention be and hereby are Directed to Adopt the Same, provided it be Agreable to the minds of two thirds of the Inhabitants of this State to make Such alterations as will render the Same Conformable to two thirds of the Inhabitants of Said State - and to agree upon a time when the Same Shall take Place — There were 46 Voters present 43 Voted to accept the Same and two against it and one Declined to act either way Then the meeting was Defolved -

<sup>\*</sup> torn

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Sold the Pew N°: 5 To Mr: Nath<sup>II</sup> Bemis for - - - 1402:0——
Sold N°: 4

To mr Joel White for - - - - 1136:0——

£ 2538:0

Paid to the Committee appointed by the Town to Repair the Buildings and fences on the ministerial Place ---- 900:0——the Expence of the Vendue for the Sale of the Pews 37:4——

there Remains in the hands of the Committee £ 1600:16
Watertown June ye 12th: 1780.

Sam¹ Fisk
Sam¹ White
David Sanger — Committee

Then the town voted & appropriated the above Said £ 1600 pounds to be Improved to pay the Expence of the ordination the Committe to be Accountable to the town for the Expendeture of the Same — Then the town voted to add two more persons to the Committee for hiring men — Then Voted & Chose W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup> and

mr David Sanger — Then the following Vote Past Relating to the Schools (Viz) That a Committee be Chosen who Shall Receive the names of all Such perfons who incline to Expend their money for Winter Schools, & also for Summer Schools. & that the whole money taxed for Schools shall be assessed by itself, & neither party Shall have a right to take from the Treasury any more money that Shall be paid into the Same, by those that belong thereto, & those that Subscribe for Winter Schools Shall not have Liberty to Send to the Summer Schools, & those that Subscribe for Summer Schools Shall not Send to winter Schools to the end every person may have the Benefitt of the moneys he Shall be assessed as aforesaid

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Chosen for a Committee to Receive} \\ \text{y}^{\text{e}} \text{ names \&c} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} M^{\text{r}} \text{ Eben}^{\text{r}} \colon \text{Everit} \\ W^{\text{m}} \text{ Hunt Esq}^{\text{r}} \\ M^{\text{r}} \text{ Moies Stone} \end{array} \right.$ 

### [247]

Before me Jona: Brown Justs: Peace ----

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at Mr: Bullards on the 3d Day of July AD: 1780 — They Agreed to Call a Publick Town Meeting to be held at the Meeting House on Wednesday Next at 4 O:Clock afternoon to Act on the following Articles (Viz) ——First to Choose a Moderator of the Meeting. (2) To agree upon Some more Speedy method for the Collecting of the Tax's by Choosing more Constables or Collectors or in Such other way as may be thought best. (3) To agree upon Some Method for Raising a Number more Soldiers agreable to the Resolves of the General Court. (4) To Grant any Sums of money that may be thought Necessary for Said purpose. (5) To Hear the Accounts of Those persons the town is indebted to and Grant money to pay the Same (6) To Hear the Reports of any Committees and

to Act thereon as the town may think Proper — And to act on any other matters that may be thought Necessary at this time—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at m<sup>r</sup> Bullards on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1780 They Signed an order on the town treasurer to Pay the Sum of Seven Thousand & Seventy five Pounds ten Shillings to L<sup>t</sup>: Josiah Capen & others a Committe to hire men Middlesex, s: July ye 12<sup>th</sup> 1780 then m<sup>r</sup> John Draper appeared and was Sworn to the office of Hogrieve

Before me Jona Brown Just: Peace

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At the Meeting afore Said they Signed orders on the Town Treasurer to pay the Sums aftermentioned (Viz) To Sam! White & others Selectmen the last year it being their Expences - - -To Saml White for Service in Convention — 34:6:0 to Richard Clark for do ----34: 6:0 to Simon Hastings for Mending Glass -6: to Josiah Bisco for Serving Assessor last year 100: 100:100: to Jona Brown for Serving Treaft: the year 250:0to Moses Stone, David Sanger, & David Bemis for hiring.men also to Francis Brown for Stone & 30: Gravil Carried to the Great Bridge - and to pay Josiah Capen & others a Committe ) 12000: 0 --to hire men to fill the Continential Army and to pay ye Revd: Mr Richd Roswell Eliotin part for his Service in the Ministery — 2000: 0 als to pay Jedh Leathe for Labour at the great 0015: Bridge £ 14858 : 8 : 0

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled at the meeting on Wednesday ye 5th: Day of July AD 1780. for the Purposes Setforth in the Warrant — Voted & Chose Dean: Nath!: Stone Moderator of the meeting — —then mr Jonathan Livermore Re-

quested to be Excused from Serving as Constable & the Question being Put it Passed in the Negative — Then the Committe Appointed to hire men to go into the army Reported and it Appeared that there was a Ballance due to them of £ 7075=10=0 which Sum was Voted & Granted — — — — — — Then they Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 12000 Pounds to hire men Agreable to the Last Resolves of the General Court — — Voted that the Committe Appointed to hire men before Proceed to git the Remainder as Soon as may be — also Voted & Impowered sd Comtte to hire money in Behalf of the town for said purpose

Voted & Granted £ 3000 Pounds to enable the Selectmen to procure the four Horses Required by a Resolve of the General Court Voted that the aforesaid Grants be Assest as Soon as may be ——Then vo[ted] to Adjourn this Meeting to Wednesday Next 4

OClock afternoon at this [place]

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 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Chose for Said Committee} & ---- \\ & \begin{array}{c} \text{Jon}^a\colon Brown \\ \text{David Sanger} \\ \text{Sam}^l \text{ Soden} \\ \text{Jed}^h \text{ Leathe} \\ W^m \text{ Hunt} \end{array}$ 

Then they Voted that this meeting Should be Adjourned to monday the 24th Day of this present month then to meet in this Place at 4 O Clock afternoon ————

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled at the Meeting House on monday the 24th Day of July AD 1780 By Adjournment. There being but a Small number of Persons present. it was Voted further to Adjourn to the Seventh day of August Next

at 4 O Clock afternoon to meet at This place — which was Accordingly don ————

And at their meeting on the 24 Day of the Same month they Signed an order to pay the Same Com<sup>tte</sup> £ 14000 pounds for the like purpose, and Also an Order to pay m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>II</sup> Cook £ 900 pounds in part of his Expence for the ordination

### [250]

At a Publick Town Meeting on the 7th: Day of Augt: AD 1780 by Adjournment. to Consider the Reports of Some Committees They not being fully Ready & but a few Persons Present The meeting was Desolved — — — — — — — —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston & Waltham at the House of Mifs Dorothy Coollidge in Watertown on Monday the 21th: Day of August: 1780 - to View the Great Bridge & to provide for the Repairs of the Same — They Agreed to Choofe a Committee to confift of one Man from each town concerned to provide Meterials & git the Service don as Soon as may be ————

Chose for Said Committe . 

mr: Jedh: Leathe for Watertown mr: Israel Whittemore for Weston mr Abner Sanderson for Waltham

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen on the 26th day of augt: AD 1780—They ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to the Several Constables to Warn the Inhabitants of the Town who are Quallified according to the new Constitution to meet at the Meeting House on monday the 4th day of Sepr Next at two O: Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for a Governor Lt: Governor & Senators—— and to Warn Such of the Inhabitants of the town as are Quallified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Same place at 3 o Clock afternoon the Same day to act on the following Articles (Viz) (1) To Choose a Moderator (2) To agree upon Some Method to provide the Cloathing ordered by the General Court & to act any thing thereon that may be thought Necessary (3) To make Some further provision

for the Payment of the Rev<sup>d</sup>: M<sup>r</sup>: Eliots Sallary (4) To make a further Grant for the Repairs of the Great Bridge and to act anything Relating thereto that may be thought Proper — (5) To Hear the Reports of any Committees and to act thereon as may be thought best. (6) To País upon any accounts that may be laid before the town and to make Such further grants of money as may be thot: Necessary — also to act on any other Matters that may be thot: Necessar[v]

Warrants were Issued Accordingly —

### [251]

At a Publick Town-Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified according to the New Constitution or Form of Government Regularly Assembled at the Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD: 1780 — to give in their Votes for a Governor. Lieu<sup>t</sup> Governor and five Separors

Then the votes were brot: in for Senators Sorted & Counted & it Appeared that the following Gentlemen had the Number of Votes

against his name (Viz)

The	Hon <sup>ll</sup> : Stephen Hall Esq <sup>r</sup> : — —	1
	Hon James Prescott Esqr — —	29
	Honl Josiah Stone Esqr — — —	31
	Honl Abraham Fullar Esqr — —	32
	Hon <sup>ll</sup> Oliver Prefcott Esq <sup>r</sup> — —	3
	Honl John Tyng Esqr -	21
	Jonas Dix Esq <sup>r</sup> : ———	2
	Nathl Gorham Esqr: — —	31
	Samuel Thatcher Esqr — —	6
	Josiah Capen Esq <sup>r</sup>	1
	Capt Stephen Dana	1

At a Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Assembled at the Same time and Place to Transact Sundry town affairs as Setforth in the Warning of the Meeting ———— Voted & Chose William Hunt Esqr: Moderator and it being near Night they voted to adjourn the

Meeting to Wednesday Next at three O: Clock afternoon at this place and it was Accordingly Adjourned Middlefex is Sep<sup>r</sup>: ye 11th: 1780. Jonathan Brown was Sworn

agreable to Law to Quallifie him to Serve as an assessor —

Before

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At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting House on the
Sixth Day of Sepr: AD 1780 By adjournment.
The meeting being Opened they proceeded to consider the article
Relating to Cloathing ———
Voted that money be hired to procure the Cloathing by the Se-
lectmen
Voted and Granted £ 4000 pounds towards the Support of the
Rev <sup>d</sup> m <sup>r</sup> Rich <sup>d</sup> Rooswell Eliot —
Voted & Granted £ 2500 pounds to Repair the Great Bridge ——
Voted & Granted £ 600 pounds to Repair ye ministerial Buildings
Voted that Selectmen Infure the Labourers at the Bridge yt their
wages be made good when they Receive the Same
Voted & Granted £ 15000 pounds to pay the hire of Soldiers gon
into the Army ———
Voted & Granted Saml: Fisk Esqr: £ 120 pounds for his Service
in Convention being 10 Days — — — — —
Voted & Granted to Jonathan Brown for like Service it being 17
Days the Sum of £ 204 pounds —

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup> John Bullard on the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1780. They Approbated m<sup>r</sup>: Edward Richardfon, m<sup>rs</sup> Dorothy Coollidge & m<sup>r</sup> John Bullard for Innholders & Mifs<sup>rs</sup> Amos Bond. Mofes Coollidge, David Bemis, and: Sam<sup>1</sup>: Cook for Retailors.

at this meeting m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Coollidge Notified of his Receiveing Lois Flagg into the town

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at m<sup>r</sup> John Bullards on the fifth Day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: 1780. They Agreed to have a Town-meeting on Wednesday the Eleventh day of this month of October at the meeting House at two O:Clock afternoon for the Choice of a Representative — also to have an other meeting at 3 O Clock the Same day at the Same place to act on y<sup>e</sup> following articles (Viz)

First to Choose a moderator (2ly) To agree upon a Method to procure a Quantity of Beef agreable to a Resolve of the General Court. — and to Grant a Sum of money for that Purpose and to act anything Relating thereto that may be thought Proper. (3ly)

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly

P J: Brown Town-C[lerk]

#### [253]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified (according to the New form of Government) to vote for the Choice of a Representative held at the meeting House on Wednesday the 11th Day of October AD: 1780. They being Regularly Assembled. The Votes were Called for and being brot: in Counted it appeared that Jonathan Brown Esqr: was unanimously Chofen -And at an other meeting at the Same Place the Same day of the Inhabitants who are Quallified according to Law to Vote in town affairs Regularly assembled to act on Sundry articles as Setforth in the warning of the meeting &c -Voted & Chose Dean: Nath!! Stone moderator — Then a Rosolve of the General Court Requireing a Quantity of Beef was Read & after Consideration thereof They -Voted & Chose mr: Jonas White as a Committe to Purchase the Beef Required by Said Refolve -Voted to Choose a Committe to hire the Sum of £15000 pounds in the name & behalf of town to purchase sd: Beef -Wm Hunt Esgr Voted & Chose for Said Committee mr Saml Soden mr Saml White Then Voted & Granted the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds and Voted that the Same be assessed & paid into the town Treasury by the first day of January Next. for to Repay the money that may be hired as above Said -Then they voted & abated John Larrabees Rates in Moses Coollidges lists & Granted the Sum of £ 33:5:0 to make it good mr Simon Whitney then Voted & Choose for a Committe to take Care of the Schools — m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Soden mr Amos Livermore

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Then the meeting was Defolved

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Wal-

tham on the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of October AD 1780. at the House of Cap<sup>t</sup> Isaac Gleason Innholder in Waltham to Settle the account of the Charge that had Arisen for the Repairs of the Great Bridge in Watertown Since the Last Adjustment amounting to ye Sum of £ 6376:0:0 was proportioned & Signed by the Selectmen of each town

Watertown Part of Said Sum being 2335:14:6
Westons do is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2223: 4:2
Walthams do is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1018: 1:4

£ 6577: 0:0

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 19th Day of Octr: AD 1780 at mr: John Bullards. They Signed an order on the Town-Treafr: to pay the Sum of £ 6577 pounds to the Perfons that found the Meterials & did the Labour in Repairing the Great Bridge according to the last Adjustment ~

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: John Bullard on the 22<sup>d</sup> Day of December AD 1780. They agreed to have a Publick Town Meeting at the Meeting house on Wednesday the 27 Inftant at one O Clock afternoon & ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to Warn the Inhabitants to meet at s<sup>d</sup> time

and place to Act on the following Articles (Viz)

First to Choose a moderator (2) To Agree upon Some Method to Procure a Quantity of Beef agreable to a Resolve of the General Court or to provide money to Pay in lieu thereof. and to Act thereon as may be thought Proper — (3) To Agree upon Some Method to raise men to fill the Continential Army and to Act any thing Relating thereto that may be thought proper — (4) To hear the Reports of any Com<sup>ttee</sup> and to Act thereon as they See proper (5) To do any thing Relating to the Schools as may be thought proper —

Warrants were Issued out accordingly

Jona: Brown Town-[Clerk]

# [255]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled at the Meeting House on Wednesday the 27th Day of December AD: 1780 ——Voted & Choose Dean: Nath! Stone moderator ———Then a motion was made to adjourn the meeting to 4 o Clock to

meet at mr John Bullards the meeting was Accordingly adjournd The Town being meet at Said time & place -Then they Voted to Choose a Committee to Consider & Report what is Proper to be don Relating to the Raifing men -Saml: Fisk Esqr mr David Bemis mr Mofes Stone Voted & Choose for Sd Committee 

mr David Sanger
mr Richd Clark
mr Simon Whitney
mr Josiah Bisco The Comtte after Considering the matter made Verbal Report be appointed that a Committe to A hire men to fill the Continential Army which was Voted & Accepted -Mr David Sanger Voted & Chofe for Said Committee - Lt Josiah Capen Lt Amos Bond Then Voted & Granted 1600 Dollars in hard money to hire Sd: Then Voted that Said money be assest as Soon as may be and that it be paid into the Treasury by the 25 Day of January Next - Then it was Voted that any persons that Choose to pay in Paper money that 75 paper Dollars in the old Currency Shall be Received in lieu of one Silver Dollar Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 24000 pounds to purchase the Beef Required by the Genl Court for the use of the army Then Voted to Choose a Committee to Receive the money of the Collectors & pay for the Beef Mr Daniel Parker Voted & Chofe for Said Committee Mr Simon Whitney Jona: Brown Esqr Voted to Choose Collectors to Collect the above Sums Then Voted & Choose misrs Moses Stone jur: & Edmd Fowle who were Sworn into the office by Jona: Brown Just: Peace Then they Voted that the Schools be kept till the Grant be Expended & then Cease till further orders ————

# [256]

Then the meeting was Defolved -

At a meeting of the Selectmen at m<sup>r</sup> Bullards on monday the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January AD: 1781 They Agreed that at the Request. Some of the Inhabitants of the Town. to have a Publick Town-

Meeting at the meeting House on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of this present month at two O: Clock afternoon for the following Purpoles (Viz)

Warrants were Issued accordingly one Directed to m<sup>r</sup> Hall as Constable and the other m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>1</sup>: Soden who was Appointed to Warn the Deftrict By Order of the Selectmen

At a Publick Town-Meeting held at the meeting House in Watertown on the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of Jan<sup>y</sup>: 1781 to Tranfact Several thing mentioned in the Warrants for Calling the meeting. &c They Voted & Chofe Deacon Nath!: Stone moderator — Then

they Voted & Chose m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone<sup>ju<sup>r</sup></sup> Constable Then the

article Relating to Schools was Read & the Committe made Verball Report Relating to the Expenditure of the money Granted for that Purpose — Then the Question was Put whether the town will Grant any further Sum at this time & it passed in the Negative — then the article Relating to the money borrowed Then they Voted to Choose a Committee to finde what the town owes on Notes &c. and to Consider what Shall be allowed as Depretiation & make Report. ——

 $\label{eq:Choice} Choice for Said Committee \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} W^m \ Hunt \ Esq^r \\ m^r \ Rich^d \colon Clark \\ L^t \ Amos \ Bond \end{array} \right.$ 

Then the Committee appointed to hire men was Laid on the tabl was Read & accepted & the Ballance of £ 747:18-0 was allowed ———

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### [257]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of mr John Bullard on Fryday the 23d Day of Feby: AD 1781. They agreed to have the annual March Meeting on the 5th day of March Next at 9: o Clock in the morning at the meeting House & directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants directed to the Constables to Warn the Inhabitants who are Quallified to vote in town affairs to meet at Said time & place for the following purposes (Viz) First to Choose a moderator of ye meeting (2) To Choose Selectmen Town-Clerk Town-Treasurer & all other town officers Required to be Chofe in the month of march Anually (3) To Choofe a Saxton and Agree how he Shall be paid for his Service — (4) To Determin whether Swine Shall Run at Large the enfueing year - (5) To put in their Votes for a County Register & Treasurer — — — — (6) To Grant money for Schools & to Agree what Schools Shall be kept & do any thing Relating thereto that may be thought best — — (7) To do any thing Relating to John Stearnes place that may be thot best. (8) To known if the town will provide a place for James Hay that he may be Removed out of the Town of Cambridge. (9) To do any thing further that may Appear Necessary for Raising men to fill the Continential Army - (10) To hear the Accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to and Grant money to pay the Same ——— (11) To Choose a Committee to Examin the Treasurers Accounts —— (12) To Grant money to Support the Poor, and Such other Services as may be thought Necessary (13) To Grant money to Repair the Highways and act any thing Relating thereto that may be thought proper — (14) To hear the Reports of any Committees, and Act thereon as may be thought best. (15) To do any thing Relating to the Leafing the Fishery that may be thought Proper — also to notify the town Creditors to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen at mr John Bullards on Fryday he 2d Day of march Next at 2: O Clock afternoon

Warrants were Issued Feby: ye 26. 1781
Attest Iona: Brown Town-Clerk

# [258]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of mr John Bullard on the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of March AD 1781 for to Receive the Accounts of those Persons to town is Indebted the following were Presented (Viz) by the Committee for providing for the School &c Due to mr Oliver W: Lane for keeping School 625: 0:0

To Mr Seth Hastings for d° To mr Jona: Remington for d° To mr Simon Whitney for Wood To mr Amos Livermore for d° To mr Saml Soden for d°	562:10:0 500:0 ——— 104:3:4 104:3:4 104:3:4
	£ 2000 : 0 : 0
Saml Fisk Acctt: for the poor &c to Nathl Stone for do to Moses Stone for do to Jedh Leathe for do to Amos Livermore for do to Jonathan Brown for Service Relating to to Jonas White for Collecting Beef &c to Jedh Leathe for do	188: 5:0 126:17:0 66: 6:0 263:16:0 18: 0:—— Beef 24: 0:—— 496: 8:—— 45: 0:——
	£ 3228:12:0

The Selectmen Signed an order on the Town Treasurer to Pay the Above Sums

At the above meeting the following Accounts were brot: in to be laid before the town for their allowance (Viz)

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Then mr Daniel Parker was Chofe)	mr Amos Livermore
moderator of the meeting — — \	m <sup>r</sup> Daniel Whitney
Voted & Chofe for Selectmen —	mr Daniel Parker
•	m <sup>r</sup> Daniel Parker L <sup>t</sup> . Chris <sup>r</sup> Grant ju <sup>r</sup>
Chofe for Town-Clerk & Town Trea	ifurer Jona: Brown Esqr:
	mr Nath! Bright
Chofe for Afsefsors — — —	mr Jona: Stone
	m <sup>r</sup> Nath <sup>l</sup> Bright m <sup>r</sup> Jon <sup>a</sup> : Stone m <sup>r</sup> Francis Brown

Choie for Constables m Stephen Whitney & mr Josiah Sanderson Chofe for Wardens messr Richard Richardson & William Warrin For Fence Viewers mr Nathl Bemis & Lt William Warrin Sealer of Leather mr Stephen Whitney -Surveyors of Highways Dr Marshall Spring & Mr Amos Liver-Tythingmen messrs. Peter Harrington & Daniel Bond — Howards messr Abram Whitney & Daniel Mason Surveyors of Timber messrs David Sanger & John Capel Clerks of the Markets Capt: Abner Craft & mr Jedh Leathe Hogrieves Dr Marshal Spring and Lt Amos Bond -Chose mr Phinehas Jenison Saxton. Then Voted that he Shall have two Contrabutions for his Service for the year ~ Voted that Swine Shall not Run at Large this year -(6) article being Read it was Voted to keep one School all the year to be kept the three Summer & the three Winter months in the middle School House & the other Part of the year to be kept at each end of the Town to be equally Divided also two more School Schools 3 months in the winter one A at the West end & the other at the East end of the town — — Voted & Granted £ 6000 pounds to Support ye Schools Voted & Chose for a Committee to take the care of the Schools Wm Hunt Esqr: mr Amos Livermore & mr Simon Whitney Then they Voted to Choose a Committee of three men to Look into the matter Relating to John Stearnes place and make Report at the Adjournment — -Votes were brot: in for a County Register & Treasurer -

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 $Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ for \ Said \ Committee. -- \left\{ \begin{array}{c} m^r \ Sam^l \ White \\ W^m \ Hunt \ Esq^r \\ L^t \ Amos \ Bond \end{array} \right.$ 

Then the Article Relating to James Hay was Read & Refered to the Selectmen ——— . . . .

the the article Relating to Raifing men was Read & it was Voted that the Collectors Should be Called upon by the Treasurer — before the adjournment & upon Failure for him to Issue his Executions . . .

Voted that the Committee appointed to hire men for the army be Authorifed to hire money for that Purpose — — — Then Voted to Raise Six hundred Mill'd Dollars or the Value

Then the meeting was adjourned to next monday two O Clock afternoon at this place ————

Middlefex is march ye 5th: 1781 Then Dr Marshall Spring Appeared & took the Oaths of Surveyor of Highways & Hogrieve, and Lt. Amos Bond the oath of Hogrieve Before me Jona: Brown Just: Peace

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the meeting House on Monday the 12th: day of March A D1781. by adjournment — — Mr: Daniel Parker being Moderator. the Meeting being opened an adress from the General Court to the Inhabitants being Read a motion being made & Seconed it was Voted that the Revd: mr Eliot Should be Desired to Read the Same to the Congregation on the Lords Day —

Then the accounts of Several persons &c. that the town is Indebted to were Read and are as follows (Viz)

Saml: Fisk Esqr for Serving Assessor the year past	on which the
town allowed the Sum of	330:0:0
To Dean: Nathl: Stone for Like Service	384:0:0
To mr Moses Stone for like Service	360:0:0
To m <sup>r</sup> Jed <sup>h</sup> Leathe for like Service	592:0:0
To Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown for like Service	384:0:0
To Jona: Brown for Serving Treasurer	450:0:0
To the Selectmen for Expence the last year	366:0:0
To the Wido Mary Vila for Boarding Mary Learneds Child 48 Weeks at £ 15 pounds P week	726:0:0

3592:0:0

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TTI 1 TT 1 C1 ( )	m <sup>r</sup> Jonas White
Then they voted Chole for a	m <sup>r</sup> Daniel Parker
	mr Nathl Harrington

then the Selectmen that were Chosen on the fifth Instant Refused to Serve in that office. and the town Proceeded to another Choice

Mr: Daniel Parker Chose for Selectmen Wm Hunt Esqr mr: Josiah Bisco Lt Amos Bond mr Nathl Bright

& Francis Brown

Then Messrs: Jona: Stone A were Excused by a Vote from Serving as assessors the Present year — — — — — — — — — Then they Voted that the three last Chosen Selectmen Shall be the Assessors the Present year (Viz) mr Josiah Bisco Lt Amos Bond & mr Nathll Bright - - - -Voted that the Assessors Shall have 4s/ Silver money P day or 

to Put the Poor into -

Chose for Sd: Committee 

mr Simon Hastings
mr Daniel Parker
mr Amos Livermore

Then Voted to Raife £ 15 pounds on a Single Poll and the Same Proportion on Estates to defray the Expence of Repairing the Highways this year. — then voted that the Price of Labour in working out the highway Rate Shall be £ 30 pounds P day for a man and the like Sum for a good team - - -

Then they Voted to Choose two more Surveyors of Highways

Voted & Chose Surveyors of Highways {
 m<sup>r</sup> David Coollidge m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Harrington Then Voted to Choose a Comtte to Consider what Rates ought to be abated & make Report.

Chose for Said Committee 

mr Jedh Leathe
mr David Sanger
mr David Bemis

then it was moved to adjourn the meeting to monday next at two O:Clock to meet at this Place which was accordingly don -

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of mr John Bullard on the 12th day of march 1781. messrs Josiah Bisco, Amos Bond and Nathll Bright were Sworn into the office of Afsessors -and mr Josiah Sanderson to the office of Constable. Amos Livermore, and David Coollidge Surveyors of Highways. — Nath!. Bemis and William Warrin Fence-Viewers. Capt: Abner Craft & mr Jedh: Leathe Clerks of the Markets -

By Jona: Brown Justs: Peace ———

 $Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ for \ Said \ Committee \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m^r \ David \ Bemis \\ m^r \ Sam^l \ Soden \\ m^r \ Amos \ Livermore \\ m^r \ Josiah \ Bisco \\ m^r \ John \ Cook \end{array} \right.$ 

Then it was Voted to open a Subscription on foot to pay for the Barrack that has been purchased the persons that Subscribe to be paid out of The tax's to be made for that Purpose the Sum that each perfon Shall Subscribe — — — — — — — — Then they Voted to abate the Sums which each person (that Went into the army last Summer for Six months) was taxed during the time of Six months from his inlistment thomas Saffords & Ruggles Whitneys accounts were Read and it was voted that sd accounts lye till it was know what town Mary Giles belongs to as they Respected her — Then they Voted to Excuse mr Nath!: Harrington from Serving Surveyor of Highways after which mr Daniel Whitney was Chosen — Then they Voted to Excuse L<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Warrin from Serving a Collector. — Then they Voted to Excuse m<sup>r</sup>: Stephen Whitney from Serving Constable upon his paying twenty five Milled Dollars or oth[er] money Equivelent which is to be Considered as his turn

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Then they Voted & Chofe mr Samuel Cook Collector of Tax's — Voted & Chofe Mr Abraham Whitney Constable ————

Then Voted that all other matters be Refered to the Next Town-Meeting ————
Then the meeting was Defolved ————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 19th Day of march 1781 at the House of mr John Bullards. the Several persons afternamed were Sworn into the Several offices aftermentioned (Viz) mr Peter Harrington Tythingman. mr Stepn Whitney Sealer of Leather - mr Daniel Whitney Surveyor of Highways — — — Sworn by Jona: Brown Justs: Peace

At this Meeting the Selectmen Signed an order on the town treasurer to pay the Ballance of the Committees account for Service the last year being in full for Raising men &c the whole Amounting to the Sum of £ 747:18-0—

At this meeting they Directed the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant to Warn the Inhabitants of the town who are Quallified to vote for the Choice of Governours & Senators to Meet at the Meeting on Monday the Second Day of April Next at two O Clock afternoon to give in their votes for Governors & Senators also for Such as are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to meet at the Same place at 3: O Clock the Same day in the afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)

(1<sup>ft</sup>) to Choose a moderator — (2<sup>ly</sup>) To do any thing further that may be tho<sup>t</sup>: Necessary for providing a House for the Poor, and act thereon as they think best — (3<sup>ly</sup>) To take into Consideration a Letter from the Committees of Corrospondance meet at East-Sudbury Relating to the Tender act; and to act thereon as they think Proper — (4<sup>ly</sup>) to hear the Reports of any Committees and act thereon as may be tho<sup>t</sup>: best. — (5<sup>ly</sup>) to act any thing Relating to abatement of Tax's or the Fishery or any other matters that were Refered to this meeting (6<sup>ly</sup>) to put in their Votes for a County Treasurer if they think Proper — (7<sup>ly</sup>) To Choose any town officers in the Room of Such as Refuse or Neglect to Serve. —

Warrants were Jssued accordingly

Pr Jona: Brown Town. Clerk

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified according to the Con-

stitution to to Vote in the Choice of a Governor. L<sup>t</sup>: Governor & Senators Regularly Assembled at the meeting House in Said Town on Monday the Second Day of April 1781. —

The Meeting being Opened and the Votes were Called for, for a Governor and were brot in Counted & Sorted and it Appeared that His Excellency John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup>. had twenty five Votes and that the Honorle: James Bowdoin had Sixteen Votes also the Honrle: Samuel Adams had one Vote

Then the votes were Called for for five Senators which being brot:

in Sorted & Counted and it appeared the following Gentlemen had the number of Votes Set against their Respective names (Viz) —

Honie James Preiscot Esqr	27
James Rufsel Esq <sup>r</sup>	9
John Tyng Esq <sup>r</sup>	24
Josiah Stone Esq <sup>r</sup>	31
Eleazor Brooks Esq <sup>r</sup>	2
Abra <sup>m</sup> Fullar Esq <sup>r</sup>	25
m <sup>r</sup> : Tho <sup>s</sup> : Parker	8
majr: Joseph Hofmer	13
Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown Esq <sup>r</sup> :	1

At a Publick town-Meeting the Day above Said of the Free-holders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled at the Meeting house to act on Sundry Matters Mentioned in the Warrant

Then it was Voted that it Should be Set on the Bank of the River as abovementioned — — — — — — — — — — —

Then the Letter from the Committees of Corrospondance was Read and Voted

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That the late Act for taking of the Tender of the money was not Agreable to the mind of the town — — —

Lt: Josiah Capen Voted & Chose for Said Comtte

Voted & Chose for Said Comtte

Voted & Chose for Said Comtte

Vm Sam! White

Vm Hunt Esqr

mr Jonas White

mr Richd: Clark Then they voted to adjourn this meeting till Tomorrow to meet in this Place at 3: O: Clock afternoon — — — — At a Gen! Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting House on the third Day of April 1781. By Adjournment -Daniel Parker Esq: being Moderator - - - - -The Meeting being Opened they Proceeded to Business -Voted to Relinquish on half of the Building that was purchased for the town to the Committee that bought the Same — — Voted to Choose three men to be a Committee to Remove sd Building to the Place that has been Agreed by the town on the South Side of the River in Watertown - - - $Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ for \ Said \ Committee \ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M^r \colon Simon \ Hastings \\ M^r \ Amos \ Livermore \\ m^r \ Jedidiah \ Leathe \end{array} \right.$ Voted that Said Committee Apply to the Inhabitants of the Town to See what they will Subscribe for help to move sd Building Voted that Wednesday the 11th: Day of the present month be the time for moveing the Same if the Weather Permit &c Voted the Tax's Set to the Soldiers in mr Edmund Fowles Lists Shall be abated if they go into the Continential Army —— Voted & Chofe mr: William Harrington in the Room of mr Abraham Whitney who had Refused to Serve -Voted & Chofe mr Joel White Collector in the Room of m Samll to their Representative Laid a Draft thereof on ye Table which was Read & not accepted and Recommitted to the Same Committee ---Then they Voted to adjourn the meeting to mr John Bullards to

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meet in half an Hour from this time which will be at 7 O Clock

The town being Met at Mr Bullards According to adjournment

but there being no Convenient Room that they Could have the Meeting was by a Voted Adjourned to Mrs: Dorothy Coollidges to there in a Quarter of an Hour - They being met according to adjournment a Motion being made and Seconded They Voted to Reconfider all the Votes that had been Passed on the third article in the Warrant Relating to the Tender act (so Called) Then they Voted that their Representative be Directed to use his Endeavour in the General Court that the Tender act that was Lately Repealed be Revived So far as it Concerns the tender — Then it was Voted that the Names of the Persons that voted for the Instruction & those against it be taken by Yeas & Nays — which are as follows (Viz) ———

Navs

Moses Stone
Josiah Mixer
Moses Stone jur
Wm Warrin
Saml White
Edmd: Fowle
Wm Hunt
Jona: Stone
Nathan Coollidge
Thos Pattin
Josiah Norcrofs
Saml Cook
Henry Bradshaw
Daniel Parker
Saml Richards

Then they Voted & Chose mr Daniel Cook Collector of Tax's who Refused to Serve ---- Then they Chose mr Richd Everit & he Refused to Serve — Then they Chose mr Henry Bradshaw who accepted —

Yeas Iedidiah Leathe Mofes Coollidge Abraham Whitney Hugh Mason Amos Livermore Josiah Capen Saml Barnard Elijah Bond Jonas White Iosiah Sanderson Phins: Child Saml Spring Iosiah Bisco Daniel Sawin Jona: Child Simon Hastings Benin. Capen Iona: Coollidge Godding Daniel Mason Ebenr: Everit Wm Harrington Richd. Everit Francis Brown Sam<sup>!</sup>l Soden Simon Whitney

then m<sup>r</sup>: W<sup>m</sup> Harrington was Sworn into the office of Constable and m<sup>r</sup> Henry Bradfhaw into the office of Collector By Ion<sup>a</sup>: Brown Just<sup>s</sup> Peace Then the Meeting was Adjourned to monday the 16th Day [of] this month to meet at the Meeting house at 4 O Clock afternoon

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mrs: Dorothy Coollidge on monday the 7th Day of may AD 1781 They agreed to have a Town Meeting at the meeting House on Monday ye 14th of may Instant at two O Clock afternoon for the Choice of a Representative ——— also an other Meeting at three O: Clock afternoon the Same day & at the Same Place to act on the following articles (Viz) First to Choose a Moderator (2ly) To do any thing further that may be thought Necessary for the finishing the House for the Poor: — (3<sup>ly</sup>) to abate any Persons Rates the town may think proper — (4<sup>ly</sup>) To do any thing Relating to the Collectors Settleing their accounts that may be thought Proper (5ly) To appoint a Committee to Settle with the Revd mr Eliot for the last year: and make Provision for his Support for the year ensueing; (61y) To know the minde of the town whether they will do any thing Relating to the Fenceing the Ministerial place and act thereon as they think Proper arifing by Persons Refusing to Serve in any town offices, or in any other ways; as the town think best; (91y) To hear the Reports of any Committees and act thereon as they see fitt, (10) To appoint a Committee to See what peices of Land belonge to the town and to act any thing Relating thereto that may be thot: best; (111y) To act on any other Matters that may be then thought Necessary -

Warrants were Issued to the Constables & Signed By order of ye Selectmen — Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified according to the Constitution to vote in the Choice of a Reprefentative held at the Meeting House on monday the 14th day of may 1781. being Regularly Assembled the Major part of ye Selectmen being Present: Jonathan Brown Esqr: was Chosen by the major Part of the Electors to Represent the town ye ensueing year in the General Court to be held at the State House in Boston on the Last Wednesday in the Present month of may &c

may ye 12th. 1781 mr Daniel Whitney notified the Selectmen that

he had Received into his house on David-Elvin. Morton who Came last from Gorham-Town in the County of Cumberland

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At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the Meeting House on monday the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of may AD: 1781. They Chose m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Bisco Moderator of the meeting

Then m<sup>r</sup> John Cook Prefented a Petition Praying the town to Reconfider their votes Relating to the Placeing the House for the Poor. and after Debate thereon the Question was Put whether they will Reconfider Said Votes & it Passed in the Negative ——
Then they voted to Choose a Committee to dig the Celler & Stone the Same —

 $Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ for \ Said \ Committee — \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M^r \ Daniel \ Sawin \\ Cap^t \ Josiah \ Capen — \\ M^r \ Jonas \ White \end{array} \right.$ 

Voted that the Persons that Request to have their Tax's abated Procure a list of the Same under the Hand of the Collectors & lay the Same before the town - - -

Voted that the Treasurer Issue his Executions against Delinquent Collectors in one Month from this time — — — — — — Voted to Choose a Committe to Settle with the Rev<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup> Eliot

Voted & Chose for Said Committee

| Jona: Brown Esqr mr Moses Stone Samil: Fisk Esqr:

Voted to Choose a Committee to Repair the fence on ye Ministerial Place Agreable to Contract. — —

Voted & Chose for Said Committee — 

Saml: Fisk Esqr mr Jonas White mr David Sanger

Voted to Refer all Grants of money to the Adjournment of the Meeting —— Then Voted the fines arifing by Persons Refusing to Serve in any Town offices the Present year be Appropriated for finishing the Barrack ————

Then the Meeting was adjourned to monday the 4 day of June Next 3 o Clock afternoon at this place ————

at a Meeting of the Selectmen m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Whitney Jun in a Notification that he had Received into his House in Watertown

one John Wilson and Family last from Charlstown See the Notification on file

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs assembled at the Meeting House on Monday the 4th Day of June AD: 1781 -By adjournment mr: Josiah Bisco being Moderator the Second article being Read - They Voted to Choose a Committee to take care about the House that the town has Provided for the Poor & do any thing that they find Necessary Relating to the Same that they Judge for the Benefitt of the town -

Voted & Choose for Said Committee

Sam!: Fisk Esqr
Jona: Brown Esqr
mr David Bemis
mr Richd: Clark
Lt Amos Bond

Voted & abated mr Jonas Barneds Poll tax in mr Mofes Stone jur lists amounting to £ 46:12:0 Then they voted to Reconsider the Vote passed the Last Meeting for Appropriating the fines for finishing the Barrack — Then Voted to Excuse Missrs Joel White & Richard Everit from Serving Collectors of tax's the Present year — — — — — Voted & Granted £ 12 pounds of the New Emission to Repair the fence on the Ministerial place — Then Voted to Choose a Committee to See what Peices of land there is that belong to the town & make Report at the Next meeting -

 $Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ for \ Said \ Committe \\ Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ for \ Said \ Committe \\ L^t \ Amos \ Bond \\ L^t \ Chris^r \ Grant \ ju^r \\ Sam^l \ Fisk \ Esq^r \\ \\ Christer \ Christer \ Esq^r \\ \\ Christer \ Christer \ Esq^r \\ \\ Christer \ Esq^r \\ \\ Christer \ Christer$ 

Then they Voted that the Constables & Collectors Stop taking the old Continential Currency for the Present ———

Wednesday the 13th day of this Present month of June to act on the following articles (Viz) 1 To Choose a Moderator of the meeting 2d To take Some Effectual Measures to Compleat the

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have on hand

Voted that the Committee be impowered to hire men with Stock or Produce — Then Voted to Adjourn s<sup>d</sup> meeting to monday y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> of this Instant at four O: Clock afternoon then to meet at this Place

belongs to the town at the Adjournment of this meeting — also that the Collectors that have lists of Town tax's granted for the Purpose of hiring men be Desired to Report at s<sup>d</sup>: Adjournment how much they have yet to Collect on s<sup>d</sup> lists & what money they

Attest Josiah Bisco Moderator

At a Publick Town Meeting held by adjournment at the Meeting
House on the 18th Day of June AD 1781. mr: Josiah Bisco
Moderator — the meeting being opened they Proceeded. And voted
to Reconsider a vote at a former meeting Granting hard money
to hire Soldiers being paid at the Rate of Seventy five old Con-
tinential Dollars in lieu of one in Silver
Then voted that the Collectors Should Receive no more old Cur-
rency for sd Tax's but to Receive them in the New money or in
hard coin ——
Water I sate the Callacters were Possive three new in Lieu of one

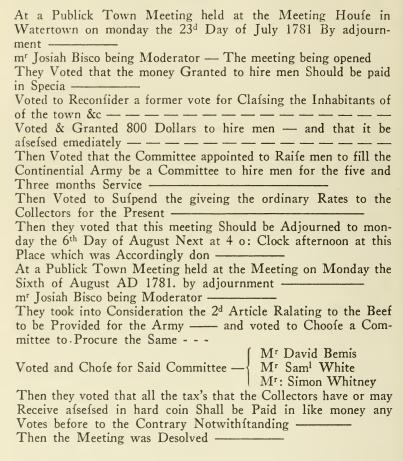
Voted yt: the Collectors may Receive three new in Lieu of one Silver

 At a Publick Town meeting held at the meeting House in Watertown on Wednesday the 20th Day of June 1781 by Adjournment — mr: Josiah Bisco being Moderator — Voted that the Commtte be desired to Report what money they have on hand. & that the Collectors Report what money they have yet to Collect & what they have on hand

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Voted that the Collectors be desired imediately to Pay what money they have now on hand that they have Collected for the Purpote of hiring men into the Committees hands ————————————————————————————————————
At a publick town meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly assembled at the meeting House in sd Town on Fryday the Sixth Day of July AD 1781 ——————————————————————————————————
Chose for Sd Committee ———— { Saml: Fisk Esqr Jona: Brown Esqr mr Jedh Leathe
Then Voted to adjourn the meeting to Thursday the 12th Day of July at 3 O Clock afternoon at this Place
At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown at the Meeting House on the 12th Day of July AD 1781 by adjournment

A Small Number being met They voted further to adjourn the Meeting to monday the 23<sup>d</sup> of this Inftant July at 3 o Clock [afte]rnoon at this place.

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 Child — and to Pay mr: Eliot 25 Pounds in part of his Sallery also to Pay mr David Sanger & others the Committe appointed to hire men to go into the Army the Sum of two Hundred Pounds for the Said Purpose ---

At this meeting they Approbated mr: Edwd: Richardson mr John Bullard & miss Dorothy Coollidge for Inn-holders - and the following persons for Retailors (Viz) Capt: Abner Craft mr Henry Bradshaw Lt: Amos Bond. Daniel Parker Esqr - and mr

David Bemis - - - -

At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 10th Day of Augt: 1781 at the House of mr: John Bullard they Agreed to meet with the Selectmen of Weston & Waltham on monday the 24th Day of this present month of Sepr: to Settle the accounts Relating to the Great-Bridge in Watertown and ordered ve Clerk to notify them to meet on the Day aforeSaid at the of mr: Samuel Wellington in Waltham at three O:Clock in the afternoon — at this meeting they Received a notification from mr Moses Coollidge Informing that he had Received into his Family one Henry Prentice belonging to Cambridge who came to him the 28th Day of may last also William Hunt Esqr: gave notice in Writing that he had Received into his Family one abijah Fullar who Came from Newton on the first Day of August last —— which Notifications are on file -

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown Weston and Waltham on the 24 Day of Sepr: 1781 at the House of mr Samuel Wellington Inn-holder the accounts for the Repairs of the Great Bridge in Watertown Since the Last Adjust. were adjusted amounting to the Sum of £ 16:16:0 of which —

Watertowns Part was - 5:19:4 Westons do was ----5:13:6 Walthams do was ---5: 3:2 16:16:0

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September ye 25: 1781 a Notification was Received from Phinehas Child of his taking on Thomas Cooke from Cambridge to Dweell with him who came to Live about the month of April last

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 3d: Day of October AD 1781 at Mrs: Dorothy Coollidges. They Agreed to have a publick town Meeting at the Meeting House on monday the Eighth Day of this Present month of Octr: and Directed the Clerk to Issue Warrants to the Several Constables to warn the Inhabitants Quallified to act in town affairs to assemble at Said time & place to act on the following Articles (Viz). First to Choose a Moderator of the Meeting. (2ly) To know the minde of the Town if they will Provide a place & finish the Poor House, or otherwise Provide for their Subsiftance, or act any thing Relating thereto they may Judge Proper — (3ly) To Devise Sufficient means for Raifing the Men for the Continential army (4ly) To Provide for the Payment of Moneys due from the town to Individuals (5ly) To See if the town will Confolidate the tax's Now due in paper money, and in the Hands of Collectors and Direct the Same to be Collected in Gould & Silver agreable to the Value at the time of making the Same to be estimated by the State Scale of Depreciation, or act anything thereon they may thing Proper (6ly) To come into Some Effectual Methods to Compell Collectors to pay in their Tax's Agreable to their Respective Warrants (7ly) To Choose a Committee to look up town Lands and Report their doings and act thereon as may be Judged expedient, & to hear the Report of any Committees Respecting the Same &c — Warrants were Issued Accordingly P Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly assemled at the meeting House on Monday ye 8th Day of October 1781.

(4th) Article Read & the Town Voted that a Committee of four be Chofen to Confolidate the Tax's &c — Voted & Chofe Jonathan Brown Esqr: with the Present Afsefsors for Said Committee — — — — — — — — —

Voted that the paper money be Confolidated agreable to the ti[me] the Rates became Payable — — — — —

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At a Publick Town Meeting on monday 15th of October 1781—held at the Meeting House By Adjournment———Daniel Parker Esqr: being Moderator the Meeting being opened

they Proceeded on the 2<sup>d</sup> Article & Voted that the Selectmen be Directed to Exchange the land owned by the town lying before the House in Which Convers Spring now lives — or provide by purchase or otherwise a peice of Land to Set the House for the Poor upon — Voted that a Committee be Chosen to Remove s<sup>d</sup> House from where it now Stands unto Such Peice of land and there finish the Same — Voted that the Com<sup>tte</sup>: Consist of three Voted & Chose m<sup>r</sup>: Amos Livermore m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Sawin & m<sup>r</sup> Simon Hastings be this Committee — Voted to Pass over the third Artle (5<sup>th</sup>) Article.

