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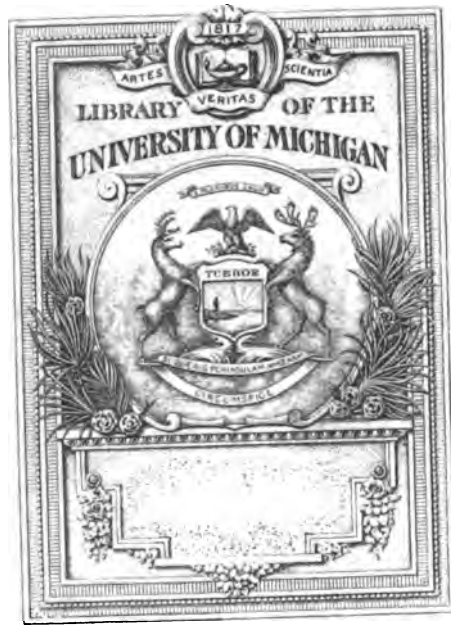
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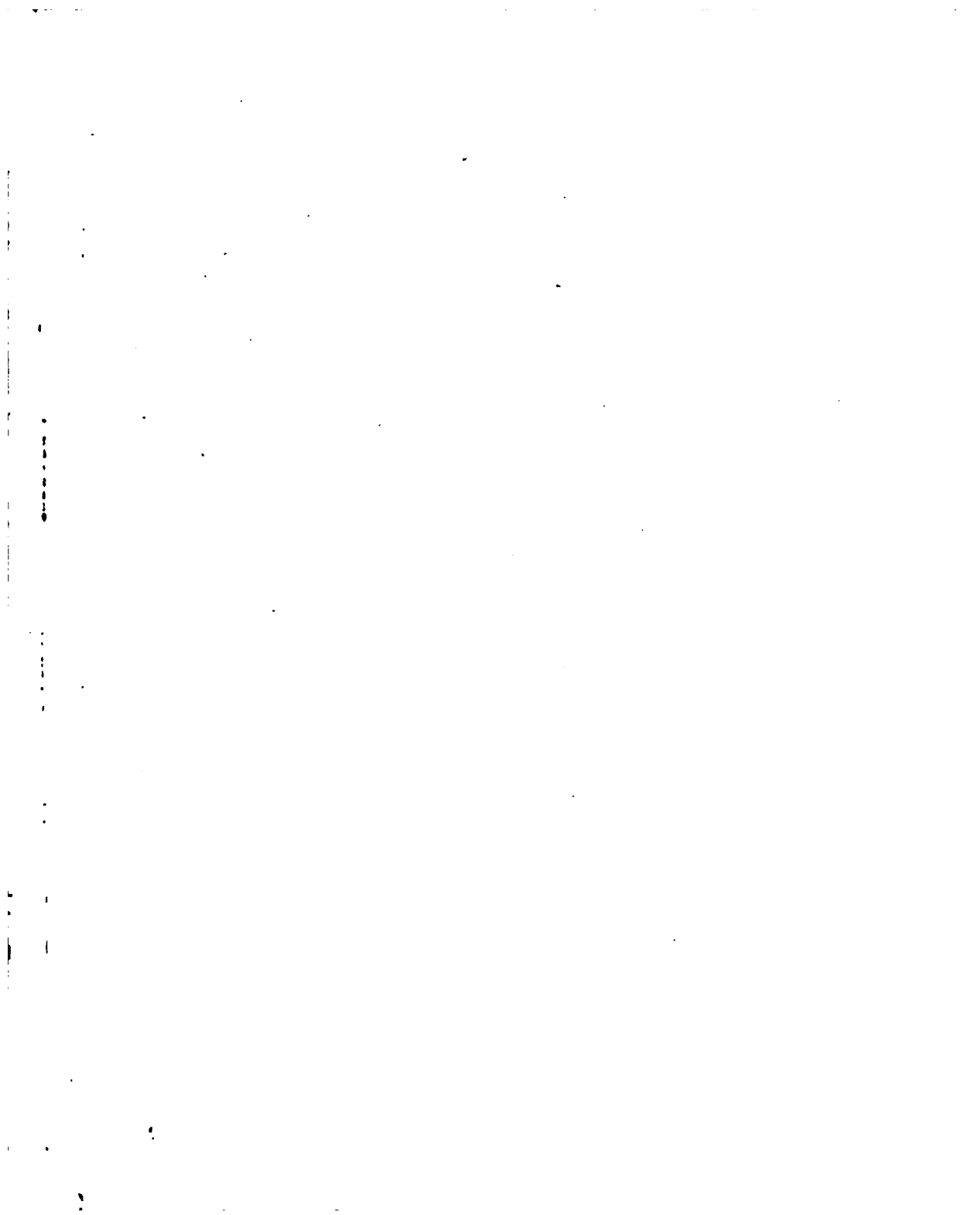
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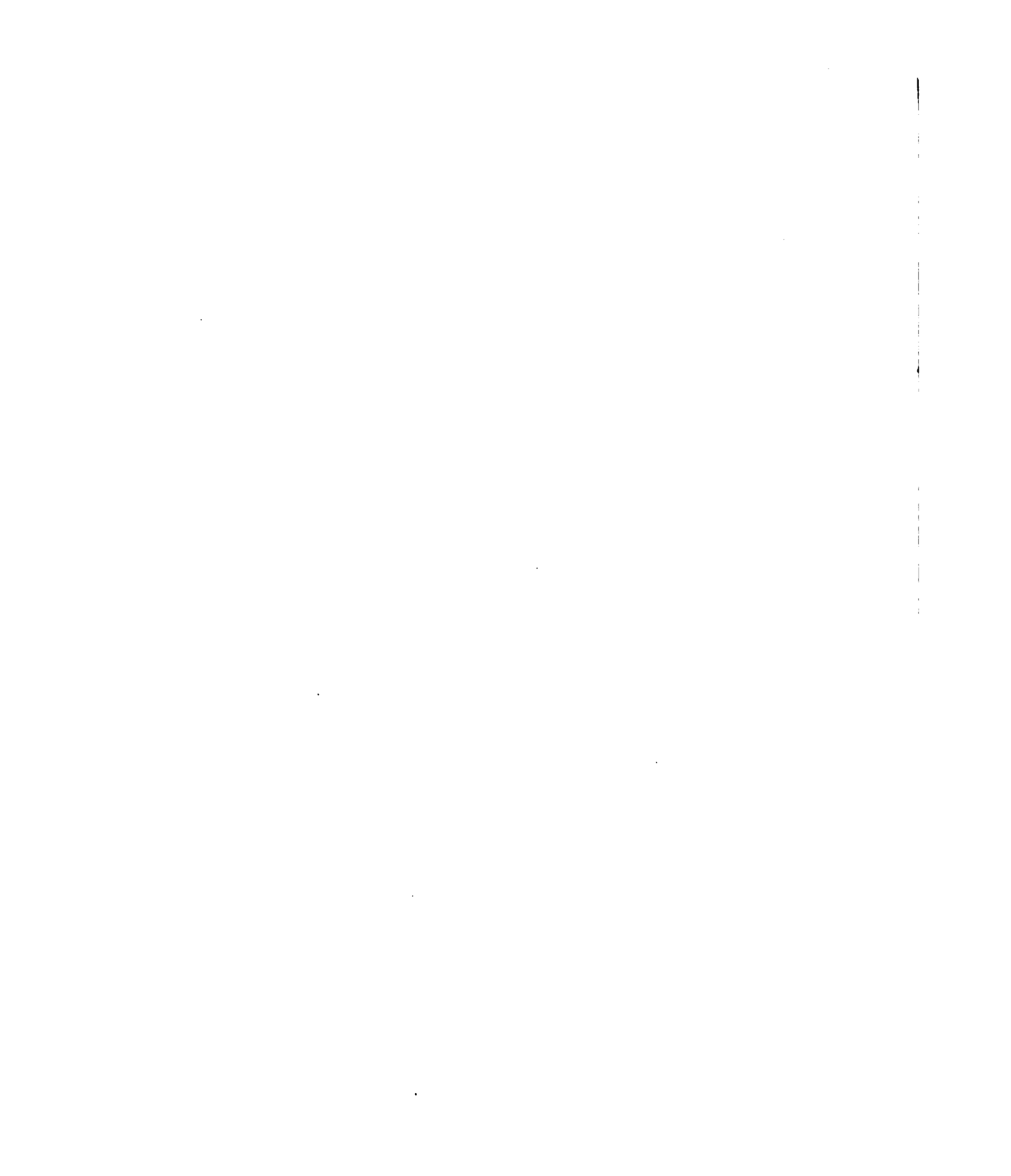
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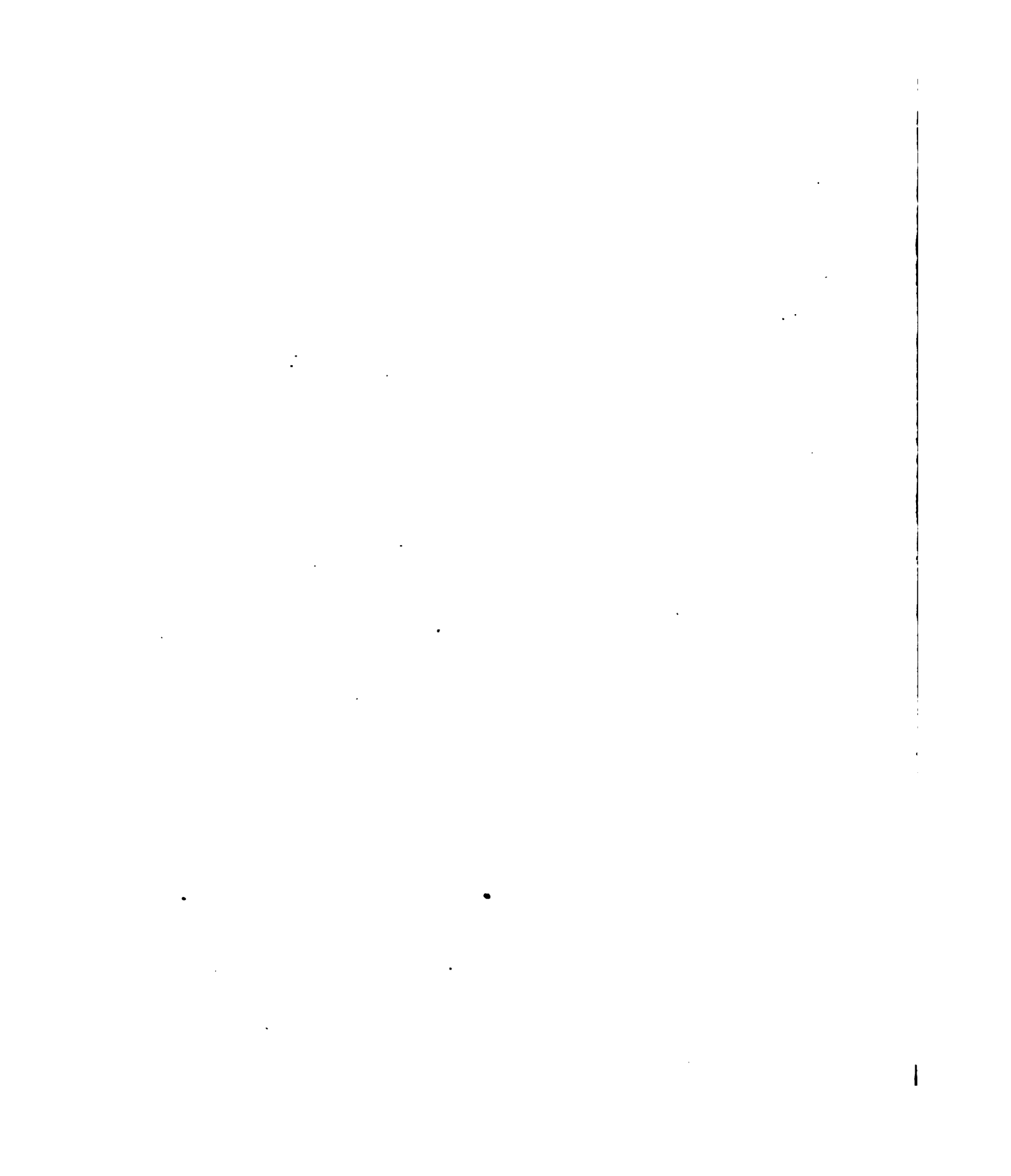
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Introduction