Voted That a Committee be Chofe to Petition the General Court or Assembly to Pass a Resolve impowering this town to Liquidate all those Sums of Money which have been heretofore Granted by this town and are now due upon Pass'd Assessment, and make the Same payable in Solid Coin — Voted that this Committee Consist of one Voted that Jonathan Brown Esqr be this Committee —— (61y) Article Voted that the Treasurer be & hereby is Directed to Issue his Warrants against each Collector within fourteen Days from this date, for the Two Tax's Granted for the hire of Soldiers one of Six the other eight Hundred Dollars Specia. unless Paid before that time Expires — article ye 7th: Voted that

a Committee be Chosen to Ascertain What Lands belong to this town & if Need be, to Commence & prosecute to final Issue;

any Action or Actions against any person or Persons That Claim or possess any Part of the Same ———— Voted that the Selectmen be directed to Supply this Committee with orders on the Treasurer for Such Sums of money, as may be Necessary for Carrying on Such actions, ———— Voted that this Committee Consist of Five ————

Voted & Chose Samuel Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> White m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger and m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark to be this Committee ———

Then the Meeting was Defolved ———

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 Army and act thereon as they Judge Proper. (3<sup>ly</sup>) For the town to Determin upon the Mode and give Directions for the Collecting the outstanding Tax's due to the town now in the Constables & Collectors hands; and do any thing Relating to the Paper money tax's Collected or not Collected they Judge Proper —

Warrants were Issued out directed to the Constables accordingly By order of the Selectmen & Signed Jona: Brown Town-Clerk At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled at the meeting House on Wednesday the

14th Day of Novr: AD 1781

than Watertowns Proportion

Voted & Chofe for Said Committee

| Jonathan Brown Esqr | William Hunt Esqr | mr Samuel White

Then voted that the Treasurer Call upon all the Collectors of tax's to pay in all the moneys they have Collected within the time limited by the town for Receiving paper money they making oath that they Received the Same for Rates due to the town as aforeSaid

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Wednesday the 14th day of November At m<sup>r</sup> John Bullards AD. 1781. an Account was brot: in from Samuel Jenifon ju<sup>r</sup> for labour at the great Bridge amounting to £ 2:8:0 also an Account from Seth Hastings for keeping School three Weeks and an half amounting to the Sum of \$4:13:6 which the Selectmen accepted & Signed an order on the treasurer

to pay sd accounts — They also Signed an order to Pay ye follow-
ing Persons the Sums Set to each of their names being grants
made them by the town last march (V1z)

	old Currency	Silver
To Sam <sup>II</sup> Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup> : as assessor last y	ear -	
	330=0.0	4:8:1
To Nath <sup>1</sup> Stone for do	384:0:0	5: 2:6
To Mofes Stone for do	360:0-	4:16:2
To Jedh Leathe for do	592:0——	7:17:2
To Jona Brown for do & Treasr	834:0——	11: 2:7
To ye Selectmen for expence last year	366:0	4:17:9
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2866:0:0 - 28: 4:3

At the above Meeting they Signed an order to M<sup>r</sup>: Eliot for twenty five Pounds in part of his Sallary the order is dated the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: last past

At a Publick Town Meeting held by adjournment on Monday the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of December 1781 at the Meeting House in Watertown by the Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup> Town Quallified to Vote in town affairs

Voted the Execution against mr: Daniel Mason be Staid ten days from this time — — — — — — — — — — — —

Voted that the Execution against mr: Henry Bradshaw be Sent out emediately — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Voted that a Committee be Chosen to Assist the Treasurer in arranging & Stating the Towns Accounts & Liquidating the money due to & from the town as well Individuals as others the Tax's to be included, that a Compleat State of the Debt & Credit may be know at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted to Choose three men to be on this Committe -

Voted and Chose for sd: Committe Lt: Amos Bond William Hunt Esqr mr: Josiah Bisco

Then voted that this meeting be adjourned to the first monday in January Next which was accordingly don to be at two Clock afternoon at this place

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at m<sup>r</sup>: John Bullards on the 3<sup>d</sup>: day of December 1781. They agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Norcrofs to

keep Ruth Maddox from this day till further orders for which he is to have 4/  $P^r$  week — — — — — — — — — — — — and They Signed an order on the treasurer to pay the following Sums hereafter mentioned (Viz). To the Rev<sup>d</sup>:  $m^r$ : Eliot in full of his Sallery the present year — — — —  $\pounds$  50: 0:0 to Daniel Parker Esq<sup>r</sup> for the Beef he provided — 82:13:6 to Jedidiah Learned for Boarding Mary Learned 1:4:0

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 17th Day of December 1781. at the House of the wido Dorothy Coollidge — They Signed an order on the Town Treasurer to Pay Mr: Bezaleel Howard or his order the Sum of 715:7:0 old Currency or in Silver equal thereto which is £9:8:2

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of of Watertown Quallified according to law Regularly assembled at the Meeting House in sd: town on Monday ye 7th Day of January AD: 1782

By Adjournment Wm Hunt Esqr: being Moderator -

The (2<sup>d</sup>) article in the Warrant being Read: And the Committee appointed to hire men for the Continential Army Informed that they had made Such Provision for Supplying this towns Proportion that they Supposed the Number was Compleat therefore no other Measures were taken — —

Then the Committee Appointed to assist the Treasurer in Settleing the towns accounts Reported what they had don on that affair which was Voted & accepted So far as it Related to any Grants made to Perticular Persons

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Swine Shall Run at Large the enfueing year. (5) to put in their Votes for a County Treasurer (6) To agree what Schools Shall be kept, and Grant money to Support the Same & do any Relating thereto they thing Proper. (7) To grant money to Support the Poor, & do any thing further Necessary to finish the House that was Purchased for that use & make Such provision for the Poor as may be thought Proper. (8) To Grant money to Support the Great Bridge and do any thing that may be thot: Necessary for the Recovery of Weston and Walthams Proportion of the Charge of the Support of ve Bridge over the Mill-Creek and do any thing thereon they think Proper. (9) To Grant money to repair the Highways & Town-ways and Pay Collectors & do any thing thereon they may think proper. (10) To hear the Accounts of those persons the town is indebted to and Grant money to pay the Same (11) To Agree upon Some Method to pay the Revd: Mr: Eliots Sallary Quarterly, and Act thereon as the town may think Proper. (12) To know the minds of the town what they will do with the towns Estate lately belonging to John Stearnes, and Act thereon as they think Proper — (13) To hear the Reports of any Committees, and Act thereon as the town may think best. (14) To know the minds of the town Whether they will let the Fishery, and Act Any thing thereon or Relating thereto the town may think Proper —— (15) To know ye minds of the town whether they will make any further grants to officers or Privates that have been in the Publick Service at Cannada Ticonderoga or else where not included in any former Votes, and act thereon as they may think proper — (16) To know the minds of the town, Whether they will Petition the General Court for that Part of Newton (Called Angiers Corner) to be annexed to Watertown, and Act any thing thereon as they think proper. (17) To know the minds of the town, if they will Call for the Outstanding Debts due to the town from Individuals, and act any thing thereon they think Proper - [(18)] To know the minds of the town. Whether they will do any thing Respecting the Collecting of Outstanding paper money Tax's, and act thereon as they think Proper -

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their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>rs</sup> Dorothy Coollidge on Fryday the first day of march Next at three o Clock afternoon —— Warrants were Issued out Accordingly and Signed P<sup>r</sup> Order of the Selectmen Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Town-Clerk

At this Meeting the following accounts were brot: to the Selectmen (Viz)

 $\dot{W^m}$ . Hunts account for Supplys to the poor and other Expences for the town as  $P^r$  acc<sup>ts</sup> — — 4:11: — Amos Bond for Supplys for the poor — 0:14:4 Simon Whitney for Wood for the School 3:7:4

8:12:8

11: 0:6

Bridge &c — — — 15: 0:0

Cornelius Park for Labour at the
Bridge — — — — 0:12:0

Seth Norcrofs for do: at Do 0:12:0

Orders were Signed on the Treasurer to Pay the above acctts
At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Mrs Dorothy
Coollidge on the first Day of March 1782 the following acctts
were Received by the Selectmen and allowed (Viz)

To the wido Mary Vila for Board for Mary Learneds

To Daniel Parker & others for Cloathing — 33:12:0
To Josiah Bisco Acctt for the poor — 0:14:0
To Newton Baxters acctt for ye Bridge — 0:4:0

To Jon<sup>a</sup> Browns Acc<sup>tt</sup> for paying for Beef — 0:18:0 To Joseph Grardners Lab<sup>r</sup> at the Great Bridge 0:9:0

March ye 4: 1782 the Selectmen Signed an order to pay this Sum — — — — 

£ 118: 0:5

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At a Publick Town Meting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in Town affairs Regularly assembled at the Meeting House in Said Town on monday ye 4th Day of march AD 1782. for the Choice of Town officers and other affairs & Setforth in the Warrants for calling the meeting

Voted & Chofe Daniel Parker Esqr: moderator of ye Meeting

 $Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ for \ Selectmen ---- \left\{ \begin{array}{l} Daniel \ Parker \ Esq^r \\ m^r \colon Josiah \ Bisco \\ m^r \ Daniel \ Whitney \\ L^t \colon Amos \ Bond \\ L^t \ Nath^l \colon Bright \end{array} \right.$ 

Voted & Chose for Town-Clerk & Town-Treasurer Jona Brown Esqr:

 $\begin{array}{c} Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ for \ Afsefsors \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{c} m^r \colon \ Josiah \ Bisco \\ L^t \ Amos \ Bond \\ L^t \ Nath^l \ Bright \end{array} \right. \\ \end{array}$ 

Chose Wardens Missrs Thomas Harrington & Samuel Hager — Fence-Viewers mrs Richard Richardson & Lt Nathl Bright Sealer of Leather mr Stephen Whitney — — — — — — Surveyors of Highways mr Richard Clark Moses Coollidge, Simon Whitney and Joel White — — — — — — — — Tythingmen Misrs John Draper & Phinehas Child — — Howards missrs Peter Harrington & William Chenery — — Surveyors of Timber & misrs David Sanger & Simon Hastings — Clerks of ye Markets misrs Jedh Leathe & John Bullard Hogrieves Misrs Joel White & Henry Bradshaw — — — Chose for Saxton mr Phins Jenison Voted & Granted him £ 3:12:0— for his Service-

Then voted yt: Swine Shall not Run at Large the Prefent year—then the votes were brot: in for a County Treasurer—Then the artile Relating to Schools was Read & they voted that there Shall be three Schools kept 4 months each all to be opened at the Same time—

Voted that the Schools be opened on the first Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> Next. Then Voted to Reconfider the above vote. then Voted & Granted £ 80 Pounds to Support the Schools, —— Then Voted to Divide the town into three Diftricts to keep the Schools in, — Then Voted to Choose a Committee for the Purpose of the Schools Destricts being made out ——

 $Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ for \ Said \ Committee ---- \left\{ \begin{array}{l} Jed^h \ Leathe \\ Josiah \ Bisco \\ Amos \ Livermore \end{array} \right.$ 

Then the (16) article was Read relating to Newton and then they voted that they would Not petition the Gen!. Court and that the Article be Difmift — — —

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On the Sixth article. Voted & Granted £ 60 pounds to Support the Poor ye present year — Then voted to Choose five men to be overseers of ye poor & to fit up the poor House where it now Stands or in Such other place as the town Shall Direct. — Voted yt the Selectmen be appointed for that Purpose - - - - Then Voted to Reconsider the last vote ————

Then Voted to Choose a Committee to finish the poor House -

 $Voted \& Chose for Said Committee \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M^r \colon Simon \ Hastings \\ m^r \ Daniel \ Mason \\ m^r \ Rich^d \colon Richardson \end{array} \right.$ 

then the article Relating to the Bridge was put over to the Next Meeting — — —

Then the Article Relating to the Highways was Read & they voted that one Single Poll Should be Set at half a Days work and the Estates in Proportion

Then They voted to give Collectors of Tax's 1½ Pr Cent for Collecting - - -

Then they Voted to Adjourn the meeting to monday the 18th Day of this Present month at this Place at two O Clock afternoon which was Accordingly don

march ye 4: 1782 missrs Joel White and Henry Bradshaw were Sworn into the office of Hogrieves.

By William Hunt: Justs: Peace

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of mr John Bullard on Monday the 11th Day of March 1782 the following Persons were Sworn into the Several offices hereafter mentioned (Viz) Richard Richardson Fence-Viewer, Stephen Whitney Sealer of leather Richard Clark, Moses Coollidge, & Joel White, Surveyors of High-ways Phinehas Child Tythingman Peter Harrington Howard — David Sanger Surveyor of Timber, Jedh Leathe & John Bullard Clerk of the Markets — — — —

Sworn By Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

Watertown March ye 18th 1782. Missr Josiah Bisco, Amos Bond, and Nathaniel Bright were Sworn as Assessors

Nath<sup>1</sup> Bright Fence-Viewer, Simon Whitney Surveyor of Highways

William Chenery Howard,

Sworn by Wm: Hunt Justs Peace

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At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled at the Publick Meeting house on Monday the 18th Day of March AD: 1782 — By adjournment. Daniel Parker Esq<sup>r</sup>: being absent the Town Voted & Chose William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator of ye Meeting Then they Proceeded to fill up the Vacancys of Town officers Voted & Chose Mr Saml Benjamin & mr David Stone Constables Voted & Chose Mi<sup>r</sup>s: Jonathan Stone & Daniel Cook Collectors Then Voted that the Consideration of a Grant for the great Bridge be put of for the Present — — — — — — — — Then a motion was made for to Reconsider a vote Passed at the last meeting & it Passed in the affirmative Relating to Petitioning the General Court for part of Newton — — — and They Voted to Choose a Committee of five persons to Confer with the Inhabitants of Newton at Angiers Corner (so Called) on the affair - - -

Voted & Chose for Sd: Committee

m<sup>r</sup>: David Bemis m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Amos Bond m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger

 Committed to mifrs Samuel Barnard, Jedidiah Leathe & Mofes

Stone ju<sup>r</sup>

They the (15) article was Read & Voted yt. the Selectmen Consider thereof & Report what is proper to be don thereon — — the article Relating to John Stearnes place being Read. They voted to Choose a Committee of five to Consider thereof & Report

 $Chose for Said Committee --- \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m^r \ Rich^d \ Clar^l\!k \\ m^r \ Jed^h \ Leathe \\ m^r \ David \ Bemis \\ W^m. \ Hunt \ Esq^r \\ maj^r \ Sam^l \ Barnard \end{array} \right.$ 

Then the article Relating to the Fishery was Read & Voted to Choose a Committee to Petition the Gen<sup>11</sup> Court for Liberty [to] Lease the Same

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Chose for Said Committee

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Daniel Parker Esqr
William Hunt Esqr:

Lt Amos Bond
Jona Brown Esqr
majr Saml: Barnard

Voted & Chofe for Said Committee — 

Lt Amos Bond
William Hunt Esqr
mr Josiah Bisco ——

Then they Voted and Chose for a Committee to take care to See the Bonds & Notes &c Renewed

 $\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} Jon^a \ Brown \ Esq^r \\ W^m \ Hunt \ Esq^r \\ m^r \ Jed^h \ Leathe \end{array} \right.$ 

Voted that ye Treasurer Call on the Delinquent Collectors & if they do not Settle their acctts: in one month to Send Executions
The accounts that were allowed are as follows (Viz)
To Josiah Bisco for Serving Assessor ye year Past 4:18:0
To Amos Bond for like Service — — — — 4:12:0
To Nathaniel Bright for do — — — — 4:12:0
To Jonathan Brown for Serving Treasurer — 12:0
To Moses Coollidge for Smith work — — — 1:10

To Amos Livermore for Work at the Barrak — To Simon Hastings for do — — — — — To Edward Harrington for Stones for a Bridge To the Selectmen for Expences Last year — —	3:19:6 0:18:0——
£	42:15:6

The Committee Appointed to Divide the Town into three Destricts for the School Reported their doings, — and the town Voted that the Consideration thereof be Refered to April meeting

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Wednesday ye 20th day of March 1782 at the House of mr: Mathew Fairservice they ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to the Constables to Warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants Quallified agreable to the Constitution to Assemble at the Meeting House on monday the first Day of April at one O: Clock in the afternoon to Put in their Votes for a Governor Leiut Governor & Senator, they also agreed to have an other meeting at the Same place the Same day at 3 O: Clock afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz) First to Choose a moderator of the Meeting

(2) To Choose any town officers in the Room of Such as Refuse to Serve &c

(3) To know the minde of the town whether they will dismifs the Committee that were Chosen & appointed on the 18th day of March Instant to Petition the General Court for part of Newton ———— and to Act any thing thereon they think proper ————

(4) To know the minde of the town Whether they will do any thing Relating to the fenceing the Ministerial Place, and make Such a grant of money as they think Proper. and to Choose a Committee to Settle accounts with the Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Eliot and to Determin when his yearly Sallary in futer Shall begin and act anything on the affair that may be tho<sup>t</sup> proper-

(5) To know the minde of the town Whether will Sell the Barrack that was Purchased to make a House for the use of the Poor, or give Such Instructions to the Committee that was Chosen to finish the Same, and to act on the Matter as they think Proper —

(6) To know the minde of the town Whether they will Abate any Perticular Perfons Rates and act thereon as they See fit.

(7) To Hear the Reports of any Committees and make any fur-

ther grants of money they Judge Necessary

(8) To appoint a Committee to Examin the treasurers accounts and do any other thing or Matters that may be thought Necessary

#### Warrants were Issued out accordingly Pr Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

Watertown April ye 1th: 1782. mifrs William Warrin and David Stone Were Sworn into the office of Constable and Daniel Cook & Jonathan Stone into the office of Collector

By William Hunt Justs: Peace

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At a Publick Town meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified according to the Constitution to Vote for a Governor & Lieut Governor and Senators Regularly assembled at the Meeting House in Sd: Town on Monday ve

First Day of April Anno: Domini 1782

The Selectmen being present the meeting being opened the Votes for a Governor were Called for being brot: in Sorted & Counted it appeared that His Excellency John Hancock Esqr: had 40 Votes & the Honll: James Bowdoin had 6 Votes The Honll Thos Cushing had 6 Votes & Azor orne had 17 for Lt Governor, ----

Then the Votes were brot: in for Senators & being Sorted & Counted it appeared that the Several Persons afternamed had the Number Set against his Name which are as follows (Viz) — —

Honl James Prescot Esqr 41
Josiah Stone Esq <sup>r</sup> . 2
Abraham Fullar
Esq <sup>r</sup> 30
Nath <sup>1</sup> Gorham Esq <sup>r</sup> : 5
Eben <sup>r</sup> Bridge Esq <sup>r</sup> 43
John Tyng Esq <sup>r</sup> 20
James Rufsel Esqr 17

At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled at the Meeting House on Monday the 1st: Day of April AD 1782, to transact Several affairs at Setforth in the Warrant for Calling the Meeting - Voted & Chose Daniel Parker Esqr: Moderator -

Then the article Relating to Choosing Town officers was Read and mr Saml Benjamin asked to be Excused from Serving & by a vote was Excufed the Present year - - - - - - - -Then the article Relating to Newton was Read & after longe Debate thereon they Voted to Dismiss it ---Then they Voted & Chose - - - - Lt: William Warrin Constable Voted that the Committee Appointed to finish the Barrack Proceed on the affair as Soon as may be - - then the Sixth Article was Read Relating to Sinking Tax's and was Past over

Then

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Then they took into Consideration the article Realating to the Fencing the Ministerial Place and after Debate thereon they Voted that they would not be at any further expense about the infide fences: ——— Then they Voted that a Committee be Chosen to Settle with the Revd: mr: Eliot respecting his Sallary & determin at what Period it Shall begin in futer. and make Report of the State of the fences on the ministerial Place; and put the outside fences on the ministerial place in good repair - -

Voted & Chose for Sd: Committee 

mr: Phins Harrington mr Thos: Learned mr Richd: Clark

Then Voted yt a former Committee Chosen last year to Settle with mr: Eliot Joine them in sd: Service. which are as follows (Viz)

the former Committee ———— { Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>

Then the Committee to whome were Committed Sundry accounts

Reported as follows (Viz)
That m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>1</sup> Ruggles Whitney Receive on his acc<sup>tt</sup>: £ 1: 9:9 and mr Thomas Safford receive on his Acctt - - 3:18:0

Voted and Granted for to pay Said accounts - 5: 7:9

Report of ye Committee on the affair of John Stearnes was Read & is as follows (Viz) — We the Subscriber a Committe Appointed by the town to take into Consideration the Circumftances respecting the purchase of the Estate late belonging to John Stearnes by the Town also respecting any Moneys Paid by the Town for Said Estate, & now in the hands of the Guardians; also Respecting a reconveyance of Said Estate to Said Stearnes; are of Opinion that the town reconvey to said Stearnes Said Estate upon his paying the Town the moneys paid by them for Said Estate with the Interest thereof, and that the moneys now in the Hands of the Guardians (being the Same paid by the town) be Received as part of the Sum paid by the town for Said Estate; That any Rents Received by the town be Confidered as part towards the Interest to be Estimated according to the Value at the time of Payment, Agreable to the Scale of Depreciation,

> Richard Clark Tedh Leathe William Hunt David Bemis Sam<sup>ll</sup> Barnard

which Report was accepted

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Then they took into Consideration the Report of the Committee that were Chosen to Divide ye Inhabitants of the town into School Destricts; after Debate thereon it was Voted & accepted. See ye

Report on file — — —

Then they voted & Choie as a Com<sup>tte</sup>. to Examin ye Treafurer acc<sup>tt</sup> 

W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esqr
L<sup>t</sup> Amos Bond
m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis

Then the Meeting was Defolved ———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen the Sixth Day of May AD 1782 they Agreed to have a Publick Town Meeting on the 13th Day of may Instant at two O: Clock afternoon at the Meeting House to Choose a Representative to Serve the town in the Great & General Court the year ensueing - - - -

also to have an other Meeting on the Same day at the Same Place at three O Clock to Act on the following articles (Viz) First to Choose a Moderator of the Meeting — (2) To know the mind of the Town Whether they will Choose a Committee to reconvey the Estate that was John Stearnes's to him again agreable to a vote of the town - (3ly) To know the mind of the town whether they will Require Bonds of the Constables & Collectors For the Towns Security: — (4ly) To know the mind of the town whether they will Come into Some Method to Repair the

Building Procured for the use of the Poor, or act any-thing Relating thereto (5<sup>ly</sup>) To know the mind of the town whether they will Appoint a Committee to Commence a Suit against the town of Waltham in case they Refuse to Pay their Proportion of the expence of the Repairs don to the Great Bridge: (6<sup>ly</sup>) To Choose any town officers that may be Necessary: — (7<sup>ly</sup>) To do any thing relating to Collectors Settleing their Accounts that may be thought Proper (8<sup>th</sup>) To hear the Reports of any Committees and act thereon as they think proper — (9<sup>ly</sup>) To Act on any other Matters that may be thot: Necessary ——

Warrants were Issued to the Constables Directing them to warn the Meetings for the Purpoles above mentioned

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At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown at the Meeting House on monday the 13th Day of May: AD 1782. for the Choice of a Representative the meeting being Opened upon a motion made the Town Voted not to Send a Representative after which a Debate arose concerning the Legallity of Such a Vote and they voted that the meeting Should be Difolved & an other Called for the Like purpose to be on Fryday Next at two O: Clock at the Meeting House

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs assembled at the Meeting House in Said town on Monday the 13th Day of May AD: 1782 They Voted & Chose Dr Marshall Spring Moderator Then the meeting was adjourned to Fryday Next two o Clock afternoon to meet in this Place———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 13th Day of May 1782—They directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to the Constable to Warn all the Inhabitants who are Quallified to vote for Representatives to assemble at the meeting House on Fryday Next to Choose a Representative for the ensueing year if they think Proper.

Warrants were Issued accordingly Pr Jona Brown Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Water-

town assembled for the Choice of a Representative after longe Debate they Voted not to come to the Choice of a Person for to Represent them in the General Court the Present year 1782——then Voted that the thanks of this town be given to Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> for his faithfull Services in Representing them in ye Gen<sup>1</sup> Court Several years past

Chose for Said Committee ——— { William Hunt Esqr Saml Fisk Esqr Mr David Bemis}

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Chose as a Com<sup>tte</sup>. for y<sup>t</sup>: Purpose - 

m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger
m<sup>r</sup> Simon Hastings
Daniel Parker Esq<sup>r</sup>
Then Voted y<sup>t</sup>: Such Constables & Collectors as had lists of Rates

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham on the 27 day of May 1782 at the House of Capt: Isaac Gleason Inn holder in Waltham They Proportioned the Charge that had arisen for ye Repairs of the Great Bridge in Watertown Since the last adjustment amounting to the Sum of £ 22:19:0:3 of which Sum —

Watertowns Part is 8:5:2
Westons do is 7:7:9:3
Walthams do is 7:6:1
£ 22:19:0:3

At the Same time and place the Selectmen of Watertown & Waltham Settled and Adjusted an acctt: for the Support of one Abigail Ball a Poor Person Supposed to belong to the two towns to Support —— The account is as follows (Viz) ——

To Boarding her 25 Weeks being from Dect: ye 5: 1781 to may 27: 1782 @ 6/ P Week — 7:10:0

Watertowns Tax is 720:16:8 Watertowns Proportion

Walthams do is 637:10:0 is £3:18:9

Walthams do: is — 3:11:3

1358: 6:8

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the town of Watertown June the 18th: 1782. They Agreed to Call a Town-Meeting to be at the Meeting House on monday the 24th Instant at 4 O Clock afternoon & Directed the Clerk to Issue Warrants to the Constable to Warn the Inhabitants to meet at Said time & place for the following Purposes (Viz) First to Choose a moderator of the Meeting (2) To Choose any Constables or Collectors (if need be) in the Room of Such as Neglect or Resuse to give Bond to the treasurer for the Security of the town for the faithfull Discharge of their trust—

Warrants were Issued accordingly P Jon<sup>2</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly assembled at the Meeting House on Monday the 24th Day of June 1782: To transact Sundry affairs as Mentioned in the Warrants for Calling the Meeting They Voted & Chose mr: David Bemis Moderator of the Meeting

Collectors

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Chose for Said Committee} \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Jon}^a \colon Brown \ Esq^r \\ D^r \ Marshall \ Spring \\ W^m \ Hunt \ Esq^r \end{array} \right. \end{array}$ 

Then the meeting was adjourned to monday Next 5 o Clock afternoon

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At a Legal Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly assembled at the meeting House on monday ye 1th day of July AD 1782. Mr David Bemis being moderator They took into Consideration the 2d article in the Warrant for Calling the meeting & after Longe Debate thereon they voted to Choose a Committee to apply to the General Court to Impower the town to come to a New Choice of Constables & Collectors in the Room of Such as may Refuse to Comply with the Votes of the town Respecting Constables &

At a Legal Town Meeting held by adjournment at the Meeting House of the freeholders &c. in Watertown on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1782 - The moderator being absent m<sup>r</sup> Ezek<sup>l</sup>. Whitney was Chosen but Refused to Serve = Then they Voted that the Town-Clerk Should put the votes in the Room of the moderator — There being a very thin meeting after Reading Some Resolves of the General Court of Great Importance They voted to put off the Consideration of the Same together with the Proper Business of the meeting to monday Next at 5 O Clock in the afternoon — Then they voted that the Selectmen Desire the Rev<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup> Eliot to Read s<sup>d</sup>: Resolves with the Letter accompaning the Same next Sunday after Divine Service — Then they

Voted that the Clerk Put up Notifications to Reminde the town of the time of meeting to take into Consideration the matters above mentioned in the papers above s<sup>d</sup>: Then the meeting was Adjourned to monday Next at 5: O Clock afternoon at this Place

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>rs</sup> Dorothy Coollidge July ye 22d: 1782. They ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the Constables to Warn the Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the meeting House on thursday Next at 3 O Clock afternoon for to act on the following articles (Viz) First to Choose a moderator—2d To agree with and make Choice of Some Person or Persons to Collect emediately ye Continentia[1] Tax Granted to Support the army &c: (3ly) To Grant money for Su[ch] purposes as the Town may think Necessary———
Warrants were Issued accordingly

#### [292]

At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled at the meeting House in sd: town on Thursday the 25th day of July 1782—

Voted that William Warrin & David Stone Constables be allowed 1½ per Cent upon Collecting the Continential Tax now assessed in addition to the 1½ formerly Voted for the Collecting of Tax's

Voted that the Selectmen Prepare a Subscription to be Exhibeted to the Inhabitants of the town by the Constable when he goes to Collect the Tax's —

Then the meeting was adjourned to monday next at this place at 5 O Clock afternoon ———— But as there Appeared that there was not any thing Necessary to be don the meeting was Dropt

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at m<sup>rs</sup> Coollidges on ye 22d day of Augt: 1782 they Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay the following accounts (Viz)

To Josiah Bisco for Serving assessor — 4:18: —
To Amos Bond for Like Service — 4:12: ——
To Nath! Bright for do 4:12: -
To Jona: Brown for Serving Treasurer 12: 0: -
To Moses Coollidge for Smith work — 1:10: —
To Amos Livermore for work at the Barrack
5:6: —
To Simon Hastings for do — — 3:19: 6
To Edw <sup>d</sup> Harrington for Stones for a Bridge
0:18: —
To Selectmen for Expences Last year — 5:0: —
To Phins Harrington & others for ]
Repairing the fence on the \{ 10: 7: 8
ministerial place —
To Nath <sup>1</sup> R: Whitney — — 1: 9: 9
To Tho <sup>s</sup> Safford — 3:18: 0
53:10:11

At this meeting Simon Whitney notified ye Selectmen of taking Thomas Seger to live with him & Nath Bright the Received Abigail Blackman to live with him See ye Notifications on file

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 9th Day of Sepr: Anno: Domini, 1782 at the House of Capt: Harris They approbated to following Persons to be Inn-holders (Viz) Dorothy Coollidge, Edward Richardson and (Capt Harris & mt Fairservice Jointly) —— they also approbated the following persons to be Retailors of Speritous Liquors (Viz) Amos Bond, Henry Bradshaw, Ezekiel Hall, Daniel Parker, David Bemis, Josiah Capen, David Sanger, & Nathaniel Peirce, ———

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen Sepr: ye 23d: 1782 They Signed orders on the Town-Treasurer to Pay the Several Persons the following Sums (Viz)

To Phinehas Jenifon for work on the ministerial £
place 2: 2:—

To Edwd Richardson for Drink when Removeing ye

Barrack 0:15:11

To Josiah Norcross for Boarding Ruth Maddox 0:16:—

To Saml Fisk Esqt for fenceing Stuff for ye
ministerial place 3: 6:—
also To Josiah Sanderson for abatements made
in his State tax of Elijah Tolman & Daniel
Learneds Rates — — — — — — —

at this meeting they Directed the Clerk to notify ye Selectmen of Weston and Waltham to meet at mr Francis Marshalls to agree what Repairs Should be made of the Great Bridge — They were notified accordingly to meet at Said Place on Fryday next at. 3. O Clock afternoon for said Purpose ——

At a meeting of ye Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham at mr Francis Marshalls on Fryday ye 27th day of Sepr: 1782. They view'd the Bridge and agreed that the Selectmen of Watertown Should make Such Repairs as they Should Judge Necessary

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Capt

Harris on monday the 30th day of Sepr: AD 1782. They agreed to have a Publick Town Meeting on the Seventh day of October Next at two O Clock afternoon at the meeting House for the ends

following (Viz)

First to Choose a moderator of the meeting (2<sup>ly</sup>) to determin how the town tax's Shall be Collected for the present year, and to act any thing thereon the town may think Proper, (3<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of the town whether they will come into Some Method to Compleat the Collections of the old outstanding tax's and act any thing the town may think Proper thereon, (4<sup>ly</sup>) to agree upon

Some Method to Settle with  $\wedge$  those persons that the town is Indebted to. and act any thing the town may think proper theron (5<sup>ly</sup>) to grant money to Support the poor. and Defray any other

Charges that the town may think Necessary

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 $(6^{ly})$  To abate any Perfons Tax's that the town may think Proper—

(7ly) To hear the Report of any Committees and act thereon as the town may think proper ———

Warrants were Issued to the Several Constables the next day

Pr order of ye Selectmen and Signed by

Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled at the Meeting House in Said town on Monday the Seventh day of Octr: AD: 1782

Voted & Chofe William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator of ye Meeting Then ye 2d: article in the Warrant was Read Relating to Collectors and after Debate thereon They Voted to Reconfider the vote Past at a former Meeting relating to the Constable & Collectors giveing Bond for their faithfull performance of their trust on the third article they Voted that the town Treasurer be directed to Issue his Executions against all deliquent Constables & Collectors emediately after Thursday the 17 day of this present month of October————

Then the meeting was adjourned to Thursday ye Seventeenth day of this present month of oct<sup>r</sup>: to meet at this place at two O Clock afternoon —

The Selectmen being Met at the House of mr Francis Marshall the 7th day of Octr: AD 1782. they Received an Account from the Wido Mary Vila for Boarding Mary Learneds Child from the Second day of March last to the 5th: day of october Instant amounting to £ 6:4:0 which they accepted and ordered the Treasurer to pay———

Middlesex s Watertown Decr: ye 27th: 1782 Mr: Samuel Hager having been Chosen a Warden for the present year for this town appeared and was Sworn as the law Directs

By me Jona: Brown Justs Peaice

middlefex fs Watertown Dec<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>: 1782 m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Harrington was Sworn into the office of Warden as y<sup>e</sup> Law Directs

P me Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Jus<sup>t</sup> Peace

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At a Publick Town Meeting held at the meeting House in Water town on thursday the 17th Day of October AD 1782 By Adjour ment	r- n-
William Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup> : the moderator being Absent They voted and Chose M <sup>r</sup> : Amos Bond Moderator of the meeting ————————————————————————————————————	ng to im he
Voted to Choose a Committee to Petition the Great and Gener Court respecting Cambridge Bridge ————————————————————————————————————	al
Voted and Chose for Said Committee   Daniel Parker Esqr mr Amos Bond mr David Bemis Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown Esqr:	
Voted to abate Jedih: Learneds town tax's in $M^r$ : Edm <sup>d</sup> : Fowl lists (Viz) Paper Rate amounting to £ 31:7:— and his Silver money tax amounting to $y^e$ sum of $0:12:7$ also abated Sam <sup>l</sup> : Paine Jones's tax in $m^r$ Fowles list in paper money amounting to £ 24:12:0— Silver Tax in his list amounting to $y^e$ Sum of — $0:9:10$ and John Wellingtons paper money $24:12:$ — his Silver money Tax amounting to $y^e$ Sum of — $0:9:10$ and John Crofsbes paper Tax of $29:2:0$ — his Silver Tax amounting to the Sum of — $0:11:9$	es
Then Voted that the Committee Chosen to look up towns Lar be Impowered to Sell or lease any Lands they think Proper b longing to the town —— The foregoing votes were past at Said meeting —— Attest  Moderator ——	e-
At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the 12th. Day of Nov <sup>r</sup> : 1782 - They Signed an order on the Town-Treasurer to pay the Sever persons the Sums Set to their Names (Viz) To the wid <sup>o</sup> Mar Vila for Boarding Mary Learneds Child from the Second Day of march last to the fifth Day of October following Six pounds for thillings ————————————————————————————————————	ral ry of ur
and to the wido Sarah Bond in part for Boarding James Hays Daughter — — — — — — — — 6:0: and to Phinehas Jenison in part for his Service as	

Saxton this year — — — — — — — — — —	2:0:0
also to pay m <sup>r</sup> Daniel Whitney for timber for the	
Great Bridge — — — — — — — — — —	2:8:0

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Dec<sup>r</sup>:  $y^e$  9<sup>th</sup> 1782 They Signed an order on the town-Treasurer to pay John Remington ju<sup>r</sup> for keeping School five months £ 26:13:4

#### [296]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on ye 23e Day of December at Capt Harris's AD: 1782 They Agreed to have a Town Meeting at the meeting House on Monday the 30th of this present month of Dect: at one oClock afternoon for the purposes following (Viz) First to Choose a moderator (2) To know if the town will grant Liberty for the Children of James Hay to Set a Small house on ye Land of the town for his use and to act thereon as they See set (3) To Choose Wardens if it appears Necessary (4ly) To Agree upon Some Method for Collecting the Tax Lately Granted for the Continential Service (5) To give the Committee Appointed to Consolidate the towns debts Some Instructions as they See sit— (6) To hear the Reports of Committee and Act thereon as they think Proper————

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the meeting House on Monday the 30th Day of Decr: AD 1782 to transact Sundry town affairs as Setsorth in the Warrant for Calling the meeting — They Voted & Chose mr: Josiah Bisco moderator 2d article being Read they Voted that the Children of James Hay have Liberty to erect a House for their Father on the towns Land

have Liberty to erect a Houle for their Father on the towns Land lately purchased of Josiah Capen, there to Stand during the Pleasure of the town, but by the Direction of the town at any time they are Oblidged to Remove the Same, Three months notice being first given - The Selectmen to determine on what part of the Ground it Shall be placed — nothing being don on the Third article the Wardens being Sworn — 4<sup>th</sup> article passed over for this time on the 5<sup>th</sup> article voted y<sup>t</sup> the Committee Appointed to Consolidate Debts cast them up to the first day of January 1783.

Then Voted that the Meeting with the Remaining business be adjourned to monday ye 20th day of January Next at two O Clock

afternoon in this Place

At a Meeting of the Selectmen they Signed an order on the town=Treasurer to pay m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Soden twenty Six pounds thirteen shillings and Six pence for the Support of School in the east Destrict—

also to pay m<sup>r</sup> Seth Hastings £ 21:6:8 in full of his account for keeping School in the middle School House

#### [297]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston & Waltham on  $y^e$  13<sup>th</sup> Day of Jany: AD: 1783. at the House of  $m^r$ : Samuel Wellington Innholder in Waltham: They adjusted and Settled the Charge that had arisen for the Repairs of the great Bridge in Watertown Since the last adjustment the whole amounting to the Sum of £ 12:15 $^s$  — of which Sum — Watertowns part is £ 4:11:9

Watertowns part is £ 4:11:9
Westons do: is 4:2:1
Walthams do is 4:1:2

12:15:0

At the Same time and place the Selectmen Settled an account for the Support of Abigail Ball a poor person Said to be the Charge of the two Towns from the 29 of May last to Oct<sup>r</sup>: ye 16 which Should have been ye 18 following (Viz)

To Boarding her 20 Weeks @6/--- 6: 0:0 ——
to 3 y<sup>ds</sup> of Baize at 6/ p y<sup>d</sup>: ---- 0:18:0 ——
to a Pair of Shoes ----- 0: 7:6
to two Peticoats ---- 0: 8:0

The whole amounting to the Sum of - - - £ 7:13:6

Watertowns part is

Walthams do is

4 : 1 : 4
3 : 12 : 2

7:13:6

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown held at the Meeting House in Sd: Town on Monday the 20h Day of January 1783. By Adjournment — Mr Josiah Bisco being Moderator the 4th Article being Read and after Debate thereon they voted that Lt: William Warrin who is one of the Constables Shall Collect the State or Continential Tax now ordered to be made and that he Shall have two & 3/4 Pr Cent for his Service Then Voted that what was allowed him before & for Collecting this tax be Assest with the tax now to be made — Then the Sixth Article being Read the Committee appointed to hire the last men to go into the Service in the Army Informed that they were ready to Settle their accounts Relating to that Service. and Desired a Committee may be appointed to Settle with them — Where upon it was Voted to Choose three persons as a Committee for that Purpose ——  $\begin{array}{c} \text{Voted \& Chose for Said Committee} \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{c} M^r \colon \text{Moses Stone} \\ \text{Jon}^a \colon \text{Brown Esq}^r \\ M^r \ \text{Sam}^l \ \text{White} \end{array} \right. \end{array}$ 

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then the Meeting Desolved -

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at the House of Capt Harris on Wednesday the 19th Day of Feby: 1783. They Agreed to have the Publick Annual Town-Meeting on Monday the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of March Next at nine O:Clock in the forenoon at the Meeting House and ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to the Constables to Warn the Inhabitants who are Quallified to vote in town affairs to assemble at sd: time and Place for the following Purpofes (Viz) First to Choose a Moderator — 2<sup>d</sup> To Choose Selectmen Town-Clerk and all other town officers Required to be Chose in the Month of March Anually. (3d) To Choose a Saxton and Agree how he Shall be paid for his Service (4) To Determin Whether Swine Shall Run at Large ve ensueing year. (5) To put in their votes for a County Treasurer. (6) To Agree what Schools Shall be kept and grant money to Support the Same, and act any thing Relating thereto they think Proper. (7) To Grant money to Support ye poor. (8) To Grant money to Repair the Great Bridge. (9) to Grant money to Repair the Highways and Act any thing on the affair they think proper. (10) To Choose a Committee to Examin the Treasurers accounts and do any thing thereon they may think proper. (11) To know the minde of the Town whether they will do any thing in behalf of the wido Goddard Relating to an Action brought against her ye Fenceing her Land, by the Fence-Viewers. and to act thereon as they See fit — (12) To know the mind of the town whether they will call in their Outstanding debts, and act thereon as they See fit. (13) To know the mind of the Town if they will give any Instructions to the Committee appointed to Petition the General Court for Liberty to Lease the Fishery and act thereon as they See fit (14) To know if the town will make any Grants to the Collectors or any other persons that have don Services for the Town, and to adjust any Accounts that are unfettled with any Committees &c. (15) To know the minde of the town what they will do Relating to Mary Stearnes a poor person Said to belonge to Watertown and Act thereon as they think best. (16) To hear the Accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to & grant money to pay the Same — (17) To know if the town will abate any perticular persons Rates in any of the Collectors lists, and act thereon as they think proper. (18) To know if the town will do any thing further Relating to Grants made to Soldiers, and act any thing thereon they See best. (19) To país upon a list of Juriors Prepared to be laid before the town. (20) To hear the Reports of any Committees and act thereon as they may Judge Necessary, and Likewise to Notify the town Creditors to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen at the House of mr John Bullard on Fryday ye 28th of this present month at two O Clock afternoon in order to their being laid before the — Which was Accordingly don the Next day

At the meeting aforeSaid the Selectmen Signed an order of the
Treasurer to Pay mr Jedidiah Leathe in full of his account
presented 2: 2:0
and To Saml Fisk Esqr on his account presented 4:10:0
and to mr Ebenr Everit in full of Jedh Learneds \( \) 1: 3:6
Rates abated in his List
f 7:15:6

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By Iona: Brown Town Clerk -

The following Accounts were brot: in and allowed by	the	Se	elect-
men (Viz)			
To Saml Fisk Esqr: for Boarding Ruth Maddox 17			
weeks 6/	5	:	2:0
to the wido Mary Vila for Boarding mary Learneds			
Child to march 1783 —	5	:	4:0

to Daniel Whitney Boarding Ruth Maddox 11	
weeks @ 3	1:13:0
to Nathl Bright for Board for Ruth Maddox &	
things for mary Learneds Child -	2:0:0
to Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown for attendance on a Com <sup>ttee</sup> of the	
Gen¹ Court — — —	0:6:9
to Josiah Mixer for Boarding Ruth Maddox — ——	0:18:0
	15: 3:9
1783 March ve 3d the Selectmen Signed an order on the	Transurar

1783 March ye 3d the Selectmen Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay the above — — —

The following Accounts were brot: to be laid before the Town for acceptance (Viz) To Saml Fisk Esqr for a Stone - - 0:5:0

To Amos Bond for Serving Afselsor ye year past — 5:0 — To Nathl Bright for do - - - - - - - - 6:0 — To Josiah Bisco for do — - - - - - 6:0 — To Jona Brown for attending the Service of Treasurer

To the Selectmens Expence last year - - - - 5:0 —

£ 33:5

The above Accounts were Allow'd and ye Sd Sum Granted to pay the Same March ye 10th: 1783

# [300]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to vote in Town affairs Regularly Assembled at the Meeting House in Sd Town on Monday the 3d Day of March AD 1783. For the Choice of town officers and other affairs as Mentioned in the Warrants - - They Voted & Chose William Hunt Esqr: Moderator of the Meeting

3	M <sup>r</sup> : Amos Livermore Cap <sup>t</sup> : Phinehas Stearnes Maj <sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen Cap <sup>t</sup> : Chris <sup>r</sup> : Grant ju <sup>r</sup> L <sup>t</sup> : Moses Stone ju <sup>r</sup>
	Capt: Phinehas Stearnes
Chofe for Selectmen	Majr Josiah Capen
	Capt: Christ: Grant jut
	L <sup>t</sup> : Mofes Stone ju <sup>r</sup>
Chose for Town-Clerk & Town	n-Treasurer Jona: Brown Esqu
	William Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup>
Chofe for Afselsors	m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco ——
Chose for Assessors	Lt Amos Bond

Chofe Constables Lt William Warrin & mr David Stone Wardens mr Laban Wheaten mr Nathll Pierce & Dr: Marshal Spring

Fence-Viewers Lt: Nathl: Bright & mr Phins Harrington

Sealer of Leather m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Whitney —— Surveyors of Highways m<sup>r</sup> Nath! Peirce m<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore Dr Marshal Spring and Mr Hugh Mason

Tythingmen mr Richard Richardson & mr Thomas Learned

Howards mr Abraham Whitney mr Wm Chenery & mr Edmd

Fowle & John Bullard

Surveyors of Timber &c mr David Sanger & mr Simon Hastings Clerks of the Markets mr John Bullard & mr Nath! Peirce Hogrieves mr Daniel Cornwall mr Peter Harrington mr Edmd:

Fowle and mr: Nath! Bemis

Cullar of Hoops Staves &c mr Jeremiah Bridge

Chose for Saxton mr: Phins Jenison & Granted him £ 3 for the Service Then Voted that Swine Should not run at Large ye

present year -

Then the Town took into Consideration the affair of mrs Goddard, and Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to Inquire into the affair and Report to the town what they think will be proper to be don thereon at the Adjournment of the meeting then they Voted that the Schools be the Same in Number and under the Same Regulations as they were the last year ———— Then Voted & Granted £ 100 pounds to Support the Same -Then they took into Consideration ye artile Relating to former Col-

lectors and Constables Relating to their allowance for Collecting, and Voted to Choose a Committee to Consider thereof and make

Report at ye adjournment

Chofe for Said Committee ——— { mr: Nath! Peirce Wm Hunt Esqr mr David Sanger ——

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Voted that the Persons that will Collect the Tax's on the Lowest Terms and give good Security to the town Shall have that priviledge - - - - -

Then voted to adjourn to Six o Clock in the Evening to mr John Bullards to agree with Such as may Incline to undertake the

Business - -

Then the Meeting was accordinly adjourned to 6 O Clock at mr

Then after Choosing Constables they Proceed and Chose two Collectors of ye town Rates — (Viz) mr Francis Brown & mr

Mofes Coollidge - - - -

Then they Voted that the Highway Rate be assest as it was last year (Viz) half a Day to a Pool and in proportion on the Estates the Price of Labour 6/ a day for a man & ye like Sum for a Team —

Then they Voted to adjourn the Meeting to monday Next at Nine o Clock in the forenoon to meet at the Meeting House — — which was accordingly don ————

all Sworn By — Jona: Brown Justt Peace —

March ye 10th: 1783 Nathl Bright was Sworn into the office of Collector of Tax's & Fence-Viewer, and Abraham Whitney & John Bullard Howards & Peter Harrington Hogrieve

By Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Just<sup>t</sup>: Peace

## [302]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Assembled at the meeting House on Monday ye 10th Day of March AD 1783. By Adjournment. —

Wm Hunt Esqr being Moderator. it being Very Cold The Meeting was adjourned to mr John Bullards and being met they Proceeded, and Granted £ 60 pounds to Support the Poor —— Voted to put over the Bridge grant to April meeting — Voted that the Committee Appointed to Examin the Treasurers Accounts last year Continue a Committee till they Compleat that Business on the (12) article they Voted that the Teafurer Call in all ye outstanding Debts due to the town as Soon as may be --on the (13) article they Voted that the Committee Appointed to Petition ye General Court for Liberty to Leafe the Fishery proceed on that affair according to their former appointment —— Then the Meeting was Adjourned to two O Clock in the afternoon to meet at this place — at two O Clock being met according to Adjournment - on the (14) Article They Voted that the Committee appointed to Consider what allowance the Collectors Shall have & Report what Sum they ought to have provided they make up their Accounts by ye time they Shall fix upon - - - -Then the Article Relating to Mary Stearnes was Read and it was Voted that the Selectmen have the Direction of that affair according to their Judgment -Then they Voted and Abated the whole of Wm Parks Rates in the Several Collectors list

Voted and abated Jedidiah White jur Rates in Ebenezer Everits lists

the Town-Creditors accounts were Read and allow'd See Page (299) of £ 33:5:0

Then on a Motion made they Voted yt the treasurer pay Saml Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup> his Wages for Service in Convention in Specia the Sum that was allow'd

Then they Voted to Choose a Committee to Inquire further Relating to Soldiers and others allowances for Services and to make Report

 $Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ for \ Said \ Committee \ - \ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} L^t \colon Amos \ Bond \\ Cap^t \ Chris^r \ Grant \ ju^r \\ m^r \ David \ Sanger \end{array} \right.$ 

made Verbal Report that they had not Compleated the Business assigned them by their Commission, but would proceed as Soon as they Could which was accepted

Then They Voted to abate Samuel Jenison jurs Rates in Christopher Grant jurs lists amounting in paper money to £1:15:6

Then they Voted and Accepted of L<sup>t</sup> Nathaniel Bright to Serve Collector of the town tax's in the Room of Francis Brown & Moses Coollidge

then the meeting was Difolved -

## [303]

At a meeting of the Selectmen at Francis Marshall: on monday the the 31 Day of march AD 1783. — They Directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants directed to the Constables to Warn Such

of the Inhabitants as are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of Governors & Senators to assemble at the meeting House on Monday the Seventh day of April next at two OClock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for Governors and Sentors—also to Warn Such of the Inhabitants as are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to meet 3 O Clock afternoon on Same day at

the meeting House for the following Purposes (Viz)

First to Choose moderator of ye meeting — (2) To hear the Report of the Committee appointed to Examin the Treasurers accounts and to act thereon as See fit: — (3) To Choose any town officers in the Room of Such as Refust to Serve — (4) For the the town to Agree upon What Steps Shall be taken Relating to the Support of Mary Stearnes and to act thereon as they See fit. (5) For the town to agree upon Some method to Discharge the Debts they owe to Sundry persons & act any thing Relating thereto they think proper; (6) To do any thing Relating to the Re-

pairs of the Great Bridge that they think Necessary (7) To hear the Reports of Any Committees and Act thereon as they think best: (8) To make any further Grants of Money for any Perticular Services as they may Judge Necessary ———————Warrants were Issued out Accordingly—

Pr Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At the above meeting ye Selectmen Signed an order on the Town Treasurer to pay the Sum of £ 35 Pounds to ye Revd mr: Eliot which make up the whole of his Salary for the Present year —— They also Signed an order to pay the Several persons afternamed ye Sums Set against their names it being for Services at the Great Bridge (Viz)

To Nath! Bright for Labor &c - 1: 4:0
To Step <sup>n</sup> Cook do — — — 2:6:—
To Newton Baxter d° — — 0:16:6
To Amos Bond do — — — — 0:16: —
To Israel Whittemore 1:18 —
To Nathan Hobbs 1:12 —
To Daniel Whitney 1: 2:6
& for one String peice 2:8: —
To Expence of ye Selectmen in ye Settlement
0:12: —
£ 12:15:6

#### [304]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of Governor & Senators held at the meeting House on monday ye 7th Day of April 1783.—
The Selectmen being Present the Votes Were Called for. for a Governor and being brot in Counted & Sorted it Appeared that His Excellency John Hancock Esqr: had 29 Votes

The Honle James Bowdoine Esqr - - - 2 The Honle Benjamin Lincoln Esqr . . 1

The Honle James Sullivan Esqr had . . . 27
The Honle Benjamin Lincoln Esqr: had . . 1

Then the Votes were Called for For Senators & being brot: in Counted and Sorted it Appeared that the following persons had the number of Votes Set Against each of their names (Viz)

Eleazer Brooks Esq<sup>r</sup>: - 1 Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> - - 6 Ephraim Wood Esq<sup>r</sup>: - 4 Abra<sup>m</sup> Fullar Esq<sup>r</sup> - - 2 James Winthrop Esq<sup>r</sup> - 8 Benj<sup>n</sup> Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> - - 2 James Prefcott Esqr - 27
Ebenr: Bridge Esqr: - 11
Nath! Gorham Esqr - - 27
Josiah Stone Esqr - - 24
John Remington Esqr - 13
Jonas Dix Esqr - - - 10
James Rufsel Esqr - - 3
Wm Bauldwin Esqr - - 1
Wm Winthorp Esqr - - 1
Joseph Lee Esqr - - - 1
Ezra Sergant Esqr - - 5

By Jona: Brown Just: Peace

#### [305]

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting House of the Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly assembled on Monday the 21<sup>ft</sup> Day of April AD 1783. By adjournment:

m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel White being Moderator. The 4<sup>th</sup> article in the Warrant being Read Relating to Mary Stearnes: They Voted and Granted the Sum of Forty Pounds £ 40. To enable the Selectmen to Defend ye Town from being oblidged to Support s<sup>d</sup>: Stearnes—Then they Voted to Choose a Committee to Receive and Settle m<sup>r</sup> Ezekiel Halls Lists of Tax's - -

 $Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ for \ said \ Committee \left\{ \begin{array}{l} William \ Hunt \ Esq^r \colon \\ L^t \ Amos \ Bond \\ m^r \ Josiah \ Bisco \end{array} \right.$ 

Then they Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 150 pounds to help pay the Towns Debts - -

O Clock in the morning, and with Waltham at 11: in the forenoon near M<sup>r</sup>: Wellingtons, also with Newton at 4 O Clock afternoon to meet at Cap<sup>t</sup>: Phinehas Cooks. and ordered the Clerk to notify the Selectmen of the Several Towns of the times & places of Meeting. Letters were Sent Accordingly Dated ve 22d Instant

P Jona: Brown Town Clerk

Middlefex is may ve 13th 1783. Mr Edmund Fowle was Sworn to the office of Howard to which office he was Cholen in march Last

By me Jona: Brown Justt: Peace

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday ye 5th Day of may AD: 1783. They ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants for a town meeting on the 12th Day of this month at 2 oClock afternoon at ye meeting House to Choose a Repr[esen]tative and an other at 3 O Clock ye Same Day to act on other affairs [See] the Warrant on file -

## [306]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified according to the Constitution to Vote in the Choice of a Representative Regularly assembled at the meeting House in Said Town on Monday the 12th Day of May AD: 1783. The Selectmen being Present. The Votes for a Representative being brot: in Sorted & Counted & it Appeared that Jonathan Brown Esqr: was Chofen.

And at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of sd Town on the Same day of Such as are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the Meeting House to Transact Sundry affairs mentioned in the Warrant for Calling the Meeting &c. They Voted & Chofe William Hunt Esqr: Moderator —

on the Second article They Voted to Choose a Comtte: of

Corrospondance

 $Voted \ \& \ Chofe \ for \ s^d \colon Committee \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M^r \colon Sam^{ll} \colon White \\ M^r, \ David \ Bemis \\ M^r \ Rich^d \colon Clark - \\ M^r \ Josiah \ Bisco \\ M^r \ Simon \ Whitney \end{array} \right.$ 

the third and fourth article were past over to ye adjournment the 5th article Relating to a Way through the land of Majr: Josiah Capen being Read with the Report of the Selectmen on the Same. the Town Voted their Willingness to accept the Same and their Thanks to the Major for his Generous offor to the Town the (6th) Article being Read Relating to the appointing a Committee to Apply to the General Court for Some Releif on account of Tax's &c. They Voted to Choose a Committee for that Purpose — — —

Voted & Chofe for Said Committee 

| Jona: Brown, Esqr | Wm Hunt Esqr | Saml Fisk Esqr |

(7) article being Read they Voted to Choose a Committee to apply to the General Court for Liberty to Regulate the Fishery Then they Voted & Choose Missirs Amos Livermore David Bemis & Richard Clark to joine the former or last Committee Chosen for that purpose — ——

on the (8th) article they Voted to Choose a Committee to Draw up Instructions to be given to their Representative

Chose for sd Comtte & yt they Re Saml. Fisk Esqr port at ye adjourt Re Saml. Fisk Esqr Wm Hunt Esqr Mr Josiah Bisco

Voted & Granted £ 20 to Support ye Bridge &c.
Then adjourned ye Meeting to monday the 26th day of this month [at] 5 O Clock afternoon at this place ———

## [307]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled at the meeting House on monday the twenty Sixth Day of may Anno: Domini

1783. By Adjournment.

William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: being Moderator — The Committee appointed to Prepare Instructions appeared & Informed ye town that they were Ready to Report the Instructions for the Representative according to order which being Read were accepted. Then they Voted that a fair Coppy be made out and Signed by the moderator and Given to Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: for his guide in the General Court &c. See the Instructions on file ——

Then the Meeting was Defolved ----

1783 Dec<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 3 m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Harrington was Sworn as a Fence-Viewer into which office last march he was Chofen to Serve in — P<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Just<sup>t</sup> Peace

1783 May ye 1 Missrs Moses Stone & Amos Livermore Perambulated the lines Betwixt this and the Neighboring Towns

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Capt Parker on the 25 day of Augt: 1783. They Signed an order on the Town-Treasurer to Pay the Several Sums out of the Town-Treasury in the manner following (Viz)  To the Revd mr Eliot as a Quarters Sallary ye  Sum of —
58:5:
30:3:
At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 8th: Day of September 1783: at Capt: Parkers. They Signed an order on the Town-Treasurer to pay out of the Town-Treasury the Sum of Thirty Eight Pounds in the following manner (Viz)  To Lois White for keeping School £ 7: 4:0  To Robert Gray for do 24:0:—  To Mary Cockran for her Store to keep School in 1:11:—  and to mt Broad for Plank for the great  Bridge 5:5:—
38: 0:0
At this time they Approbated the following Persons for licences
(Viz) Edward Richardson Dorothy Coollidge Jonathan Maynard Samll: Wellington John Bullard  for Inn-holders  for Inn-holders  Amos Bond John Fowle Henry Bradshaw Jedidiah Leathe William Warrin Francis Faulkner Ebenezer Kent Laben Wheaten

At a meeting of ye Selectmen on the 15th of Sepr: AD 1783 ——

They agreed to approbate Capt Daniel Parker in the Room of Jonathan Maynard Holmns Hall as a Retailor —

#### [309]

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston & Waltham on the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1783 at the House of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Isaac Gleason Innholder in Waltham They Settled and adjusted the Charge that had arisen Since the last adjustment the whole amounting to ye Sum of £ 25:1:8 of Which Watertowns Part is—9:0:0 BN: Capens acctt of 14/9 not

Watertowns Part is— 9:0:0 B N: Capens acctt of 14/9 not Westons do is— 8:1:8 Carried out & was omitted See Walthams do: is— 8:0:0 ye adjustment in the treasurers Book ye 2d

At the Same Meeting the Selectmen of Watertown and Waltham Settle the Charge of Supporting Abigail that had Arisen for the Support of Abigail Ball Since the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of October last to ye 18<sup>th</sup> Day of October Next being for her Board 52 Weeks @ 6/—Pr Week Amounting to the Sum of £ 15:12:— of which Sum

Watertowns Part is 8:5:0 Walthams do is 7:7:0

£ 15:12:0

jamin Jenings and Family which Belonge to the Town of Charlstown They Desired & Directed Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> the

Town-Clerk to apply A in their name to petition the Great &

General Court for Lyberty to Remove them to Charlstown where they Belong who they think will be a Great Saveing to the Common-Wealth

## [310]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Capt: Daniel Parker on the 16th Day of November AD: 1783. They ordered the Treasurer to Pay the Revd: Mr Richard Roswell Eliot £ 25 pounds in Part of his Sallary for the Present year, also to Pay Mr John Draper £ 11 Pounds for the Repairs of the wido Abigail Goddards Fence agreable to a Vote of the town

At a Meeting of ye Selectmen at Capt Daniel Parkers on the 23d Day of Febry: 1784. They Signed an order to Pay Nathl Ruggles Whitney £ 5:6:8 for keeping School last year & the Sum of £ 8:8:0 in part for keeping School ye present year—

At this meeting they agreed that the Annual March meeting Should be on monday ye first Day of march Next at the Meeting House at 9 O Clock in the forenoon & Directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to warn the Inhabitants of the Town Quallified to Vote in town affairs to meet at Said time and Place for ye following Purposes (Viz)

(3) To Choose a Saxton and agree how he Shall be paid for his Service

(4) To Determin whether Swine Shall Run at Large ye ensueing year

(5) To put in their votes for a County Treafurer — — —
 (6) To Agree what Schools Shall be kept. and grant to Support the Same and Act thereon as they think Proper — — — —

(7) To Grant money to Support the Poor (8) To grant money to Repair the Great Bridge, and act any thing thereon they think best.

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(9) To grant money to Repair the Highways and do any thing Relating thereto they See fit (10) To Choose a Committee to Examin the Treasurers Accounts, and to Settle with the Constables & Collectors (11) To Choose Collectors in the Room of any that Cannot finish their Collections, and do any thing thereon they think Necessary (12) To Hear the Accounts of those Persons the town is Indebted to and grant money to Pay the Same (13) For the town to act any thing Relating to the Fishery they may think Further Necessary (14) For the Town to do any thing Relating to a Road given by Majr Josiah Capen, and Layed out by the Selectmen that may be thought Necessary, (15) To know the mind of the town what Sums Shall be allowed to the Constables and Collectors that have not been Paid & act thereon as they See fitt. (16) For the town to Leafe or Sell the two Pews that have been given up to the town (17) To hear the Reports of former Committees and act thereon as they See fit - and to notify ye Town Creditors to bring their accounts to the Selectmen at Capt Parkers on Fryday Next at 3 O Clock afternoon in order to their being Laved before ve Town

Warrants were made out ye Next day and Sent to the Constables

and Signed By order of ye Selectmen

Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a · Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, and Waltham on the 24 Day of Feby: 1784 at the House of Mr Stephen Wellman Inn holder in Waltham they Settled and adjusted the Accounts of the Charge that has Arisen for ye Repairs of the Great Bridge Since ye last adjustment the whole amounting to the Sum of

£ 58:10:0

of Which	Watertowns Weston s Walthams	is	21: 0:10 18:16:11 18:12: 3
			£ 58:10: 0

See ye Settlement at Large entered in Treasurers Book

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Friday the 27th: D	ay of Feby.
at the House of Capt. Daniel Parker the following acc	counts were
brought in & Allowed by the Selectmen (viz)	
To Robert Grey for Keeping the east School 51/2	
	: 6:8
To Jonathan Stone for boarding Ruth Maddox	
33 weeks and four Days @ 6/ p. week and } 11	:11:6
fundrys of Cloathing	
To Moses Stone Jur to Boarding Ruth	
Maddox five weeks @ 6/ pr week & 2	: 9:11
Sundrys provided for Saml. Jenison	
To Capt. Phins. Stearns for providing wood for	
s <sup>d</sup> Jenison 0:	12 - ~
To Amos Livermore for Clothing for Hannah	
Hay 0	: 6: 0
To Christ Grant In for supplying the Poor )	
& other expences for the service of the Town \	: 1:9~
To Simon Hastings for setting Glass in ye	
Meeting House 0	: 4: 6
£ 50 :	: 12 : 4~

The following Accounts were brought before the Tow	n at their
March 1. 1784	
Meeting A and were Accepted (viz)	
To Jon <sup>a</sup> . Brown Esq <sup>r</sup> . for his fervice as Treasurer \	6: 0:0
the year past — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	0.0.0
To Amos Livermore & others the Selectmen for	5:10:0
their Necessary expences the year past — — — §	
To William Hunt Esqr. for his fervice as Assessor —	1:17:6
To Josiah Bisco for Do	3: 2:6
To Amos Bond for Do — — — — — —	2:12:6
To Amos Livermore for Collecting Receipts	1: 0:0
To Moses Stone Jur. for Do	1: 0:0
To Phin's Stearns's acct. Supplying Mrs. Downing	0:15:0
To Christ. Grant Jur. for Do	0:8:3

The above Accts. being Allowed the feveral fums were Granted to pay the fame on March ye 1t: & 8th: 1784

# [313]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders and other In-

habitants of Watertown Qualified to vote in Town Affairs Regularly Assembled at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday the first Day of March A D1784. for the Choice of Town Officers and other Affairs as mentioned in the Warrants

They Voted and Chose William Hunt Esqr. Moderator of ye

Meeting

Chose for Selectmen - - - - 

Mr. Amos Livermore Capt. Phins. Stearns Capt. Chrisr. Grant Jur. Lt. Amos Bond Lt. Nathl. Bright

Then Chose Jonath<sup>n</sup>. Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>. Treasurer who Declined

Serving

The Town then voted and gave their Thanks to him for his long and good fervices Rendered them as Town Treasurer & Town Clerk —

Then Chose Mr. Amos Livermore Town Treasurer who was Excused upon his own Defire —

Then they made Choice of Mr. Amos Bond for Town Treasurer

Chose for Afsefsors — 

| Josiah Bisco | Mr. Daniel Mason | Lt. Amos Bond |

Constables Mr David Stone & Lt. William Warren Collectors Mess. Daniel Mason & Joseph Bright Wardens Mess. Eires Tainter & Simon Whitney Fence viewers Mess. Thos. Harrington & Jonas White Sealer of Leather Mr. Elijah Mead Surveyors of High ways Mess. Daniel Mason Capt Christ Grant Jur. Saml. Willington & David Sanger Tythingmen Mess. Stephen Cook & John Draper Howards Mess. Daniel Whitney & David Bemiss Hogrieves Mess. Daniel Whitney & William Sanger Clerks of the Market Mess. Abner Craft & Eben. Kent Surveyor of Timber Mess. David Sanger & John Capel Cullers of Hoops & Staves Mess. Jeremiah Bridge & Henry Bradsh[aw]

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Chofe for Saxton  $M^r$ . Phinehas Jenison and granted three pounds for his pay the ensuing year  $\sim$ 

Then voted that Swine Should not run at Large ye prefent year Then Voted that there should be the same number of Schools & that they be under the same Regulations as they were last and Granted the sum of £ 100 to support the same Then the Votes were

brought in for a County Treasurer Voted to Grant Sixty pounds to Support ye Poor ye present year Voted to put off the Consideration of a Grant of money to repair

the great Bridge untill may Meeting ~

Voted that the Highway rate be Assessed by Taxing each poll six shillings & other estate in proportion thereto & that Six shillings be Allowed for A Days work of a man and the same price for A good Team ~

Voted to Choose a Committee to Examine the Treasurers Accts.

Chose for said Committee  $\sim$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} M^r \; \text{Sam}^l. \; \text{White} \\ \text{Will}^m. \; \text{Hunt Esq}^r. \\ M^r. \; \text{David Bemiss} \end{array} \right.$ 

Voted to Choose A Committee to Consider the services of the Constables & Collectors who have not been paid for their fervice and report at the Adjournment of this meeting

Chose for said Committee

Mr. David Sanger
Mr. Sam!. White
Mr. Sam!. Soden
Willm. Hunt Esqr

Voted to put of the 13th. Article to the Adjournment of this meeting

Upon the 14th: Article Voted that the Road Given by Majr. Josiah Capen be Accepted As A Town way Agreeable to the

Report of the Selectmen on file -

Voted to Sell the Pews Belonging to the Town at Publick Auction at the Adjournment of this Meeting and that Ten Pr. Cent be paid Down As earnest and Security ~ To be Given for the Remainder to be paid in three Months from the time of Sale with Interest ~

Voted to Choose A Committee make Sale of said Pews ~

Chose for Said Committee  $\sim$   $\begin{cases} & \text{Josiah Bisco} \\ & \text{M}^r. \text{ Sam}^l. \text{ White} \\ & \text{M}^r. \text{ David Sanger} \end{cases}$ 

The Town Creditors Accts. were Read & Accepted se page (312) Voted that the Pews be sold on the same footing ye first Pews were sold see the Records

#### [315]

Voted to farm out the Collection of all the Publick & Town Taxes for the present year to the Lowest Bidder —
then proceeded and the following persons engaged to Collect the Town Taxes and to Give bonds for the Towns Security — (viz) Mr. Daniel Mason to Collect ye. East List for 4 Pr. Cent Mr. Joseph Bright to Collect ye. West Do. for 6 Pr Cent Then voted to postpone the farm the State Taxes untill the adjournment of the Meeting —
Voted that Mr. Mofes Stone Jonathan Brown Esqr. and Mr. Saml. White A former Committee chosen the 20th. of Jany 1782 be A Committee to Settle Accts. with all Committees for hiring men for the Army and make report as foon as may be —
Then Voted that this Meeting be Adjourned to monday the 8th Instant at 2 O Clock Afternoon at the Publick Meeting House —

At a Publick Town Meeting March the 8th. 1784 by Adjournment at the Meeting House ~

Will<sup>m</sup>. Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>. being Moderator the Meeting being open they

Proceeded ~

Voted to choose A Committee to Join with the Towns of Weston & Waltham in Petitioning the General Court for Some Relief

towards repairing the Great Bridge

Voted that the Selectmen be A Committee for that purpose — Then the Committee who were Chosen to Consider the fervices of the Constables & Collectors made Report as follows (viz) That the feveral Persons who have served as Constables and Collectors for the Town and have not been paid for their services Receive the sums sett to their several Respective Names As A Compensation for their services Rendered the Town upon their making up and settling their Accoumpts with the Treasurer —

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To Mr. Sa	ml: S	oden for fer	vice in ye	year	1780 —	1: 4	بہ
To Mr. N	Ioses	Stone Jur.	Constable	in	1780	1:16	_
To Mr. E	dmd.	Fowle Coll	lector	in	Do-	1:10	ے
To Mr. D	Daniel	Mason Do	~	in	1781	3:6	بہ
To Mr. F	<b>I</b> enry	Bradshaw	Do-	in	$D^{\circ}$	4:10	ے
To Mr. J	osiah	Sanderson	Cons <sup>bl</sup> .	in	$D^{\circ}$	3:0	ے
To Mr. V	Will <sup>m</sup> .	Harringto	n Do-	in	$D^{\circ}$	4:10	ے
To Mr. A	mos ]	Bond Const	Ы.	in	1777	3:0	_

To Christ. Grant Jur. Doin D° 3:0~ To Mr. Nath! Bright Constle. in 1778 1:16 ~ To Mr. Moses Coollidge Do in Do 1:16 ~ To Mr. Jona. Child 36s see page (321) 1:16 ~

The Above Report was Accepted and Money Granted to pay the

fame ~

Then they took into Confideration the farming the state Taxes and proceeded and the following persons engaged to Collect them And to Give bonds to fecure the town (viz)

Mr. David Stone to Collect the east List @ 5 Pr Cent & Mr. Will<sup>m</sup>. Warren the west Do @ 61/4 Pr Cent — and voted that the premiums for Collecting Taxes be Assessed in the several Lists

Voted to Grant the fum of Six pounds to Jonn Brown Esqr for

his fervice As Treasurer the year past ~

Voted that the late furveyors of Highways immediately return their lists to the Selectmen that the Delinquents may be added in the next Highway Tax ~

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to Tuesday the 23d Instant

at 3 o Clock at this place ~

Middlefex is Watertown March ve 8th: 1784 The feveral persons hereafter Mentioned were Sworn into the feveral Offices to which they were Chosen (viz) Josiah Bisco Town Clerk Amos Bond Town Treasurer Josiah Bisco Dan!. Mason and Amos Bond Assessors ~ David Stone & Willm- Warren Constables — Dan!. Mason & Joseph Bright Collectors - Eiers Tainter & Simon Whitney Wardens - Thos. Harrington and Jonas White Fence Viewers - Elijah Mead Sealer of Leather Dan. Mason Christ. Grant Jur. Saml. Willington & David Sanger Surveyors of Highways - Dan!. Whitney Howard - Dan!. Cornwall and Willm. Sanger Hogrieves -Abner Craft & Ebent- Kent Clerks of the Markett - Surveyors of Timber David Sanger & John Capel Cullar of Hoops and staves Jerh. Bridge

all Sworn Before Jonathan Brown Justice of Peace

# [317]

At a Publick Town Meeting on Marh. ye 23d. 1784 by Adjournment. at the publick Meeting House the Moderator being Absent the Town made Choice of Mr. Saml. White for their Moderator the Meeting being Opened they Adjourned to monday the 29th of March Instant at four O Clock Afternoon to Meet at the Meeting House ~ and there being no Businifs to transact at sd: Adjournment the Meeting Ceased ~

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday ye 22d of March 1784 at the House of Capt. Daniel Parker they Directed the Clerk to Ifsue out Warrants to the Conftables to warn Such of the Inhabitants of Watertown As Are Qualified. by Law to Vote for Govenours and fenators to meet at the Publick Meeting House in Watertown on Monday the fifth Day of April Next at two O Clock Afternoon in Order to Give in their Votes for A Govenour Leiut. Govenour and five Senators for the County of Middlefex, Agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth Warrants were Ifsued out Accordingly

Pr. Josiah Bisco Town Clerk

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At a publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & Other Inhabitants of Watertown who Are Qualified according to the Constitution to vote for A Govenour Leiu<sup>t</sup>. Govenour and Senators Regularly Assembled at the Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the fifth Day of April Anno Domini 1784

The Selectmen being present the meeting was Opened and the votes for A Govenour were Called for brought in Sorted and Counted and it Appeared that

Counted and it Appeared that

His Exelency John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup>. had - 26 Hon<sup>ble</sup>. James Bowdoin Esq<sup>r</sup>. had 1 Jonath<sup>n</sup>. Maynard Esq<sup>r</sup>. had 1

Then the votes for A Leiu<sup>t</sup>. Govenour were Call<sup>d</sup>. for Sorted and Counted and it Appeared that

The Hon<sup>bl</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Cushing had
The Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Axor Orne Esq<sup>r</sup>. had

Then the Votes for Senators were Called for brought in Sorted and Counted it Appeared that the following persons had the Number of Votes Sett Against each of their Names (viz)

Ebenezer Bridge Esq<sup>r</sup>. had — 17
Nath<sup>l</sup>. Gorham Esq<sup>r</sup>. — 26
Will<sup>m</sup>. Winthrop Esq<sup>r</sup>. — 25
James Rufsell Esq<sup>r</sup>. — 2
Joseph Lee Esq<sup>r</sup>. — — 1
Francis Dana Esq<sup>r</sup> — — 27
Josiah Stone Esq<sup>r</sup>. — — 17

Col<sup>o</sup>. Will<sup>m</sup> Prefcott — — 9
Bradley Vernum Esq<sup>r</sup>. — — 9
Eliez<sup>r</sup>. Brooks Esq<sup>r</sup>. — — 1
Doc<sup>r</sup>. Marshal Spring — — 1

## [319]

Watertown May the 12th: 1783 ~ Whereas Josiah Capen Esqr: of Watertown aforesaid hath laid open 21/3 Rods way begining at the old road near the Land of Dr- Marshal Spring till it comes to an Open way by land of Ino- Remmington Esqr. and wholly throughout his own Land, and whereas the said Capen hath freely and without any consideration from The Town therefor Granted the same for and As A publick road or Town way, and it Appears to us the Subscribers the Selectmen of the Town of Watertown that it will be for the Interest of this Town that the fame be made A publick Town Road — Do hereby Accept thereof and lay out the fame as a publick Town Road of 2 1/3 Rods wide, as the fence now Stands- till it comes to the Mill pond (so called) then 2½ Rods wide from the said mill pond till it comes to said Old way Then the width to continue from the Mill Creek (so Called) to Land of Jn°. Remmington Ezekiel Hall and William Hunt until it comes to the County Road leading over the Great Bridge in Said Watertown, which said Road we hereby Lay out as a publick Town Road and from henceforward to be Confidered As such ~

> Amos Livermore Phinehas Stearns Christopher Grant Jur Moses Stone Jur.

Watertown Decr. 3d. 1783 ~

By Complaint from M<sup>r</sup>. Nath<sup>l</sup>. Bemiss to us the subscribers against M<sup>r</sup>. Ezek<sup>l</sup>. Whitney his Declining Comeing to a Division in the fence and mending up the same — Between s<sup>d</sup>. Bemiss Land and said Whitneys Land; after due Notice to each party we have proceeded as the Law directs and Divided the Above mentioned sence Equally, and hereby Order and Alot to M<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup>. Bemiss the South end from the High way nine rods and one half soot as his part of the sence — Also to M<sup>r</sup>. Ezek<sup>l</sup>. Whitney nine rods and one half soot on the North and as his part of the sence —

True Coppy

Nathaniel Bright \ Fence Phins. Harrington \ Viewers

## [320]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Edward Richardson on monday the 12<sup>th</sup>. Day of Apl. 1784. They Agreed with Moses Stone Ju<sup>r</sup>. to Keep Ruth Maddox from this time till may meeting Or till another place be provided for 3/6 p<sup>r</sup> week They Also Agreed to have A meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham on Wednesday the 21 Inst<sup>e</sup> at two O Clock Afternoon to Determine what Matereals will be wanted for the Repairs of the Great Bridge

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr. Samuel Willington on Monday the 26th. Day of April they Agreed that the Meeting for the choice of a Representative should be on Monday the third Day of May Next at two O Clock Afternoon -Also that another Meeting of the Inhabitants Qualified to vote in Town Affairs be on the fame Day at three O Clock to transact Business Relating to the Affairs of The Town and Directed the Clerk to Issue Warrants to the Constables to warn Said meetings Warrants were Issued accordingly. Directed to the Constables to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants in said Town Oualified by Law to vote in the Choice of a Representative to meet at the Publick meeting House on monday the third Day of May next at two O Clock afternoon to make Choice of some Suitable person to Represent the Town in the General Court the year ensuing ~ Also to warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified to vote in Town affairs to at three O Clock on the fame Day & place to act on the following Articles (viz)— 1t. To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting -

2<sup>dly</sup> To Grant money to repair the great Bridge and for any

other Town charges ~

3<sup>dly</sup> To Know the mind of the Town whither they will give their Representative any Instructions on any matters of Importance

To Know the mind of the Town whether they will take up any of the Body seats in the meeting House and build Pews

in their Places ~

51y To Know the mind of the Town Whether they will make any Grants of money to any Collectors who have not had any Considertion for their fervices

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6ly To hear the Petition of Gideon Frost and act thereon as they may think proper ~

- 7ly To Know the mind of the Town whether they will give their Treasurer any Directions respecting their outstanding Taxes and act any thing relating thereto they may think proper ~
- 81y To hear the Report of any Committees and act any thing thereon they think proper ~

P Josiah Bisco, Town Clerk

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified according to the Constitution to vote in the choice of a Representative Regularly assembled at the meeting House in s<sup>d</sup>. Town on monday the third Day of May AD 1784. The Selectmen being present the votes for a Representative being called for, brought in sorted and Counted it appeared that The Town made Choice of William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>. to Represent the Town the ensuing year ~

And at a meeting of such of the Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup>. Town as are Qualified by Law to vote in Town Affairs Regularly Assembled at the Publick meeting House on the same Day for the purpose of transacting the business mentioned in the warrant for calling said Meeting they proceeded and chose M<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. White Moderator for said Meeting —

and on the 2d. Article voted & granted the sum of seventy pounds

to repair the Great Bridge. ~

On the 3<sup>d</sup>. Article It was put to vote whether the Town will give their Representative any Instructions and it pass. d in the Negative ~

On the 4 Article voted that four of the Body feats be taken up and pews erected in their places, and voted to Chuse A Committee to build said Pews and Chose for said Committee Meſsrs. Nath¹. Bemiſs Amos Livermore & Richard Clark, and voted that sd. Comm¹ee. be Directed to make ſale of the Pews after they are built at publick Auction under the ſame Regulations of the Other Pews in the Meeting House As ſoon as Conveniently may be — On the 5th. Article voted that the former Committee for Considering the ſervices of Collectors be Deſired to consider and repo[rt] what Mr. Jona. Child shall have for his service as Col-

lecor wh[ \* ] Confidered in their former Report. said Committee rep[ \* ] Mr. Child have 36/ for his fervice, which Report was Acce[pted]

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On the 6<sup>th</sup> Article that the Town Act nothing on the Petition of M<sup>r</sup>. Gideon Frost and that the Petitioner have leave to to withdraw his petition

On the 7th Article voted that the Treasurer be Directed to call upon the Collectors of outstanding Taxes to settle and close their Accoumpts with him as soon as possible with Convenience 8th. Article. The Committee chosen to settle the Treasurers

Accts. made report of their doing which was Accepted Amade to pay the Ballance Due to Jona. Brown Esq

see the Report on file — and the Committee who were chosen to make sale of of the two pews that belong to the Town made report of their

Doings which was Accepted and is as follows —
The Committee who were appointed to sell the two Pews be-

longing to the Town have performed the fervice — and Offer the following As A Report of their Doings (viz)

The expences of the vendue for ye, sale of the Pews 15

Ballance £ 58 " 15 May 3<sup>d</sup>, 1784

Josiah Bisco
Sam¹: White
David Sanger

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Samuel Willington on monday the 17th. Day of May 1784 ——
They Agreed to Notifie the Selectmen of Weston & Waltham to meet at the w<sup>d</sup>. Doro<sup>y</sup>. Coollidges on monday the 31th. Day, of May Current at three O Clock Afternoon in Order that the Minds of the Town may be known whether they will Petition the General Court for some Afsistance in widning the Great Bridge in Watertown — They Also Agreed to Notifie the Inhabitants of the Town that they purpose to Lease out for one

year at publick auction that part of A wharf Lying in Cambridge that Belongs to Watertown [o]n wednesday the Second Day of June next at the House of Mr. Edwd. Richardson at fix o Clock Afternoon

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At a Meeting meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Edw<sup>d</sup>. Richardson on the wednesday the fecond Day of June 1784.

They proceeded to Leave out the wharf Agreeable to their

Notifica said Wharf to be Leased till the first Day of May 1785 — it being put up for sale to the highest bidder Said wharf was Leased to John Richardson who was the highest bidder for the fum of nine shillings & three pence — and they Received the purchase money the expences of sale was 4/\_5/3—Remained for the use of the Town — They Also proceeded at said meeting to Lay out the Surveyors of Highways — several Districts which were as follows. (viz) —

Daniel Masons District to begin at Will<sup>m</sup> Stones and take the road fouth by said Masons and through Perrys Lane so Call<sup>d</sup>, and up the Great road to Simon Hastings.s shop Taking said

Hasting the w<sup>d</sup>. Deb<sup>r</sup>: Learned Jon<sup>a</sup>. Child & Jonah Norcrofs into s<sup>d</sup>. District

David Sanger's District to begin at s<sup>d</sup>. Hasing<sup>s</sup>, up to the meeting House Including Jenisons Lane so Call<sup>d</sup>. from thence up to Daniel Whitneys, and from said meeting House up the Great road to M<sup>r</sup>. Ezek<sup>l</sup>. Hall's taking the new road so Called through to Waltham line, and over the Great Bridge to Newton line — Sam<sup>l</sup>. Willington to begin at Ezek<sup>l</sup>. Halls and up the Great road to Waltham line and through Tainters Lane so Call<sup>d</sup>. and Down by Tho<sup>s</sup>. Harringtons Down under the Rocks so call.<sup>d</sup> to the w<sup>d</sup>. Clarks Gate and all the roads west of said Road Alfo the road from John Stearns.s Down to Dan<sup>l</sup>. Whitneys and taking Jonas Barnard

Cap<sup>t</sup>. Chris<sup>r</sup>. Grant Jur<sup>r</sup>. to have the Remainder of the Roads in Town for his District

At said Meeting M<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone Jun<sup>r</sup> Notified the Selectmen that he had taken into his family on the first of May 1783 Thomas Shattuck Farmer he came last from Lexington in Low Circumstances — Also John Cook Informed the Selectmen May 18th. 1784 he had Taken into his Family Sarah Carter Wil. Came Last from Newton —

# [324]

To Sam!. Nutting ————————————————————————————————————	At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Willington on thursday the 6th. Day of May Signed on Order for the Treasurer to pay the finereafter named the sums Affixed to their feveral the amount of their feveral Accts. — (viz) — To Jonathan Stone — — — — — — To Robert Grey — — — — — — — To Moses Stone Jur. — — — — — — — To Phins Stearns — — — — — — — — — To Chrisr Grant Jur. — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	1784 — they leveral persons names it being  11:11:6 33:6:8 2:9:11 :12 :6: 2:1:9 :4:6 8:11:6 :17:8 :11: :9: :10: :8: :8: 4:9:6 1:0:9
To Josiah Capen ————————————————————————————————————	To Caral Nesting	
To Christ. Grant Jur. for sami. Jenisons Taxes abated  To Amos Bond for his fervice Done at the Great Bridge and Dr. Ofgoods Willm. Park.s and Willm. Adams Taxes abated in his Lists & fifteen fhillings for the Selectmens expences at their meeting for the adjustment of their acct. with Waltham & c  To Phinehas Jenison for his fervice as	To Sam'. Nutting — — — — — — —	
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To Amos Bond for his fervice Done at the Great Bridge and Dr. Ofgoods Will <sup>m</sup> . Park.s and Will <sup>m</sup> . Adams Taxes abated in his Lists & fifteen fhillings for the Selectmens expences at their meeting for the adjustment of their acc <sup>t</sup> . with Waltham & c  To Phinehas Jenison for his fervice as	To Christ. Grant Jul. — — — — —	1:17:~
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at the above Meeting the Selectmen Agreed with M<sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Learned to keep James Hay,s Child untill march next at 8/ p<sup>r</sup>. week —————

# [325]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr. Saml.

Willingtons on the 12th. Day July 1784 they Agreed that A Town meeting should be called of the freeholders and other In-

habitants A Qualified to vote in Town Afairs, to be on monday the 19th. Day of July Current at five O Clock Afternoon At the Publick Meeting House, and Directed the Clerk to Issue his Warrants to warn said meeting which is for the following purposes (viz) ~

1t. To Chuse a Moderator of said Meeting

2dly. To Know the mind of the Town whether they will accept the Grant of A Lottery made by the General Court to the Towns of Watertown Weston & Waltham for the purpose of widning the Great Bridge in sd. Watertown and give the managers of sd. Lottery any Directions Or Act any thing relating thereto they think proper ~

To Know the mind of the Town whither they will Give their Representative Or Committee any Instructions Relating to the Petitioning for that part of Newton Called angiers Corner or Act any thing relating thereto they think

proper ~

4ly To Know the mind of the Town whither they will Reconsider their vote passed in a late meeting for taking up the body seats in the Meeting House and building Pews in their places and Act any thing relating thereto they may think proper ~

5thly To Hear the report of any Committees and Act any thing

relating thereto they may think proper ~

Warrants were Issued to the Constables to warn said meeting accordingly by Order of the Selectmen ~

Pr Josiah Bisco Town Clerk

## [326]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Qualified to vote in Town Affairs regularly Assembled at the Publick meeting House in said Town on monday the 19th Day of July AD 1784 for the purpose of Transacting sundry Affairs as sett forth in the Warrants for Calling sd. Meeting

They voted and chose William Hunt Esqr Moderator of said

Meeting ~

On ve 2d. Article voted to pass it over till the adjournment of

the Meeting — but on another motion made the voted to take up and Act on the Article at this meeting and voted that the managers of the Lottery on the part of Watertown are Directed in Concert with the Other managers to go on with sd. Lottery with all Convenient Dispatch —

On ye 3d. Article Voted that the Representative of sd Town be Directed not to take up the Petition Relating to that part of Newton Called Angiers corner until the further Order of the

Town ~

On the 4th. Article voted to reconsider the vote passed at a former meeting for taking up the Body seats in the Meeting House and that the Committee Chosen to build the Pews be Directed not to proceed

Then On A motion made Voted that the Meeting be Defolved ~

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr. Saml Will-

ington on monday the 16th. Day of Augt. 1784

The Selectmen gave the Treasurer an Order to pay Mr. Nathl. R. Whitney the fum of twenty four pounds eighteen shillings & eight pence in full for his Keeping A School in Watertown — Also and order to pay Mr. William Harrington the fum of six pounds three shillings & three pence it being Abatements of Messrs. Ezekl. Hall Roger Adams & Noah Torry Taxes in his Lists —

at this meeting the Selectmen Examined Will<sup>m</sup>. Warren & David Stones Lists of Taxes and Ordered A return of the State of their Collections to be made by the C to ye Treasurer of this Com-

mon-Wealth Agreeable to an act for that purpose

# [327]

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Willington on monday the 30<sup>th</sup>. Day of Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1784 — the following persons were Appoved on by the Selectmen to receive Licences for the following employments (viz)

Messrs. Amos Bond. Abner Craft Ebenezer Kent Jedidiah Leathe John Draper John Fowle Jonathan Waldo Danl. Jackson and John George — David Bemiss Frans. Faulkner and Henry Bradshaw, for Retailers —

and M<sup>rs</sup>. Dorothy Coollidge Messrs. Edwd. Richardson Samuel Willington and Jonathan Maynard and John Bullard for Inholders

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 16th. Day of Augt. 1784

they gave the Treasurer an Order to pay Mr. William Harrington the fum of Six pounds three shillings & 3 penc

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Saml. Willington on monday the eighth Day of Sep<sup>r</sup> 1784 They Agreed to have A Publick Town meeting on Monday the 20th. Day of Sept. Current at the Publick meeting House at three O Clock Afternoon and Directed the Clerk to Issue Warrants to the Constables to warn said meeting — Warrants were Issued Accordingly Directed to the Constables to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who were Qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet at the publick Meeting House in sd. Town the Twentieth Day of Sepr. Inst. at three O Clock Afternoon to Act on the following Articles (viz) - First to Chuse A Moderator for sd. meeting 2ly To Know the mind of the Town whither they will direct their Representative or Committee to take or call up the Petition on the Table of the House of Representatives praying that that part of Newton called Angiers Corner might be Annexed to Watertown and to use their Endeavour to Obtain the prayer of said petition Or Act any thing relating thereto the Town may think proper ~

3dly To Know the mind of the Town whither they will Indemnifie the Managers of the Lottery Chosen to repair and widen

the Great Bridge as it respects this Town and Act any thing thereon they think proper

4ly To Know the mind of the Town whither they will Join a

number of Towns who are Defireous of Petitioning to the General Court for a Repeal of A Late Act. Impowering Or Allowing the Town of Boston to exact a toll of Persons that supply their markett with the necessaries of Life Or act any thing relating thereto ~

51y To know the mind of the Town whether they will Direct the Selectmen to Take any Lists of Taxes from any Collectors Or Act any thing relating the Collection of outstanding Taxes they may think proper -

6ly To Hear the Reports of any Committees and Act any thing thereon they may think for the Interest of the Town

By Order of the Selectmen

Josiah Bisco Town Clk-

#### [329]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Qualified as the Law Directs to vote in

Town Affairs ~

Regularly Assembled at the Publick Meeting House in said Town of Watertown on Monday the 20th. Day of Sept. 1784 To Transact Sundry Affairs As Sett fourth in the Warrants for Calling said Meeting

First Voted and Chose William Hunt Esqr. for Moderator of

said Meeting ~

On the Second Article Voted that it is the mind of the Town that the Petition now on the Table of the House of Representatives Still Remain untill the further Order of the Town, and the