TWO groups of people who never crossed the Atlantic had a great deal to do with the foundation of New England. To them, very nearly as much as to the actual settlers, can be traced the success of the colony in its early years, and they gave it the characteristics which three centuries later are considered to be typical of the old New England families. There is scarcely a mention of them, as individuals or as a group, in the books that have been written about the movement in which they took so lively an interest. They made few records of what they did for the colonists; of those that survive, the present publication contains what is probably the clearest evidence of the importance of their activities.

Looking through the remnants of the correspondence that passed to and from Massachusetts Bay in the seventeenth century, it is possible to distinguish, dimly for the most part, the outline of those who made up these two groups. One consisted of London City men, merchants with widely extended interests and the controlling influence that put one king off his throne and seated three of his four successors. The other group was composed largely of their female relatives and connections, the dowagers of the Puritan families of the City and the Counties.

Much may be learned of the City men by consulting the ample records of the Liveried Companies whose history is that

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of London. Of the women, the best known are those of John Winthrop's family, who appear in the letters made public by the late Robert Charles Winthrop. One other, who had much to do with the story of this volume, was the Lady Armine. She was Mary Talbot, grand-daughter of that Earl of Shrewsbury to whom Elizabeth entrusted the Queen of Scots, and wife of a close friend and Parliamentary colleague of John Hampden. Rich in her own right and as the widow of Thomas Holcroft, Esq., and childless, she lived close to the heart of the Puritan party until the death of Sir William Armyne in 1651. For the next twenty-five years she was the cherished acquaintance of everyone who was concerned with the promotion of good works. In this group there were many other women who differed little from those, often their collateral descendants, who contribute to the reputation of the Massachusetts Boston as the place where any enterprize for the benefit of others is surest of a profitable welcome. These well-to-do seventeenth century dames and the London men of affairs give to many of the otherwise prosaic entries in the old record books which are printed herewith, their human interest.

"The New England Company," as it has been known for two hundred years to those concerned with its management, was organized in 1649. It is still carrying on the work for which it was established, with the funds contributed when it started, the oldest Protestant foreign missionary society. It was created by an Act of Parliament "for the promoting and propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ in New England," which provided that "there shall be a Corporation in England . . . by the name of the President and Society for propagation of the Gospel in New England." Legal existence under this Act ceased when Charles II was proclaimed King on May 8, 1660. On February 7,

1662, a royal Charter was issued to the surviving members of the Society and others, providing that "there be, and forever hereafter shall be, within this our kingdom of England, a Society or Company for propagation of the Gospell in New England, and the parts adjacent, in America . . . by the name of the Company for Propagation of the Gospell in New England, and the parts adjacent, in America."

The confusion incident to these slightly varying names, which justify calling it the Corporation, Society, or Company, would not have been serious if other bodies created for similar purposes had not assumed scarcely distinguishable names. Forty years after the date of the royal charter, in 1701, the authorities of the Established Church organized "The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts," known familiarly as the "S. P. G." Eighty-six years later, a group of New Englanders who felt that something should be done to carry on the work which the original corporation ceased to support after it transferred its activities to the "parts adjacent," organized "The Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Indians, and others, in North America." In this Introduction, the Corporation is referred to as the Society of 1649-1660, and after 1662 as the Company. The reader will notice also that the Society had a President and the Company a Governor.

THE FORERUNNERS

The circumstances which led to the organization of the Corporation date from the earliest years of the settlement of Boston, and are largely concerned with the Rev. John Eliot, the Apostle to the Indians. Eliot was twenty-seven years old when he reached Boston on the full tide of the Great Immigration in 1631. During the eight years since taking his degree at Jesus

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College, Cambridge, where he had acquired a reputation for skill in the languages, he had been usher in the school of which Thomas Hooker was the head. Upon his arrival in Massachusetts, he was given the best place open to any young man in the colony, that of substitute for the Rev. John Wilson, the absent pastor of the Boston Congregation. The next year he became teacher of the church at Roxbury. Here, where the wilderness approached nearest to the metropolis, there was little to attract dwellers to the soil, so that the young minister had both opportunity and leisure to acquaint himself with the native inhabitants of the neighboring forests.

The souls of heathen peoples are mentioned frequently in the writings of those who organized the movement to settle Massachusetts, but their followers who crossed the Atlantic to make the settlement found so many other things to occupy both time and energy, and so few heathen in need of salvation, that the subject scarcely appears in the printed records of the first decade of Boston. There are bits of circumstantial evidence, however, which seem to imply that this factor among those which made the Great Immigration of 1630 possible, was not forgotten by some of the religiously minded friends of the colony who remained in England, and that these sent money to the New World to be used to promote the saving of souls.

A few pounds more or less made little difference to the Boston store-keepers of the decade which ended in 1642; during the ensuing ten years anything that represented real money aroused their interest. Throughout the earlier period there was a stream of new-comers to Massachusetts, bringing to the colony the best young blood of Puritan England. Most of these came with the expectation of making a home for themselves, and they brought whatever they possessed of worldly goods. Many were well-

to-do, having money chests filled with coined silver and abundant credit in London. This changed after what was to become the "Long Parliament" adopted its "Grand Remonstrance." No more young Englishmen left the island, and those of Massachusetts whose sense of duty was stronger than their domestic ties or who had not become securely domiciled in the colony — five of the nine members of the first class of Harvard graduates — went back to take their share in the Parliamentary struggles. The effect of this reversal of the current of travel upon the Boston merchants and upon their accounts with the correspondents through whom they bought supplies in London, threatened to be ruinous.

An effort was made to alleviate the impending financial crisis by sending a mission to England to see what could be done to get help for the colonists. The agents, according to Governor Winthrop, were "to congratulate the happy success there, and to satisfy our creditors of the true cause why we could not make so current payment now as in former years we had done, and to be ready to make use of any opportunity God should offer for the good of the country here, as also to give advice, as it should be required, for the settling the right form of church discipline there, but with this caution, that they should not seek supply of our wants in any dishonorable way, as by begging or the like, for we were resolved to wait upon the Lord in the use of all means which were lawful and honorable." It is not surprising that "many others disliked it, supposing that it would be conceived we had sent them on begging." The results justified the suspicion, as well as the good judgment of those who proposed this method of meeting the emergency. One of the agents, William Hibbens, returned the next year, in 1642, with £500 invested in merchantable goods which yielded

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a profit of £80 additional for the benefit of the colony. Another £500 was donated by a prosperous and Godly haberdasher of Cheapside, being the amount "due to him from the Governor and Company of Plymouth."