Commi Chosen by the Town to prefer the same are hereby

Dismifs, from said service ~

On the Third Article Voted That Whereas the General Court have voted A Lottery to enlarge the Great Bridge over Charles River 12 feet voted that we the Inhabitants of watertown will engage to indemnify and fave harmless our Managers and that they will Agree to take on their own Risque their proportionable part of those Tickets that may remain unsold after the Expiration of the Term of time that hath or may be Allowed by the General Court Provided the Managers Account with the Town for the Expenditure of the moneys raised by said Lottery

On the 4th. Artl. Voted to Chuse a Committee to Join with the

feveral Towns who are Defireous of Petitioning the General Court for a Repeal of the Act Refered to in the fourth Article of the Warrant, and made Choice of Messrs. Amos Livermore & Richard Clark for sd. Committee and further it is Defired that the Representative for said Town use his Influence to Obtain a Repeal of said Act

On the 5<sup>th</sup>. Art<sup>l</sup>. Voted that the Representative be Defired to use his Influence to Obtain an Act of the General Court impowering This Town to Chuse Collectors to Compleat the Collection of any lists of Outstanding Taxes in the Hands of Collectors that may be unable to Compleat the same and may be Given into the Hands of the Selectmen

On the 6th Artl. voted That the Selectmen be Defired to Call upon

All Committes Chosen by the Town to Settle make report to the Town of their Doings At the next Meeting ~

## [330]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 15 Day of October 1784 They gave the Treasurer an Order to pay the Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Eliot the fum of fifty pounds in part for his Sallery for the Prefent year — They Also gave the Treasurer an Order to pay Jonathan Brown Esq the fum of Fifty seven pounds feven shillings & eight pence in full for his services and the Ballance due to him on the Settlement of his accounts as Treasurer of said Town

They Also Agreed to have a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham at the House of Cap Jonath<sup>n</sup>. Maynard inholder in Watertown to be on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup>. Day of October Ins<sup>t</sup>. To see what is Necessary to be Done to secure the Great Bridge ~

at said meeting Mr. Jonah Sanderson Lodged an Information with the Selectmen that he had Taken into His House one Luda Harriss and Abigail his Wife who Came to said on the 26th Day of July 1784 and came last from Waltham their Circumstances unknown — to him —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M<sup>r</sup>. Samuel Willington on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Day of Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1784 They Orderd the Treasurer to pay to Chris<sup>r</sup>. Grant Ju<sup>r</sup>. the sum of £ 12" 18" 6 in full for an Order Drawn upon the Selectmen by Jedh. Learned for Keeping Ja<sup>s</sup>. Hays Child to the fixth Day of sep<sup>r</sup>. 1784 — Also Ordered the Treasurer to pay said Grant three pounds in full for his service As Collector for the year 1777 Also Twenty shillings in full for his service in Collecting Receipts of the payment of soldiers Bounties & 2/6 for half Bushel of meal for Del<sup>d</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> poor Also one pound two shillings in full for his Expences as Selectman for the year 1783 — & one shilling he paid at the Registers office

They Also Gave the Treasurer an Order to pay James Blibler the fum of one pound Sixteen shillings in sull for his Trouble in Keeping Mary Learned up to the 6th. Day Nov. 1784

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on monday the 24<sup>th</sup>. Day of Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1785 at the House of M<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Willington they Drawed on Order upon the Treasurer to pay Moses Stone Ju<sup>r</sup>. the sum of £ 4:11: — & to M<sup>r</sup>. Jonathan Stone the sum of Sixteen shillings said sums were in sull for Board<sup>g</sup>. and Nursing Ruth Maddox from the Last of Feb<sup>y</sup>. to the 10<sup>th</sup>. of Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1784

#### [331]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M<sup>r</sup> Sam!. Willington, on thursday the Ninth Day of Decem<sup>r</sup>. 1784. The Selectmen Gave the Treas<sup>urer</sup>. an Order to pay M<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Shepard the fum of eight pounds Twelve fhillings & eight pence in full for his Wife's Keeping James Hay's Child — — At the fame meeting they Having Received a Warrant from two of the Justices of the Peace Quoram Unis for the County of Middlefex Requiring them with All Convenient speed to Call a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown (Qualified as the Law Directs) to bring in their votes for some suitable person for A County Register — In Complyance with the Above Requisition

They Agreed to have a A meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown to be on monday the 20<sup>th</sup>. Day of December Inst<sup>t</sup>. at two O Clock Afternoon and Directed The Clerk to Ifsue Warrants to the Conftables to warn a Meeting

for the Purposes therein Inferted ~ (viz)

1st. ToChuse a Moderator for said Meeting ~

21y To Bring in their Votes for some suitable person for A

County Register

3ly To Know the mind of the Town whither they will Impower their Committee (who were appointed to look up and sell or Lease the Towns Lands) To fettle any Claims which are Disputable with the Town by Leaving the same to reference or any other way the Town may think best

4ly To Know the mind of the Town whether they will Apply to the Corporation of Harverd Colledge to Lower the price for Passing the Ferry between the Towns of Charlestown and

Boston ----

5<sup>1y</sup> To Know the mind of the Town whether they will procure a Bell for the Meeting House Or Act any thing relating thereto they think proper

6ly To Hear the Reports of any Committies and Act any thing

thereon they shall Think proper

Warrants were Issued accordingly Directed to the Constables and Signed by Order of the Selectmen

Josiah Bisco, Town Clerk ~

# [332]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other In-

habitants of Watertown Qualified as the Law Directs to vote in Town Affairs Regularly Assembled at the Publick meeting House in said Town on monday the 20th. Day of December 1784 To Transact fundry Affairs As set fourth in the Warrant for calling said Meeting ~

1st. They made Choice of Saml. Fisk Esqr. for Moderator of

said meting

On the fecond Artl. Votes were brought in for A County Register Sealed up and Deld. to the Constable to be returned Agreeable to Law ~

On the 3d. Artl. Voted to Impower the Committee to fettle any Disputes Concerning Claims of Lands supposed to belong to The Town by leaving the fame to A Reference Or any

other way they may Think proper ~

On the 4th. Artl. Voted to Chuse a Committee to Apply in Behalf of the Town, to the Corporation of Harverd Colledge to Lower the Price for passing the Ferry between the Towns of Charlestown & Boston ~

And Chose for said Committee .  $\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} Will^m. \ Hunt \ Esq^r \\ M^r. \ Sam^l. \ White \\ M^r. \ Amos \ Bond \end{array} \right.$ 

On the 5th. Artl. Voted to procure a Bell for the Meeting House Alfo Voted to Chuse A Committee to purchase the fame and that said Committee be Directed (if it can be Done) to Raife money for the Above purpose by Subscription and Also Voted that those persons who will fubscribe Or Advance any sums of money for the Above purpose, Shall have the fame fums Allowed or repaid to them out of the next Town Taxes ~

Mr. Richard Clark Then they Voted and Chose for said

Committee

Then they Voted and Chose for said

Mr. Saml. White

Mr. David Sanger

Capt. Christ. Grant Jur

Lt. Amos Bond

The Selectmen conformable to an Act of the Common Wealth Directing & Impowering them to choose and appoint fome Suitable and fit person or persons to be fearchers Or Packers of Barrelled Beef, Pork, and Fish ~

Have made Choice of and Appointed Mr. Jeremiah Bridge for A Searcher & Packer of Beef &c for Watertown ~ [Mid]dlesex fs, March the 3d. 1785 - - Mr. Jeremiah Bridge was fworn into the Office of Searcher & packer of Beef &c ~

Pr. Josiah Bisco. Town Clerk

## [333]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M<sup>r</sup>. Samuel Willington Inholder in Watertown on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Day Feb<sup>y</sup> 1785 they agreed that the Annual March meeting should be on Monday the feventh Day of March Next at nine O Clock in the forenoon at the Publick Meeting House, and Ordered the Clerk to Issue Warrants Directed to the Constables to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified to vote in Town Afairs to meet at said time and place for the Purposes following (viz) First To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting

- 2ly. To Chuse Selectmen Town Clerk and all other Town Officers required by Law to be chosen in the month of March ———
- 3<sup>ly</sup> To Chuse A Saxton and Agree how he fhall be paid for his fervice
- 4ly To Determine whether swine shall run at large the ensuing year ~
- 5ly To bring in their Votes for A County Treasurer ——
- 6ly To Grant money to repair the Highways -
- 7<sup>ly</sup> To Grant money to support the Poor, and to Defrey other Necessary Town charges
- 81y To Agree what schools shall be Kept the prefent year, and Grant money to support the same, Or Act any thing relating the schools Or school Houses they may think proper—
- 9<sup>ly</sup> To Know the mind of the Town how they will Dispose of the Pew in the Meeting House, Lately M<sup>r</sup>. Ezek<sup>l</sup>. Halls which now Reverts to the Town and to hear any Petitions that may be Offered respecting the same and Act any thing relating thereto that may be for the Interest of the Town Or otherwise as they think proper———
- 10<sup>ly</sup> To Know the mind of the Town whither they will Accept of M<sup>r</sup>. John Cook's Wafte Bridge acrofs the County Road Agreeable to the Proposals he may make to the Town Respecting the same Or act any thing relating thereto
- 11ly To Know the mind of the Town whither they will procure an Engine for the use and benefit of the Town and Act any thing relating the same they think proper ~
- 12<sup>ly</sup> To Chuse A Committee to Examine the Treasurers Accounts and to fettle & adjust any Accounts relating to the Town that may be Necessary to be settled
- 13<sup>ly</sup> To Know the mind of the Town whither they will abate any Particular persons Taxes that may Apply for the same Or act any thing relating thereto

14ly To Determin how publick and Town Taxes shall be Collected the present year and Do any thing relating the same they think proper ~

15<sup>ly</sup> To Hear the Accounts of those persons the Town are Indebted to and Grant money to pay the fame

16ly To pass upon A List of Jurors prepared to be Laid before the Town ~

171y To hear the Reports of any Committees, and Act any thing thereon they think proper ~

Warrants were Issued accordingly and signed by Order of the

Selectmen

Josiah Bisco Town Clerk

#### [334]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown Weston and Waltham on the 23<sup>d</sup>. Day of February AD 1785 at the House of Mr. Zech<sup>h</sup>. Weston Inholder in Waltham they Settled and adjusted the Accounts of the Charge that has arisen in the Repairs of the Great Bridge since the Last Adjustment the whole amounting to the fum of £5:4:

of which	Watertowns Westons Walthams	Do-	is	1 " 17 " 3 ~ 1 " 13 " 10 ~ 1 " 12 " 11 ~
				£ 5" 4" 0 ~

At the same meeting the Selectmen of Watertown and Waltham Settled and Adjusted the Charge of Keeping Abigail Ball since the last Adjustment Carrying it forward to the eighth Day of march Next the whole Amounting to the fum of £ 21 " 12 : ~

Watertowns part	is	11: 9:3"
Walthams D°-	is	10: 2:9"

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Saml. Wellington on Thursday the 3<sup>d</sup>- Day of March AD 1785 they Ordered the Town Treasurer to pay Jedidiah Learned the fum of Ten pounds eight shillings in full for his Keeping Abigail Hay to the fixth of March Instant

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr. Saml. Wellington on Friday the 4th. Day of March 1785 To Receive the Towns Credit the following Accounts were Exhibited to the Selectmen and by them Allowed (viz)  To Amos Livermore for Supplying the Poor & other Expens for ye Town  To Simon Hastings for repairs Done to the Meeting House  To Thomas Hovey in full for Keeping School  To Mose Coollidge for providing wood for the Abov sd. School  To Mose Coollidge for work Done for the Town 0:12"  To the widw. Eunice Coollidge for boarding Ruth Maddox  To Willm. Stone for Boarding Ruth Maddox  To John Stearns for Boarding Mary Stearns in her last sickness and for her Funeral Charges  To Christopher Grant Just. for 3 yards of Linnen for Abigail Hay  To Josiah Bisco for service Done by Desire of the Selectmen  To Nathaniel Bright for service done for ye Town & supplying the Poor  To Amos Bond for supplying ye. Poor & Cash paid & other service for the Town  To William Warrens Acct. for Removing Mrs.  Downing & famly. to Lynn  [To] Phins. Child for boarding & taking Care of Ann Ranger  3:18:
£ 63 : 5 :10~
At the fame meeting the Selectmen Signed an Order Diricting the Treasurer to pay the Several persons hereafter Named the fums affixed to their feveral names (viz)  To Josiah Sanderson of Waltham for Nursing & boarding Mary Stearns  To Josiah Bisco for his fervice as Afsefsor in 1783 &c 3:11:—  To Nathaniel Bright for his acct.———————————————————————————————————

To Phinehas Stearns for Do		
To Christ: Grant Jut		0:6:8
To Thomas Hovey for Do		
To Moses Coollidge for Do		5:8:2
To Joshua Coollidge for his Mothers Acct —		
To Will <sup>m</sup> . Stone for D° — — — — —		1:12:~
To John Stearns for Do		4:19:6
To Will <sup>m</sup> . Warren for D° — — — —		2:8:~
To Phinehas Child for Do		3:18:~
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	£ 10	7:13"9~

The following Acc<sup>15</sup>, were brought before the Town at their Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>, of March by Adjournment and were Allowed by the Town at said Meeting (viz) ———

by the 1 own at said Meeting (Viz) ———		
To Amos Livermore & others for their Ex-	6. 7	: 10 ~
pences as Selectmen the year past — — —	0: /	: 10
To Josiah Bisco for his fervice as Assessor the		
year past — — — — — — — — —	6:10	
To Daniel Mason for the like fervice — —	3:15	: ~
To Amos Bond for the like Do	3:15	- ,
To Amos Bond for his fervice as Town Treasurer	6:0	" ~
To Simon Whitney for his Acct. for Stones —	0:12	: ~
Also at the same time the sum of three pounds		
was Granted to Josiah Bisco for his fervice	3:0	:
As Town Clerk — —		
£	29:19	: 10

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At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of Watertown who were Qualified to vote in Town Affairs Regularly Assembled at the Publick meeting House in Said Watertown on Monday the 7th. Day of march AD 1785 for the choice of Town Officers and to Transact other Affairs as sett fourth in the Warrant for Calling said Meeting

1t- Voted and chose William Hunt Esqr. Moderator of sd Meeting

 $2^{d} \ \ Voted \ and \ Chose \ for \ Selectmen \ - \ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M^r. \ \ Amos \ \ Livermore \\ Cap^t. \ Phin^s \ \ Stearns \\ M^r. \ \ David \ \ Sanger \\ Cap^t. \ \ Christ^r. \ \ Grant \ \ Ju \\ Maj^r. \ \ Josiah \ \ Capen \end{array} \right.$ 

Chose for Town Clerk & Town Treasurer Jonath<sup>n</sup>. Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>-

 $Voted \ and \ Chose \ for \ Assessors \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} Josiah \ Bisco \\ M^r. \ Daniel \ Mason \\ L^t. \ Amos \ Bond \end{array} \right.$ 

Chose for Wardens Messrs. John Vila and Thomas Clark Chose for Fence viewers Messrs. Nathl. Bemis & Leonard Bond

Chose for Sealers of Leather Messrs. Moses Warren & Elijah Mead

Chose for Surveyors of Highways Messrs. Phinehas Stearns David Sanger Nathaniel Bright and Samuel Soden ~

Chose for Tuthingmen Messrs: William Warren & Nath! Bright Chose for Surveyors of Timber Messrs. David Sanger & Simon Hastings

Chose for Clerks of the Market Messrs. Thomas Vose & Ebenezer

Ken

Chose for Hogreves Mess<sup>rs</sup>. William Sanger and Peter Harrington Chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves & Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Jer<sup>h</sup>. Bridge &

Henry Bradshaw

3d. Art Chose for Saxton Mr. Phins. Jenison — Alfo voted to chuse a Committee To Confer with Mr. Jenison and Report to the Town the Terms on which he will ferve as Saxton the Present year ——

and Chose for Said Committee 

Mr. David Sanger
Capt. Christ. Grant Jut
Mr Simon Hastings

4th. Art. Voted that Swine shall not run at Large the Present Year ~

5th. Art. Votes were brought in for a County Treasurer ~

6th. Arte Voted that the money Raised for the Repairs. of the Highways be raised by Taxing each Poll three shillings and Assessing the estates in the same proportion and Six shillings A Day be [a]llowed for A man and the same price for A Team

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- 7th. Arte. Granted the sum of one Hundred pounds to support the Poor and the Remander of this article voted to be put of till the Adjournment of this meeting ~
- 8th. Art Voted that the Schools be Keept under the fame Regulations they were last year & voted to Grant the Sum of one Hundred Pounds to fupport the fame Also voted to Chuse A Committee to Revise the School Districts and Chose

for said Committee: Will<sup>m</sup>. Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Soden and M<sup>r</sup>. David Bemifs

Then Voted that this Meeting be Adjourned untill monday the 14th, of March Current at two O Clock afternoon at this Place

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who were Qualified to vote in Town Affairs at the meeting House on monday the 14<sup>th</sup>. of March by an Adjournment — William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>. being Moderator —

9th. Art. On hearing the Petition of Moses Coollidge the Town Voted That the Pew which was Mr. Ezekiel Halls be Granted to sd. Coollidge & to be under the fame Restrictions of the Other Pews in the meeting House. Agreeable to his Petition he paying Mr. Hall the same sum said Hall paid the Town for the Pew — see the Petition on file

10th Artl. it was put to vote whither the Town will Accept of Mr: John Cook.s waste Bridge and it pass,t in the Negative ~

11th. Artl. It was put to vote whither the Town will procure an Engine for the use & Benefit of the Town and it pass.d in the Negative

12th. Arte. Voted to Chuse A Committee to Examine the Treasuser.s Accts. and to Settle and adjust any Accounts Relating to the Town

and Chose for said Committee — —  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Sam}^l. \ \text{Fisk Esq} \\ \text{Mr. Sam}^l. \ \text{Soden} \\ \text{Jon}^n. \ \text{Brown Esq} \end{array} \right.$ 

On 13th Artl. Voted the Collector of outstanding Taxes be Directed to Defist from calling on the Widw. Elizabeth Barnard for the outstanding Taxes fett to her untill enquiry be made & It is known whither said Taxes have not been Paid —

On the 14th. Arte. Voted that the Collection of Publick & Town Taxes (Including the State Taxes now Afsefs.t and not Committeed) for the year enfuing be put up to the Lowest bidder the Persons hiding Lowest Giving security to the Town

Persons biding Lowest Giving security to the Town and the East List of Town Taxes being put up Mr. Richard Clark Agreed to Collect said List of Taxes for 3 per Cent. the west List of Town Taxes being up Mr. Ebenezer Kent Agreed to Collect the fame for 6 pr. Cent. The East Lists of State Taxes being up Mr. Edmund Fowle Agreed to Collect them for 23/4 Pr. Cent the West List of Do. being up sd. Fowle Agreed to Collect them for 53/4 Pr. Cent Then they Voted and Chose Messr. Edmund Fowle & Richard Clark for Coslectors

Also voted & Chose Messrs. Richd. Clark & Ebenezer Kent Collecto[rs]

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On 15 Artl. Several persons Offering their Accounts for the Towns Acceptance the fame were allowed se page (335) —

On 16 Art: The Lists of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen being Read to the Town were not accepted — and the Town Voted to Chuse A Committee to prepare Lists of Jurors — and they voted and Chose for Said Committee Mr. Samuel White Capt. Christr.

Grant Jur. & Mr. Amos Livermore -

On 17 Art!. The Committee who were Appointed to procure A Bell made Report of their Doings which was Accepted by the Town — and the Sum of Thirty pounds was Granted for the Expence of s<sup>d</sup> Bell — The Committee to Confer with M<sup>r</sup>. Phin<sup>s</sup> Jenison Reported that he would ferve the Town As Saxton the Enfuing year for four pounds which Sum was Granted for s<sup>d</sup>. fervice — The 7<sup>th</sup>. Art!. being again taken up the Town voted to Grant the

The 7th. Art's being again taken up the Town voted to Grant the fum of one hundred pounds to Defrey Town Charges———
Voted that the Committee to Revise the school Districts Report at Apl. Meeting—— Then the meeting was Disolved———

At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Jonathan Maynard on Monday the 14 of March the following Persons were Sworn into their Respective Offices (viz) Josiah Bisco Daniel Mason and Amos Bond Assessors John Vila & Thomas Clark Wardens Nathaniel Bemis & Leonard Bond Fence viewers - Moses Warren and Elijah Mead Sealers of Leather — Phins. Stearns David Sanger & Nathl. Bright Surveyors of Highways Jonathan Maynard and Daniel Cornwall Heywards — David Sanger & Simon Hastings Surveyors of Timber Thomas Vose & Ebenezer Kent Clerks of ye Market William Sanger & Peter Harrington Hogrieves and Jeremiah Bridge Culler of Hoops and Staves &c

And at another meeting of the Selectmen on Monday ye 21 Day of March at Mr. Saml. Willingtons. Jonathan Brown Esqr. was Sworn into the Offices of Town Clerk & Town Treasurer & Samuel Soden Surveyor of Highways Edmund Fowle and Richard Clark Constables & Nathl. Bright Tythingman and Henry Bradshaw Culler of Hoops & Staves &c

all the above Officers were Sworn Before Will<sup>m</sup>: Hunt Justice

of Peace

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr. Samuel Wellington on Monday the 18th: Day of March AD 1785. They ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the Several Constables Directing them to warn all the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in the Choice of a Governor Lt: Governor & Senators to assemble at the Meeting House in Said town on Monday the 4th- Day of April Next at two O: Clock P: M: for the Purpofes aforeSaid. and also to warn all the Inhabitants of Said town who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to meet at the Same place the Same Day at 3: O Clock afternoon to act on the following articles (Viz)

First to Choose a moderator of the Meeting. ——— (21y) To Choose any Town officers in the Room of any that Neglect or refuse to Serve: (3ly) To hear the Reports of any Committees that have been appointed for any perticular Services and for the town to act thereon as they See fit. (4ly) To hear the Petitions of William Warren and others the town to take into their Consideration the Several things contained therein and Act thereon as they think proper. ([5]ly) To know the minde of the town whether they will abate any Perticular persons tax's and Act any thing thereon they See fit. -

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly and Signed

Pr Order of ve Selectmen

By Iona: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified according to the Constitution to Vote in the Choice of a Governor Lt: Governor & Senators being duly Warned & Regularly assembled at the Publick Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the 4th- Day of April AD 1785. for the above purposes &c: The Selectmen being Present & opened the Meeting & Called for the Votes for a Governor which being brot: in & Counted & Sorted and it Appeared that The Honle: James Bowdoin had 13 Votes — — Benjamin Lincoln had 33 Votes — — Francis Dana had 4 —

Then the Votes were Called for for a Lt: Governor were brot: in & Counted & Sorted and it Appeared that the following

Gentlemen had the Number of Votes against their Names (Viz)
The Honle Thomas Cufhing Esqr- 28— —

James Bowdoin Esqr- 3—

Francis Dana Esqr- - - 1—

Then the votes were Called for, for five Senators, being brot: in Counted and Sorted and it Appeared that the following Gentlemen had the Number of Votes Set against each of their Respective Names (Viz)

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	Nathl Gorham Esqr	51	James Prescott Esqr.	2
	John Brooks Esq <sup>r</sup>	32	Abraham Fullar Esqr-	4
	Eben <sup>r</sup> Bridge Esq <sup>r</sup>	56	Jona Maynard Esqr-	1
	Francis Dana Esqr-	35	W <sup>m</sup> Winthorp Esq <sup>r</sup> -	1
	Josiah Stone Esq <sup>r</sup> -	15	Thomas Parker	1
	Eleazor Brooks Esqr-	11	Jona Brown Esqr	1
	Saml Thatcher Esqr-	5	Thos Fayerweather Esqr-	1
	Ezra Sargant Esqr-	6		
	Joseph B: Varnum Esqr-	38		
	William Prescott Esqr-	4		

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At A Publick Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the Publick Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the 4th: day of April AD 1785. to act on the Several things Mentioned in the Warrant for Calling the Meeting. The Meeting being Opened They Proceeded and the Votes being brot: counted & Sorted it appeared that William Hunt Esqr: was Chosen Moderator ——

The Second Arte: being Read & Mr: Elkanah Wales was Chosen Tythingman in the room of William Warrin who refused To Serve —

(3) Article being Read & no Committee made any report —
(4) article Read and Capt Wm Warrins Petition was Read & Debated & then Dismift —
Then Capt William Coollidges Petition being Read and after Debate thereon it was Committed to Mefsures Mofes Stone, David Bemis, and Samuel White to Consider the Petition and Report to the town at Next May Meeting what they think proper to be don thereon —
Then a list of Juriors that was Prepared was read to the

town & accepted: as may be Seen on file -

(5) article being Read They Voted to abate Samuel Jenisons Rates Ebenezer Everit appeared & asked to have his tax's abated that Messrs William Warrin & William Harrington discharge his Rates in their lists upon his giving his Note of hand payable in one year with Interest for the Same to the Town-Treasurer for the use of the town — Then the Meeting was Desolved —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1785. at the House of Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Maynard — — — They Signed orders on the Town-Treasurer to pay the following Sums (Viz)

also to pay William Blaler thirty Six shillings for house Room & Boarding Mary Learned

also

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also the Sum of ten shillings to m<sup>r</sup> Peter Harrington for a Load of Wood for Deliverance Whitney: and also to Pay to m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Jenison three Pounds for his Service as Saxton for the year 1784.

At this Meeting they Agreed to have a Town Meeting on the Second Day of May Next at the Publick Meeting House at two O Clock in the afternoon to Choose a Person to Represent the Town in the General Court the ensueing year.

also to warn the freeholders &c: Quallified to vote in town

affairs to meet the Same Day and at the Same Place at three O Clock afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)

First to Choose a Moderator of the Meeting

(2ly) To hear the Petition of Capt: John Fowle. & the Request of others & for the town to act thereon as they think Proper.

(3ly) To hear the Report of the Committee Appointed to Examin the Treasurers accounts: also the Committee appointed to Consider the Petition of Capt: William Coollidge: as also any or all other Comttes appointed for Perticular Services,

and to do anything on any or either of them they See

- To hear the Pleas of any Perticular Persons for Abateing any of their tax's and for the town to Act their Pleasure thereon.
- For the town to Agree upon Some Measures to Pay their

(6) Necessary or Needfull at this time. —

(71y) To hear the purpofal & request of Mr John Cook relating to the Bridge over his Wast water Near the Dam & do thereon as they See fit ----and ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the Several Constables to Warn the Inhabitants Quallified to vote to meet at the times and Place Abovementioned which was Accordingly don & Signed. By order of ye Selectmen-Jona; Brown Town-Clerk

The Selectmen at this Meeting Signed an order on the Town Treasurer to pay mr. William Harrington £ 4" 15" 9 and Capt William Warren £ 6"3"3 being the abatement made in their lists of tax's against mr Ebenr: Everitt and took a note of mr Everit for the Same, - They also let the wharf at Cambridge to mr Amos Livermore for £ 2:18: \_\_\_\_ [fo]r the term of one year

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified according to the Constitution to Vote in the Choice of Representatives Regularly assembled at the Publick Meeting House in Said town on Monday the Second day of May AD: 1785. -

The Selectmen being Present the votes were Called for and after being brot. in Counted & Sorted it Appeared that Jonathan Brown Esqr: was Chosen to Represent the Town in the General Court the enfueing year. -

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled at the Publick Meeting House on Monday the Second Day of May AD: 1785. to act on Sundry affairs as Setforth in the Warrants for Calling the Meeting —

They Voted & Chofe William Hunt Esqr: Moderator of the Meeting

The Second Article was Read & as no Petition was offered the

article past over

(3) article was Read with the Report of the Committee on the Treasurers acctts- which was Voted and Accepted as on file then the Petition of Capt: William Coollidge was Read with a Report thereon

then Voted to accept the Report and the Matter Subside for the

Present.

- (4) article being Read Capt: William Warren Asked to have Several persons Rates abated in his lists, and the Town Voted to abate the following Perfons (Viz) Elijah Hultons being 18/ also Mr Dalrymples of 18/ — and Seth Hastings's in No: (2) of - 18/ — — — — —
- (5) article Read & Voted that the Treasurer Call in the outstanding monies due to the town to discharge the Demands on the Town -
- (6) article Read and Mr Nathan Coollidge Presented an Account for money paid to three men to go to Rhoad Island being five pounds each in the year 1778. which was Voted & Granted agreable to the Scale at that time —

Then they Voted and Granted £ 5 pounds to Repair the Meeting

House

(7) article being Read Mr: John Cooks Purpofals for filling up his wast Stream was Read & Voted to ly on the files — -

Then the Meeting was Defolved — - -

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 23d. Day of

May 1785.

They agreed to have a Meeting with the Selectmen of Weston & Waltham at the wido Dorothy Coollidges on monday Next at three O Clock in the afternoon to take care of the Great Bridge & directed the Clerk to Notify them thereof. which was Accordingly don -

at this meeting the following Notifications were received (Viz) mr Daniel Whitney Notified in Writting that he had received into his house one Enoch Hide and Family, also William Learned & Family last from Newton. See the notification Dated may

ve 12th. 1785.

Mr Nathaniel Ruggles Whitney also notified in Writting that he had received Polly Parks one of the poor of Newton into his Family

See the notification of may ye 16th: 1785. on file.

(2) To know the minde of the Town whether the tax Agreed upon for the Currant year, or any part thereof Shall he immediately assessed or put of to a future time and to act

any thing Relating thereto they Judge Proper.

(3) To Confider whether it is expedient & Necessary to Settle all the Outstanding Tax's before any New Tax Shall Issue, and do anything thereon that the town may think best.

(4) For the town to Choose a Collector of Tax's Surveyor of Highways & Tythingman in the room of Mr Nathaniel Bright Deceast. and any any other town officer in the place of any person or persons that have Neglected to be Sworn into any office to which they were Chosen

(5) For the town to abate any persons tax's they may think

(6) to hear the accounts of any persons the town is Indebted to and Grant money to pay the Same if they think Proper. and make any further grants of money they may think Necessary.

(7) To Hear the Reports of any Committees and act thereon as they See fitt —

Warrants were Issued Accordingly

Pr Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled at the Publick Meeting House in Said Town on Monday ye 8th Day of August AD: 1785. to act on the Several Matters Contained in the Warrant for Calling ye Meeting

They Voted and Chose Capt: Jonathan Maynard Moderator. — The 2<sup>d</sup> article being Read and after debate thereon. Voted that the assessing the town Tax's be put of till the former Collectors of tax's Settle their accounts or the further order of the Town. — Then Voted that the Collectors be allow'd two months to Settle with the Treasurer. after which time the Treasurer is Directed to Issue his Executions against all Such as Neglect to Settle their Accounts. Then Voted that the Assessors Should Assess the Ministerial Tax emediately on the 4<sup>th</sup> article They voted & Chose M<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark a Collector of Tax's in the Room of M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Bright Deceast to finish Collecting the Remainder of S<sup>d</sup> Brights lists of tax's --------

Then Voted & Chose Mr Samuel White Surveyor of Highway to finish sd Brights list of Highway tax's in his room - - - - The 5th. 6th: & 7th Articles not being Acted upon a motion being made & Seconded it was Voted that the Meeting Should be Disolved and the moderator Accordingly declared it to be

Disolved. ----

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 10<sup>th</sup>- day of Aug<sup>t</sup>: 1785 at the House of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Jonathan Maynard an account was Presented from Nath!. Ruggles Whitney for Keeping School &c which was accepted - - -

at this Meeting a Petition was Presented to the Selectmen desireing them to call a Town Meeting to take into Consideration the circumstances of the Collectors Relating to the State Tax's &c also to Consider of Some Proper & Speedy way of Paying the

Revd: mr Eliots Sallary &c

Whereupon they Ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the Constables to warn the Inhabitants of the Town Quallified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Meeting on Monday ye 22d.

at two O Clock afternoon for the following Purposes. (Viz)

First to Choose a Moderator of ye Meeting

(2d) To abate any Persons Rates they think Proper. and Grant money to make good any State tax's that have been or may be abated.

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(3d) To make any further grants of money the Town may Judge Necessary.

(4) For the Town to take Such Measures as they Judge Ex-

- pedient and necessary to obtain a Speedy Settlement of the State Tax's Still remaining unsettled in the Several Constables and Collectors hands. and do any thing thereon that the Town may Judge Necessary in order to bring the Matter to a final Settlement.
- (6th) To hear the Reports of any Committees A as may Appear proper.
- (7th) To appoint a Committee if it is thot: Necessary to Settle any Accounts between any or either of the Collectors & Town-Treasurer and Act thereon as they See fitt.
- (8th) To hear the Reasonable Request of any person or persons and act thereon as they think Expedient.

  Warrants were Issued out Accordingly Dated 15th- Instant
  Pr Order of the Selectmen Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the 22<sup>d</sup> Day of august AD 1785.

They Chose William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator of y<sup>e</sup> meeting ——

2<sup>d</sup> article being Read. and Passed over.

3<sup>d</sup> article being Read Voted & Granted £ 6 pounds to Repair the great Bridge - - - -

4th article Read Voted that the Selectmen be Impowered to Send two persons after William Warren an obsconding Collector at the expence of the town &c Voted that the Selectmen take care & examin the lists of Collectors of of State Tax's and Proceed with them in manner

as the law Directs

5th article Read Voted that the Selectmen & Town-Treasurer take Care to pay m<sup>r</sup> Eliots Sallary Quarterly as it becomes due - - - ————

6th article past over. on the Seventh article Voted to Choose a

Comtte- to Settle with the Treasurer & Collectors and Chose for Said Committee

Sam¹ Fisk Esqr W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esqr: mr Amos Livermore

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at Capt: Jonathan Maynards on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of august AD 1785. They Signed an order on the Town-Treasurer to Pay Mr Nathaniel Ruggles Whitney £ 33 "6" 8 in full for keeping School last year. and £ 4 Pounds to Jedidiah Learned in part for Boarding Abigail Hay ———

Jedidiah Whites of - 0"8"0 In David Stones John Gipsons Simon Coollidges 1:7:9-In Richard Clarks late Nathll Brights Henry Bradfhaws Noah Torreys 1:8:3 James Austins 1: 5: 0:1 1:5:8 Jona Crofsbees George Browns 0:18: 5:1 Joseph Havs 0:11: 2:-James Shermans 1:18:7 Joseph Hays 0:11: 2:-John Randols 0: 4:4 Freemans 0:10:9:-Willm Trasks , 0: 3:8

Then they voted that Such part of Oliver Learneds Tax's Should be abated. as the afsefsors think Proper — Then the meeting was adjourned to the first monday in Octr: next at this place —

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In Daniel Cooks
   James Shermans 0: 9:10:-
In Edmund Fowles-
   George Browns 1: 3: 6:1
    Saml Fullars 0:13:9 -
         Williams 0:13:9 —
Joseph Brights
     George Browns
                     0:18:0
     Saml Fullars
                     0:10:6-
     Joseph Hays Tax
     Stephen Simms
                     2:9:8-
     Jona. Crofsbees
                     2:16:8
     John Wellingtons 0: 6:2
    Noah Torrey
Eben Wakefield
Thos Gorden
                     0:8:0
                     0:3:4
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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at  $M^{rs}$  Coollidges on monday  $y^e$   $5^{th}$ - Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1785 They Signed an order on the treasurer to pay  $M^r$  Amos Bond £ 9:6:2:2 as a Ballance due to him before the first of march last past - -

At a Meeting (being for approbation) of the Selectmen on Thursday the 8th- Day of Sepr: AD. 1785. at the House of Mrs: Dorothy Coollidge they approbated the following Persons for Innholders and Relaitors (Viz) ————

Innholders
mrs: Dorothy Coollidge
messrs Edward Richardson
Jonathan Maynard
Sam1: Wellington
John Bullard

Retailors
Mess Eben Kent
Abner Craft
Jedih Leathe
John Fowle
John George
Daniel Jackson
Francis Faulkner
Henry Bradshaw
Hezekiah Medcalf

They also Signed orders on the town Treasurer to Pay Colo: Nathan Fullar 42/ for Special Services don for the town — also an order to pay to the Several Persons afternamed the Sums affixt to their Several Names being allow'd them for Services at the Great Bridge according to the adjustment on the 23<sup>d</sup> Day of Feby last past (Viz) ———

To Stephen Cook	1 " 10 " ——
To Jackson & Company	0 " 12 " ——
To Newton Baxter	0 " 7 " ——
To Amos Livermore	0 " 19 " ——
To Amos Bond	0 " 16 " ——
To Waltham being a	1 " 0 "
mistake in ye last adjut	1 " 0 "——

At this Meeting they agreed to have a New Town Meeting at the meeting House on monday the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: next at 3: O Clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz) First to Choose a moderator of the Meeting

- (2) To Choose a Collector of tax's in the Room of m<sup>r</sup>: William Warrin or any other Collector as the town may think Necessary———
- (3) To Inquire of the Managers of the lottery for Repairing the Great Bridge over Charles-River how far they have proceeded and act thereon as they [thin]k Proper

  Warrants were Issued accordingly pr J Brown Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled at the Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the third Day of October 1785. By adjournment —— Samuel Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: being Moderator of the Meeting —— The Meeting being Opened the (6) article being taken into Consideration the Committee appointed to Examin the Accounts of a Committee who were Chosen ye 27 Day of December 1780. to hire men to fill up Watertowns Quota of the army - made Report. that they had attended that Service —— and that it appeared that a Ballance was due the town from mr David Sanger one of the Said Committee the Sum of £8"6"8 and that a Ballance was due ye town from Major Josiah Capen of

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the  $3^d$  of Oct<sup>r</sup>: 1785. at Cap<sup>t</sup>. Jonathan Maynards they haveing received an Account from Mary Vila for Boarding Benjamin Whitney amounting to the Sum of £ 8"1" 10 which they ordered the Treafurer to pay in Such way as Could be don confistant with the State of the Treafury —

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting House on Thursday the 6 Day of Oct: 1785. by adjournment, the town took into Consideration the article Relating to Choosing a Collector in the Room of William Warren and voted to Choose a Committee to examin the Security the town has for mr Warins performance of Collecting &c - and to make report at the Adjournment

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 $Voted \ and \ Chofe \ for \ Said \ Committee \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} m^r \ Laben \ Wheaten \\ m^r \ Edmund \ Fowle \\ M^r \ Amos \ Bond \end{array} \right.$ 

then the article Relating to the Lottery was Read and Considered and they voted that the aforementioned Committee make Report how far the managers have Proceeded and Make report what is proper to be don thereon at the adjournment of the Meeting —————

Then the Meeting was adjourned to monday the 17 Instant at 2. O Clock afternon at this Place ————

Then the other Town Meeting which has been Continued by adjournments from the 22<sup>d</sup> Day of August last to this time was Opened. and after Debates thereon the Town Voted that the Treasurer Suspend the Sending out Executions against Daniel Mason & Joseph Bright till after the adjournment of the Meeting — and then the meeting was Adjourned to the Same time that the aforementioned meeting Stands Adjourned to

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at mr Samuel Wellingtons on the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of October AD: 1785. they Signed orders on the Town-Treafr: to pay the wido Mary Vila in full for Boarding Benjamin Whitney from the Seventh day of march last to the third day of octr: Infrant

and the Sum of 4/ to the administratrix of ye Estate of Nath

Bright Deceast: for Baize provided for Abigail

ay ———— 0: 4:0

and to pay the following Persons for Collecting Tax's according to a Grant made to them (Viz)

to Josiah Sanderson — 3: 0:0 to W<sup>m</sup> Harrington — 4"10:0

to Nath<sup>1</sup> Brights Estate 1"16:0 to Jon<sup>2</sup>: Child — 1"16:0

also Six Pounds to Jedidiah Learned in part for Boarding the widow Deliverance Whitney & Abigail Hay — —

6:0" ---

At a Publick Town Meetings of the Inhabitants of Watertown assembled at the meeting House on monday the 17 Day of Octr: 1785 by adjournt. Samuel Fisk Esqr: being moderator. the Meeting being Opened the Committee Appointed to Examin into William Warrens and Josiah Capens Security Relating to the tax's &c and after Debate thereon they Voted to Choose a Collector of tax's in the Room of sd: Warren Voted & Chose Major Josiah Capen Collector of tax's in ye Room of Warren Voted that Wm Harrington be paid out of the treasury the Sum of [ \* ] pounds to make good the Sum he paid for Daniel Parkers tax's

[Vo]ted & Granted 13:11:3 in addition to the former grant to purchase [th]e Bell &c. Voted & accepted David Sangers

Report on the Barrack &c

Voted -

<sup>\*</sup> torn

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Voted that when the Treasurer Issues his Execution against Mr Henry Bradshaw that Daniel Parkers & the late Phinehas Harringtons tax's in s<sup>d</sup>. Bradshaw's lists be not Included therein - - Voted that the Treasurer take the Direction of the Selectmen when & which of the Constables or Collectors he Shall Issue his Executions against

Then Voted to adjourn the Meetings with the remainder of the Business to monday Next at five O Clock afternoon to meet at the House of Mr: Samuel Wellington Innholder in Watertown—

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the House of mr Samuel Wellington on the 24th- Day of Octr: 1785. Samuel Fisk Esqr: being Moderator the Meeting being Opened. Major Josiah Capen Informed that he declined Serving as Collector in the Room of William Warren.— Where upon the Question was put whether they would Choose Some other person and it Past in the Negative Then Mr. Amos Bond one of the Managers of ye lottery informed

the town that they Supposed they Should be able to Draw the first Class in January Next.

Then it was Voted that the Selectmen give Directions to the Treasurer when to Issue his Executions against Delinquent Constables & Collectors

Then the Meeting was Desolved.

also they Signed an order to Pay m<sup>r</sup> Amos Bond or give him a note agreable to the vote of the town for the Ballance that Appeared due to him for hireing men for the Army: and to pay Cap<sup>t</sup>: Phinehas Stearnes Thirty fhillings towards the Support of Mary Boyington

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of the Wido: Dorothy Coollidge on the Second Day of January AD: 1786. They Signed an order on the Town-Treasurer to pay Dr Marshall Spring  $6:4\,^{\prime\prime}4$  for Medecine & attendance on Anna Ranger Ruth Maddox & the Wido Deliverance Whitney, also to pay Mr Moses Stone Junir £ 3:16:[\* ] in full of his ac-

<sup>\*</sup> torn

count for Collecting Tax's. Soldiers Receipts & Expences as one [of the] Selectmen in ye year 1783. —— and to William Blaber £ 0"15" [ \* ] full of Account for House Room for Mary Learned.

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 27th- day of January AD: 1786. at the House of mrs Dorothy Coollidge. They agreed to meet the Selectmen of Weston & Waltham on the Sixth day of February Next at two O Clock afternoon at the House of Mr Benjamin Bird in Waltham to adjust the Charge that has arisen Since the last Adjustment for the repairs of the Great Bridge over the River in Watertown, and Directed the Town-Clerk to Notify ye Selectmen of Weston & Waltham of the time and Place of Meeting also to Notify the Selectmen of Waltham to Settle the Accounts relating to Abigail Ball at the Same time; notice has been Sent Accordingly Pr J Brown Town-Clerk At this meeting the Selectmen Signed an order on the treasurer to give Mr Amos Bond a Note on Interest for the whole Sum due to him on acctt: of his hireing men to fill up the Army &c—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham at the House of M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Bird Inn-holder in Waltham on the 6<sup>th</sup>: Day of Feb<sup>y</sup>: AD 1786.

they adjusted the Charge that had arisen for the Support of the Great Bridge in Watertown Since ye last adjustment the whole amounting to 23:6:8 of which Sum —

Watertown's Part is - 8" 7"11"2
Weston's d°- is - 7"10" 3 —
Walthams d° is - 7"8"5"2

£ 23" 6" 8"0

And at the Same time & Place the Selectmen of Watertown & Waltham Settled the Account for the Support of Abigail Ball that had arisen Since the last Settlement. The whole Account amounting to the Sum of £ 16 " 2" 2 of which Sum

Watertowns Part is — 8"10:11:2 Walthams do is — 7"11"2:2

£ 16" 2" 2:0

<sup>\*</sup> torn

At a meeting of ye Selectmen of 13th- Day of Feby: AD. 1786 at mr John Bullards they Signed an Order of the Town-Treasurer to pay to ye Several persons the Sums Set to their Names in full of their accounts Exhibited ———

(Viz) To Jonathan Brown Esqr - - - 1 " 1" 0

To Capt: Chris Grant Jur — 0" 10" 6

To Mr Amos Livermore - 0" 10" 0

To Mr David Sanger - - - 0" 15" 0

To Capt Phins Stearnes - - 0" 6" 0

To Wm Hunt Esqr

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Bridge Agreable to ye last Adjustment ———		
(Viz) To Mr David Sanger in full of his Account	3" 4"	′ 0
To Mr Stephen Cook on Do — — —	3" 2"	′ 0 .
To m <sup>r</sup> Newton Baxter D° — — —	0"8"	′ 5
To m <sup>r</sup> Daniel Coollidge D° — — —		
To Messrs Faulkner & Jones — — —		
To Mr Nathl Harris — — — —	0"17"	' 0
To Mr Amos Livermore — — — —		-
To M <sup>r</sup> John Tainter — — — — —	0"4"	' 0
To Mr John Parry — — — — —		
To Settle with ye Selectmen of Weston — 1	1"8"	' 0

£ 23 " 6 " 8

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 21th- Day of Feby. 1786. They Agreed to have a Publick Town Meeting on the 6th- day of March Next at nine O: Clock in the forenoon at the Meeting House, and ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to the Constables to Warn the Inhabitants Quallified to vote in Town affairs to Assemble at Sd: time and place for the following Purposes (Viz) First to Choose a Moderator of the Meeting. (2) To Choose Selectmen Town -Clerk and all other town officers required to be Chose in the month of March annually (3) To Choose a Saxton & Agree how he Shall be Paid for his Service — (4) To Determin whether Swine Shall run at large the ensueing year ———— (5) To Put in their Votes for a County Register

& Treasurer. (6) To agree what Schools Shall be kept, and Grant money to Support the Same and act any thing relating thereto the town may think Proper (7) To grant money to Support the Poor, (8) To Grant money to Support the Great Bridge, and act any thing relating to ve Same as they think best. (9) To grant money to repair the Highways and do any thing relating thereto they Judge best. (10) To Choose a Committee to Examin the Treasurers Accounts. - (11) To know the mind of the town whether they will make any repairs of the meeting House and act any thing relating thereto they think Proper. — (12) To know the mind of the town whether they will do any thing on the affair of the lottery Granted to widen and repair the Bridge and Act any thing relating thereto the Judge proper. — (13) For the town to give directions to the assessors & others relating to the taxing Such of the Inhabitants as Profess themselves to be of the Baptist perswation, and to act thereon as may Appear to be just & Right (14) For the town to Appoint a Committee to Adjust & Settle accounts with any Constables or Collectors that have or may give up their lists without finishing [their] Collections, — and also to Choose Collectors in the Room of Such if they See fit.