The other two agents remained in England to carry on the mission. One was Hugh Peter, whose active temperament led him to a chaplaincy in the Parliamentary army. There his duties were so engrossing that the work which had brought him home received less and less attention, and that little of a sort which compelled his successor "to intreat the rest of the gentlemen not to trouble him any further in the business." His colleague was Thomas Welde, who devoted himself faithfully to his duties for a time, and then accepted a call to become the rector of the parish of St. Mary's, Gateshead, opposite Newcastle.

The results achieved by Welde are significant of what was going on under the seething surface of English life. These are summarized in two reports which he submitted as an answer to the persistent gossip that the money given for New England had never been accounted for. They prove both the generous response of the friends of the colony to its call for help, and the faithfulness of Welde in transmitting everything, and more, that came to his hands. One of his statements is dated April 10, 1647, and was audited by a committee of the Massachusetts General Court on October 25, 1651. The other was given to those who were organizing the Corporation, perhaps at the time when he sent them the manuscript of his "Innocency Cleared," which contains an abstract of the figures, in a letter dated January 2, 1649/50.

Welde's defence is preserved in a volume containing a number of documents and letters that concern the first years of the

Corporation, when Edward Winslow was directing all its affairs, which are now among the Rawlinson Papers in the Bodleian Library at Oxford. It is printed in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* for January, 1882. The same issue contains, from another source, Welde's letter of September 25, 1643, in which he describes the method adopted by Providence to prevent his return to America. His financial statement is in the *Register* for April, 1885. The same statement, from the copy preserved among the Massachusetts archives, was communicated by Julius H. Tuttle to the *Transactions* of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts in December, 1911. Each version corrects apparent errors of the other copy, and introduces variations which leave the student in doubt about some points, the most important being the uncertainty whether one contribution of £2:10:00 came from John Emery or Avery.

Welde accounted to the Massachusetts authorities for more than £1625, as the total amount collected. In 1644 he sent to New England £339 which had been given "for the benefit of the Plantation in general, without reference to this or that use." The next year the churches of London took up a special collection of money with which to pay the cost of transporting poor children to Boston, to replace people who had left the colony. This yielded a total of either £832:09:05 or £874:09:02, but not enough to pay for the passage of all the children whose relatives were willing to assist them to make a fresh start in the world. Welde closes the account of this experiment with two entries which explain some of the later criticisms of his mission:

"Of the children some miscaried, others came ashore & runne away, many payd but halfe passedge, some none, and the countr̄y at much charge for diet & curing divers of them who were lame & sick, at least lost this way . . . £200

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“So it appeereth that the Country in Generall hath little benefit by all these moneys, and lesse considering how great trouble the Court hath had about it.”

“A third sort of gifts were for pious uses in New England, viz. Some, for the advancement of Learning in the Colledge and Scools: some for the Godly-poare: and others towards the conversion of the Natives, etc.” These amounted to £355:05:00, besides various donations of woolen and linen cloth, clothes, shoes, etc. Most of the cloth was intended for the poor, and it seems to have been more than sufficient to supply the local demand, for when the college authorities were notified that Mr. Bridges had left them a bequest of £50 payable in woolen goods from his stock, they requested that these be disposed of in London on their account.

These remittances arrived in the Bay Colony most opportunely, and there can be no doubt that the proceeds were put to much needed uses in a time of great stringency. What the uses were, however, nobody in England knew at the time, and apparently no one since has found out satisfactorily. Those who had given the money, when they were asked to give more for the same objects, expressed a desire to be informed, adding that the reports which reached them were to the effect that those for whom they had intended the money, had seen very little of it. These rumors were so pointed that Welde “printed in one of the weekly *Occurrences* (which we knew would go through many hands) *That if any desired to be fully satisfied in our receipts and disbursements for the poor childrens transportation, they might please to repair to Mr. Pockocks’ shop at the Plough in Wailing-street London and peruse our account.*”

Welde was able to show that “We are so farre from gaining by ought we received for New England, that wee have dis-

bursed for pious uses more then we ever received in England upon that score to the value of £117:12:02." This amount, representing presumably their over-estimate of what they would collect, was eventually refunded to Welde and Peter. What Welde could not explain was what had been done with this money after it left his hands. Therefore those who were striving to reopen the well of charitable gifts appealed to the highest colonial authority, the Commissioners for the United Colonies of New England. In April, 1651, the Corporation wrote "Tis strange to see what and how many objections arise against the work, some from the ill management of former gifts bestowed on the country of New England of which no account hath been given to the donors and some personally reflecting upon Mr. Welde and Mr. Peter. . . . We could desire the Government of the Massachusetts or their special Commissioners would give us from thence a word or two, what account hath been given by Mr. Welde and what satisfaction their Court received by his account thither sent; and send it in such terms as we may publish it to the world if we see cause." The reply of the Commissioners, in their letter of the following September, was not made public until two hundred years later: "We are sorry that any objections or impediments should lie in your way, and would gladly answer and remove them but those ancient gifts and sums of money raised for New England were most (as we conceive) expended in foundation work not only before the colonies did combine but before two of them had any being; and though the gentlemen intrusted might in those times have given a satisfying answer to so just a demand, yet some of them being since dead and others removed, we fear it will be now difficult if not impossible."

The authorities of the Bay Colony got the money collected

by their agents, but they could not get the agents themselves to return to the churches from which they had been borrowed for the public service. Welde promised to sail on one of the ships chartered to transport the poor children, but the departure was postponed until late in September, when "We dare not venture our owne & our wives healths & lives in a winter voyage." His uneasy conscience shows in a paragraph devoted to this subject in "Innocency Cleared:" "You know that neither you, nor wee are our own to dispose, but (as ourselves soe all our waies) are wholly in that hand that swayes the sceptre in heaven: Hence the Apostle sharply reproveth such as (even in lesser matters then these) were absolute, and peremptory in their resolutions, & did not refer all their goings and doings to his will, James 4. 13, 14, 15, therefore, that none might think we did equivocate, or had mentall reservations, when we so expressed ourselves, we do heir (each of us for him self) in ye fear & presence of God, deliberately affirm, that as we came from N. Engl. with a full purpose to return, so we firmly held that same resolution when we expressed for ye voyage; until providence appeared clearly to our consciences to stop us in our way, more then once or twice, in our full intentions and preparation for ye voyage, putting such cros barrs in our way that (indeed) we could not with good consciences break thorow them." The lines that are drawn across this paragraph in the manuscript may represent an early step toward the decision that the publication of Welde's defence would not contribute toward the purpose for which it was prepared.

THE ACT OF 1649

The men who were guiding the affairs of Massachusetts recognized the mandate of the higher power, and selected another

agent whom they could trust not to neglect their interests for the activities of an army chaplaincy or the attractions of a Durham rectory. Like the others, he never returned to New England, but the compulsion which sent him to an untimely death on the Caribbean was from the visible hand of the Lord Protector Oliver, after he had completed the mission which took him to London. He was Edward Winslow of Plymouth, than whom no one has ever represented England's overseas children with greater skill near the Court of St. James's. One proof of this is that, during the weeks of nervous tension following the execution of the King, Parliament enacted Winslow's "Act for the promoting and Propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ in New England." The preamble reveals in part the intentions of those who secured its passage:

"Whereas the Commons of England assembled in Parliament have received certain intelligence, by the testimonial of divers faithful and godly Ministers, and others in New-England, that divers the Heathen Natives of that countrey, through the blessing of God upon the pious care and pains of some godly English of this Nation, who preach the Gospel to them in their own Indian Language, who not onely of Barbarous are become Civil, but many of them forsaking their accustomed Charms and Sorceries, and other Satanical Delusions, do now call upon the Name of the Lord, and give great testimony of the power of God drawing them from death and darkness, into the life and light of the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ, which appeareth by their diligent attending on the Word so preached unto them, with tears lamenting their mis-spent lives, teaching their Children what they are instructed in themselves, being careful to place their said Children in godly English families, and to put them to English Schools, betaking themselves to one wife, putting away