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(15) To abate any persons Rates they think proper.

and also to Notify the town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to  $y^e$  Selectmen at the House of  $M^r$  John Bullard on Fryday the third day of March Next at two O Clock in the afternoon.

Warrants were Issued Accordingly
Pr Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M<sup>r</sup>: John Bullard on the third Day of March AD: 1786. to receive the accounts of Such Persons as the town is Indebted to the following were Presented and received (Viz) —

John Stearnes for Boarding Deliverance Whitney and Abigail Ball Before the Sixth Day of ye present

month - - 
Eunice Coollidge for Boarding Ruth Maddox &c

to ye Sixt Inft: — — 12" 7:1

Thos: Sheppard for Mary Boyington Board &c to

march ye 6th — — 1" 12:0

Josiah Capens Poor acctt- to ye Sixth of march - 2:8:0  Mary Vilas acctt- for Benja- Whitney from Octr: ye  4th to march 4th- — 5" 7:2  Chrisr: Grant jur poor acctt- to march ye 6th — 1"10"6  David Sangers Do. to Do — — — — 2:4:5  Amos Livermors Do. to Do — — — — 2:1"3  Daniel Jackson & Company for Saml Jenifon — 0:10:8  William Stones for Boarding Mary Learned to ye  6th Inftant — — — 0:16:0  Jedidiah Learneds for Boarding Deliverance  Whitney & Abigail Hay to march ye 6 — — 6
School Account (Viz) ————————————————————————————————————

March ye 27. 1786 the Selectmen Signed an Order on the Treasurer to pay all the above Accounts Except Jedidiah Learneds for which the order is only £ 25 " 4:0 being all that is due ——

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At the aforementioned Meeting the following Account to the Selectmen to be laid before the town for their	
to the Selection to be faid before the town for the	1 allowance
Phinehas Stearnes for Labour &c for the town	6 " 10 " 5
Marshall Springs for Medecine & attendance on ye	
poor	4 " 16 " 0
William Chenery for two Ploughs	1 " 16 " 0
Hugh Mason for three Large Stones	0"8"0
Henry Farrington for making a Frame &c for ye	
Bell	2"13"0
Newton Baxter for Irons &c for the Bell	0"4"0
Selectmens expences in the Service of the town	
last year	5 " 12 " 7
Jonathan Brown for Serving Treasurer ye year Past	
Josiah Bisco for Serving Assessor the year Past	3" 0"0
Joseph Delivery of the year 1 ast	

Amos Bond for like Service

2 " 0 " 0

Daniel Mason for like Service

2 " 0 " 0

£ 35 " 0 " 0

Which Sum of thirty five Pounds was Granted See Page (360) if the Selectmen allow the whole of m<sup>r</sup> Henry Farringtons Account See Page (360)

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday ye 10th Day of April AD 1786 they let the Hay Scale for one year to Mr Jedidiah Leathe for three pounds the year to begin on the tenth Day of January last Past.

M<sup>r</sup> Leathe was Appointed by the Selectmen to be Surveyor & weigher of Hay for one year and Was Sworne into office. By Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Just<sup>t</sup>: Peace

They also Signed an order to Pay to William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: and others a Committee that was Appointed to hire men to fill the Army a Sum Equal to £ 1110 "2:9 old Currency agreable to the former Order ———

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled at the Meeting House in Said town on Monday the Sixth day of March AD: 1786. for the Choice of Town officers and other affairs as Mentioned in the Warrant for Calling the Meeting————

Then they Voted & Chose William Hunt Esqr: for Moderator —

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{$M^r$: Samuel White} \\ \text{$M^r$: Sam^l$: Soden} \\ \text{$M^r$ Tho$}^s$: Pattin} \\ \text{$M^r$ Rich$}^d \text{$Clark} \\ \text{$William Hunt Esq$}^r \end{array}$ 

Chofe Town-Clerk & TownTreasurer Jonathan Brown Esqr:

Choie for Aisefsors ———— { Mr Josiah Bisco Mr Amos Bond Mr Daniel Mason
Chofe for Constable Mr Richard Clark
Chose Collector in the room of William Warren Major Josiah
Capen ——
Chofe Wardens Mess <sup>rs</sup> . Amos Bond & William Leathe
Fence-Viewers William Leathe & Amos Bond ——
Sealer of Leather Elijah Mead ——
Surveyors of Highways Messrs Wm- Hunt, Leonard Bond, Josh
Bright, & David Sanger
Tythingmen Messrs John Meacham, & Laban Wheaton ———
Surveyors of Timber &c Mess. David Sanger & Thos: Vose
Clerks of ye Markets Messrs Ephraim Jones & Thos: Vose
Hogrieves Messrs Amos Bond & William Leathe
Cullars of Hoops Staves &c mels Jeremiah Bridge & Daniel Jackson
Class of Troops Staves & The Jerenhan Bridge & Danier Jackson
Chose for Saxton Mr Phinehas Jenison & Granted him £ 4 for
y <sup>e</sup> Service
Then Adjourned to two O Clock afternoon at this place —
afternoon being met according to adjournment —
Voted that Swine Should not go at large the Present year
Then the Votes for a County Register were brot: in Counted &
Sorted and it appeared that William Winthorp Esqr had 17 Votes
Then the Votes were brot: in for a County Treasurer ———
Then they voted & Granted £ 100 pounds to Support the School,
also Voted that a Grammer School be kept the whole year & that
it be moved to each School House it equal part of the time and be
under the direction of the Selectmen —
Then Voted & Granted £ 90 to Support the poor.
the 8th- article put of for this time ————
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Then they Voted Granted as a Sum to repair the Highways & town-ways a Single Poll to be half a Days work & the Estates in Proportion the wages ye Same as last year. (Viz) 6/ Pr Day for a Man & ye Same for a Team.

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{Then they voted \& Chose for a} \\ \text{Com}^{tt}. \text{ to Examin ye Treas}^{r}. \text{ acc}^{tt} \colon \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{William Hunt Esq}^{r} \\ \text{m}^{r} \text{ Amos Bond} \\ \text{Cap}^{t} \text{ Chris' Grant Ju}^{r} \end{array} \right. \end{array}$ 

Then they Voted to Put of ye Consideration of ye repairing ye

meeting House to next April meeting Chose a Committee to View ve Same & make report at that time -Mr: Amos Livermore Mr William Chenery Chofe for Said Committee Mr Amos Bond on the 12th: Article relating to the lottery they Voted to Choose Seven men to be a Committee to Examin into the Circumstances of the lottery & report at April meeting -William Hunt Esqr Thos: Vofe Edmd: Fowle Voted & Chose for Said Committee Josiah Bisco David Sanger Frans: Faulkner Amos Livermore on the 13th article the town Voted that the Baptist hereafter named Should Draw their tax's paid for Support of the parrish in Watertown upon their Produceing a Certificate as the law Directs (Viz) Messrs Josiah Norcross, Ebenezer Stetson, & Richard Everitt. on ye 14th article they Voted to Choose a Committee to Settle & Adjust the account of Constables Collectors, & others to confist of three men  $\begin{array}{c} \text{Chose for Said Committee} \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{c} W^{m_{\text{-}}} \text{ Hunt Esq^r} \\ m^r \text{ David Bemis.} \\ m^r \text{ Josiah Bisco.} \end{array} \right.$ mr: Richard Clark agreed to Collect the Town & County tax for 3 & 3/4 Pr Cent & State for 21/2 Pr Cent -The Business of ye meeting being don it was Desolved -Middlefex fs Watertown March ve 6th: 1786 Jonathan Brown Esqr was Sworn in to the offices of Town-Clerk & town-Treasurer Pr Wm- Hunt Just<sup>t</sup> Peace — and the following Persons were Sworn into the Several offices hereafter mentioned (Viz) Josiah Bisco, Amos Bond, & Daniel Mason Afsefsors - Richd Clark Constable — Josiah Capen Collector — Amos Bond & W<sup>m</sup> Leathe Wardens — William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup> Leonard Bond, & Joseph Bright Surveyors of Highways. Thos Vose Surveyor of timber &c — Ephraim Jones & Thomas Vose Clerks of ye Markets — Jeremiah Bridge &

Daniel Jackson Cullars of Hoops Staves &c -

Jona: Brown Wm- Hunt Justs of ye Peace

Sworn Before

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on the Day of march AD. 1786. They Ordered the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant to the Constable to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote (agreable to the Constitution) in the Choice of Governor Lt: Governor & Senators to Assemble at the Publick Meeting House in Said town on monday the 3d Day of April Next at two O Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for a Governor & Lt Governor & five Senators for the County of middlefex — also to warn all the Inhabitants of Sd: Town who are Quallified to vote in town affairs to meet the Same Day at the Same Place at three O Clock afternoon to Act on the following Articles (Viz) First to Choose a Moderator of the Meeting. (2) To Choose any town officers in the Room of any that Neglect or Refuse to Serve (3) To hear the acctts- of those Perfons the town is Indebted to and grant money to pay ye Same (4) To know the Minds of the town whether they will Choose a Committee for providing School masters for the two Schools and act thereon as they think Expedient, and Whether they will grant any further Sums of money for Schools this year. (5) To know the minde of the town whether they will further Profecute a Petition to the Court of Sessions for Altering the County Road Near Treadways Bridge and to act thereon as may be Judged best. (6) To know the Minde of the town whether they will grant a further Sum of Money for repairs of the highways and Making alterations therein ——— (7) To know if the town will leafe the Hay Scales at auction, and act thereon as may be thought best ——— (8) To hear the Reports of any Committees, and Act thereon as may be Judged Expedient. ——— (9) To abate any Persons tax's in any Collectors lists - and Act thereon as may — Expedient (10) To know if the town will Choose a Committee to Apply to the Court of Sessions for a County workhouse (11) To know the minds of the town whether they will Sell the paper money in the town Treasury and act thereon as may be Judged Expedient. ——— (12) To know the minds of the

be Judged Expedient. ——— (12) To know the minds of the town whether they will allow Interest to those Persons who have don Services for the town and those who have advanced money for the towns use and Act thereon as is best

A Warrant was Issued Accordingly. Dated the 13th- Day of March and Signed by Order of the Selectmen

Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of mr: Edward Richardson on the 27th Day of march AD: 1786. They Signed an order on the Treasurer to Pay the Sum of £ 5 "6" 11 To the Collector of tax's in the town of Cambridge for the Tax's Assest on the House and Land in Cambridge that was Improved by James Hay & others by order of the Selectmen of Watertown in the years 1780 & 1781

They also Signed orders to Pay the accounts of the Several Persons with the Sums affixt to their Names as Mentioned in the ( ) page of this Book — They also let the Wharfe to mr: Moses Coollidge which lys in Cambridge for one year from the first day of April Next for 37/—— and mr Coollidge gave his note of hand to the town Treasurer Payable in one year

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified according to the Constitution Regularly assembled at the meeting House in Said Town on Monday the third Day of April AD 1786. to give in their Votes for a Governor and Lt: Governor. the Selectmen being Present. the Votes were Called for brot: in Counted & Sorted and it appeared that his Excellency James Bowdoin Esq had twenty three Votes, & the Honl!: Benjn: Lincoln Esq: had three Votes - Then the Votes were Called for, for a Leiut: Governor, and it appeared that the Honl! Thomas Cushing Esq had twenty one Votes, and the Honorable Samuel Adams Esq had Six Votes - -

Then the Votes were Called for for five Senators for the County of Middlesex and were brot: in Counted and Sorted and it Appeared that the following Gentlemen had the Number of Votes Set against each of their Names (Viz).

Nath <sup>II</sup> Gorham Esq <sup>r</sup> — 18	Abraham Fullar Esqr -	1
Eben <sup>r</sup> Bridge Esq <sup>r</sup> — 12	John Brooks Esqr — —	3
Eleazor Brooks Esqr — 11	William Hull Esqr —	2
Joseph-Bradly Vernon	James Russell Esqr —	1
Esqr — — — — 22	Stephen Dana Esqr —	1
Joseph Hofmer Esqr — 19	Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown Esq <sup>r</sup> — —	1

Joseph Lee Esq<sup>r</sup> — 1 Tho<sup>s</sup> Fayerweather Esq<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup>Thatcher Esq<sup>r</sup> — 10 Zw<sup>m</sup> Baldwin Esq<sup>r</sup> — 1 Joseph Curtis Esq<sup>r</sup> — 16

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They Voted and Chofe William Hunt Esqr: Moderator of ye

Meeting

on the 2<sup>d</sup> article They Voted and Excused M<sup>r</sup> John Meacham and M<sup>r</sup> Laban Wheaton from Serving Tythingmen after which Messures Moses Coollidge, and Moses Warrin were Chosen in their Room

Then Messrs Amos Bond & William Leathe from Serving Hogrieves and Josiah Mixer & Daniel Cornwall were Chosen in

their Room

They also Excused W<sup>m</sup>- Leathe and Amos Bond from Serving as Fence-Viewers & Chose Thomas Clark & Jonathan Bemis in their room

They Voted and Choose Messurs Hugh Mason & Joseph Bright Howards

all which Town officers were Sworn emediately Pr Wm- Hunt Just<sup>1</sup>: Peace

3 Artle: the Accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to were Read and accepted and allow'd (Excepting Henry Farrington which was referred to the Selectmen with the advice of mr Amos Livermore and for the Selectmen to allow what they Shall Judge is right)

Then they Granted the Sum of £ 35 pounds to Sattisfie the Same

(See the accounts at the (355) page of this Book ———

4 Artle: Sundry motions were made for Choofeing a Committee to provide Schoolmasters and for Makeing Some further Grants but none Obtained and the article Dropt.

5 Article Relating to the Alteration of the Road at Treadways Bridge being read & Considered They Voted that the following perfons Should be a Committee to View the Same and Report at the Next town Meeting (Viz) Sam<sup>1</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: Mefs<sup>rs</sup> David Sanger & Amos Livermore together with the Selectmen to be Said Committee

- 6 article Put to Vote wheather they will make any further Grant for the Highways it Past in the Negative ————
- 7 Article Voted that the Selectmen Lease the Hay Scales as may be most for the benefitt of the town and Appoint a hay weigher to be under oath —————
- 8 Article the Committee appointed to Sell or lease Common lands made report of their doings See the Report at the (161) Page
- 9 Article relating to abateing tax's being Read Mr Daniel Mason Presented a list for abatement and the town Past the following Votes (Viz) ———

That

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that Simon Coollidge Shall be allowed to Work out his Rates being £ 2:0:0 in Said Masons lists at 4/ Shillings  $P^r$  Day and that Samuel Jenisons being the Sum of 21/ shillings may be worked out the Same way ————

Then Jonathan Stone Presented a list for abatement (Viz) Jedidiah Whites of 18/9 it was Voted that his may be worked out the Same way also that Simon Coollidges being 7/1 be worked out in ye Same Manner————

Richard Clark offered a list as follows (Viz) Bez<sup>II</sup>: Learneds of £1:5:8 and Simon Coollidges of £0" 18:8:3 may be Worked out in ye Same manner, and that Jacob Hows of /5 pence be abated also Michal Carews of /5 be abated and the others be Collected ————

Joseph Bright Prefented the	following list (Viz) —	
	Thos Goliver of —	
	Nath! Murry of ——	0 " 10 " 6
	Sam! Stovers of —	
	W <sup>m</sup> Trask of ——	0 " 12 " 0
Which was Voted & abated	1	2" 3"6

Voted yt if mr Fowle receives any of these to acctt therefor

Hatfields of — 0 " 13 " 9"
Nath Murrys 0 " 13 " 9"
Sam! Stovers — 0 " 13 " 9"
Shuball Smiths — 0 " 13 " 9"
Dr Benjn Parkers — 0 " 3 " 8"
Daniel Parkers — 0 " 19 " 4"
John Strattons — 0 " 2 " 7"

10 Article being Read. Voted to Choose a Committee to petition to the Court of General sessions of the Peace that a Work-house may be Erected for the use of the County of Middlesex &c ——

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Chose for Said Committee} \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Jon}^a \colon \text{Brown Esq}^r \colon \\ \text{William Hunt Esq}^r \\ M^r \text{ Amos Bond} \end{array} \right. \\ \end{array}$ 

11 Article Voted to Sell the old Paper money now in the Town Treasury

Voted & Chose as a Committee for that purpose the Present Selectmen and Town Treasurer ————

11 Article Read and after Debate thereon the Matter Dropt ——
and the Meeting was Defolved —————

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The Report of a Committee Appointed by the Town to Sell or lease out Lands belonging to the Town

The Comits, aforeSaid Sold a Paice of Land to mt Richardson

The Comtte- aforeSaid Sold a Peice of Land to mr Richardson (Bounded Westerly on his homestead and on every other point on the highways for twelve Pounds. which he hath paid to the treasurer, They also Sold a peice of Land to mr Wm Stone containing a few Rods for which he hath given his note to the Town Treasurer for twenty Shillings Sd: Committee also lett the Island below the Corn Mill To Mr Faulkner for twenty Shillings a year for three years (which Lease is now Expired) for which Mr Faulkner hath lately given his note of hand to the Treasurer.

Watertown April: 3d: 1786.

Saml Fisk
Saml White
David Sanger
David Bemis
Richard Clark

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the third Day of April AD: 1786. They Agreed with the Several Persons afternamed to take

care of and Board the following persons being the poor of the town from this time to next march Meeting at the following Rates (Viz)

William Godding to Board Ruth Maddox at 3/11 P week Joseph Bright Mary Learned - - -Thomas Clark Benjamin Whitney at - - 2/5 Pr do at - - 3/6 Pr d٥ Daniel Barned Wido Delice Whitney at - - 5/6 P do Jedidiah Learned Abigail Hay at - - 8/ do Josiah Mixer Mary Boyington & Child at - - 3/1

1786 April ye 7. John Remington gave a Notification in Writting that he had received into his Family one Elijah Graves a poor perfon last from needham who came to live with him ye 20th- Day of March last

1786 April ye 24th- This being the year for perambulating lines & renewing bounds betwixt town the Selectmen Agreed to proceed on the bufiness on Thursday the 11th- Day of may Next to begin with Cambridge at the River at 7. OClock in the morning & with Waltham at the Rocks at 11 in the forenoon & with Newton at 4 O Clock below the Diftell House in the afternoon & Directed the Clerk to Notify the Selectmen of the Several Towns thereof

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 24th. Day of April AD. 1786 at mr: Samuel Wellingtons they Agreed to have a Town Meeting on the Eighth Day of May Next at two O Clock in the afternoon at the meeting House for the Choice of a person to Represent the town in the General Court the ensueing year. — They also Agreed to have an other Town Meeting of the Quallified Voters to Vote in town affairs to be held the Same Day at the Same Place at three O Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles (Viz) First to Choose a Moderator of the Meeting —

(2ly) To hear the reports of any Committees and to act thereon as they see fitt —

(3ly) To abate any perticular Perfons Rates that they think

(4ly) To know the minds of the town whether they will grant any further Sum of money for the towns School; and reconfider their Vote at march meeting respecting the town School being a Moveing School and act thereon as they Judge best.

(5<sup>ly</sup>) To See if the town will Adopt any further Measures respecting Watertown Bridge over Charles-River relating to the lottery, and act any thing on the affair they Judge Expedient.

(51y) To know if the town will give their Representative any Instructions for the year ensuing and Act thereon, as

they Judge best.

(71y) To know if the town will give Directions to the Collectors not to Distrain upon the widow Barnard for tax's Said to be due in Halls lists and a new Committed to Daniel Mason, as She Supposes the Same has been Paid. and do thereon as they See proper.

(81y) To know if the town will do any thing relating to the Outstanding tax's Committed to Henry Bradshaw, or any other Collectors tax's yet unsettled, and act thereon as they Judge most for the Interest of the town.

(9ly) To grant any further Sums of money to make up any Deficiencies or for any further or other Purpoles if the town

Judge it Necessary

(10<sup>ly</sup>) To Choose a Collector or Collectors to finish the Collecting Henry Bradshaw's lists of Rates or any others if Need Shall be.

At this Meeting the Selectmen Issued an Order on the Treasurer to Pay mr Edmund Fowle £ 24:6:0 for Collecting tax's

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in the choice of a Representative Regularly Assembled at the Meeting House on Monday the Eighth Day of May AD: 1786. — The Selectmen being Present. The Meeting being Opened the Votes were Called for & being brot: in counted & Sorted it Appeared that Jonathan Brown Esqr: was Chosen to Represent the town in the General Court the Year ensueing ———

And at a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled the Same day & at the Same Place to transact Sundry

affairs as Setforth in the Warrant for Calling the Meeting — They Voted & Chofe William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator —— Then the 2<sup>d</sup>: Article in Warrant was Read. — The Committee Appointed to Settle an Account with m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Cook, Reported that they Settled with him on the 10 Day of April 1780. and their Appeared to be due to him £ 134"8:0 in paper Equal to £ 1"15:10 hard money. which was Accepted. See the Report on file ————

Then the Committee Appointed to Consider of Proper Measures for Widening the Road near (Treadways Bridge So Called) made Report of their doing on the affair which Was Voted & Accepted. see the Report on file ———

- 3d: article Read and no abatements were asked and the matter Past over —
- (5th) article being taken into Consideration and after Debate thereon they Voted that the time for Drawing the lottery Should be agreed upon at the adjournment of the meeting Provided Weston will Agree to Similar Measures.
- (6th) article was Read and the Town Voted to give their Reprefentative Some Inftructions for his Conduct relating to Some Publick Matters——
  Then they Voted to Choose a Committee to Prepare Some Instructions to be Laid before the town for Acceptance at the Adjournment of ve Meeting

Voted & Choose for Said Committee

Capt Abner Craft
mr: Sam! White
Sam! Fisk Esqr
Dr Marshall Spring
mr Richd: Clark
Mr Josiah Bisco
William Hunt Esqr
Then

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(7th) article Voted that Mr: Daniel Mason do not Call on the

wido Barnard for the tax Committed to him taken from Mr Hall lists as it Appears to have been paid by mr Halls order to Ionathan Myrick —— (8th) article being Read they Voted to receive Henry Bradshaws tax's & Committ them to mr Richard Clark to Collect. - mr Clark was Excused from Collecting them Then Voted that the assessors add £ 40 pounds more to the Highway Tax to make the Road Wider at Treadways Bridge — Then Voted that any person that Chooses to pay into the Hand of Such person as the town or Selectmen Shall Appoint and within the time Limitted for yt purpose the Sum of 3/ Shilling it Shall be Accepted in leiu of a Days Labour at the Highways which money is to be Appropriated for the Widning treadways Bridge (So Called). — Then Voted and Adjourned the Meeting to the last monday in the Present month to meet at this Place at. 4. O Clock afternoon At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the Meeting House in sd: Town on Monday the 29th Day of may AD: 1786. — William Hunt Esqr: being Moderator. the Meeting being Opened they Proceeded on the 5th. article relating to the lottery for Widening the Bridge and after Some Debate thereon. They Voted to put off the further Consideration thereof till Sum futer time. -Then the Committe Appointed to Prepare Some Instructions to be given to the Representative Made Report which being Read and after Debate thereon They Voted and Accepted ye Same with Some Small amendments ----Then they Voted that the Same be taken into a fair draught, and be Signed by the Moderator and Delivered to the Representative Then they voted that Jonathan Brown be added to the Committe appointed to Settle mr Halls accounts as a Collector of tax's and that they Settle the acctt: -Then Mr Richard Clark Desired to be Excused from takeing Mr Henry Bradshaws lists of tax's, and the town by a Vote Excused him therefrom Then m<sup>r</sup> Jedidah Leathe agreed to take and finish the Collection for 4/s Shillings on the pound for the whole Sum he could Collect, which was agreed to he giveing Bond as other Constables & Collectors do. -Then they Voted and Chofe mr Jedidiah Leathe a Collector of

that tax & that only, and he was Sworn emediately by William Hunt Justice ye peace

Then the meeting was adjourned to ye last monday in June next at 4 o Clock afternoon at this place -

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At a Meeting of ve Selectmen at Majr: Mellens on the 29th- Day of may 1786 Mr Nathaniel Ruggles Sent in an account for Keeping School from Feby 27th 1786 to May ye 29th following and for Supplying the School with wood amounting in the whole to ye Sum of £ 16" 10" 8 which the Selectmen \_\_\_\_\_\_ ye Treasurer to pay -

Nath! Ruggles Whitney Notified the Selectmen that on the 28th Day of April 1786. he received into his Family in Watertown on Sufanna Wendal who was Born at Chelmsford but last from Wesford or Boston, her Circumítances not mentioned.

See the notification on file —

1786. May ye 11th. Messrs: Samuel White & Richard Clark Perambulated the lines and Renewed the Bound Marks between Watertown & Waltham with Such Gentlemen as were Appointed on the Part of Waltham see ve Report on file -

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 19th- Day of June 1786 at the House of Major Thos: Mellens. They Signed an order on the Town-Treasurer to pay the Sum of Sixteen pounds ten shilling and eight pence to m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>1</sup>: Ruggles Whitney in full of his account for keeping School the year past --- also to pay Mr Samuel White one pound three shillings and five pence in full of his Account for Cloathing for Mary Boyington

And to Pay the Sum of Six Pounds ninteen Shillings to Jedidiah Learned in full of his account for Boarding the widow Whitney and Abigail Hay to the fifth Day of June Instant -

At a Publick Town Meeting at the meeting House in Watertown on Monday the Day of June AD 1786. by adjournment Wm-Hunt Esqr: being moderator the meeting was Opened. and then Adjourned to the Second monday in august next at 4 O: Clock afternoon. -

1786 July ve 31 John Remington Esqr: gave in a notification that

Great Bridge Lottery

he had received into his Family one Lucy Hager who came last from needham on the day aforeSaid.

1786. July ye 3d Mofes Coollidge gave in a Notification that he had received into his Family oneAbijah Paine last from Sudbury on the 26th- Day of December last.

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the eighth Day of Au gust:

1786. at Maj<sup>r</sup>. Mellens They having rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from one John Nutting Chairman of Some Com<sup>tte</sup>. met Groton on ye 29 Day of June last desireing the Same might be laid before the town Therefore the Selectmen Directed the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant directed to ye Constable to warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Meeting House in Said town on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup>- Instant at 5 O: Clock afternoon to take Said letter into Consideration and to act thereon as they think best. a Warrant was Issued accordingly. and the Inhabitants assembled at Said time and Place. —— and Chose W<sup>m</sup>- Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>. Moderator. who read Said Letter and after considering the Contents it was was Voted not to act any thing thereon. —— the Meeting was Desolved. ——

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown met at the Meeting House on monday the 14th- Day of Augt: 1786 according to Adjournment. William Hunt Esqr: being Moderator — The meeting was Opened and the (5th) article in the Warrant read Relating to the lottery and after Debate thereon, and hearing ye purposals of Some Persons Read relating to the repairing the Bridge &c. it was moved that a Committee of five Persons might be appointed to Confur with the other towns concerned in the Support of the Bridge and See what they will do relating to the aforesaid purposals or in any other way to accomplish the Widening & repairing the Bridge. Wherefore they

Voted & Chose the the persons herenamed for Said Com<sup>tte</sup> (Viz) Who are to make report at the Adjourt of ye meeting M<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup> White Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> David Sanger M<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore M<sup>r</sup> David Bemis Then the meeting was adjourned to the Second monday in September Next at three O Clock in the afternoon at this place.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr: Edward Richardson on Fryday the first Day of Sepr: AD. 1786. They Approved of the Persons afternamed renewing their licences as they were before —— (Viz)

Retailors
John Fowles
Daniel Jackson
John George
Frans: Faulkner
Tim: Williams
David Bemis
Jedidiah Leathe

Innholders
Edw<sup>d</sup>: Richardfon
Tho<sup>s</sup> Mellens
Dorothy Coollidge
Samuel Wellintgon

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At a Publick Town Meeting held at the meeting on monday the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup> 1786. the town not being ready to Proceed to the bufiness they further adjourned to the Second monday of Oct<sup>r</sup>: Next at 3.O Clock afternoon at this Place

At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 28th- Day of Sepr: 1786. They Stated the assize of Bread as follows (Viz) — B "oz "dr. A 4d white loaf of Bread must weigh - - - - 1" 8"11 A 4d loaf white Brick Bread — — — — 1" 6"11 A Biskets of three Coppers Price — — — 0"12" 6 A Bisket of one Copper Price — — — 0"4"2

A 4 loaf of brown Bread 34 Wheat & 14 Indian 3"0"0

A 4d loaf of not above half Indian — — — 4"0"0

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting House on Monday the ninth Day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: 1786 by Adjournment. W<sup>m</sup>- Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup> the moderator being absent. m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger was Chosen

Moderator in his room — Then the article relating A was taken into Confideration and the the Committee Appointed to Confer with the Committees of Weston, & Waltham & endavor to obtain a true State of the tickets that were Sold informed that they had not obtained a Real State thereof. and after Debate thereon they Voted that the Managers of the lottery be desired to Collect all

the tickets that are not Sold & the money for Such as are Sold within three weeks from this time & Inform the persons that Purpose to undertake the repairs of the Bridge how the matter is So that it may be laid before the town at the Adjournment. Then the meeting was adjourned to monday the thirtieth day of this Present month two O Clock afternoon at this Place.

at the time above mentioned no persons appearing the Meeting

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Thursday ye 23d Day of Nov<sup>r</sup>: 1786 at Major Mellens the Selectmen Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay the following Sums (Viz)

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To Ebenezer Stetson on Caleb Bloods order — £ 2" 7" 8

To Josiah Norcross on Said Bloods order - 2" 4" 0

and to Richard Everit on a like order — 1"10"10

and to Richard Everit on a like order — 1"10"10 it being each of their Ministerial tax's for the years 1783-1784. & 1785 -

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the fifth Day of December AD. 1786. at Samuel Wellingtons. They Directed the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant to the Constable to warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown to meet at the Meeting House on Monday the Eighteenth Instant at one O Clock afternoon for the following purposes (Viz). first to Choose a moderator of the Meeting  $(2^{ly})$  To know the minde of the town whether they will Sell their right in the Estate that was the Property of Josiah Goddard Deceast. and to act thereon as they Judge best. -(31y) To hear the Address of the General Court with the Statement of the Publick Accounts therein Mentioned &c -(4ly) To hear the Report of the Committee appointed to meet with the Committees of other towns to Consider what is best for the town to do relating to the lottery and to act thereon what they think Proper a Warrant was Issued accordingly Pr Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the meeting House on Monday the 18th Day of December 1786.

Mr: Samuel White was Chosen Moderator of the Meeting. —— (21y) Voted to Sell the land the. town Purchased of Josiah

Goddard & that a Committee be appointed for that Purpose and that Doct<sup>r</sup> Marshall Spring, M<sup>r</sup>: David Bemis, & M<sup>r</sup>: Samuel White be a Committee for that Purpose.

(3ly) Voted to Postpone the reading the Address &c to the adjournment of the meeting at the House of Major Mellen at Six of the Clock this evening ———

(4ly) Voted to Choose a Committee to Consult with the towns of Weston, & Waltham Respecting the lottery and that the

Committee Confift of Seven Persons

Voted the above Committee to be Vested with Power in behalf of the town to Contract for the widening the Bridge and Pay therefor by the lottery or for the towns of Weston & Watertown to Proceed to assist the managers in the Sale of the tickets & Proceed to the Drawing the lottery as Soon as may be, or otherwise to agree upon a Petition to the General Court for a reCalling the tickets Sold & that the lottery be given up.

Then the Meeting adjourned to half after five O Clock at Major Mellens Inpholder in Watertown

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at Major Thomas Mellens on monday the 15<sup>th</sup>- day of January 1787. they let the hay Scale to m<sup>r</sup>: Jedidiah Leath for one year from the tenth day of this prefent. for which M<sup>r</sup> Leathe is to pay Four pounds two fhillings in the following Manner (Viz) one half in Six months and the other half at the end of the year. and to keep the Irons all in good repair.

At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 26th- Day of Feby: 1787. at mr Samuel Wellingtons They Directed the Clerk to Issue a Warrant. Directing the Constable to Warn the Inhabitants of town who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to meet at the meeting House on monday the 19th Day of march Next to act on the following articles (Viz) First to Choose a Moderator of

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ye meeting (2) To Choose Selectmen Town-Clerk A and all other town officers who are required by law to be Chose in the month of march or April annually. (3) To Choose a Saxton and agree how he Shall be paid for his Service (4) To Determin Whether Swine Shall run at large the ensueing year. (5) To put in their Votes for a County Treasurer (6) To agree what Schools Shall be kept ye prefent year and grant money to Support the Same & do any thing relating thereto that may be thot: Proper. (7) To grant money to Support the Poor. (8) To Grant money to repair the High-ways and do any thing relating thereto they Judge best. (9) to Choose a Committee to Examin the Treasurers Accounts. (10) To hear the accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to and grant money to pay the Same (11) To grant money to pay the Persons which the town is indebted to or Provide for the Same Some other way as may be thot: best. (12) To hear the reports of any Committees that have been appointed for Perticular Services, and act thereon as they See fitt. (13) To Appoint a Committee to Settle account with Mr Jonathan Livermore or any Collectors or other persons as may be thot: Necessary. (14) To abate any perticular persons Rates as they See proper. and to notify the town Creditors to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen at mr Samuel Wellingtons on Fryday the 16th- Day of march next at three O Clock afternoon. A Warrant was Issued Accordingly

Pr Jona Brown Town-Clerk

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at this meeting Mr Nathaniel Ruggles Whitney brot: in his account for Keeping School &c the present year Amounting to the Sum of 33:6:8—and Mr Nathaniel Lawrance for like Service—30:0:0—The Selectmen Signed an Order on the Treasurer to Pay Said Sums

They ordered a Warrant to be Issued Directed to the Constable to warn all the Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified according to Constitution to Vote for Governor L<sup>t</sup>: Governour & Senators to meet at the meeting House on monday the Second Day of April next at two of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes

for a Governor, Lt: Governor, and five Senetors.

a Warrant was Issued accordingly Dated the Eighth Day of March
AD 1787. and Signed by Order of ye Selectmen Jona: Brown
Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham on the 25<sup>th</sup>- Day of Feb<sup>y</sup>. 1787. at m<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Birds in Waltham they Adjusted the Charge that has Arifen for the repairs of the Great Bridge over Charles River in in Watertown Since the last adjustment which was on the 6. Day of February 1786. The whole Charge being £ 16"1"2 of which Sum———

£ 16" 1:2

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of mr Saml Wellington on Fryday the 16th- Day of march 1787, to receive the accounts of Such Persons as the town is indebted to, the following accounts were brot: in for allowance (Viz) Nathl: Sherman for keeping School the year past and Boarding &c — 33: 7: 0 William Stone for Boarding Mary Learned to ye 0 " 10th of april last Thomas Clark for do for Benjamin Whitney to ve 9 " 4 of april next Phinehas Stearnes for Shoes for Mary Boyington Ionas White jurs acctt: for Supplys for Iedidiah White &c. — — — — Phinehas Jenisons account for a Grave- &c for Eliza- Warren — — — — — — — Eunice Coollidges account for Boarding Ruth Maddox — — — — — — — — — — — 0"18: Mary Vila for boarding Benjamin Whitney -1" 1" William Goding for boarding Ruth Maddox to ye 12 of march Inftant — — — — — — — — 9:11:11 William Learned for boarding his mother to this day 1: 9: 0 Joshua Coollidge for Cloathing for Ruth Maddox Josiah Mixer for boarding Mary Boyington — — Saml Soden for John White to the 21 of march Instant 1"10:4 Saml Soden for Supplys for the Poor as Pr account 0:19:11

Sam <sup>1</sup> White for do as Pr account 1 " 0 "	4
Jedidiah Learned for boarding Abigail Hay &c — 16"15"	0
Thomas Pattin for Supplys for the Poor &c as Pr	
account — — — — — — — 2 " 13 "	•
Abigail Goddard account allowed — — — — 1 " 5 "	5
John Stearnes for Boarding Abigail Ball one year to the eighth Day of the prefent month } 15: 12:	0
(Waltham to pay their part of the Sum —	U
Mofes Coollidge for Wood for the School — 3:6:	6
£ 111 : 14 :	8

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 26th Day of march AD 1787. they Signed an order on the treasurer to Pay all the above Sums

1787: April ye 12 mr Jonas Barnard brot: in an Account for Boarding the Wido Deliv. Whitney 52 weeks at 5/6 & Clothing ve whole being £ 14:7:6

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the Meeting House on monday the 19th Day of march AD: 1787. for the Choice of town officers &c as mentioned in the Warrant for Calling the meeting. -

Voted & Chofe William Hunt Esqr: Moderator of the Meeting. -Then Voted and Chofe the following Perfons to Serve in the offices after Mentioned

Jonathan Brown Esqr. Town-Clerk. was Sworn emediately Pr: Justs: Wm Hunt -

Town-Treasurer Jonathan Brown Esqr:

mr Richard Clark  $\label{eq:first-problem} For Selectmen \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m^r \ David \ Sanger \\ M^r \ Amos \ Livermore \ afsefsors \\ M^r \ Thomas \ Pattin \\ M^r \ Josiah \ Bisco \\ \end{array} \right. \left. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M^r \ Josiah \ Bisco \\ Cap^t \colon Amos \ Bond \\ M^r \colon Daniel \ Mafon \\ \end{array} \right. \right.$ 

Wardens Lt. Nathl: Bemis, Capt: Ebent Kent. Fence Viewers Messrs Samuel Wellington, Henry Farrington. Sealers of Leather Messrs Moses Warren, Elijah Mead. Tythingman Lt: John Meacham Francis Faulkner. -

Surveyors Highways. Messrs Moses Coollidge, Josiah Mixer Jona Harrington and William Hunt Esqr: Surveyors of Timber &c Mr. David Sanger Capt: Thomas Vofe Howards Messrs Caleb Cook Thomas Clark — Hogrieves Messrs: Jonathan Stone, Jonas Bond jur: & Andrew Blackman — Clerks of the Markets Capt: John Fowle & Capt Ebenezer Kent Measurer of Wood & Capt: John George. Cullar of Hoops Staves &c Mr: Jeremiah Bridge Capt: Daniel Jackson — Saxton Phinehas Jenison, Voted that the Selectmen agree what he Shall have for his Service The Votes for a County Treasurer were for Eben<sup>r</sup> Bridge 32 Voted that Swine Shallnot go at large the enfueing year ——— Voted that the Schools be kept as they were last last year. Then voted and granted £ 100 pounds to Support the Same — Voted and Granted ye sum of 120 pounds to Support the Poor -Voted that each Poll be taxed at half a Days labour at Highways and the Estates in the Same Proportion. Voted that labour for a man be Six shillings pr Day and a good team the like Sum ---- $\begin{array}{c} \text{Voted \& Chofe as a Committee to Examin} \\ \text{ye Treaf^{rs} acc^{tts}} \end{array} \begin{cases} \begin{array}{c} \text{William Hunt Esq^r} \\ \text{Cap^t} \colon \text{Amos Bond} \\ \text{M^r Amos Livermore} \end{array} \end{cases}$ Then Voted to Choose a Comtte- to endeavor to ascertain what the town is Indebt and Report at may meeting.  $\begin{array}{c} \text{Chose for s}^{d} \text{ Committee} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Cap}^{t} \text{ John Fowles} \\ \text{Cap}^{t} \text{ Tho}^{s} \text{ Vose} \\ \text{m}^{r} \text{ Josiah Bisco} \end{array} \right.$ [374] Then voted to Choose a Committee to Settle with mr Jona: Livermore and others late Collectors of tax's &c -Voted and Chose for Said Mr David Sanger

Mr Samuel White

William Hunt Esqr. Then they voted to Choose a Committee to look after the towns land and to Sell or leafe the Same as may appear best for the Town -

 $\begin{array}{c} Their\ Power\ \&\ Inftructions\ the\ Same\ as\ the\ former\ Com^{tte}---\\ Voted\ and\ Chofe\ for\ Said\ Committee\ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} M^r\colon David\ Sanger\\ M^r\ Richard\ Clark\\ M^r\ Daniel\ Mafon \end{array} \right. \end{array}$ 

Voted that they make report of their doings at next may meeting

Voted to Pay the Soldiers that went with Genl Lincoln to Berkfhire County &c agreable to the Contract made by the Selectmen, and that a Sum Sufficient to Pay the Charge thereof be emediately afseft ———

Voted and accepted the Committees Report in the Treasurers acc<sup>tts</sup> & that it be recorded

abated in Daniel Masons lists John Gipsons James Shermans &

Mathew Peirces tax's £ 1 " 10 " 3

Then the Meeting was adjourned to the first monday in April at 4 O'Clock in the Afternoon to meet at this place ————

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Major Thomas Mellens on monday the 26th Day of March 1787. the following Persons took the oath of allegiance prescribed in the Constitution and Subscribend the Same agreable to a Resolve of the General Court - (Viz)

The Several persons afternamed took the oaths required by law Quallify them to Serve in the Several offices aftermentioned (Viz)

Richard Clark
David Sanger

Selectmen

Selectmen

Selectmen

Amos Livermore Sealer of Leather Elijah Mead —
Thomas Pattin
Josiah Bisco
Surveyor Highways

Jona Bond jur
Andw Blackman

Cullar of Hoops &c Jeremiah Bridge

Saml Wellington
Henry Farrington
Surveyors of timber

Mofes Coollidge
Josiah Mixer
Jona Harrington

Surveyors of timber
Thomas Vofe

Howard Thomas Clark
Clerks of ye markets Ebenr Kent

The above named Perfons were Sworn by Jona; Brown Justs Peace

at the meeting of the Selectmen aboveSaid an order Signed to pay m<sup>r</sup> Eliots last years Sallary and m<sup>r</sup> Jenisons as Saxton

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified according to the Constitution to Vote

in the Choice of Governor, Lt: Governor & Senators being duly warned & Regularly Assembled at the Publick meeting in Said Town on Monday the Second Day of April AD. 1787.

The Selectmen did Preside. The meeting being Opened and the Vote Called for. for a Governor being brot: in Counted & Sorted it appeared that the following Persons had the number Set against their names (Viz)

His Excellency James Bowdoin Esqr: had Six Votes &

The Hon!: John Hancock Esqr: had one hundred and fifteen Votes

Then the Votes were Called for, for a L<sup>t</sup>. Governor, & being bro<sup>t</sup>. in Counted & Sorted it appeared that the following Persons had the number Set against each of their names (Viz) —

The Hon<sup>1</sup>: Samuel Adams Esq<sup>r</sup>: had ———— 4
Hon<sup>1</sup> Benjamin Lincoln Esq<sup>r</sup> had ———— 31
Hon<sup>1</sup> Nath<sup>1</sup> Gorham Esq<sup>r</sup>- had ———— 60
Hon<sup>1</sup> William Heath Esq<sup>r</sup>- had ———— 25

Then the Votes were Called for, for five Senators being brot in Counted & Sorted it appeared that the following Perfons afternamed had the Number Set against each of their Names (Viz)

Stephen Dana Esqr	100	Honl Nathl: Gorham Esqr	10
Thomas Fayrweather		Joseph B: Varnum Esqr:	34
Esqr-	45	John Brooks Esq <sup>r</sup>	17
Ezra Sergant Esqr ——	14	Andrew Newhall Esqr -	15
		Honl Eleazer Brooks Esqr	14
Hon1: Ebenezer Bridge		Capt: Walter McFarland	81
		Dr Marshall Spring	87
Honl Joseph Hofmer Esqr	2	· -	

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in town affairs held at the meeting House by adjournment on monday the Second Day of April 1787: William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: being moderator — the meeting being opened — The Town by a Vote Excused Cap<sup>t</sup>: Eben<sup>r</sup>: Kent from Serving as a Warden & Chose M<sup>r</sup> John Chenery Warden in his Room, then Excused L<sup>t</sup>. Nath<sup>l</sup> Bemis & Chose m<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup>. Coollidge Goding in his Room

Then Voted to Farm out the Collection of Tax's at Publick Auction to the lowest bider — Then Voted & agreed with m<sup>r</sup>

Jonathan Stone for the East Deftrict of State tax's for 53/4 P C: and with mr Richard Clark for ye West Deftrict for 8 Pr C: and & County

with him for the West Destrict of the town tax's for 5. P Ct:

and with m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Soden for the East Destrict of Town & County tax's for 4 P<sup>r</sup> Cent.

Then Voted & Chose messrs Jonathan Stone & Richard Clark Constables mr Samuel Soden Collector — Then Voted to Adjourn the meeting the first monday in may Next at 4 O Clock afternoon at this place

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Middlefex fs April the Second 1787. Jonathan Brown Esqr was Sworn into the office of Town-Treasurer and Capt: Amos Bond into the office of Assessor and both took and Subscribed the Oath of Allegiance agreable to the order of the General Court. & Richd: Clark as Constable

Before William Hunt Justs Peace —

Middlefex fs April ye 9th. 1787: Mr: Samuel Soden was Sworn into the office of Collector of tax's who also with Mr Daniel

& Subscribe ye Same

Mason who is an Afsefsor took the Oath of Allegiance Λ agreable to the order of the General Court to Quallify them to Serve in the offices aforementioned

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Before Jona; Brown Justs: Peace

Middlefex fs April:  $2^d$  — 1787 m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Stone was Sworn into the office of Constable & took the oath of alleiance & Subfcribed ye Same

Before Jona; Brown Justs Peace

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 24 Day of April AD 1787. They Agreed to have a Town Meeting on the 7 Day of may Next to Choose a Person to Represent the town in the General Court the ensueing year the meeting to be at one O:Clock afternoon at the meeting House. They also Agreed to have an other meeting the Same day at the Same place at two O Clock afternoon to Act on the following articles (Viz), First to Choose a Moderator of the meeting -

2ly To know the minde of the town whether they will give the first Detachment of Soldiers who Went into the Service of the State in Capt Bonds Company the Sum of eighteen fhillings each as a bounty which Sum the Selectmen have paid to them. Provided they will take the States pay for their wages. —

(3ly) To know the mind of the town what they will do further Respecting the lottery and act any thing relating thereto they

may think Proper. -

(4ly) —

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(41y) To know the mind of the town whether they will give their Representative any Instructions and act any thing thereon they think proper -

To know the mind of the town whether they will reconfider a former vote of the Town. Relating to Biscos. Spring (so Calld.) and if they think best. Direct their Committee to make Sale of any part of the land that lies Common which may be Sold without Damage to the Watering Place.

To know the mind of the town whether they will grant a Sum of money to be apply'd towards Erecting a Gun House for the Convenience of the Artilery Company in Watertown

(7) To hear the reports of any Committees and act any thing Relating thereto the Town may think proper. -

Warrants were Issued to the Constables Directing them to Warn the Inhabitants of the town Quallified to Vote to meet at the place and times aforementioned agreabled to the order of the Selectmen. -

Iona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative on monday ye 7th. Day of May AD: 1787. at the Meeting House in Said town the Selectmen being Present. the Votes were Called for brot: in Counted and Sorted and it Appeared that Dr. Marshall Spring was Chosen to Serve the town the year ensueing in the General Court

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town Quallified to Vote in town affairs meet at the Place on the Day aforementioned according to Adjournment. William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: being moderator, the meeting being opened. They Voted and Chofe m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Learned Tythingman in the room of L<sup>t</sup>: Mofes Stone who is not held to Serve.

Then the Committee appointed to Afcertain what the town is Indebt Informed that the Treafurer not being Able to Settle with

Indebt Informed that the Treasurer not being Able to Settle with the Constables & Collectors they were not able a present to finish the Business assigned them —

then upon a motion made it was Voted that the Committee Appointed to Examin the Treasurers Accounts be Joined to Said Committee as aforementioned.

Then Adjourned the meeting with the remaining business to the last monday in this present month at this place at five O'Clock afternoon

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At a Publick Town meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled at the meeting House in Said Town on monday the Seventh Day of May AD. 1787 to transact Sundry town affairs as Setforth in the Warrant for Calling the meeting.

Dr Marshall Spring was Chosen Moderator of the Meeting —— The 2<sup>d</sup> article in the Warrant being read. They Voted & allow'd the eighteen shillings advanced to the Soldiers of the first Detachment that went out of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Bonds Company as a bounty provided they Accept of the State pay in full of their wages. ——

- (3<sup>d</sup>) article relating to the lottery being Considered they Voted to Difmis the Committee Appointed on the 18<sup>th</sup>- Day of December last past to assist the managers, &c ——— Then Voted to Reconsider all the Votes they had Past before Relating to the lottery. ————
- (4th) Article read Voted to give Inftructions to their Reprefentative for the ensueing year. Then Voted to Appoint a Committee of five persons to Prepare Instructions to be laid before the town for their acceptance.

 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Chose for Said Committee} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} M^r \colon \mbox{Josiah Bisco} \\ Maj^r \ \mbox{Amos Bond} \\ M^r \ \mbox{Daniel Mason} \\ M^r \ \mbox{David Sanger} \\ M^r \ \mbox{Laban Wheaton} \end{array} \right.$ 

(5th) article Relating to the Common Land at Biscos Spring (so Called) being Read, it was voted not to reconfider a former Vote relating thereto and So the matter Dropt ————

Then the Committee Appointed to look after the Towns lands gave Some account of their proceedings and after Confideration thereon they Voted to add two more persons to the Committee (Viz) ——

\( M^r Amos Livermore \) Maj<sup>r</sup> Amos Bond ———

Then Adjourned the meeting to the last monday in the prefent month five O Clock afternoon at this Place ————

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Wellingtons on monday y<sup>e</sup> 14 Day of may they Signed Indentures for binding Mary Boyingtons Child to Hugh Mason untill it is Fourteen years of age. — and Signed an order on y<sup>e</sup> Teasurer to Pay Said Mason twenty Six Pounds for his care & Expence in bringing it up to that age — and Said Mason gave Bond for his faithfull Performance of the Service ——

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown held at the Meeting House in Said town on Monday the 28th-Day of may AD. 1787. that had been Continued by Several Adjournments from the 19th-Day of march last Past. William Hunt Esqr: being Moderator—

The meeting being Opened they Proceeded to act on the (10) article in the the Warrant for Calling the meeting, and the following accounts being Read Voted & Granted the Sums as hereafter mentioned to the Several Persons afternamed. (Viz)

To the Selectmen of the last year for Expences 6: 7: 6:2

To Benjamin Hastings for m	aking a Frame for	
the Bell &c —	5"	8:6—
To David Sanger for assistance		10:0-
To moses Coollidge for hanging		
To Samuel Soden for assistance		
perambulating lines —	0:	9:9—
To William Hunt Esqr: for ex		
of the Court to View a Road		6:0-
To George Brown for repairir		8:9—
To Daniel Jackson & Compar	y for Sundry )	
Articles Deliver'd pr Selectmo	ens order { 2:	2:11 —
To Josiah Bisco for Service as		
vear	5"	0 · 0
To Amos Bond for do	ž.	0 : 0
To Daniel Mason for do.	3.	0: 0 — 0: 0 — 5" 0 —
To Jonathan Brown for Serv	ing Treasurer last	5 0
vear	6"	0:0-
To Richard Clark for expend		0.0
Committee for Viewing a Roa		6:0-
To do: allow'd on his account		0.0—
perfons	5:	8:0-
The following Sums were allow	· .	
named being money advanced t		
Wesward by order of Governm		ieu to the
Wesward by order of Governm	To Sam! White	0 " 12 " 0
Voted that the Treasurer give	To Sam! Soden	0"12"0
a Note in behalf of the town	To Richd: Clark	0"12"0
to David Sanger for what is due	To Jona: Brown	0"15"0
to him for repairs &c at tread-	To David Bemis	0"12"0
ways Bridge (So Called)	To William Hunt	0"12"0
ways Bridge (50 Carred)	To Caleb Cook	0" 6"0
Voted that Such Perfons as are	To Phinehas Stearnes	
Indebted to the town by Bond	To Simon Whitney	0" 6"0
or Note of Hand pay in the	To Laben Wheaton	0" 6"0
Same or Answer it to Such	To Thomas Mellen	0"14"2
persons as the town is in-	To John Fowles	0"14"2
debted to as Soon as may be, or	To Timothy William	
otherwise their obligations be	10 I illiothy vvilliam	1″0″0
Put in Suit. —	To David Sanger	0"12"0
I dt III Duit.	To David Sanger	0 14 0

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The Sums brot: over amounting to were Granted and allowed to be asseft

£ 51:1:4:2

Then m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark Informed he had one account against the town which was mifs laid & it was Voted that the Selectmen Confider that & allow what appears right —— Then the meeting was Defolved ————

At a Publick Town meeting held by adjournment from the 7th-Day of may 1787. to the 28th- Day of the Same month Dr Marshall

Spring moderator

The Meeting being Opened. The Committee Appointed to Prepare Instructions for the Representative laid a Draught of of Som on the table which was Read. and after Debate. They voted to accept of the Same; and Voted that the Town-Clerk Sign the Same in the Name & by order of the the town—

Then the meeting was Defolved —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup>- Day of may AD. 1787. at m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Wellingtons. They Agreed to have a Meeting of the Selectmen of the three towns concerned in the Support of the Great Bridge in Watertown to be at M<sup>rs</sup> Coollidges on monday the 11<sup>th</sup>- Inftant at 3 O Clock in the afternoon to view the Bridge and adjust Accounts & . and also to Settle accounts between Waltham & Watertown & Directed the Clerk to Notify the Selectmen thereof. —— at this meeting the Selectmen examined M<sup>r</sup> Richard Clarks Account relating to the Bell and allow'd ye same being £ 2 " 5 " 11 ——

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown & Waltham at the House of Mrs: Dorothy Coollidge Innholder in Watertown on the Eleventh Day of June AD: 1787. They Settled the Charge of the Support of Abigail Ball that has Arisen Since the last adjustment which was on the 6th- Day of Feby: 1786 to the 13th-Day of this Present month of June the whole amounting to £ 19:16:0 of which Watertowns

part is the Sum of £ 10: 4: 1:3 Walthams do is 9"11"10"1

£ 19"16 "0".0

See the Settlement at large in the Records of ye Treafy -Book ye (6) Folo (380) — of Waltham

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 12th Day of July. 1787. at Majr: Mellens's they ordered the Town-Clerk to Notify Mr.

John Cook in Writting to repair the Bridge over his Wast-water in the Country Road Near the old mill Dam as Soon as may be So as to make it Saft Passing with teams &c: that way

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of August AD 1787. at the House of Major Thomas Mellens. They having received a letter from m<sup>rs</sup>: Lydia Spring Requesting Some help for herself and two Children & desireing Some answer as Soon as they could they Directed the Clerk to write an answer to Said letter and let her know that they had the matter under Consideration & that She might Expect to know Somthing further about the matter Soon —

And Mr: Samuel Benjamin Applyed to the Selectmen to take care of his Sifter Wilson who came to his House Some time in the month of last Past who came last from Cambridge, and is Supposed to belong to either the town of Danvers in the County of Effex or to Providence in the State of Road Island, and it was agreed to enquire where She belonged and let mr Benjamin know their Determination as Soon as may be.

at this meeting M<sup>r</sup>: John Cooke gave in a Notification in Writing that he had received into his House on Nabby Fisher who came last from Newton on the Eighth Day of may last. And also on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Day of July he had Taken in one Allen Leach who came last from Boston on the Day afore Said and Said lately from Great-Britain.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 27th- Day of August AD 1787. at the House of mr Edward Richardson They Agreed with mr: Josiah Learned to take and Board the Widow Hannah Learned for which he is to receive 5/ Pr Week and they gave him an order in Writting to remove her with what things belonged to her from William Learneds to his house.

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4th: To hear the reports of any Committees and Act thereon as they See fit —— 5th- To make Such further grants of money as may be thought Necessary for Defending any Necessary Action Depending in the Law. and do any thing thereon they Judge Proper. —— (6) To make further grants for the Discharging the debts which are Called for, and for makeing good the Deficiencies in the Publick tax's (7) To know the minde of the town whether they will make any Provision towards Accommodating the General Court with Buildings if they Should Agree to hold their Sessions in this Town in future or do any thing relating thereto they may think Proper. ———

They Directed the Clerk to Issue Warrants to the Several Constables directing them to Warn the Inhabitants Quallified to Vote in town affairs to meet at S<sup>d</sup>: time and place for Said Purpofes. Which was don the Same day and Signed by Order of the Selectmen——

Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

3<sup>d</sup> article Relating to John Cooks Wast-Bridge put over to the adjournment

4th, article Put over to ve adjournment

5th Article Read and Debated and Voted that the Town-Treasurer give a note or notes of hand in the Name and behalf of the Town to Ezekiel Hall or order for the Sum Mentioned in the Selectmens order of the 17th. of July. 1786. Payable as Soon as Conveniently may be with Interest from this day——

Voted and granted for that Purpose the Sum of £ 28:2:0 — Voted & Granted £ 20 pounds to Pay the Interest that is due to

persons from ye Town -

Voted also that the Treasurer give a Note to Marcy Learned in lieu of an order, to be on Interest till paid ——— on the Seventh Article Relating to accommodateing the General Court &c

Voted to Choose a Committee to Consider thereof and Report what is proper to be don thereon at the adjournment.

Voted & Chofe for Said Committee

Mr: David Sanger
Dr Marshall Spring
William Hunt Esqr
Majr. Amos Bond
Mr Edmund Fowle

Then Voted that the Treasurer Send his Executions out against all Collectors that have been Deficient more than 18 months, after two months from this day.

Then the Meeting was Adjourned to the last monday in this month at 3 O Clock afternoon

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on Fryday the 7th- day of Sepr: 1787 at the House of Majr: Thomas Mellens. mrs: Lydia Spring the wife of Samuel Spring haveing Apply'd for Some Assistance The Selectmen Agreed to allow her 3/ pr week for the Present.—at this meeting they let the Wharf in Cambridge that belongs to Watertown to Capt: Moses Coollidge till the first day of April Next for 15/6 for which he gave his Note to the Treasurer Payable on Said first day of April———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup>- Day of September AD. 1787. at Major Thomas Mellens's They Approbated the following Persons for renewing their licences as they were the last year. (Viz) —

Retailors Mess John Fowle
Daniel Jackson

Daniel Jackson
John George
Eben Kent
Timothy Williams
Jedidiah Leathe
Francis Faulkner
Fitch Hall

Tavern-keepers
Samuel Wellington
Mr Edward Richardson
Majr.- Thomas Mellens
Mrs- Dorothy Coollidge —

At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled at the Meeting House on Monday the 24th. Day of may 1787. By Adjournment. William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>. was moderator but being absent the Town Voted and Chose Major Amos Bond moderator in m<sup>r</sup> Hunts Room

The 3<sup>d</sup> article in the Warrant relating to the Bridge over m<sup>r</sup>. John Cooks Wast was Read. after debate thereon. —— They Voted to Choofe a Committee of three persons, to View the Same and

Rebuild the Bridge with the advice of the Surveyor as Soon as Conveniently may be —

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Voted \& Chose for Said Committee} \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{c} M^r \text{ David Sanger} \\ M^r \text{ Richard Clark} \longrightarrow \\ M^r \text{ Amos Livermore} \end{array} \right. \\ \end{array}$ 

Voted that the Committee have power to Defray the Expence of Building Said Bridge out of the old outstanding tax's by the labour &c of Such persons as are unable to pay their tax's in money, or otherwise a Sufficient Sum be assest for that Purpose. and that the Service be performed on as an easie termes as may be ————

Then Voted that the Selectmen enquire into the affair of m<sup>r</sup> John Cooks being held to Support Said Bridge, and take Such measures as they Judge Necessary agreable to law to oblidge him thereto —

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(7th) article Read relating to Accommodating the General Court if they See fit to Sit in this Town to transact the affairs of the Government was Read and the Committee appointed to confider the Same laid a Report on the table which was read and Accepted as on file.

Then one of the Committee that were Appointed at a former meeting to audit the Accounts between the town and Perticular perfons. Informed the Town y<sup>t</sup> Dificulties lay in the way So that they had not Proceeded on the affair, which being Considered it was moved & Voted that Said Committee be Difmift and a new one be Chosen for that Purpose and that they be allowed reasonable pay for their Service.

 $Voted \ and \ Chofe \ for \ Said \ Committee \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M^r : Samuel \ White \\ M^r \ Josiah \ Bisco \\ Jon^a : Brown \ Esq^r : \\ Voted \ that \ they \ make \ report \ at \ the \ Adjournment \ of \ the \ Meeting \\ \end{array} \right.$ 

Voted that they make report at the Adjournment of the Meeting Then a Motion was made that Provision Should be made for paying Some of ye the town Debts &c. Then Voted that a Sum of money be granted & assest Sufficient to pay mr Josiah Capen what is justly due to him, also it was Voted that mr Richard Clark Collect a Sum emediately due on his present tax Bills that Said Capen may be Relieved for the present ————

Then the Meeting was adjourned to the Second monday in November next at one O Clock in the afternoon at this Place —

At the Adjournment of the aforemention'd meeting on the Said Second Monday of November 1787. the Committee Appointed to Audit the Accounts of the town Informed that they had not Compleated Said Service, they Voted to adjourn the Meeting to the third monday in December Next two O Clock afternoon to finish the Business &c ———

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 4th: Day of December 1787. They agreed to Call a Town-meeting to be on the 17 day of this Present month at the meeting House at Nine O Clock in the morning to Choose a Person to Represent the town in a Convention to be held at the State House in Boston on the Second Wednesday of January Next——

They also Agreed to have an other Meeting the Same day & at the Same Place to act on the following articles (Viz) First to Choose a Moderator of the Meeting. Second to give the town treasurer Some Directions to enable him to Settle with Mr Joseph Bright (3<sup>d</sup>) to take under consideration the Request of mr: John Cookson and afford him Such Relief as the town may think Proper. (4<sup>th</sup>-) to abate any Persons tax's the town may think Proper: and act any thing thereon they may think Proper. (5<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the reports of any Committees and act any thing thereon they may think Proper, (6<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the Petition of Samuel Jenison and act any thing thereon that is proper.

Warrants were Issued accordingly Dated the Same day Directed to the Constables Signed by Order of the Selectmen

P Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Publick town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly assembled at the Meeting House in Said town on monday the 17th- day of December 1787 for the Choice of a Person to Represent them in a Convention to be held at the State House in Boston on the Second Wednesday of Jany: Next. Dr Marshall Spring was Chosen———

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watetown at the meeting House on monday the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1787 to act on Several town affairs as Setforth in the Warrant for Calling the Meeting - They Chose m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco Moderator of the Meeting - on the 2<sup>d</sup> article they Voted that the Treasurer Credit m<sup>r</sup>. Joseph Bright the Sums allowed by the Committee in Settleing m<sup>r</sup> Halls

accounts as a Collector and Mr Brights receipt Shall be the treasurers Discharge for the Same

Then Voted to refeer the Matter Between m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Bright as Collector and m<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Bird relating to m<sup>r</sup> Halls orders on Phinehas Harrington to the Selectmen as also m<sup>r</sup> John Cooksons request, and also to abate Such persons tax's in the Several Collectors list as they think right and just———

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on Samuel Jenisons request for Some relief for the Support of his Daughters Child whereof Stephen Harris is the Reputed father it was Voted that the Selectmen Should take Such Measures as they Should think proper to Compell sd Harris to do Some thing towards the Support of sd Child. and also do what they think Necessary for the releif of Said Jenison

then Voted and Adjourned the meeting to Next monday at this place at one O Clock afternoon

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown assembled at the Meeting House in Said town on Monday ye 24th. Day of December 1787. By adjournment

Mr: Josiah Bisco being Moderator. The Meeting being Opened. They proceeded on the (4th) article Relating to Abatements of Tax's & that the Collectors of tax's have leave to have the Executions against them returned Sattisfied in part agreable to the Report of a Committee as on file———

Voted that the Treasurer be Directed & Impowered to Borrow money in the Name and behalf of the town and pay the tax's of Daniel Parker & others, tax's in Major Josiah Capens and m<sup>r</sup>

Richard Clarks, State Tax's

Then the meeting was adjourned to  $m^{rs}$  Dorothy Coollidges at .6: O Clock this evening — The Inhabitants being Meet at Said time & Place They Voted and Granted £ 26:11:7 to Sattisfy abatements agreable to the Report of the Selectmen and that it be afsefsed in the Next town Rate

Voted that all the old Debts the town ows be Paid as they were Confolidated by a Committee that were appointed for that Service

Then mr Bisco informed that there was Some Difficulty in the

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at Maj<sup>r</sup> Thomas Mellens's on the fifteen day of January. 1788. They being Called upon by Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Durant a Deputy Sheriff to Settle an Execution he had against the town for the Sum of £ 65:10:9 — They Borrowed of  $m^r$ : Jonas Bond to the amount of £ 17:3:6 in Certificates payable in one month from this Day, & of  $m^r$  Tim<sup>o</sup>-Williams £ 15 pounds in money payable on Demand with Interest till paid.

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly assembled at the meeting House on monday ye 12th- Day of Jany: AD 1788. By adjournment, being Met it being Could they adjourd: to Majr Thomas Mellens's, the meeting being opened the Committee that were Appointed to Consider the affair Relating to Colo: Amos Bond late Treasr and Mr Henry Bradshaw late Collector of tax's being Informed that the Committee appointed to Settle the

affair had not Compleated the Business. the meeting was adjourned to the 4th of Feby Next at the meeting House at 3 O Clock afternoon

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House or  $m^r$ : Dorothy Coollidge on Thursday the  $31^{th}$ - Day of January. 1788. they Signed orders on the Treasurer to pay the Several Sums allow'd Sundry persons by the Town at their meeting in May last. (Viz) one Amounting to the Sum of £ 52:4:8:2 the other amounting to the Sum of £ 7:17:2——— at this meeting they Agreed to give  $m^r$  Phinehas Jenison - 4:0:0 for his Service as Saxton the present year———

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly assembled at the meeting in s<sup>d</sup> town on monday the 4<sup>th</sup>- Day of Feb<sup>ry</sup>: 1788 by adjournment. M<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco being moderator. the Committee Appointed to Inquire into and Settle the Difficulty between m<sup>r</sup> Henry Bradshaw late Collector & Col<sup>o</sup>: Amos Bond late treasurer made Some Verbal report that they had attended that Service but by reason of an Execution not then to be had they could not Compleat the Business at present and So the meeting was Desolved. —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 4th: Day of Febry: 1788. at Major Thomas Mellens's they appointed to Meet the Selectmen of Weston, & Waltham on monday the 18th: Day of this Present month of February at one OClock afternoon at the House of Mr Benjn- Bird in Waltham to Adjust the Charge that has arisen for the repairs of the Great Bridge in Watertown Since the last adjustment and Directed the Clerk to notify the Selectmen of Said towns of the time & place.

At a meeting of the Selectmen on Fryday the 23<sup>d</sup> Day of February AD. 1788. at m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Wellingtons they Agreed to have a

Publick Town Meeting to be at the Publick Meeting House on Monday the third Day of March at Nine O Clock in the forenoon for the following Purposes (Viz) First to Choose a Moderator of ye Meeting (2<sup>ly</sup>) To Choose all town officers required by law to be Chose in the Month of march or April annually.

(3<sup>ly</sup>) To Choose a Saxton and agree how he Shall be paid for his Service (4<sup>ly</sup>) To Determin whether Swine Shall run at large the ensueing year.

(5<sup>ly</sup>) To put in their Votes for a County Treasurer. (6<sup>ly</sup>) To agree what Schools Shall be Kept. and grant money to Support the Same and act any thing thereon they may think proper. (7<sup>ly</sup>) To grant money to Support the Poor.

(8<sup>ly</sup>) To grant money to Support the Great Bridge. and do any thing relating thereto they Judge best (9<sup>ly</sup>) to grant money to repair the Highways and do any thing Relating thereto they Judge best.

(10<sup>ly</sup>)

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(10ly) To Choose a Committee to Examin the Teasurers Accounts (111y) To hear the Accoun[ts] of those Persons the town is Indebted to and grant money to pay the Same. ——— (12ly) To hear the reports of any Committees and Act thereon as they See fit \_\_\_\_\_ (13ly) For the town to Determin in What way and manner they will carry on the law-Suit between m<sup>r</sup> John Cook and the town which is began by the Selectmen in the Name and Behalf of the town, and to act any thing thereon they think proper. (14<sup>ly</sup>) For the town to Agree upon Such Measures as they Judge Proper to Collect the Intrenching tools left in the hands of the Selectmen, which belonge to the Commonwealth. and Likewise to notify the Persons the town is indebted to to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen on Fryday the 29th- Inftant at three O Clock afternoon at the wido Dorothy Coollidges. a Warrant was Issued to the Constable to Warn the Inhabitants of the town Quallified to Vote in town affairs to assemble at Said time & place for the purposes aforementioned. By Order of the Selectmen — and Signed By — Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston & Waltham on the 25<sup>th</sup>- Day of Feb<sup>y</sup>. 1788. at the House of M<sup>r</sup>: Benj<sup>n</sup>. Bird Innholder in Waltham they adjusted the Charge that had arisen for the repairs of the Great Bridge in Watertown Since

AD: 1788	
Whereof	mounting to the Sum of £ 16"1"2
Planck as w	d with M <sup>r</sup> : David Sanger to Procure as many good ill be Wanted for the Bridge the enfueing year at the he can.
give the Sele	nen of Watertown Directed their town Treasurer to extmen of Weston an order on the Selectmen of Wal-7:6:5 being a Ballance due from Watertown to
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Coollidge or accounts we for Schoolin from July 1	ng of the Selectmen at the House of the wido Dorothy on the 29 Day of February AD. 1788. the following re brot: and Presented for allowance (Viz) ————————————————————————————————————
	Aiddle Destrict £ 33:6:8:0  ackson for keeping School 3 months

Being the East Destrict ———	27:7:
The following accounts for Supply's for the Poor Mr Amos Livermores account amounting to the	Sum of
Mr Thomas Pattens do — — — — — — — Mr Richard Clarks do — — — — — — — — Lt Francis Faulkners do — — — — — — mr Stephen Minots do — — — — — — mifs Grace Sangers do — — — — — — mr Samuel Wellington's — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	9" 4:7 0" 6:0 0" 4"0 1"16"0 1"18"8
Mr Elijah Bond for Boarding Anna Rainger £ 3:	<i>y</i> . 0

The Selectmen's Accounts for Extra Services in Settleing an Execution &c — 3:15:1  1788 March ye. 3th. the Selectmen Signed an order on the treafurer for the above Sums Except mr Elijah Bonds — — —
the following accounts were laid before the town at April meeting & allow'd and a Grant made to pay the Same (Viz)  To M <sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco for his Service as afsefsor ye year past —  3: 2:0  to m <sup>r</sup> Daniel Mason for like Service — — — 1:14"0  to Colo Amos Bond for like Service — — — 1"12"0
to the Selectmen for Expences the year past — 6" 1"4:2 to Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown Esq <sup>r</sup> for Serving Treasurer last year 6" 0"0:0 to m <sup>r</sup> Daniel Sawin for Stone for a Bridge — 0" 4"0 — to m <sup>r</sup> Joshua Coollidge for Ditto — — 0" 4"0 — to m <sup>r</sup> Thomas Pattin for fenceing Stuff — — 0" 3"0
19: 0:4:2
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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs Regularly assembled at the meeting House in Said Town on monday the third Day of March AD: 1788. for the Choice of Town officers and other affairs as Setforth in the Warrant for Calling the Meeting.
Voted and Chofe William Hunt Esqr: Moderator of the Meeting.
Then Voted and Chofe the following Persons afternamd to Serve in the Several offices hereafter mentioned (Viz) —  Jonathan Brown Esq <sup>r</sup> : Town-Clerk. ——  (William Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup>
Selectmen    Colo: Amos Bond   Mr Amos Livermore Afsessors   Colo Amos Bond   Mr David Sanger   Colo: Christ: Grant   Grant
Jonathan Brown Esq <sup>r</sup> : Town-Treafurer ———————————————————————————————————

Tythingmen Mefrs- Mr: Samuel Hager & William Warren — Surveyors of Highways Mefrs Saml Wellington, Daniel Jackson, Iosiah Sanderson and Moses Warren -Surveyors of Timber &c Capt: Thomas Vofe & mr David Sanger— Howards Mefrs. Jonas Bond jur- Lt: William Warren -Hogrieves mefrs Israel Cook & Saml: Fowles — Clerks of the Markets Capt: John Fowles & Capt: Thos Vose -Measurers of Wood Capt: Thos: Vose and Capt: Daniel Jack-Cullars of Hoops Staves &c mr: Jeremiah Bridge and Lt. Frans. Faulkner — Chose for Saxton mr Phinehas Jenison. Voted that the Selectmen pay him as they Judge Proper — Then the Votes were Called for brot: in & Counted and it Appeared that the Honle Eben Bridge Esq had 60 Votes -Voted and Granted a Tax of 3/s on a Single Poll and in Proportion on the Estates, to repair the Highways and townways the year enfueing, to be worked out if the Inhabitants think proper at the Rate of 6s/ Pr Day for a man and 6/ pr day for a good

Voted and Chose for a Committee to examin ye Trease acctts

Then the Comttee, appointed to Rebuild the Bridge over John Cooks Wast (so called) Reported that they had Compleated the Business Which was accepted

See the Report on file

Then

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Voted and Chose for a Committee or agents — William Hunt Esqr.

mr: David Sanger
mr Saml White

Voted that the Committee be Impowered in the Name and behalf

of the town to proceed on the affair in Such way and manner as they Judge best. either by refeering that and any Defputes relating to Road, as may appear for the best. Voted and Granted £ 40 pounds to enable the agents to Carry on the affair —— on the article relating to Intrenching tools. Voted that the Selectmen look up the the Same and profecute the affair as they Judge Needfull ————

Then it was purposed to agree with Some person or persons to Collect the tax's for the ensueing year — and Capt: Moses Coollidge agreed to Collect the east list of Town and County tax's 1/ Pr Pound. and Co Samuel Wellington agreed to Collect the West list of the town and County tax for 1/2 Pr Pound — and. they agreed with mr: David Stone to Collect the East list of the State Tax for 1/4 P pound. and with mr William Stone to Collect the West list of the State tax for 2/ Pr pound. ——— They to give Bonds with Surety's as usual.

Voted & Granted £ 100 pounds for the use of the Schools and that they be kept in the Same way and manner as they were last vear —

Voted and Granted £ 100 pounds to Support the Poor ———

Watertown March ye 3d: 1788 Jonathan Brown Esqr was Sworn into the office of Town Clerk mr David Stone, & William Stone Constables, Capt: Mofes Coollidge & Cort Saml Wellington Collectors.

By William Hunt Just<sup>5</sup>: Peace ——
and mef<sup>r</sup> Mofes Warren & Elijah Mead Sealer of Leather. —
Samuel Wellington, Daniel Jackson, Josiah Sanderson, and
Mofes Warren Surveyors of Highways
Thomas Vose and David Sanger Surveyors of Timber &c —
Jonas Bond ju<sup>r</sup> and William Warren Howards
Israel Cooke and Sam<sup>l</sup> Fowles Hogrieves. —
John Fowles and Thomas Vose Clerks of the Markets ——
Tho<sup>5</sup> Vose and Daniel Jackson Measurers of Wood ——
Jeremiah Bridge and Francis Faulkner Cullers of Hoops &c

Pr Jon<sup>a</sup>; Brown Just<sup>5</sup>: Peace

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march ye 20th- 1778 Jona: Brown Esqr: was Sworn into the office of assessor Pr William Hunt Justt: Peace —— april ye; 10th — of alegiance

Jona Brown Esqr: took the oath & Signed the Declara-

tion to Quallifie him to Serve in the offices of Town-Clerk Town-Treasurer & assessor — Before W<sup>m</sup>- Hunt Justice of Peace — William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: & Col<sup>o</sup> Amos Bond took the oath of alegiance & Signed the Declaration to Serve in the town offices to which they were Chosen in march last.

Before Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

(3) To grant money to repair the Great Bridge and act any thing Relating thereto they Judge Necessary ——— (4) To Pass upon a list of Juriors prepared by ye Selectmen to be laid before the town. (5) to Hear the Reports of any Committees and act thereon as they think best. — (6) To know the mind of the town whether they will give any Directions to the Town Treafurer respecting the Issueing town orders for the payment of Debts, and act any thing Respecting the Same they think best. (7) To know if the town will Accept of the Pew that was Sold to mr John Draper. & if So make Provision for Paying the Prime Cost agreable to the Vote of the town, and to do any thing relating to that. or any other Pew that belongs to the town as they Judge best, - (8) To Choose any other town officers in the Room of any that refule to Serve. ——— (9) To hear the Petition of Richard Clark and act thereon as the Town may think best. -(10) To know if the town will make any repairs on the Personage buildings & act theron as the town may Judge best. -

Warrants were Issued Accordingly Dated ye. 21th. Instant. and

Signed P order of ye Selectmen

Iona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen the 20th- of march 1788, at mrs: Dorothy Coollidges They Signed an order on the Town-Treasurer to Pay mr: Nathaniel Sherman the Sum of 33"6:8 for keeping the School the last year. —

They also Agreed to allow the wife of Samuel Spring two shillings

Pr week from the 13th- Instant till further orders

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified according to the Constitution to Vote in the Choice of Governor, Lt: Governor & Senators being Duly warned and Regularly assembled at the Publick Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the 7th- Day of April AD: 1788. The Selectmen did Preside. The Meeting being Opened, the Votes for a Governor being Called for brot in

Counted it appeared

That his Excellency John Hancock Esqr: had. 76 Votes the Hon Elbridge Gerry Esqr: had - - - -

Then the Votes for a Lt: Governor were Called for brot in counted and Sorted and it appeared that the following Persons had the Number Set against each of their Names (Viz)

The Honle Benjamin Lincoln Esqr: had — 54 Votes —

The Honle Samuel Adams- Esqr: had — 21 Votes — The Honl Elbridge Gerry Esqr: had - - - 4 Votes ---

and the Hon!: Tames Warren Esqr: had - - - 4 Votes ----

Then the votes for five Senators for the County of Middlefex were Called for & being Brought in Sorted and Counted it appeared the following Gentlemen had the Number of Votes Set against their Respective Names (Viz) -

The Honle Eleazer Brooks 49 Honl Ebenr Bridge Esqr 53

Honl Joseph Hofmer Esqr

Honl Nathl Gorham Esqr 7 Honle Joseph: B: Varnum

Hon<sup>1</sup> Isaac Stearns- Esq<sup>r</sup> 50

Honl Walter Mc:Farland

23 Marshall Spring - - - 27 Willian Thomson - - 22

Capt David Brown - - - 21 Samuel Reed - - - - 21

William Hunt Esqr - -John Brooks Esqr - - - -

William Hull Esqr - - -

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Assembled at the Meeting House in Said town on monday the Seventh Day of April AD 1788, to act on Sundry Matters as Mentioned in the Warrants for Calling the Meeting They Voted and Chose William Hunt Esq Moderator of the Meeting

the 2d article being Read a Number of Accounts from Several persons being laid before the town and Considered they Granted the Sum of £ 19:0:4:2 — to Sattissie the Same See the

(390) Page of this Book

3 artile Granted £ 6 pounds to repair the great Bridge -

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mr: Samuel Benjamin Presented an account for Supporting his Sifter Wilson a [nd] being Considered the affair was put of to may Meeting -

(4th) article Read a list of Juriors being Presented by the Selectmen and read & being Considered and accepted See the

list on file - - - -

(5) article read and the Committee appointed to Examin the Treasurers accounts for the year 1786. Presented their report, but one of the Committee not having Signed the Same it was put off to may Meeting. -The Committee appointed to look up town land made Verbal report that they were advised to fence up a piece of town Land near mrs: Dorothy Coollidges and thereby take Possession for the use of the town, and Desired the Direction of the town relating to the Same - Where upon the town Voted that the Committee Proceed Agreable to the Said Advice ---

(6) article read relating to the treasurer Issuing orders &c after Some Debate they Voted to Choose a Committee to Consider

of the affair and report at may Meeting

Mr Amos Livermore Mr David Sanger Colo Amos Bond Capt: John Fowles Capt: Ebent Kent Mr Saml White Doctr: Marshall Spring Iona: Brown Esqr

Voted and Chose for Said Committee -

(7th) article relating to Pews being Read and having considered the affair they Voted to accept mr. John Drapers Pew agreable to the former votes of the town. Then Colo Amos Bond offered to pay mr Drapers prime cost if the town would Grant it to him, which the town accepted and granted it to him upon the Same terms that mr Draper held it then Voted to put of the Consideration of the Sale of the Pew that was Majr Josiah Capens to may Meeting

(8th) article read and past over

(9th) article read & mr Richard Clarks Petition being Read. Voted to Committ it to a Comtte to Consider of it and report what is proper for the town to Do thereon

Voted and Chose for Said Committee ——— m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> White
m<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore
W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>
Col<sup>o</sup> Amos Bond —
Doct<sup>r</sup> Marfhall Spring

(10th) article Read relating to the ministerial Buildings being repaired and they Voted to Choose a Committee to View the Same and report at may Meeting

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Chose for Said Committee} & \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M^r \colon A \text{mos Livermore} \\ M^r \colon B \text{enjamin Hastings} \\ M^r \colon S \text{am}^l \ W \text{hite} & \longrightarrow \end{array} \right. \end{array}$ 

## [396]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen the Seventh Day of April 1788 at Maj<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Mellens. They agreed with the Several Perfons afternamed to take the Several poor perfons and Board them for one year at Rate aftermentioned (Viz)

Mr Daniel Barned to Board &c for Deliverance Whitney @ 3/7

pr week ---

Thomas Shepard to Board &c for Abigail Hay P/ — 3/- P d° — James Barnard to Board Benj<sup>n</sup> Whitney @ 2/11 P d° — Mofes Mason to Board Mary Learned @ 2/11 P d° — Joseph Coollidge to Board Ruth Maddax @ 3/4 P d° —

Jedidiah White in full for Boarding Abigail Hay to this time	4:1:2
Thomas Pattin on Account of Lucy Child being left at Major Mellens	0:6"0
Joseph Bright for Boarding Mary Learned in the year 1786	2"18:6
Solomon Prentice in full for Boarding the Wido Delivce Whitney - — -	10" 7"7
Jedidiah Learned in full for Boarding Mary Learned to this time — -	5"14"6
Josiah Learned in full for Boarding the Wido Hannah Learned to this time	7"15:0
£	46" 7"7

At this meeting the Selectmen Signed an Order on the Treasurer to Pay the above Sum of £ 46:7"7.

Watertown April ye 11th. 1788. Lt: Samuel Wellington took the oath of Alegience and Subscribed the Declaration to Quallifie himfelf to Serve a Collector — Before William Hunt Justs Peace and Mess William Stone, and David Stone, Constables, Samuel White Assessor, and Amos Livermore, David Sanger, & Christopher Grant Jur as Selectmen all took the Oath and Subscribed the Declaration to Quallifie themselves to Serve in the Said offices ———

Before Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

Watertown April ye 14th. 1788

Col<sup>o</sup> Amos Bond and m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White ju<sup>r</sup> were Sworn into the office of Fence-Viewers — — By Jon<sup>2</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

Watertown June ye 2d. Capt. Moses Coollidge was Sworn into the office of Collector of tax's and took the Oath of Allegiance & Subscribed the Declaration. Before Jona: Brown Town-Clerk N: B was Chosen the Seventh day of may last

## [397]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on thursday the 24 Day of April 1788 at the House of [m<sup>r</sup>] Edward Richardson, They let the

At this meeting John Tainter apply'd to the Selectmen to have his tax's abated in m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clarks lists, and agreed to put what Real Estate he had into the Hands of the Selectmen to be under their care, and gave the town a Deed of his House and Land, upon which the Selectmen in behalf of the town made & Signed the following agreement (Viz)

The Inhabitants of the town of Watertown having this day by their Selectmen, Agreed to Pay to mr Richard Clark Collector of Tax's the Sum of Five pounds two shillings and three pence three farthings for Rates due him from John Tainter of Said Watertown and the Said John Tainter for the Same Consideration conveyed to the Inhabitants [ of ] Said Town of Watertown half an Acre of Land in Said Watertown with a House thereon as P Deed of even Date with these Presents, The Said Selectmen for and in behalf of Said Inhabitants hereby agree to leafe to Said Tainter the Same House and land annually and every year During the Natural life of Said Tainter, he paying the Sum of Six Shillings Pr year for the present and the tax's annually, and also any further Sum the Said Town & Tainter Shall Agree upon yearly, and its further agree vt. at the Decease of Said Tainter the Said Inhabitants Shall Convey Said Premises to the Heirs of Said Tainter they paying Said Consideration Sum and Interest, & also Such further Sum as the Said Town may Advance Said Tainter During his life. —

Watertown April ye. 24th- 1788.

William Hunt
Amos Bond
Amos Livermore
David Sanger
Christopher Grant

Select
Water

Agreable to the vote of the town at their meeting the. 7th. Day

of April 1788 — Colo: Amos Bond has paid mr John Draper Eight pounds in full for his Pew in the Meeting House as Appears by mr Drapers Receipt a Copy whereof is on file, So that Said Bond hold the Pew on the Same Conditions that mr Draper held it —

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(2ly) To hear the reports of any Committees, and act any thing thereon they Judge Proper.

(3ly) to make any further grants of money for any perticular Services they may See Necessary

(4ly) to know the minds of the town if they will Apply to the General Court to Farm out the Fishery in Said town and act thereon as they Judge best.

(5ly) To hear the accounts of persons the town is Indebted to, and grant money to pay the Same.

[ (6<sup>ly</sup>) ] to Chuse any town officers in the Room of any that have refused or Neglected to Serve

(7ly) to know if the town will give liberty for any Hospitals to be Opened for the Reception of the Small Pox by innoculation and Act thereon as they Judge best. —
Warrants were Issued Accordingly Pr: Jona: Brown Town-

Clerk

At the Meeting mentioned the other Side the town again took into Consideration a Vote on the report of a Committee Relating to the Treasurers Issueing Orders &c and they Past the following Vote (Viz) The Vote overruled, and the town Vote that the Treasurer be and hereby is Directed to Issue his Executions against Delinquent Collectors or Constables at the Expiration of

#### [399]

At a Town meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative assembled at the Meeting House on monday the fifth Day of may 1788. Colo: Amos Bond was Chosen to Represent the town in the General Court the year ensuring —

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting House on monday the fifth Day of may 1788, of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs, to act on Sundry affairs as mentioned in the Warrant for Calling ye Meeting They Voted and Chose William Hunt Esqr: moderator of the Meeting. on the 2d: article the Report of a former Committee was read Relating to a Settlement of accounts made between Mr: Samuel Cook and the town See the (364) Page of this Book wherein £ 1"15"10 was allowed mr Cook whereupon it was recommitted to the former Committee, Colo: Amos Bond being joined in the Room of one Deceased — and they reported that mr Cook be allowed £ 6 " " which was accepted, and they Voted that the Treasurer Should pay him that Sum. - The Committee appointed to Consider what is proper to be don relating to the Treasurers giving orders for payment of Debts reported vt it be left to the Treasurer to do as he Shall Judge best. which was Voted and accepted on the 4th-, article they Voted and Directed their Representative to apply to the General Court for liberty to Farm out the Fishery on the (6) article Voted and Choose Capt: Moses Coollidge a Collector of tax's on the (7) Article Relating to giving liberty for Hospitals after a Consderable debate they Voted to Dismiss the and not act any thing further thereon -

Then they Voted that the meeting Should be adjourned to monday Next —— four O Clock afternoon at this place to finish the remaining Business which was don.

At a Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in town affairs assembled at the Meeting on Monday the. 12th Day of May AD: 1788. by adjournment William Hunt Esqr: being Moderator the meeting being Opened they proceeded The Committee appointed to consider mr Richard Clarks Petition Reported as their Opinion that mr Clark be allowed his Charge in Petitioning the General Court being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ £ 3"6"0 Then the following Accounts were Read to the town (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_ Benjamin Hastings for mending the Glass &c in the Meeting House \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 0" 4:0 Sam¹: White Jon²: Brown & Josiah Bisco for Stating the town Debt & Credit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2"14:0 Sam¹ Benjamin for Boarding his Sifter Wilson \_\_\_\_\_ 4" 2"0 and the Several Sums amounting to the £ 10:6:0 were

and the Several Sums amounting to the £ 10:6:0 were £ 10" 6"

Granted therefor ——
Then they Voted and Chofe the following perfons a Comtte: to repair ye ministerial House &c 

[mr] Amos Livermore 

mr] Simon Whitney 

mr] David Sanger

Then Voted and Granted £ 40 pounds for Said Service ———

## [400]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, and Waltham on the 27th Day of may AD: 1788. at Mrs: Dorothy Coollidges in Watertown. They Viewed the great Bridge and it Necefsary to make Some repairs as Soon as Conveniently may be. Agreed that mr David Sanger take care to Provide Some Suitable Stones. for the work, and Capt: Isaac Jones Provide one longe String peice for sd: Bridge ————
The 27th: Day of May 1788. The Selectmen Signed an order

The 27th: Day of May 1788. The Selectmen Signed an order on the Treasurer to Pay mr: Elijah Mead five pounds Ninteen shillings & five pence in full of his account for keeping School

of this Present month June. The whole account amounts to the Sum of £ 12"4"2 of which Watertown Part is £ 6" 5"10 Walthams Do is 5"18"4

12" 4" 2

at this meeting the Several Accounts of all the Adjustments that had been Made between the two towns to the fourteenth day of this present month were Settled & receipts Passed between the Treasurers of each town. there Remaining a Ballance due from Waltham to Watertown of 18/6, Waltham Treasurer gave a note of hand on Demand for the Same

## [401]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at L<sup>t</sup> Samuel Wellingtons on monday [the] 18<sup>th</sup> day of Aug<sup>t</sup>: AD 1788. The following Accounts were bro<sup>t</sup>: to the Selectm[en] and accepted and allowed (Viz) To m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Clark for Boarding Benjamin Whitney the year Past and mending his Clothing &c — 9"2"8 To m<sup>r</sup>: Steph<sup>n</sup> Harris for taking care of his Son Nath<sup>ll</sup> 1"10"0 To m<sup>r</sup> George Brown for making a Chaine &c — 0"14"6

which Sum they ordered Should be Paid — — £ 11" 6" 6 Some other accounts were order to ly for the present to be inquired further into

mr Nathaniel Bemis Presented an order from John Tainter requesting that they would pay Said Bemis ten pounds ten shillings on Account of his Real Estate Conveyed to the town, which they Agreed to do provided he will give a New Deed of

Said House and land in fee Simple free from any right of at this meeting Samuel Jenison made Application to the Selectmen for So[me] assistance on Account of a Basturd Child in his Care and they Agreed to allow him 2/ P week from this time till further Orders of ye Selectmen

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham, for the Purpose of Considering what repairs are Necessary to be made to the Great Bridge over Charles-River in Said Town of Watertown. -

Voted & Considered that it was Necessary to repair the Same, and that it be don as follows (Viz)

The middle Pier be lessened in its Width eight or ten feet at the directi[on of] the Committee to be Chosen for that Purpose, the Butments to be raissed and the Bridge to be raised as high as the Gallows Pier and the wh[ole] to be performed agreable to the direction of Said Committee - -

Voted That the Third and North pier, be repaired by Said Committee at their discretion, without rebuilding the Butments. -Voted to appoint a Committee to perform the Above Service. -Voted that mr David Sanger, Mr Thaddeus Spring, & Mr: William Wellington be Said Committee, And that they procure the Meterials and Assistance for that Purpose, and agree upon the Prices upon the Credit of the three Towns -

Attest Wm. Hunt Chairman

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 1th. Day of Sepr: AD: 1788 - at the House of Lt: Samuel Wellington they Approbated the persons afternamed for renewing their licences for the year enfueing (Viz) -

Innholders

| Majr Thomas Mellens | Mr Edward Richardson | Lt : Samuel Wellington | Capt : John Fowle | mr Tim: Williams | Capt : John George | Lt Daniel Jackson | Capt : John George | Lt Daniel Jackson | Capt : John George | Lt Daniel Jackson | Capt : John George | Lt Daniel Jackson | Capt : John George | Lt Daniel Jackson | Capt : John Fowle | Mr Edward Richardson | Capt : John Fowle | Mr Edward Richardson | Capt : John Fowle | Mr Edward Richardson | Capt : John Fowle | Mr Edward Richardson | Capt : John George | Capt : John G

Capt: John Fowle mr Tim: Williams Lt: Francis Faulkner

At the above-mentioned Meeting they Signed an order on the Town Treasurer to pay the persons afternamed the Several Sums affixt to each of their Names. (Viz) To mr Thos: Clark for Boarding &c for Benjn Whitney 9 " 2"0

- o m o copion armino for mo care of me con frach	1 " 10 " 0
To Josiah Mixer for Nurfing Mary Boyington Child	0"19"3
To Capt: Phinehas Stearnes for two years Interest on	
his Note	5" 3"0

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 13th- Day of October 1788. at the House of Major Thomas Mellens they Appointed m<sup>r</sup> Jeremiah Bridge to be a Searcher & Packer of Beef, Porck, fish &c for the year ensuring ——
Watertown Oct<sup>r</sup>: ye 24th. 1788 M<sup>r</sup>: Jeremiah Bridge was Sworn into the office of Searcher & Packer of Beef, pork, Fish &c. ——

By Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston & Waltham on the 20<sup>th</sup>- Day of October AD: 1788. They Adjusted the Charge that had arisen for the repairs of the Great-Bridge over Charles River in Watertown Since the last adjustment which was on the 25<sup>th</sup>- Day of February 1788. The whole charge being £ 49 " 9 " 6. of which Sum. ———

Watertowns part is £ 17 " 15 " 0
Westons do is — 15 " 0 " 9
Walthams do is 16 " 13 " 9

So that there is a Ballance due from

Weston to Watertown £ 0  $^{\prime\prime}$  14  $^{\prime\prime}$  6 and from Waltham of 2  $^{\prime\prime}$  13  $^{\prime\prime}$  6

3" 8"0

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 20th- Day of October AD
1788 —
They Signed orders on the Treasurer to pay the Several persons
afternamed the Sums Set to each of their Names (Viz)
To mr Josiah Bisco for Serving Afselsor last year - 3" 2"0
To mr Daniel Mason for like Service 1"14"0
To Colo Amos Bond for like Service 1 " 12 " 0
To the Selectmen for expence last year — — — 6" 1"4"2
To Jona Brown for Serving Treasurer last year 6" 0"0 —
To mr Daniel Sawin for a Stone for a Bridge — 0 " 4"0 —
To m <sup>r</sup> Joshua Coollidge for D° 0" 4"0
To mr Thomas Pattin for fenceing Stuff 0" 3"0

these were granted at April meeting amounting - 19" 0"4"2

The following granted at may Meeting (Viz) — To m <sup>r</sup> Richard Clarks expence in Petitioning the	
Gen <sup>1</sup> Court	3 " 6 " 0
To mr Benjamin Hastings for mending Glass	0"4"0
To mefrs Saml White, Josiah Bisco, & Jona: Brown	
a Comtte- to State town Debt & Credit	2:14:0
To Saml Benjamin for Boarding his Sifter Wilson	4 " 12 " 0

10"16:0

also an order to pay m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Sheppard the Sum of 3 " 18 " 0 for Boarding Abigail Hay Six months

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellingtons on the 3<sup>d</sup>. Day of November AD. 1788. They Signed an order on the Treafurer to pay m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Jenison one pound two shillings for eleven Weeks Boarding &c for his Daughters Child, the time beginning the 18<sup>th</sup>- day august last.

also to pay Mr: Josiah Bright two pounds eight fhillings in full for his Service in the army in January 1787. he being then a Soldier in Capt: Amos Bonds Company, he the Said Brights giving an order on the State Treasurer for the whole of his Wages due on Said Bonds Muster-Roll

at this meeting the Selectmen received a Notification from m<sup>r</sup> Jonas Bond informing that he had taken into his Family one John Caswell who came from Boston in November last, See the notification on file ———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 1h. day of December AD: 1788. at Lt: Saml Wellingtons they ordered the Clerk to Issue Warrants directed to the Constables to Warn the Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote for Representatives. to meet at the Meeting House on thursday the eighteenth Instant at one O Clock afternoon to give in their Votes for one Representative in Congress for Middlesex County and two Electors for the Choice of President &c: Warrants were Issued accordingly Pr J Brown Town Clerk

### [404]

At the Meeting last Mentioned on the other Side the Selectmen Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay the Persons after named the Sums Set to their Name being in full for the meterials & labour at the Great Bridge as allow'd at the last Adjustment  $(\hat{V}_{iz})$ 

To Messrs. David Sanger - - -7" 1"5 1"16"0 to Amos Livermore to William Chenery -0"18"0 0"4"0 to Jedh Leathe - - to George & Vofe - -0"12"0 to Timo Williams - -0"11"4 to Abraham Whitney 0"6"0 1" 7"6 to Paul Learned - -1"18"3 to Saml Wellington to Wm Harrington -0"9"0 2" 8"0 to Jona Harrington 0"8"0 to Adam Brown - -0"10"6 to Jonas Hastings - to Saml Benjamin - -0" 3"0 to Saml & Mofes Hager 0"10"0

The Sum total being £ 21 " 3"0

At a Publick Town meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in the Choice of Representatives on the 18th- Day of December 1788, at the Meeting House to give in their Votes for a Person to Serve as a Representative in Congress, & two persons as Electors of a President & Vice President of the United States of America.—

The Votes were Called for for a Representative and were brot: in Counted & Sorted and it appeared, that the Honle Elbridge Gerry had 24 Votes

John Brooks Esqr had 13-Votes Eleazor Brooks Esqr: had 3 Votes

Then the Votes were brot: in for two persons as Candidale for Electors of President & Vice President & it appeared when Counted & Sorted that

the Honle Francis Dana Esqr: had — 21 Votes — Honl Eleazor Brooks Esqr had — 21 Votes Honl Oliver Prefcott Esqr had — 14 Votes James Winthorp Esqr had — 14 Votes

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 5th-. day of

January AD. 1789. at L<sup>t</sup>. Samuel Wellingtons - They Signed an order on ye Treafurer to pay the Several perfons after Named the Sums Set to each of their Names (Viz).

To Capt: Thomas Hunt for his Service on Bezll.

Learneds account

To Dr Marfhall Spring in full of his accounts

Exhibited this day

To Nathan Porter on Daniel Hastings's account for Stones &c

To Samuel Jenifon for care of his Daughters

Child eight weeks — 0:16:—
To Daniel Jackson in full of his account for Supplys for Jedidiah White in his last Sicknefs
To David Sanger in full of his account for house Rent &c for Bez Learned 2"15"—

At a Publick Meeting of the Selectmen for Inquiring into the State of the Collectors lists of Tax's which have been long outftanding, at the House of L<sup>t</sup>: Sam<sup>1</sup> Wellington on the 12<sup>th</sup>- Day of January AD 1789 They Examined Messrs Joseph Brights, & Daniel Masons lists

at this meeting they Directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the Constables to Warn the Quallified Voters to assemble at the Meeting House on thursday the 29 Instant to give in their votes for a Person to Serve as a Representative in Congress for the Destrict of Middlesex, Which was Accordingly don the Same Day

By Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Town-Clerk

at this meeting they Directed the Treasurer to call upon John Draper and David Stone for 18 Bushels of Indian Corn each which they owe to the town for the Improvement of the Wido Learneds land. They also did agree with Jedidiah Leathe for him to Improve the Hay Scales one year from the ninth day of this present month he paying therefor four pounds ten Shillings to be in Quarterly payments but upon failure in him the agreement to be Void, they also appointed him Surveyor & Weigher of Hay during the term aforementioned

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at the Meeting last Mentioned they Directed the Clerk to Issue a Warrant to one of the Constables to Warn Sarah Sanders out of this town At a Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative assembled at the meeting on Thursday the 29th Day of January AD. 1789. to give in their Votes for a Person to Represent the District of Middlesex in Congress of the United States of america, the Votes being given in it appeared that the following Persons had the number of Votes Set against each of their Names (Viz) —

Elbridge Gerry Esq<sup>r</sup>: had 45 Votes William Hull Esq<sup>r</sup>: had 14 d° Joseph B: Varnum had — 2 d°

At a Meeting at the Same time and Place of the Inhabitants of the Said Town Quallified to Vote in town affairs the Meeting being opened They Voted and Chofe William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator of the Meeting

m<sup>r</sup> Sawin Made Application to have his Tax in m<sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Leathes list, formerly Henry Bradfhaws abated as he Said he had Paid it to S<sup>d</sup> Bradfhaw — Whereupon it was Voted that if Said Sawin would procure a Certificate from M<sup>r</sup> Bradfhaw Sworn to before a Justice of y<sup>e</sup> peace Setting-forth that the tax's had been paid to him the Said Bradfhaw while he was a Collector, Then the S<sup>d</sup>. tax Should be abated. —————

Then m<sup>r</sup> William Sanger to have his tax's abated made a request to the town and it was Voted that the Collectors do not call on him for them till after Next March Meeting ———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 18th Day of February AD. 1789 at Lt: Saml Wellingtons Capt: John Fowle brot: in his account for Supplys for Smith Prentice in his last Sickness of

and m<sup>r</sup> John Capel his account for a Coffen of - - 0"14"0

which was allowed ————— £ 1 " 10 " 1

at

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At this Meeting they Directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the Several Constables to Warn the Inhabitants of the town Quallified to Vote in town affairs to meet at the Meeting House on Monday the Ninth Day of March Next at Nine O Clock in the forenoon for the following Purposes (Viz)

First to Choose a Moderator of the Meeting———

(2) To Choose all town officers required to be Chose in the Month of March or April Annually. (3) To Choose a Saxton & agree how he Shall be paid for his Service (4) To Determin whether Swine Shall run at large the enfueing year. (5) To give in their Votes for a County Treasurer. (6) to agree what Schools Shall be kept, and Grant money to Support the Same, and act anything thereon they may think proper. (7) To grant money to Support the poor. (8) To Grant money to repair the Great Bridge, and act any thing relating thereto they may think proper. (9) To Grant money to repair the Highways, and act any thing relating thereto they See fit. (10) To Choose a Committee to Examin the treasurers accounts, (11) To hear the accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to and grant money to pay ye Same, (12) To hear the reports of any Committees & act thereon as they See fit. (13) To act any thing relating to the Fishery (agreable to an act of the General Court passed the last Seision) they Judge Necessary ——— (14) To know if the town will provide a further Supply of Powder & Ball for the training band & alarm list to be kept for that Perticular use. and Act any thng relating thereto they think best. (15) To abate any perticular persons tax's if they think proper. (16) To know if the town will purchase a Small Building Standing on the towns Land where the widow White now Dwells, or Sell the land whereon the Same now Stands, and act thereon as they See fit. -Likewise to Notify the persons the town is Indebted to to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen on the Sixth Day of March Next at three O.Clock afternoon at the House of Lt Samuel Wellington.

Warrants were Issued accordingly Dated the 20th- of February attest Ion<sup>a</sup> Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at Lt: Samuel Wellingtons on Monday the Second Day of March AD: 1789. Walter Hunnewells account was brot: in for keeping School amounting to the Sum of - - £ 33 " 6" 8 also Mt Nathaniel Sherman brot: in his Account for Schooling for the year past which amounted to the Sum of - 33" 6" 8 the Expence of Wood for each School being included in their Accounts They agreed that the last County tax Set to Watertown be paid out of the town Rates the Sum being £ 13:9" 3" 1. and Afseft with the Next town tax.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of L<sup>t</sup> Saml Wellington on Fryday the Sixth Day of March AD 1789. the following acc<sup>tts</sup>- were bro<sup>t</sup>: to the Selectmen & by them allowed & and orders on the Treasurer given for Payment. (Viz) ————

m <sup>r</sup> Nath <sup>l</sup> R. Whitney for keeping the East S	School 16"16"	0
mr Daniel Clark Sanders for like Service at	d° 13" 8"	0
School Colo Christ: Grants acctt for the poor	3 " 2 " 5 " 15 "	0 1
L <sup>t</sup> . Fran <sup>s</sup> . Faulkners for House Rent for Bez <sup>l</sup> Learner Feb <sup>y</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup> - m <sup>r</sup> W <sup>m</sup> Harrington for Wood to Learned & wid <sup>o</sup>	d 1 " 13 "	9
White	0"16"1	0
Lt Jona Harrington for Wood for Said White		ŏ
m <sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore for Supplys to poor	1 " 7 "	2
To his other Dittoo		6
W <sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup> acc <sup>tt</sup> for poor		1
mr David Sangers acctt for the poor R. Goddard		6
mr Elijah Bonds acctt for Anna Ranger		0
Mr Richd Clarks Acctt for Supplys poor		0
Colo Amos Bonds for Sami Jenison & Rachel Goddard		8
mr Phins Jenison for Service at Smith Prentices Fun!		0
Maj <sup>r</sup> Josiah Capens acc <sup>tt</sup> poor Col <sup>o</sup> Amos Bonds other acc <sup>tt</sup>		4
Said Amos Bond two years Interest on a Note	5" 8"	7
m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> White one year do on do		3
Jona Brown three year on a Note		0
m <sup>r</sup> W <sup>m</sup> - Stone for Warning out 24 persons @ 1/ M <sup>r</sup> Benj <sup>n</sup> Hastings for Mending the Meeting House		Ö
Glass	0"3"	0
m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Sanderson for work at the Wharf in Cambridge		0

### [409]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly assembled on Monday the Ninth Day of March AD: 1789. for the Choice of town officers and other Town affairs Mentioned in the Warrants for Calling the Meeting. They Voted and Chose William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator —

Then Voted and Chose the following persons afternamed to Serve in the Several offices hereafter-mentioned (Viz)

Town-Clerk Jonathan Brown Esqr:

 $Selectmen \begin{cases} M^r & Amos & Livermore \\ M^r & David & Sanger \\ M^r & Tho^s. & Pattin & for a sees sors \\ William & Hunt & Esq^r: \\ Col^o & Chris^r & Grant & Ju^r: \end{cases} \begin{cases} M^r & Sam^l & White \\ Col^o: & Amos & Bond \\ m^r & Edm^d: & Fowle \end{cases}$ 

Town Treasurer Jonathan Brown Esqr: ——
Fence-Viewers mr Moses Warren & Israel Cook ———
Wardens Messrs. Jonas Bond jur & Joshua Grant ——
Sealers of Leather Messrs Moses Warrin & Josiah Levett ——
Tythingmen Capt Nathl Bemis & Benjamin Hastings ——
Surveyors of Highways for the West Destrict mr Henry Farrington South Destrict Mr Edmd. Fowle, East Destrict mr Joshua Coollidge, North Destrict mr Jona: Brown jur ——
Surveyors of Timber & Messrs David Sanger & Lt Daniel Jackson Howards Majr Thos Mellens & mr Hugh Mason ——
Hogrieves messrs Moses Mason and Daniel Cornwall ——
Clerks of the Markets Capt Daniel Jackson & Capt John George —
Measurers of Wood Capt Daniel Jackson & Mr Edmund Fowle —
Cullars of Hoops Stayes & Messrs Jeremiah Bridge & Saml Holt

Cullars of Hoops Staves & Mefs<sup>rs</sup> Jeremiah Bridge & Sam<sup>1</sup> Holt Saxton m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Jenison & Voted y<sup>t</sup> the Selectmen pay him as they See fitt for his Services — Then the Votes were brotin for a County Treasurer & being Counted & Sorted it Appeared that Eben<sup>r</sup> Bridge Esq<sup>r</sup>; had 32 Votes

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Then they Voted to reconsider the last Vote So far as it relates to the last Collectors and that they have liberty to bid as other Persons——

They then took into Consideration the abateing of tax's and Voted

to Choose a Committee of Nine persons to hear the pleas of any Persons that Should apply for abatements, and report a list of Such as they Judge proper to be abated to the town at April Meeting

William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>.

M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> White
M<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore
Col<sup>o</sup> Amos Bond
Cap<sup>t</sup>: John George
Cap<sup>t</sup> John Fowle
M<sup>r</sup> Simon Whitney
M<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup>: Fowle
M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Pattin

Then the article relating to the regulating the Fishery being read They Voted to Choose a Committee to prepare Rules for the regulating the Same to be laid before the town———

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Chose for Said Committee} \longrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Col}^{\circ} \text{ Amos Bond} \\ \text{William Hunt Esq^r} \\ \text{M}^{r} \text{ Edm}^{d} \colon \text{Fowle} \end{array} \right. \end{array}$ 

East list town tax then was Struct of to Jona. Stone at /11½ pr do-

West list town do was Struct off to Saml Wellington at 1/3 P do ————

The County tax to be included with the town ———
Then the Meeting was Adjourned to Monday Next at two O Clock afternoon at the Meeting House ————

## [411]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified According to law to vote in Town affairs assembled at the Meeting House on Monday the Sixteenth day of March AD. 1789 by Adjournment ——William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: being Moderator. The Meeting being opened they Proceeded, Voted and Chose m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Mason &

Mr Henry Farrington Constables, & Chofe Lt: Saml: Wellington and Mr Jonathan Stone Collectors of Tax's -

Mr: Samuel White at his Desire was Excused from Serving assessor and Mr Amos Livermore was Chosen but by Desire was

Then Voted and Excused Mr Edmund Fowle from the Same Service

Then Voted & Chose Jonathan Brown Esqr: & Colo: Christ Grant jur assessors

Then voted & Granted £ 100 pounds to Support the Schools and that they be under the Same Regulations as they were the last vear.

Voted and Granted £ 100 pounds to Support the poor -Voted and Granted 15 pounds to repair the Great Bridge Voted & Granted a tax of 3s/ on the Poll and the Estates to be taxed in that proportion to repair the Highways, and that the price of Labour in Working out Said tax be Six shillings P Day for a man and the like Sum for a good team -

Chose a Comtte to Examin  $y^e$  Treasfrs acctts  $\begin{cases} M^r \colon David \ Sanger \\ M^r \ Amos \ Livermore \\ M^r \ Josiah \ Bisco \end{cases}$ 

The (11) article was put over to the Adjournment ye (12) article put over

The the Committee appointed to Prepare Rules for regulating the Fishery reported Some rules which after consideration & Debate thereon. They Voted that Said Committee with the Selectmen have power in the Name and behalf of the town to fix Such Rules & regulations respecting the Same as they Judge most for the benefit of the town, and Conformable to the Act of the Gen<sup>II</sup> Court. -

then the (16) article was read and after Debate thereon they Voted to Choose a Committee to confer with mr. David Sanger about the Building on the land mentioned in Said article and report -

Voted and Chofe for Said Committee —  $\begin{cases} M^r \text{ Rich}^d. \text{ Clark} \\ L^t \text{ Sam}^l \text{ Wellington} \\ \text{Col}^o \text{ Amos Bond} \end{cases}$ Then the Meeting was adjourned to the first monday in April

3 O Clock [in] the afternoon at this place -

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Watertown March ye 16th. 1789 The following Persons took the Oath of allegiance required by law to Quallifie them to Serve in the Several Town offices to which they were Chofen, and after taking Said Oath & Subscribing the Same (Viz)

Mr David Sanger Mr Amos Livermore Mr Thos Pattin The Selectmen Wm Hunt Esqr: Colo: Christ. Grant iut

Iona Brown Town Clerk & Treaft

Moses Warrin & Israel Cook Fence viewer Moses Warren & Josiah Leavitt Sealers of Leather

Henry Farrington Edmund Fowle, & Joshua Coollidge. Surveyors of highways

Surveyors of Timber &c David Sanger & Daniel Jackson — Howards Thomas Mellens & Hugh Mason, ——

Hogrieve Daniel Cornwall

Clerks of the Markets Daniel Jackson & John George -Measures of Wood Daniel Jackson Edmd: Fowle -Cullars of Hoops &c Jeremiah Bridge, Samuel Holt —

Daniel Mason & Henry Far-) rington Constables Sam! Wellington & Jona: Stone Collectors -

took ye oath of allegiance & oaths of office Pr: Wm Hunt Just<sup>s</sup>: Peace

March ye 23d. 1789 Amos Bond took ye oath of allegiance and he and Jonathan Brown & Christopher Grant junior the oath of afsefsors

Before William Hunt Justs: Peace

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 23d. Day of March 1789. at Lt: Samuel Wellingtons they Directed the Clark to Issue out Warrants to the Constables to Warn all the Inhabitans of the town of Watertown who are Quallified to vote for Governors and Senators to meet at the Meeting House on the Sexth day of April at two O Clock afternoon to give in their Votes therefor -Which was Accordinly don

P Iona Brown Town-Clerk

at this Meeting they Directed the Treasurer to Discharge all those persons that make it appear that they are of the Baptists Perfuation from their last ministerial tax -1789 March ye 27 Jona Brown Jur was Sworn into the office of Surveyor of Highways Before Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Fryday the third Day of april AD 1789 at L¹: Samuel Wellingtons. the following Accounts were bro¹: in and Accepted by the Selectmen——  To Jona Coollidge Godding to Boarding Rachel Goddard from August the 26 to April the 7. 1789. ————————————————————————————————————
To James Barnard for Boarding Benjamin Whitney 7"15"8
The above Accounts were made up to the Seventh Inftant.  The Selectmen Signed an Order on the Treasurer for the payment
At a Meeting of The freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified according to the Constitution to vote in the Choice of Governours & Senators Regularly assembled at the Meeting House in s <sup>d</sup> Town on Monday the 6 <sup>th</sup> Day of April AD. 1789———
The Selectmen being present, the votes being Called for for a Governor being brot: in Sorted and counted it appeared that his Excellency John Hancock Esq <sup>r</sup> : had 67 Votes ————————————————————————————————————
The the votes were brot: in for a Lt: Governor being Sorted & Counted it appeared that
the Honle Benjamin Lincoln Esq had 37 votes ———
The Honle: Samuel Adams Esqr: had 50 votes —— Dr Marshall Spring had ———————————————————————————————————

Eleazer Brooks Esq<sup>r</sup>. had. 47

Joseph B: Varnum Esq<sup>r</sup> — 53

Eben<sup>r</sup> Bridge Esq<sup>r</sup> — 54

Nath<sup>l</sup> Gorham Esq<sup>r</sup> — 62

John Brooks Esq<sup>r</sup> — 3

Abraham Fuller Esq<sup>r</sup> — 1

William Hull Esq<sup>r</sup> — 6

Isaac Stearnes Esq<sup>r</sup> — 2

Valter McFarland Esq<sup>r</sup> 15

Joseph Hosmer Esq<sup>r</sup> — 59

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At a Publick Town Meeting of The Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs Regularly assembled at the Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the Sixth Day of April AD: 1789. By Adjournment.

William Hunt Esqr: being Moderator -

the Meeting being opened. They proceeded to Inquire whether the Town officers were compleated, and being informed they were not Mess's Joshua Grant & Jonas Bond jur at their Request were Excused from Serving as Wardens the present year—and Mess's Moses Hager & Jona Coollidge Godding were Chosen in their room

The tythingmen were not Excufed —

Then the Committee to Consider the abatement of Tax's made a report of a Number they thought Should be abated and of others they Judged Should be Sufpended for the present

Samuel Jenison asked for an allowance for Boarding &c for his Daughter Child. and it was Voted to allow him 1/6 pr week to

the time the Selectmen took up the Matter. his tax's and what he has received to be part —

Then they took into consideration an account of D<sup>r</sup> Marshall Springs and after Debate thereon. it was moved that the Consideration thereof be put off to the Adjournment of the Meeting — and the Meeting was Adjourned to Monday Next 4 O Clock afternoon at this place

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the Sixth Day of April AD 1789. at Major Thomas Mellens They Agreed with the perfons afternamed to take care of and Board the poor perfons after named for one year from the Seventh Instant at the Rate aftermentioned

Daniel Barnard to take Deli<sup>ce</sup> Whitney at 4/5 p<sup>r</sup> week Thomas Sheppard Abigail Hay at — 7/6 p<sup>r</sup> d<sup>o</sup> James Barnard Benjamin Whitney — 3/7 p<sup>r</sup> d<sup>o</sup> Convers Spring Mary Learned — 3/- pr do Moses Stone jur Ruth Maddox — 3/- pr do————

Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: was Sworn into the offices of Town Treafr and Town Clerk. —

Pr William Hunt Justs Peace

may ye 4th. 1789. Mofes Mason was Sworn into the office of Hogrieve By Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Just<sup>s</sup>. Peace ———

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At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting House on the thirteenth Day of April AD: 1789. By adjournment. Wm Hunt Esqr: being Moderator the Meeting being Opened They proceeded, and took into consideration relating to procureing ammunition for Militia and after Debate thereon they passed the followin Vote. (Viz). That Colo Christopher Grant, mr Amos Livermore be a Committee to enquire into the Quantity of Powder & Ball and Flints now on hand belonging to the town and if their is not a Sufficient Quantity for the Supply of the Train-band alarm list Horse and Artilery over and above the town Stock then to purchase a quantity adaquate to answer the above purpofes which is to remain the property of the Town, but Subject So farr to the use of Said Companies, as the Same may be returned as their Supply agreable to the Militia act, but not to be Dilivered out but by Special order of the Selectmen. -Then a letter or Remonstrance from a Number of persons of the Baptist perswation was read and after Debate thereon it was voted that it lye for the present. -Then the following Accounts for Services don &c were read (Viz) To mr Jedidiah Leathe for Irons &c for one of the Towns ploughs which amounted to the Sum of ---- 0" 19" 1 To the Selectmen for expences the last year - - - 5 " 9 " 7 To Colo Amos Bond for Service as afsefsor last year 1"16"0 To mr Samuel White for do - - - - - - -8" 2"0 To Jona Brown as Treasurer & Assessor last year 6" 4"0 To Dr Marshall Spring for Service as Physician ) &c for attendance on Elizabeth Warren - - - S The whole amounting to the Sum of - - - - which Sum was Voted & Granted to pay ye Same -Dr Springs other accounts of 6"2"0 was refered to the Selectmen to Determin upon

Then the Meeting was Adjourned to the 4th- Day of May Next. three O Clock afternoon at this place ———

### [416]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 27th. Day of april AD: 1789. at the House of Lt: Samuel Wellington — They Agreed to have a Town Meeting on Monday the fourth Day of May Next to Choose a Representative to Serve in the General Court the year ensueing and Directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the Constables to warn the Quallified Voters to meet at the Meeting House on Monday the 4th. Day of May

Next at two O Clock for that purpose

Warrants were Issued Accordingly. By Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown assembled at the Meeting House on Monday the. 4th. Day of May AD: 1789. for the Choice of a Representative to Serve in the Great and General Court the year ensueing. They Chose Colo: Amos Bond.

At a Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town affairs assembled at the Meeting House on monday the 4th. Day of May AD 1789. By Adjournment. — William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: being Moderator. They proceeded — The Committee Appointed to Examin the Town Treasurer Accounts for the year. 1787. laid their Report on the table which being Read. it Appeared that the Treasurer wa Charged the Sum of 1998 "10"8"2 and had Discharged himself by receipts & outstanding Taxs 2044" 3"2"1

So that there remained due the Treasurer of 045"12"3"3 which was Voted and accepted. See the report on file and entered in the Treasurers Book — Voted yt the Committee appointed to Settle the Treasures accounts assist in Seeing a Settlement made with the old Collectors &c — Voted that the Debts due the Town by Bond or Note be Sued and Collected unless Shisted to those the town is indebted to — Voted that the Committee Chosen to Settle the Town Treasurers

Accounts be Aiding to the Treasurer to Carry the last Votes into Compleat Execution — Voted that the Committee appointed to Examin ye Treasurers accounts last year be added to the present

years Committee -

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Voted that the Selectmen be empowered to purchase the House the property of Mr: David Sanger now Standing on Towns land or lease the land to Said Sanger, or hire the House for the towns use, and act fully respecting the Same as they may Judge for the Interest of the Town——

Then the Meeting was Adjourned to the Second Monday in June Next at Six O Clock in the afternoon at this place ———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the First Day of June. 1789. at Lt: Samuel Wellingtons. They Signed an order on the Town Treasurer to Pay the Sum of Fifteen Pounds to Mr Amos Livermore and others a Committe appointed to repair ye Ministerial House — also to pay Mr Phinehas Jenison four pounds for his Service as Saxton the last year.

They also Agreed to Meet the Selectmen of Waltham on the Eleventh Day of this Inftant month of June to Settle accounts relating to the Support of Abigail Ball, and Directed the Clerk to Sd Selectmen Notice that they are desired to attend on the Said day at Lt Samuel Wellingtons at five O Clock in the after-

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown held at the Meeting House on monday the 8th- Day of June AD. 1789. by adjournment but a few persons appearing it was Adjourned to the 29 Day of this month at five O Clock afternoon at this Place ————

### [418]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the Eleventh day of June AD-1789- at the House of Lt: Samuel Wellington they Agreed with Josiah Learned that he Shall have the Improvement of his Grandmothers Saltmarsh land the present year he paying therefor the Sum of Eighteen shillings — and that David Stone have the land he had last year he paying therefor Eighteen Bushels of Indian Corn — Edward Richardson has Notified in Writing that he has received a negro into town as on file.

at a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown and Waltham at L<sup>t</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup> Wellingtons on the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1789. to Settle the Charge of the Support of Abigail Ball the year past. there not being a Quorom from Waltham they adjourned the Meeting to Wednesday Next at five O Clock at this Place.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown & Waltham on the 17th day of June AD: 1789. at the House of Lt. Samuel Wellington They Settled the accounts for the Support of Abigail Ball that has arisen Since the last adjustment which was on the Ninth Day of June last. to the  $20^{th}$ - Day of this present month. the whole being £ 9:18:9.

of Which Sum — Watertown Part is 5" 1" 9" 1
Walthams do is 4" 16" 11" 3
9" 18" 9" 0

Watertowns State tax is 107"17"0
Walthams do is 102"12"0

210" 9"0

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 18th- Day of June AD. 1789 - at m<sup>r</sup> Edward Richardsons they let the Wharf in Cambridge to m<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore for one year. the year begining the first Day of April last. for 8/6

At a Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown assembled at the Meeting House on monday the the 29th- Day of June AD. 1789. By Adjournment.

The moderator being Absent, and no Committees being ready to make any reports it was Agreed that the Meeting Should be Defolved which was Accordingly don.

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At this meeting they Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay Sam<sup>1</sup> Wellington Six shillings being the expence in Settling Accounts with the Selectmen of Waltham, also to pay to John Remington Esq<sup>r</sup>: the Sum of £ 5" 4" 0 on Account of Lydia Spring the wife of Samuel Spring for the Support of her Child being one years allowance the year ending the 13th. Day of

March last.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at L<sup>t</sup>: Sam<sup>1</sup> Wellingtons on the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of August AD. 1789. They Signed an order on the town Treasurer to Pay to Amos Livermore & others a Committee to repair the Ministerial House the Sum of fifteen Pounds they to Account for the Same

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M<sup>r</sup>: Dorothy Coollidge on the tenth Day of September AD: 1789. — They Approbated the following persons for renewing their licences (Viz.)

For Innholders ———	M <sup>rs</sup> Dorothy Coollidge M <sup>r</sup> Edw <sup>d</sup> : Richardson Maj <sup>r</sup> Thomas Mellens L <sup>t</sup> . Samuel Wellington
For Retailors ———	Capt: John Fowles Capt: John George Capt Daniel Jackson Mr. Timothy Williams

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Lt: Samuel Wellington on the fifth day of Octr: AD 1789. They Signed an Order on the town Treasurer to pay Mr Thomas Pattin for money paid Samuel Jenison - 1: 1:8 to Mr Benjamin Guild for Land left out to accommodate

the road - also an order to pay $M^r$ Jonas Bond the amount of he lent to the town. to be paid at the Rate of S the pound which the Principle and Interest amoun of —	Six fhillings on
At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 2 <sup>d</sup> . It ber AD 1789 at L <sup>t</sup> : Samuel Wellington they Sign the Treaf <sup>r</sup> to pay the Rev <sup>d</sup> : M <sup>r</sup> : Eliot his Salla year being £ 100 " 0 " 0	ed an order on
They also Signed an order to pay the Several perf	ons afternamed
the Sum Set against his Name (Viz) ————————————————————————————————————	- 0"19"1
To the Selectmen for their Expence last year	- 5" 9"7
to Amos Bond for Serving Assessor last year -	
to Samuel White for like Service	- 1"16"0
to Jona Brown for Service as Treasurer & assessor	- 8" 2"0
to D <sup>r</sup> Marshall Spring for attendance of Eliz <sup>a</sup> Warren — —	6" 4"0
these were Granted at town Meeting in April last -	£ 24 " 6 " 8
to John Stearnes for Boarding Abigail Ball from the 14th- of June 1788 to the 21th- of June 1789	9"18"9
To Dr Spring for attendance on Mrs Wilfon one of the States poor	6" 2"0
To W <sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup> : in full of his Account	

at this meeting D<sup>r</sup> Marshall Spring gave a Written Notification to the Selectmen that he had received into his Family a Boy by the name of Bill Tower who belonged to the town of Natick as was last from that place and came to Watertown the day of last past.

to Thos Sheppard in part for Boarding Abigail Hay - 3" 0"0 at this meeting they directed the Treasurer to Procure 300 Blank tax Bills for the use of the Collectors of tax's for this year ——

allowed at this meeting by the Selectmen

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of L<sup>t</sup> Saml Wellington on monday the 4<sup>th</sup>-. Day of January AD 1790. They Signed an order on the Town Treasurer to pay the persons after named the Sums Set to each of their Names (Viz).

To mr Saml White for one years Interest	5:19:2
To Mr Nathl Ruggles Whitney in full of his School	
acct	33:6:8
To mr Ebenr Starr for his School acctt: allow'd	16: 4"0
To mr William Stone Collector for Wm Sangers & )	1 " 2 (
John Tainters tax's abated in his lists of State tax's	1" 3:6
To Amos Livermore and others a Committee to	
repair the ministerial House in full of the Grant	10" 0:0
made for that purpose	
To the town of Newton in full of their Acctt: agt:	
Submit Chadwick	5 " 16 " 7
and to Said town for Bezaleel Learned's tax's	1 " 10 " 0
To Dr John King in full of his account agt: Submit	
Chadwick	3 " 6:8

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday ye Day of January 1790 at Lieu<sup>t</sup> Samuel Wellington they Agreed to let the Hay Scales to M<sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Leathe for one year from the Ninth Day of this present Month for £ 4" 10" 0 for the year to be paid in Quarterly Payments & Keep the Irons in repair as was agreed to last year.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham at L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellingtons on Monday the first Day of Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1790. to Adjust the Accounts for the repairs of the great Bridge that had Arisen Since the last djustment which was on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: 1788. The whole Charge being

£7"15"11 of which Sum - - -

Watertowns Part is 2"15" 6
Westons do is 2"7" 5
Walthams do is 2"13" 0

7 " 15 " 11

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 15th- Day of Feby AD 1790. at Lt: Samuel Wellington They Agreed to have a

Town-Meeting on Monday the first Day of March Next at the Meeting House at Nine O Clock in the forenoon and Directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the Several Constables to Warn the Quallified Voters to meet at Said time and Place for the following Purposes (Viz) ——

First to Choose a Moderator of the Meeting. — — -2d. To Choose all town officers required by law to be Chose in the Month of of March or April Annually. (3d.) To Choose a Saxton and agree how he Shall be paid for his Service. (4) To determin whether Swine Shall run at large the enfueing year. (5) To give in their Votes for a County Treasurer. (6) To agree what Schools Shall be Kept. & Grant money to Support the Same, and act any thing thereon they may think Proper. (7) To grant money to Support the poor. 8 To Grant money to repair the Great Bridge, (9) To Grant money to repair the Highways and to do any thing relating thereto they See fitt 10th To Choose a Committee to Examin the treasurers Accounts. — (11) To hear the accounts of those Persons the town is Indebted to and grant money to pay the Same. — (12) To agree how the Fishery Shall be improved the year ensueing, and to act thereon as they Judge Proper — (13) To hear the petition of Richard Clark and others, and to Act thereon as the town Judge Proper. 14th To hear the reports of any Committees, and for the town to Act thereon as they think Proper. —— (15) To Abate any Persons tax's the town may think proper in any Constables or Collectors lists, and to Enquire why the Delinquent Constables & Collectors have not had Executions Issued against them, and to Act thereon as the town may think Proper ---

And likewise to Notify the town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen on Fryday the 26. Instant at 4 O Clock afternoon at the House of L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellington.

Warrants were Issued Accordingly Dated the 17 Instant

and were Signed by Order of the Selectmen

Jona; Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 26th. Day of February 179[0] for receiving & Setleing Accounts with Persons to whome the town is Indebted, the following account were brot: in & allowed, (Viz) ————

To the Treasurer of Weston a Ballance due them for
repairs of the Bridge
To Saml Wellington for Cloathing &c in full of his
Account — — — — 0"16" 0
To Jona Coollidge Godding in full for Boarding
Kachel Goddard — — — 0"18" 0
to amos Livermore in full of his Account for Supplys
to the poor — 1" 5"11
to Elijah Bond for Boarding Anna Ranger — 3"18" 0
to do for Supplys to Said Ranger — — 1" 5" 0
to David Sanger for Supplys to the poor — _ 1" 8" 9
to Christopher Grant jur in full for do 0" 7" 6
to Thomas Pattin in full of his account for do - 0" 9" 8
to William Hunt Esqr: in full of his account for do 2" 4" 9
to Saml: Soden for Credit Joseph Child's tax's — 0"15" 7
to do for abatement of Joseph Lee's Ministerial tax's 0" 2" 4
to Saml Soden & Christ: Grant jur School
Committee for the East Destrict being a \ \ \ 17" 2: 8
Ballance of their grant — — — —
To Thos Pattin money paid Saml Jenison for board-
ing his grand Child — 1" 0" 0
to Thomas Sheppard in full for boarding Abigail
Hay — — — 11 " 17 " 3
to Jonathan Brown in full of his Account for
Cloathing for ye poor 1" 2" 8
to Josiah Leavitt for a Hammer to Seal Leather — 0" 4"10
to Simon and Whitney in full of their acctt for house
rent — — — — 1"18" 4
to Jonathan Brown Esq for writting Indentures & a  Book for ve Selectmen — 0" 6" 0
1
,
to Francis Perry in full of his Acctt- for keeping School — — — — 20"15" 8
to David Sanger in full for a house on the town land & a Quarters Rent of a house for \ 8"11" 0
Bezaleel Learned — — — — — — — —
78"13"11
70 13 11

The Selectmen Signed orders on the Town Treasurer to pay the Above Acctts at this meeting John Remington Esqr: gave an Information that he had received into Town one Tilly Buttrick & Abigail his wife, Susanna Sally, Tilly, Ezekiel-Hale and Meriam Children of the Said Tilly and wife, on the first day of December 1789. who came last from Concord. See the notifica-

tion on file. John Cook notified that had received into town one Lovelow Fullar the Daughter of Abijah Fullar on the 22d of Februry 1790 last from Newton See the Notification on File. -

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the first day of March 1790, for the Choice of town officers & other affairs Setforth in the Warrants for Calling the Meeting. They Voted & Chofe William Hunt Esqr: Moderator Then voted and Chofe the following Persons to Serve in the Several offices aftermentioned (Viz)

Jonathan Brown Esqr: Town-Clerk - $\begin{array}{c} William \ Hunt \ Esq^r \\ m^r \ David \ Sanger \ Afsefsors \end{array} \begin{cases} Amos \ Bond \ Esq^r. \\ Jonathan \ Brown \ Esq^r. \\ M^r \ Thomas \ Pattin \end{cases}$ Capt: John Fowles Amos Bond Esqr Town-Treasurer Jonathan Brown Esqr: ---Constables Messrs Henry Farrington and Daniel Mason. Collectors of tax's Mr: Edmund Fowle for the West District, and that he Shall have 1/s pr pound for Collecting the tax's then Chose mr Jonathan Stone for the East District and that he Shall have 8d1/2 on the pound for Collecting — — Sealers of Leather Messrs. William Warren, Josiah Leavitt, & Mofes Warren ----Fence-Viewers Mefs: Samuel Wellington and Edmund Fowle -Tythingmen William Warren and Samuel Benjamin. Surveyors of Highways for the West Destrict Lt: Saml Well-South Diftricts Capt Daniel Jackson, East Diftrict Nathan Coollidge North Diftrict mr: Richard Clark - - -Surveyors of Timber &c Messrs David Sanger & Daniel Jackson Howards Messrs Caleb Cook, and Hugh Mason ———— Hogrives Messrs Caleb Cook and Samuel Fowles. — Clerks of the Markets Messrs Andrew Blackman & Timothy Williams

Meafures of Wood &c : Cap John George and mr Samuel Holt —

Cullars of Hoops Staves & Messes: Saml Holt & Jereh: Bridge—Chose for Saxton Mr: Phinehas Jenison—also voted that the Selectmen Pay what they think is right for his Service——Then Voted that Swine Shall not run at large the ensueing year—

Then the Votes were brot: in for a County Treasurer and being Counted and Sorted it Appeared that the Hon!: Ebent Bridge

had 61 Votes

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Then Voted and granted one £ 100 pounds to Support Schools, and that the money be laid out as it was last year. ————
Then a Motion was made for altering the Several School Districts and it was Voted to Choose a Committee of five to consider thereof and Report at next April Meeting. ——

Voted and Chose for Said Committee

William Hunt Esqr.

Mr: Amos Livermore

Capt: Daniel Jackson.

Capt: John Fowle

Mr: Saml White.

Then Voted that the Selectmen hire out the Fishery to them that will give most for it for the present year. under the Same Regulations as it was the year past.

Then a Petition was read from m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark and Committed to a Committee to consider thereof and report at Next April meeting.

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Cap}^t\colon \text{Daniel Jackson}\\ M^r\colon \text{Stephen Cook}\\ M^r \text{ Sam}^l \text{ White}\\ \text{Cap}^t\colon \text{Eben}^r\colon \text{Kent}\\ M^r\colon \text{Edmund Fowle} \end{array}$ 

at the Request of  $M^r$ : Amos Livermore he haveing been Excufed from Serving as a Selectman the year enfuing they Voted their thanks for his faithfull Services in that office the year past. also Voted their thanks to Colo: Christopher Grant jur for past

faithfull Services the last year — Then the Article relating to abatements was read and they abated Samuel Sawins tax of in m<sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Leathes list

Then they Voted that the Selectmen with the Assessor be empowered to abate Such tax's as they Judge right during the year. Then an enquirey was made relating the Executions not being given out according to a former order, & after Some reasons being given therefor They Voted that they be given on or before the first day of April next. Then the Meeting was Adjourned to the first Monday in April Next at 4 O Clock in the afternoon to be held at the Meeting House

held at the Meeting House
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The Selectmen being Meet they let the Shad & alewive Fishery to M <sup>r</sup> Edmund Fowle for the present year. for 62 & ½ Dollars to be paid in the following Manner (Viz) twenty shillings in hand & a Note to be given for the remainder by the first Day of September Next.
Then the Several town officers this Day Chosen were Sworn into their Several offices (Viz) Sealers of Leather William Warren & Moses Warren Fence Viewers Samuel Wellington & Edmund Fowle
Surveyors of Highways Saml Wellington, Daniel Jackson & Richard Clark — Surveyors of Timber & David Sanger, & Daniel Jackson. ——— Howards Caleb Cook, and Hugh Mason, Clerk of ye Markets Andw: Blackman
Measurer of Wood Cap <sup>t</sup> John George, Cullar of Hoops &c Jeremiah Bridge ————————————————————————————————————
Watertown March ye. 8th. 1790. The following persons took the Oath of allegiance & Subscribed the Same to Quallify them to Serve in the offices to which they were respectively Chosen for the year ensueing ————
(Viz) Capt: John Fowles a Selectman; Jonathan Stone Assessor & Collector.  Henry Farrington and Daniel Mason Constables  Then Jonathan Stone was Sworn into the offices of Assessor & Collector.
Collector ————————————————————————————————————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellingtons on Monday the 22<sup>d</sup>: Day of March AD: 1790 they received a Notification from William Hunt Esq<sup>t</sup>: Informing that he had received into his Family one John Powers from Sudbury his Circumstances unknown

also they received an Information from M<sup>r</sup> William Stone that he had received into his Family one Nath<sup>1</sup>: Hill from Cambridge his Circumstances unknown—

Middlesex s Watertown April ye 5th. 1790 - Mr: Nathan Coollidge was Sworn into the office of Surveyor of Highways —

By Amos Bond Justice: Peace

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Fryday the Second Day of April. 1790 to receive the Accounts of those persons the Town is Indebted to for Boarding the poor and Supply's &c. the following were brot: and Accepted: (Viz) -To Solomon Prentice for Boarding Rachel Goddard 48 weeks to the Sixth of April Next. and Some Cloathing — — 10" 19:6 to Josiah Learned for boarding the Wido: Hannah Learned one year. 13 " 0 " 0 to Saml Fisk Esqr for Supplys to the Poor — — 1"18"6 to Saml White for Cash paid for the poor — — 1" 4"0 to Daniel Barnard for Boarding Dilice Whitney to 11 " 15 " 8 ve 6 Instant &c to Wm Stone for do for Mary Learned to ye Same time 7 " 16 " 0 to David Sanger to the Poor (Viz) Joseph Child's wife 0" 3"0 and to Daniel Benjamin - - 1"18"0 2" 7"1" 1/2 other Charge - - - - - 0 " 6"1" 1/2 To Jedidiah White To Keeping Francis White to April ye. 1. 1790. — — — — — — — to Fras: Faulker For Bezl Learned being a ballance 3"17:2 due --- ---

To Moles Stone jur: for Ruth Maddox to ye Sixth
of this Month —— 8 " 14 " 0
To James Barnard for Benjamin Whitney to ye 6
of this month —— 9 " 12 : 4
To John Fowles for Samuel Jenison & other poor 0"16"1"2
To the Estate of Simon Hastings Deceased 0" 12:1-
Market William and Market Annual Annu
75" 4"6
At a Town-Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown who are
Quallified as the Conftitution directs held at the Meeting House
on the 5th. Day of April 1790. to give in their Votes for Gover-
nours & Senators the Selectmen did preside
The Votes being brot: in for a Governour and being Sorted it
appeared, that His Excellency John Hancock Esqr: had 37 votes.
& the Honl James Bowdoin had 12 votes
Then the Votes were brot: in for a Lieut: Governour & being
Sorted it appeared that the Hon!: Samuel Adams Esqr: had 32
Votes Moses Gill Esqr had 11 Votes and Francis Dana Esqr: had
1 Vote, — Then the Votes were brot. in for five
Senators for the County of Middlefex and it appeared the follow-
ing Gentlemen had the Number Set against their Names (Viz) —
Marshall Spring Esq <sup>r</sup> — 3 John Brooks Esq <sup>r</sup> : — 22
James Winthorp Esq <sup>r</sup> — 2 Nath <sup>l</sup> Gorham Esq <sup>r</sup> — - 32
Amos Bond Esqr — 1 Ebenr Bridge Esqr — 32
William Hunt Esq: — 1 Joseph B. Varnum Esq <sup>r</sup> 30
William Winthorp Esq <sup>r</sup> - 1 Joseph Hofmer Esq <sup>r</sup> — 15
William Hull Esq <sup>r</sup> — 7
Joseph Curtis Esq — 11
Sam <sup>1</sup> Dexter Esq <sup>r</sup> — 1

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William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: being Moderator; The Meeting being Opened, they They took into Consideraton the Committees report on M<sup>r</sup> Richard Clarks Petition and after Debate thereon they Voted to accept the report which is as follows (Viz) That they are of Opinion that M<sup>r</sup> Clark the petitioner pay his own Charges.

Then the Committee Appointed to repair the Ministerial House

Then the Committee rippointed to repair the Willisterial floure
laid their Accounts before the town relating to their Expenditures
by which it appeared their was a Ballance due them of
£ 15"4"10"2 ——
Voted and Granted Said Sum to pay Said Ballance
Then the expence of the Selectmen last year was read
& Granted - of 3"11"8
Then they Granted & allowed Dr Spring acctt: for
Smith Prentice — 2" 8"0
then they Granted to Jona: Brown for Service as
Treasurer & assessor ———————————————————————————————————
and to Amos Bond as Assessor — — — — 2" 0"0
to Christ Grant Jut for do 1" 16" 0
17 " 15 " 8
Then it was moved to make a Grant to Paint the Ministerial
house and then Wetalland Control of Control

house and they Voted and Granted the Sum of £ 6 pounds for Said Service ——

West lead Character County of Said (William Hunt Esqr

Voted and Chose a Committee for Said William Hunt Esqr mr Edmd: Fowle Mr Saml Soden

Then they voted that the Treasurer pay Eires Tainter for his Pew Then Adjourned the Meeting to the first monday in May Next at three O Clock afternoon at this Place ————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 5<sup>th</sup>- Day of April 1790 — They Agreed with M<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Whitney to Board Diliver<sup>ce</sup> Whitney one year for 3/7 P week — and with M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Coollidge Ruth Maddox for 3/11 p<sup>r</sup> d<sup>o</sup> and M<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>1</sup> Stone Benj<sup>n</sup> Whitney for 3/1 P d<sup>o</sup> — At a Meeting of the Selectmen on tuesday the 20 Day of April. 1790.

they Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay the Accounts on the (447) page and to pay Phinehas Jenison £ 4 pounds for his Service as Saxton the year past ———

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have another Meeting to transfact Some town affairs at the Same place the Same Day at 3. O Clock afternoon the Meetings to be at the Meeting House in Said Town -The Second Meeting to act on the following Articles (Viz) — First to Choose a Moderator of the Meeting (2d) To know whether the town will Sell any Pews in the Meeting House that belong to the Town and to act any thing thereon they may See fit. ——— (3d) To know if the town will grant any more money to repair the Ministerial house and do thereon as they See best. 4th To pass on a list of Juriors prepared by the Selectmen. (5th) To hear the Reports of any Committees and to Act thereon as they Judge best. -At a Town Meeting of The Inhabitants of Watertown at the Meeting on Monday the 3d Day of May - - 1790. By Adjournment, but a few persons Appearing they further Adjourned to Thursday the Sixth Instant at 4. O Clock afternoon to be held at the Meeting House At a Town Meeting held by adjournment on the 6th. Day of May 1790, agreable to What is above mentioned. Wm Hunt Esqr: being Moderator. Mr Josiah Norcross and Mr Joseph Gardner were Chosen Tythingmen and Lt Jonathan Harrington & Mr Phinehas Jenison Chosen Wardens -Then the Meeting was Defolved -At a Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Assembled at the Meeting House is sd. Town on the 6th, day of May AD, 1790. Agreable to a Warrant Issued for that Purpose. They Voted and Chose William Hunt Esqr: Moderator — Then the articles relating to the Sale of Pews was read, and Voted that the Pews that was Major Josiah Capens & Eires Tainters Should be Sold on the Second Monday of June Next at. 5. O Clock afternoon at Publick vendue a the House of Major Thomas Mellens. Then Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee for that Purpose -

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Then they Voted and Granted 7" 10" 0 to repair the Ministerial House - and the Same Committee that was appointed the 5 Day

of April last git the work don -

alteration in the School destricts Should be made reported a New model & after Debate thereon it was put to Vote Whether the Same Should be accepted and it past in the Negative -Then it was Voted that the Meeting Should be Defolved -

And at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative. They Voted and Chofe Amos Bond Esqr to Serve the year enfueing in the General

the Meeting being on the Same Day at two O Clock afternoon and

at the Same place -

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 17th. Day of May AD - 1790. They Signed an order on the Town-Treasurer to pay mrs: Lydia Spring the wife of Samuel Spring late of Watertown the Sum of 5"4"0 which is in full of What is Allowed her to Support her Youngest Child at this meeting they Directed the Treasurer to Notify those

Persons that are Indebted to the town to pay in their dues or turn them with Such Persons as the town is Indebted to the first monday in June Next at which time the Selectmen purpose to Meet to See the Matter Settled.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham at the House of Major Thomas Mellens Innholder in Watertown on the fourth day of June AD 1790. They Viewed the Great Bridge and agreed to repair the Same and Chose one man from each town to do the Service- (Viz) Mr: David Sanger for Watertown Mr: Thaddius Spring for Weston, & Capt: Abraham Peirce for Waltham -

at the Same time the Selectmen Settled the account for ye Support of Abigail Ball on the 20th- Day of this present month, amounting to Eleven pounds three shillings - of which

Watertowns part is 5"14"4
Walthams do is -- 5"8"8

£ 11" 3"0

Watertown's part being all due to Waltham -

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Major Thomas Mellens on the 14th. Day of June AD: 1790. They Sold the Pews that were Lately Messrs Josiah Capen jur & Eires tainters to the perfons that would give most for them (Viz) that which was Capens to  $M^r$ : David Sangers for twenty pounds & that which was Tainters to Cap<sup>t</sup>: Nathaniel Bemis for ten pounds ten fhillings  $M^r$ : David Sanger paid four Dollars as earnest money. and the whole of both to be paid in ten Days with Interest to the time of Payment — the Pews to be on the Same footting with those first Built —

at this meeting they also let the Wharf in Cambridge till the first Day of April Next to m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Clark for Nine fhillings which Sum was paid down

At a meeting of the Selectmen at L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellingtons on the third Day of August: AD. 1790. They Appointed Cap<sup>t</sup>: Abner Craft to the office of Packer of Porck Beef &c — and Directed The Town-Clerk to Sware him into office ———

Watertown Aug<sup>t</sup>: y<sup>e</sup>. 31<sup>th</sup>. 1790. The Above-Named Cap<sup>t</sup>: Abner Craft appeared and was Sworn into office as the law Directs.

Before Me Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

September the 6<sup>th</sup>. 1790 a Notification from Nath!. Ruggles Whitney was received Informing that he had on the 19<sup>th</sup>- Day of June received into town Eunice Brown last from Weston. —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at Lt: Samuel Wellingtons on the 6th-day of Sepr: AD 1790. They allow'd Ezekiel Whitney account for care of Sarah Millhorn in her last Sickness and at the Funeral as pr account — — — — — — — 1"10"0 also Newton Baxters Account for Board of the Children of Joseph Child to the 7th- Instant 1 "12 " 0 amounting to — — — — — — — — They also allow'd the Ballance due Stephen Harris jur for Keeping Saml. Sangers wife to the Seventh day of this present month — — — 0"17"0 also allow'd Jonathan Whitneys account for potatoes deliver'd to mr Pattin for the use of the Wido Elizabeth Whitney — — They allow'd mr Richard Clarks Account for administration on the wido: Abigail Goddard Estate amounting to the Sum of -10:6:8 and abated Joseph Childs & Sam1: Sangers tax's in his Lists of -4: 2:10:1

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Seventh day of this Instant month till further orders for which he is to have 2/s pr Week

They allow'd the Ballance due on Charles Nuttings account being — 2"6"9

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Edward Richardson on Fryday the 10th-day of Sepr: AD. 1790. — They Directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the Constables to Warn the Quallified Voters to meet at the Meeting House on Monday the 4th-Day of October Next at two O Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for a person within the County of Midd\* to Serve as a Representative in the Congress of the United States &c —

They also at the Same Meeting Approbated the following persons for renewing their licences (Viz) —

John Fowle & Co
Daniel Jackson
Timothy Williams
John George
Fitch Hall &
John Fitch
& Ebin Kent

Retailors Samuel Wellington & Thomas Mellen-

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the thirteenth day of Sepr: 1790 They Signed an order on the town-Treasurer to pay the town of Waltham Watertowns part of the Charge of Abigail Ball the last year amounting to the Sum of — 5:14:4 and an order to pay the Rev<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup> Eliot his Salary this year 100" 0:0

also an other Order to pay Several persons Named in ye order
21" 18:4-2

and one other order to pay to Several other persons the Sums Granted them at last April Meeting Amounting to

33: 4:9:2

Watertown oct<sup>r</sup>: ye 18th- 1790. Amos Bond Esq<sup>r</sup> was Sworn into the office of Assessor by Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk — and Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> was Sworn into the office of Assessor by Amos Bond Just<sup>t</sup>: Peace

Edmund Fowle to the office of Collector

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham on the 2[\*] Day of September AD: 1790. at M<sup>r</sup> Zachariah Wesons Innholder in Waltham they Settled the account for repairing the Great Bridge that had Arifen Since the last Adjustment which was on the first Day of February last Which amounted to the Sum of £ 21 " 5 " 0 of Which

There being a Ballance due from Weston of £ 4 " 4" 1 they gave a Note for the Same — and upon ballance of the accounts between Waltham & Watertown Relating to the Settlment of the Charge of Abigail Ball to the 20th- of June last and the Settlement of the Bridge Accounts to this day it Appeared there was Due to Waltham Nine shillings which was paid by Watertown Treasurer to the Selectmen of Waltham

The Division of fences Between David Bemis & John Tainter & Said Bemis and Aiers Tainter & follows (Viz)

Watertown August 9th. 1786.

We David Bemis and John Tainter haveing agreed to leave the Division of our pertition fence to the Judgment of Mess. Abraham Whitney and Abijah Jackson, and they agreed that David Bemis Should Maintain the Easterly half of Said Pertition fence with the Consideration of ten shillings to be paid Said Bemis by John Tainter and the Said John Tainter is to maintain the Westerly half to which Judgment we both engage to abide by. Witness our Hands - - - -

John Tainter David Bemis

<sup>\*</sup> torn

Watertown Augt: 9th. 1786.

We David Bemis & Aiers Tainter having agreed to leave the Division of our Pertition fence to the Judgment of Mess Abraham Whitney & Abijah Jackson, and they agreed that David Bemis Should make and Maintain the Westerly half of Said Petition fence with the Consideration of one pound fixteen shillings to be paid Said Bemis by Aires Tainter and the Said Aires Tainter is to make and maintain the Easterly half. to which Judgment We both engage to abide By. Witness our Hands.—

Aires Tainter David Bemis

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr: ye. 4. 1790. the Signed an order on the treasurer to pay the Several persons the Sums against their Names (Viz)

and to pay the treasurer. 0"4"6

David Sanger — 11 "16" 1 Newton Baxter - 0 "11" 0 Henry Farrington 2" 14" 6 Jedh. Leathe — 0" 16" 4 Thomas Prentic 0" 10" 6

### [434]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown held at the Meeting House on Monday the. 4th. Day of October AD 1790 —— of the Quallified Voters in the Choice of a Representative. —— The Major part of the Selectmen being Present, They called for the Votes. for a person to Serve as a Representative for the District of Middlesex. which being brot: in Counted & Sorted it Appeared that the Hon!: Elbridge Gerry Esqr: had 54 Votes which was the whole Number of Votes that were brought in ———

Watertown October 11th. 1790. -

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Watertown do hereby choose and Appoint Jeremiah Bridge of Watertown Cooper to be one of the Searchers and Packers of Barrilled beef, Pork and fish, within the Limits of Said Town for one year from this Date, (provided during that time he shall behave well in Said Employ-

ment) In testimony Whereof we have hereunto fet our hands the Day and year aforeSaid -

William Hunt
Thos: Patten
David Sanger
Amos Bond

Selectmen
of
Watertown

Watertown Oct<sup>r</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>. 1790. The above-Named Jeremiah Bridge Appeared and was Sworn According to law to Quallify him to Serve in the office Above-mentioned —

Before Me Jona: Brown Town-Clerk

Amos Bond Esq<sup>r</sup>: on the 18<sup>th</sup>- Day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: 1790. Delivered the following notification (Viz) - Watertown July 1<sup>th</sup>- 1790. To Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: Town-Clerk for the town of Watertown, This may Certify that I have taken into my house to board with me one William Koho last from Rhode-Island State as to his Circumstances I am Unacquainted

Amos Bond ——

1791 Feby: ye 20t- Stephen Dana Esqr gave notice to the Selectmen that he had received into the House that was the late Daniel Cooks in Watertown mr John Savage & Rebecca his wife and Son who came from Waltham on Said Day —— also Capt: Nathl Bemis Notified that he had taken into his Family one Susanna Hovey last from Cambridge —

and Dr Marshall Spring gave Notice that he had taken into his Family a black man Named Daniel Ruds last from Charlestown —

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what Schools Shall be kept, and Grant money to Support the Same, and Act thereon as they think proper. (7) To grant money to Support the poor. — (8) To grant money to repair the Great Bridge. (9) To grant money to repair the Highways, and do any thing relating thereto they may See proper - (10) To agree how the Fishery Shall be Improved the year ensueing year. and to act thereon as they Judge proper. —— (11) To Choofe a Committee to examin the Treasurers Accounts. —— (12) To hear the Accounts of those persons the town is indebted to and grant money to pay the Same —— (13) To know the mind of the town if they will Divide the town into two School Districts or alter the present Districts, and to act any thing thereon the town think best. (14) To know if the town will raife money to procure a fire engine, and act thereon as they See fit —— (15) To know if the town will repair the fence Near the Ministerial house or make a New one. and Act thereon as they Judge proper. — (16) To know if the town will Sell their right in the Goddard place, and act thereon as they See fit. — (17) To know if the town will raise money to pay this town s Proportion of the expence and losses Sustained by the Watertown Bridge Lottery to the Managers, and to act thereon as the town Judge best - (18) To hear the reports of any Committees and act thereon as they see fit, Likewise to Notify the town Creditors (Except Such as have taken the poor for a year) to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen at the house of mr Samuel Wellington on Fryday the 25th- Day of March at 4 O Clock afternoon. They also Directed the Clerk to Issue Warrants to Warn the April Meeting for to Vote for Govenours & Senators to be at the Same place on Monday the 4th. Day of April at two O Clock afternoon which was accordingly don

Dated the 10<sup>th</sup> Inftant.

Signed p<sup>r</sup>: Order of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen

Ion<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town [Clerk]

## [436]

The Selectmen at their Meeting mentioned at the other Side Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay the Several persons afternamed the Sums Set against their Several Name in full of their Accounts Exhibitted this time — (Viz).

To Abigail Goddard for her care of M<sup>rs</sup>: Child — 0"12:0 to Stephen Harris ju<sup>r</sup>: in full for house rent for

Sam! Sanger wife & Child — 1"14"0

to William Hunt Esqr: for a load of Wood for	
Samuel Jenison	0 " 10 " 0
to Jedidiah Learned for Labour at the Great Bridge	0"1"3
to Paul Learned for do	- 0"10"6
to the Committee for repairing the Ministerial	
House for a Mistake —	0"2"6
to Nath! Ruggles Whitney in full of his acctt: for	
keeping School — —	33 " 6 " 8
to John Capel for a Coffin as pr: account — — —	0 " 13 " 0
to Elijah Bond in full for Boarding Anna Ranger	7 " 16 " 0
to David Townsed for house rent for Saml Jenison	1 " 16 " 0
to Jonathan Child in full of his Acctt: for Boarding	
m <sup>rs</sup> Child — —	6" 6" 5
to Josiah Norcrofs in full of his account for board-	
ing Sam <sup>1</sup> : Child — — —	4" 5"0
<u> </u>	
	£ 57 " 13 " 4

At this meeting the Account with m<sup>r</sup>. Jedidiah Leathe was Settled relating to the Hay Scale to the Ninth day of January last & it appeared after Deducting what he paid for Wood for Sam<sup>l</sup> Warren and his account for irons for the Bridge and two pounds

paid the Treasurer there was Still a ballance due the town of  $\pm$  2"2"6 Still due for which he gave his note to the Treasurer

on Demand with Interest till paid -

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellingtons on monday the 14 Day of March 1791 they Settled all accounts with the town and Josiah Capen and it Appeared there was due to him a ballance of £ 26" 19" 3 which Sum the Treasurer paid and Receipt past between the Treasurer and M<sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen in full of all Demands to this Day —— the Accounts in the files for 1773.

Mr Edmund Fowle was Chosen Grandjuryman for the year ----

## [437]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 25 Day of March AD. 1791 at the House of L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellington to receive the Accounts those Persons the town is indebted to the following were received & allowed (Viz)

David Sangers account for the poor to this day ---- 7:18 " 6

Solomon Prentice for Boarding &c for Rachel Goddard
to April. 5th. 12: 4" 6
Thoms Pattins Poor account &c the Ballance due — 1" 0" 6
William Hunt Esqrs account poor &c. 6"18"3 and to be paid out of Whitneys Note 3" - " - } - 9"18" 3
Eunice Coollidge for Boarding Ruth Maddox to the
6th. of April Next 10" 17: 9
Joshua Coollidge for boardng Moses Child in full
of his Account — 3"15" 6
Phinehas Jenison's Acctt. for poor &c 0"16"6
Stephen Harris Jur: Acctt: for Saml: Sangers wife
to March. 25 <sup>th</sup>
Caleb Cooks Acctt: for Joseph Child to the 25 of
March 1791 — — 2"11" 4
Thomas Mellens Acctt: for Betfey Benjamin & Child 0"16"0
John Bullards acctt: for board &c for Joseph Childs
wife and Child — 6" 6" 6
Josiah Learned for boarding the wido Hannah
Learned to the — 24 " 13 " 0
Jonathan Brown and others acctt: for Dividing
Goddards House &c — 1"14" 1
Mofes Coollidges acctt: for repairs of the Bell 9/
Newton Baxters Acc.: for do 3/ )
James Pierponts Acctt for keeping School 21" 0" 0
Phinehas Jenifons Acctt- as Saxton the last year 4" 0" 0
Selectmens expenses the year now ended 5 " 0" 0
Selectmens expendes the year now ended 3 0 0
Detectments expenses the year now ended
Selectmens expences the year now ended $         -$

At the meeting above-mentioned the Selectmen Signed an Order on the town Treasurer to pay the Sums as abovementioned

#### [438]

At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs regularly assembled at the Meeting House in Said town on Monday the 28th- Day of March AD 1791. for the Choice of town officers and other Matters as Setforth in the Warrants for Calling the meeting. they Proceeded as follows (Viz) Voted and Choose William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator of the Meet-

ing — Jonathan Brown Esqr: Town-Clerk and Town-Treasurer. —

Mr. Amos Livermore			
Mr David Sanger		Jona: Brown Esqr	)
Mr Thomas Pattin S	electmen	Amos Bond Esq <sup>r</sup>	Assessors
Amos Bond Esqr		Mr Jona: Stone	
Chris <sup>r</sup> : Grant ju <sup>r</sup> Esq <sup>r</sup>			,
	Henry Farri	ngton & Daniel M	Iason ——
For Constables Mess. Henry Farrington & Daniel Mason ——			
Collector of taxis M <sup>r</sup> Jonathan Stone Voted that the premium for Collecting be 9 <sup>d</sup> /½ on the pound for			
			poullu for
the West list and 7/½ for the East list ————————————————————————————————————			
Fence-Viewer Messr Caleb Cook & Daniel Mason.			
Tythingmen Mr Phinehas Jenison & Capt: Ebenezer Kent. —			
Howards mefrs Caleb Cook & Jonas Bond junior.			
Hogrieves Messrs Caleb Cook. & Daniel Cornwall.			
Surveyors of Highways			es Robbins,
Benjamin Hastings, & Thomas Clark. ———			
Surveyors of timber &c Messrs: David Sanger, & Daniel Jackson—			
Measures of Wood messrs Daniel Jackson, & Jedidiah Leathe —			
Cullars of hoops: Staves &c Messrs Saml Holt & Abner Craft. —			
Clerks of the Marketts messrs Daniel Jackson & John Williams			
Chose for Saxton Phinehas Jenison and to be paid as Usual -			
then the Votes were brot in for a County Treasurer, Ebenezer			
Bridge Esq <sup>r</sup> had the whole which was 57 Votes.			
Then the Votes for a County Register were brot: in and it			
Appeared that William Winthorp Esqr: had the whole which was			
18 Votes			
Voted that Swine do not go at large the enfueing year.			
Voted to put off the grant for the poor to may Meeting.			
Voted and Granted £ 6 pounds to repair the Bridge			
Voted that a Single Poll be 1/2 a Days work at the Highway and			
the Estates in proportion Six shillings to be allowed a Day for a			
Man, and the like for a	team —		

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Voted and Granted £ 100 pounds to Support the Schools the present year

Voted that the Money be layed out in the Same manner as last year —

Voted to procure a fire engine at the expence of the town —

Voted and Granted the Sum of £ 75 for Said purpofe. —

then the article relating to the fence on the ministerial place was read and after Debate thereon it was Voted to Dismiss the Same—

Voted and Chose for a Comtte- to procure an Engine.

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\text{Colo}: Fitch Hall \\
M^r: Tim^o: Williams \\
Cap^t John Fowles
\end{align\*}
\]

on the Article relating to the Goddard place they Voted to Choose a Com<sup>tte</sup>- to examin into the Circumstances and report what is proper to be don thereon

on the Article relateing to the lottery after long Debate thereon They Voted to Choose a Committee to look into the affair of Watertown Bridge lottery and see what losses the Manegers have fustained and Report ———

the article relating to town Creditors put over
Then the Meeting Adjourned to monday Next. 4. O Clock afternoon at the Meeting House.

In the Evening the Selectmen let out the Fishery to William Hunt Esq for £ 18" 15" 0

## [440]

13 Votes.

For a Lieut: Governor Honl: Samuel Adams Esqr: had 50 Votes Hon Thomas Russel Esqr: 14 Votes Hon!: Frans: Dana Esqr 1 Vote

Then the Votes were brot in for Senators and it Appeared that the following Gentlemen had the Number of Votes Set against their Respective Names (Viz)

William Hull Esqr - - - 11 Eben<sup>r</sup> Bridge Esq<sup>r</sup>: - 54 Votes Isaac Stearnes - - - - 2 Joseph B. Varnum - - 55 Eleazer Brooks - - - -Joseph Horsmer - - 50 Amos Bond - - - - -John Brooks - - - - 53 Joseph Curtis - - - - 41 Esquires —

Then the Meeting was Desolved -

At a Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in town affairs Assembled at the Meeting House on the 4th Day of April AD. 1791. by Adjournment. William Hunt Esqr: being the Moderator of the Meeting the meeting being Opened they proceeded and Chofe Messrs: Samuel Hager and Moses Hager Wardens for the ensueing year. Then the Committee Appointed to examin into the State of the Lottery reported and after Debate thereon they Voted to raife a Sufficient Sum of money to pay the Watertown managers part of the Charge of the Printing the tickets &c.

Then the Committee Appointed to Consider the expediency of the towns Selling their right in the Goddard place. Reported as their opinion that the land might be Sold, except what is Necessary to accomodate the Buildings which they think best to be kept

for the use of the town -

## [441]

Watertown April the 4th. 1791.

The following town officers were Sworn into the Several offices hereafter mentioned to which t[hey] were Chosen on the 28th-Instant (Viz).

Jonathan Stone Collector of tax[es] Elijah Mead Sealer of Leather, James Robbins & Thos: Clark Surveyors of Highways,

Caleb Cook and Jonas Bond jur: Howards. -Caleb Cook and Daniel Cornwall Hogrieves, John Williams and Daniel Jackson Clerks of the Markets, David Sanger & Daniel

Jackson Surveyors of timber &c. Daniel Jackson and Jedidiah Leathe Measurers of Wood Abner Craft Cullar of Hoops Staves &c

Sworn P Amos Bond Justice of ye The Selectmen put out the following perfons for the year enfueing (Viz) Benjamin Whitney to Nathaniel Stone for 2/11½ pr

Diliverance Whitney to Daniel Barned for 4/2 P week — Ruth Maddox to Eunice Coollidge for 3/11d pr week —

April the 22<sup>d</sup>. 1791. Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> was Sworn into the offices of Town Clerk & town Treasurer & assessor, also Josiah Leavitt as Sealer of Leat[her] by Amos Bond Just<sup>s</sup> Peace —— and Amos Bond Esq<sup>r</sup> in to the office of Assessor Before Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town Clerk ———

Mr David Stone gave in a Notification that he had received into the house that was formerly Simon Coollidges in Watertown one Daniel Oakes wife and Children who came last from Newton about the tenth Day of may last ————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at Lt: Samuel Wellingtons on the Eleventh Day of April AD. 1791. They Agreed to perambulate lines between towns on Monday the Day of the present month to begin with Cambridge Near the river at 7 o Clock in the Morning, and with Waltham to begin on the Rocks at 11 o Clock in the forenoon, & with Newton to begin below the Distell house Near the River at 4 o Clock in the afternoon and Directed the Clerk to Notify the Selectmen of the adjacent towns thereof

#### [442]

At the Last mentioned Meeting the Selectmen received the following Accounts and allowed them and Signed an order on the Treasurer for the payment thereof. (Viz) ————
To Mr Daniel Whitney for Boarding Delice Whitney and for Clothing and Shoes the year past ending the 6th. of April 1791 - - 9" 7"4

To Nath! Stone jur for Benjn- Whitney for board	
the year past	7 " 16 " 0
To Moses Coollidge & others a Committee for pro-	
videing for the School in the east District	33 " 6 " 8
To Dr Marshall Spring for Medecine & Attendance	
on the poor when Sick in full to this time	12 " 19 " 0

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at Lt: Samuel Wellingtons on Mon the 19th- Day of April. 1791. They Agreed to have a Town Meeting on Monday the Second Day of May Next. at two O Clock in the afternoon at the Meeting House to Choose a Person to Represent them in the General Court the ensueing

they also agreed to have town Meeting on the Same Day at the Same place at three O Clock afternoon to Act on the following

Articles. (Viz) -

First to Choose a Moderator of the Meeting. (2) to grant money to Support ye poor. (3) To know if the town will their right in the Goddard place and Improve the money Arifeing by the Sale thereof in Building a House for the poor, and act thereon as they Judge best. (4) To Choose any town officers in the room of Such as refuse to Serve. (5) To hear the Accounts of those Persons the town is Indebted to and grant money to pay the Same. ——— (6) To hear the reports of any Committees and Act thereon as they may Judge expedient.

And they ordered the Town Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the Constables Directing them to Warn all the Inhabitants of Said town to Assemble at Said times and place for the purposes mentioned who are Quallified to Vote in Said Meetings — Warrants were Issued Accordingly the Next Day and Signed by order

of the Selectmen -

Jona- Brown Town-Clerk

at this Meeting Amos Bond Esqr brot in an account for Supplys to the Poor amounting to £ 3 "8" 5 which was allowed. —

## [443]

1791 April ye 22d. mr Jonas White jur was Sworn into the office of Su[rveyor] of Highways by Iona; Brown Town-Clerk — April ve 25 mr Henry Farrington was Sworn into the office of Constable

By Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Town Clerk —

May ye 2d mr Daniel Mason was Sworn as Constable By the Town Clerk - and as fence-Viewer and Samuel Hager as Warden. & William Stearnes as Tythingman by Amos Bond Justs Peace —

At a Town Meeting Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified according to the Constitution to Vote in the Choice of a Representative Regularly assembled at the Meeting House in Said town on Monday the Second Day of May AD 1791. — They Chose Colo: Amos Bond to Represent the town in the General Court the ensuing year ——

At a Town Meeting of the Quallified Voters to vote in town affairs Met on the day aboveSaid at the place abovementioned they Voted and Chofe Colo Amos Bond Moderator of the Meeting — Then they Voted and Granted the Sum of £ 100 pounds to Support the poor the year ensueing year. — Then they took into Consideration the matter relating to the Sale of the towns right in the Goddard place Voted to Sell Such a part of the land as may be well Spared — Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee for Said purpose, and that they Sell it to the highest bider. ———

mr: Wm- Stearns was Chosen Tythingman

Then a Number of Accounts of Such persons as the town is indebted to were Read as follows (Viz).

To the Selectmen for expences the year past.	5" 0"0
to Amos Bond Service as Afsefsor -	1 " 16 " 0
to Jonathan Stone for Do	1 " 16 " 0
to Jonathan Brown for Do	
and for Service as Treasurer	6" 0"0

Then they Voted and Granted the Sum of - - £ 16" 8"0 to pay the Same —— then the Constables laid their Accounts for Services before the town and they Voted and allowed to Henry Farrington as as follows (Viz) For Warning town Meetings /8 pence pr Meeting —— for Warning six Jurymens meetings each /4½ each & a futher sum of 2/ for Serving the Sealer of weights & Measurer Warrant /2¾ and to Daniel Mason the like

Then the Meeting was Defolved —

## [444]

May the 9th- 1791. William Hunt Esqr: gave a Notification that

he had received into town two young Men both from Acton in the County of Middlefex. on the Day aforeSaid. (Viz) Cyrus Howard and Nathan Howard their circumstances to him unknown——

See the Notification on file ———

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown and Waltham at the House of Maj<sup>r</sup> Thomas Mellens on the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of June AD: 1791.

They Settled the Charge of Abigail Ball which had Arifen Since the 20<sup>th</sup>- Day of June AD 1790. to the twentieth Day of this month which amounted to the Sum of £ 9 " 15 " 0. of Which Sum Watertowns part

amounted to 4"19"4

Walthams do to 4"15"8

£ 9"15"0

Waltham part was paid at the Same time and the Selectmen of the two towns Agreed that Said Abigail Ball go to Waltham the year ensuring at the rate of 3/10<sup>d</sup> p<sup>r</sup> Week —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellington on the first day of August AD 1791. the agreed to have at town Meeting on monday the 8<sup>th</sup>- Inftant at 4 o Clock afternoon at the Meeting House to act on the following articles (Viz) to Choose a moderator.

(2) To know the minde of the town whether they will pay the losses Sustained by the managers of the Watertown Bridge lottery, and if they agreed thereto then to raise money for that purpose and to act any thing thereon they Judge best, (3) to know if the town will raise money to Build a House to Accomodate the poor or repair any old ones that belong to the town for the use of the poor and do any thing thereon they think Necessary (4) To grant money to repair the meeting House, and do any thing thereon they think proper —— (5) to abate any perticular persons tax's they may think best. ——— Warrants were Issued the Next day and Signed By Order of the Selectmen

Jona Brown Town-Clerk —

At this meeting Amos Bond Esq<sup>r</sup> gave a Notification that he had taken in to his Family William Koho and Jonathan Bird the notice that he had taken Anna Elkins & her Child into his Family

See ye notifications on File

#### [445]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown held at the Meeting House on Monday the 8th. Day of Augt: AD. 1791. to Act on Several things Mentioned in the Warrant for Calling the Meeting — William Hunt Esqr: was Chofen Moderator -Then the 2d. Article relating to the lottery being read they Voted to grant money to pay the Managers their losses &c -Voted and Granted £ 30 pounds for to redeem the tickets and pay the Charges &c -Then Voted that the money that remains due from Mr Richard Clark and Mr: Edmund Fowle for the use of the Fishery, be Improved for that Purpose and So much of the Money that is due from the Estate of the late Majr Josiah Capen be Improved for the use aforeSaid as to make up the thirty Pounds if Necessary — Then Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to Settle the account and pay the Money. — Then Voted and Adjourned the Meeting to the first monday in September Next at. 4. O Clock afternoon at the Same place — At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in town affairs assemebled at the Meeting House on Monday the. 5.th day of Sept: AD: 1791. by Adjournment William Hunt Esqr being Moderator being absent. They Voted and Chose Colo. Amos Bond in his room - - - -Then they voted to repair the House where John Tainter now Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to repair the Same as they Judge best. — Then they Voted to make Some repairs on the Meeting then Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to do what they think necessary thereon. — Then the Meeting was

Defolved. -

September ye 8th. 1791. the Said Samuel Holt was Sworn into the Said office. By Jona; Brown Town-Clerk

#### [446]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at Lt: Samuel Wellington on the

12th. day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD: 1791. Cap<sup>t</sup>: Nathaniel Bemis prefented an account for makeing a Coffin for Sarah Mellhorn of 14/which the Selectmen allowed ——

At this Meeting they Appointed Capt: Abner Craft to be a Searcher and packer of Beef Pork & Fish for one year within the Town of Watertown.

Mefrs Edward Richardson
Majr Thomas Mellens
Lt: Jona Harrington
Lt: Saml Wellington

Innholders

Lt: Daniel Jackson Colo: Fitch Hall mr Timo Williams Capt: John George Capt John Fowles

Retailon

Watertown February 1st- 1792

Recd- of Jonathan Brown Treasurer for the Town of Watertown the Sum of Ten Pounds in full for collecting Taxes and all other Demands of what Name or Nature soever against said Town of Watertown

W. Warren -

Attest James Robbins ~

A true Copy of William Warren's Rec<sup>t</sup>. as you may see on file -Attest Nath<sup>1</sup> R. Whitney Town Clerk ~

## [447]

On the 9th Day of January AD 1792 Nathl Ruggles Whitney delivered the following Notification (Viz) ——
This is to inform you that on the 24th Day of December AD 1791. I took into my Family Eunice Dudley Daughter of Sarah Brown from Weston about Eight Years of Age supposed to be in low circumstances ————

Nath! R. Whitney

To Jona Brown Esqr- Town Clerk - As you may see on file ~

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston and Waltham on the 19th. Day of December AD: 1791 at Mr: Zachariah

Westons in Waltham they Adjusted the Charge that had Arisen for the repairs of the Great Bridge Since the last Adjustment which was on the Day of Sep $^{\rm r}$ : AD 1790, — the whole account being — £ 25 " 6" 0

of which Sum Watertowns part is 9" 0"7

Westons D° is 7"13:8 Walthams d° is 8"11"9

25 " 6 " 0

Capt: John Fowle on the 19th Day of Decr- 1791 Delivered the following Notification (Viz). Watertown Decr 19th 1791 — This is to inform you that on the 12th Day of Decr Instant I took in a Molatto Girl by the Name of Sukey Smith, so called, from Boston in indigent circumstances

John Fowle -

To Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk for Watertown ~ See the Notification on file ———

#### [448]

Middlesex fs. To Mr. Richard Clark Constable of the Town of Watertown in the same County Greeting ———

The Selectmen of said Town of Watertown being informed that the several Persons whose Names are borne on the Schedule hereunto annexed, who came last from the Town, set opposite each Name in said Schedule, and the circumstances of the said Persons with their respective Families being such, that the Selectmen refuse to admit them to become Inhabitants of said Town of Watertown, and the said Town of Watertown having never admitted them by a Vote of the same Town to become Inhabitants thereof

These are therefore in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to require you the said Constable forthwith, to warn all the Persons with their Families named in said Schedule forthwith to depart out of the said Town of Watertown, and no longer abide therein.

Dated at Watertown aforesaid the twenty seventh Day of February in the Year of our Lord One thousand, seven hundred & eighty seven

by Order of the Selectmen

Jona Brown Town Clerk ~

A List of Persons not Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown

who came to reside there, and warned out by Order of the Selectmen

February AD 1787.

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#### [452]

In Congress July 4th: 1776:

A Declaration
By The
Representatives of The united States

of America in General Congress Assembled

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the Political Bands which have Connected them one with another, and to assume amonge the Powers of the Earth, the Seperate and equal Station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a Decent Respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they Should declare the Causes

which Impel them to the Seperation.

We hold these truths to be Self-evident, that all men are Created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with Certain unalienable Rights, that amonge these are life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness: — That to Secure these Rights, Governments are Instituted amonge men, deriving their just Powers from the Confent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to Institute New Government, laying its Foundation on Such Princeples and organizing its Powers in Such form, as to them Shall Seem most likely to effect their Safty & happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments longe established Should not be Changed liught and trainfient Causses. accordingly all Experience hath Shewn, that mankind are more disposed to Suffer, while evils are Sufferable, than to Right themselves by abolishing the Forms to which they are Accustomed, but when a long train of abuses and Usurpations. Pursuing invariably the Same Object, — a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right,

it is their duty, to throw of Such Government, and to Provide new Guards for their futer Security, Such has been the Patiante Sufferance of these Colonies; Such is now the Necessity which Constrains them to alter their former Sistems of Government. The History of the present King of Great-Britain is a History of Repeated injuries and Usurpations, all having a direct object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this let Facts be Submitted to a Candid World.

He has refused his assent to Laws, the most wholsome and Necessary for the Publick good. He has forbiden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and Pressing Importance, unless Suspended in their operations until his Assent Should be obtained; and when So Suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them——

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He has Refused to País other Laws for the accommodation of Large Diftricts of People, unless those People would relinquish the Right of Representation in the Legislature, a Right inestimable to them, and Conformable to Tyrants only.

He has called together Legislative Bodies at Places unufual, uncomfortable, and Distant from the Depository of their Publick Records, for the Sole Purpose of fatiguing them into his Measures. He has Desolved Representative Houses repeatedly, For opposing with manly Firmness his Invations on the People. He has Refused for a long Time, after Such Dissolutions, to others to be elected; whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of annihilation, have Returned to the People at Large for their Exercise; the State Remaining in the meantime exposed to all the Dangers of Invation from without; and Convultions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the Population of these States; For that purpose obstructing the laws for Naturalization of Foreingners; Refusing to Pass others to encourage their Migrations hither, and raising the Conditions of New Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by Refusing his assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made Judges Dependant on his will alone, for their Tenure of their offices, and the amount and Payment of their Salaries.

He has erected a Multitude of New offices, and Sent hither Swarms of officers to harras our People, and eat our Substance. —

He has kept amonge us Standing Armies in time of peace, without the Consent of our Legislatures. ———

He has affected to Render the Military Independant of, & Superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to Subject us to a Jurisdiction, Foreign to our Constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his assent to their laws of Pretended Legislation;

For Quartering Large Bodies of Armed troops among us;

For Protecting them by a mock trial, from punishment for murders which they Should Commit on the Inhabitants of these States;

For Cutting off our trade with all parts of the world;

For imposing Tax's on us without our Concent;

For Depriving us, in many Cases, of the Benefits of tryal by Jury; For transporting us beyound Seas to be tried for protended offences;

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For abolishing the free System of Einglish Laws in a neighbouring Province, Establishing therein an Arbitary Government, & enlarging its boundaries, So as to Render it at once an Example and fit Instrument for introduceing the Same absolute Rule into these Colonies;

For taking away our Charters, abolifhing our most Valuable Laws and altering Fundamentually the forms of our Governments;

For Sufpending our own Legislatures, and Declaring themselves vested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever; He has abeligated Government here by Declaring us out of his

Protection, and waging War against us;

He has plundered our Seas, Ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns,

and destroyed the lives of our People;

He is at this time transporting Large Armies of Foreign Mercinaries to Compleat the works of Death, Defolation, and Tyranny, already begun with Circumstances of Crualty and Persidity Scarcely in the most barbarous Ages and totally unworthy the head of a Civillized Nation.

He has Conftrained our Fellow Citizens, taken Captive on the high Seas, to bear armes against their Country; to become the Executioners of their friends and Bretheren, or fall themselves by their hands.

He has excited Domistick Infurrections amongst us, and has En-

deavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our Frontiers, the Merciless Indian Savages, whose known Rule of Warfare, is an undistinguished Destruction of all ages Sexes and Conditions: In every Stage of these Oppressions we have Petitioned for redrefs, in the most humble terms; our Repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury! A Prince whose Character is thus marked by every act which may Define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the Ruler of a Free People:

nor have been wanting to our British Bretheren in attention, we have warned them from time to time of Attempts by their Legislature to Extend an unwarntable Jurisdiction over us -We have reminded them of the Circumstances of our Emigration and Settlement here. We have Appealed to their Native Justice and Magnanimity, and we have Conjured them by the ties of our Common Kindred to Disavow these usurpations, which would II \* Itably interupt our Connexions and Corrospondance.

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They too have been deaf to the Voice of Justice and of Confanguinity, We must therefore acquiece in the Necessity which Denounces our Sepreration, and hold them, as we hold the Rest

of mankind, Enemies in War; in Peace, Friends:

We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress Assembled, appealing to the Supream Judge of the world for Rectitude of our Intentions do, in the name and by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies, Solemnly Publish & and Declare, these United Colonies are and of Right ought to be, Free and Independant States; and they are Absolved from all allagiance to the British Crown; that all Political Connextion between them and the State of Great-Britain is, and ought to be totally Dissolved; and as free and Independant States may of Right do.

And for the Support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually Pledge to each

other our lives, our Fortunes, and our Sacred Honor.

Signed by Order and in Behalf of Congress John Hancock President

Attest Charles Thompson, Secretary

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In Council July 17th, 1776.

Ordered, That the Declaration of Independance be printed and a Copy thereof Sent to the ministers of each Parish, of every Denomination within this State: and that they Severally be Required to Read the Same to their Respective Congregations, as Soon as Divine Service is ended in the afternoon on the first Lords day they Shall Receive the Same and after Such Publication thereof, to Diliver the said Declaration to the Clerks of their Several Towns, or Districts; who are hereby Required to Record the Same in their Respective Town Books, there to Remain as a Perpetual Memorial thereof

In Obediance to the foregoing Order the Same has been Recorded By me Jonathan Brown Town-Clerk

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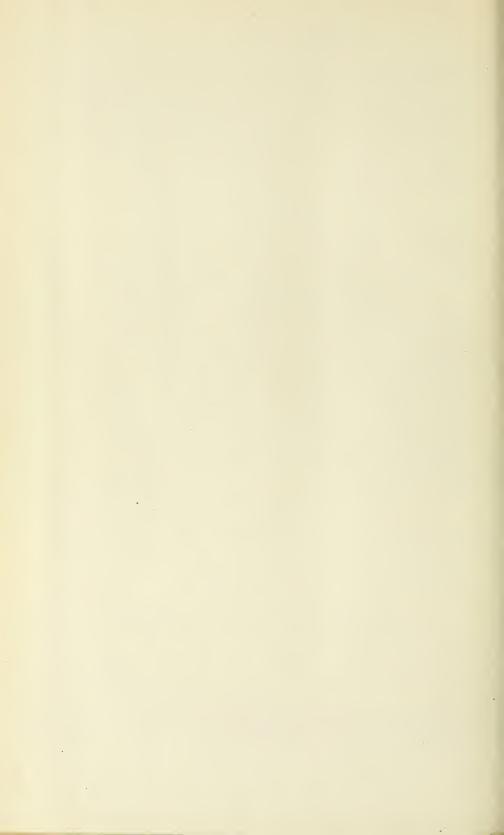
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