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the rest, and by their constant prayers to Almighty God morning and evening in their families, expressed (in all appearance) with much Devotion and Zeal of heart: All which considered, we cannot but in behalf of the Nation, represent, rejoyce and give glory to God, for the beginning of so glorious a propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ amongst those poor heathen, which cannot be prosecuted with that expedition and further success as is desired, unless fit instruments be encouraged & maintained to pursue it, universities, schools, and nurseries of literature settled for further instructing and civilizing them, Instruments and Materials fit for labor, and clothing, with other necessaries, as encouragements for the best deserving among them, be provided, and many other things necessary for so great a work; the furnishing of all which will be a burthen too heavy for the English there (who although willing, yet unable) having in a great measure exhausted their Estates in laying the Foundations of many hopeful Towns and Colonies in a desolate Wilderness; and therefore conceive ourselves of this Nation bound to be helpful in the promoting and advancing of a work so much tending to the honor of Almighty God."

It was therefore enacted, in language more familiar to readers of legislative procedure, that sixteen persons, who are named, were to be the first members of a self-perpetuating Corporation in England, with all the customary rights of a "Body Politique and Corporate," including the right to purchase or acquire "any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments in England or Wales, not exceeding the yearly value of Two thousand pounds; and any goods and sums of money whatsoever, to the uses and purposes herein limited and expressed." The quorum was fixed at nine members for the election of officers and other matters of general concern, while the President or Treasurer and four others sufficed

for ordinary meetings or the decision in all emergent occasions.

The organization was completed by providing "That the Commissioners of the United Colonies of New England in New England for the time being, by themselves or such as they shall appoint, shall have hereby Power and Authority to receive and dispose of the moneys brought in and paid to the said Treasurer for the time being, or any other moneys, goods and commodities, acquired and delivered by the care of the said Corporation at any time; . . . which said Commissioners are hereby ordered and appointed to dispose of the said moneys in such manner as shall best and principally conduce to the preaching and propagating of the Gospel of Jesus Christ amongst the Natives; and also for maintaining of Schools and Nurseries of Learning, for the better education of the children of the Natives."

Having provided the administrative machinery, as well as an argument obviously designed to open the purses of all who were religiously minded, Parliament completed its work with a most important paragraph: "forasmuch as we cannot but be induced from the consideration of the premises, to recommend the furthering thereof to the charity of all such whose hearts God shall incline thereunto, by their Christian and Charitable contributions, to be as the Foundation of so pious and great an undertaking; Be it therefore, and it is hereby Enacted by the Parliament assembled, and by the authority thereof, That a general Collection be made for the purposes aforesaid, in and through all the Counties, Cities, Towns and Parishes of England and Wales: and for the more speedy and better effecting thereof, Be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the several Ministers within the said several places, are hereby required to read this Act or a copy thereof, in the presence of their several Congregations, upon the next Lords day after the same shall be

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delivered unto them, and to exhort the people to a chearful and liberal contribution, and are to give their best assistance to so pious a work;

“And the Ministers and Church-Wardens, or Overseers of the poor of every such parish and place, together with such other well-affected persons as God shall stir up to be active in such an undertaking, and as shall be nominated and approved by the Minister for that purpose, are hereby authorized after the reading hereof, to go with all convenient speed from house to house, to every of the Inhabitants of the said Parishes and places respectively, and to take the subscription of every such person in a schedule to be presented by them for that purpose, and accordingly at the same time to collect and gather the same; a Duplicate whereof, as also the money so to be collected, shall be paid within ten days after the collection so made, into the hands of persons of quality resident in each county, specially deputed by said Corporation under their common Seal, to be Treasurers for the receiving of the same; and the names of such respective Treasurers shall be notified in writing to every place wheresoever such Collection is to be made.”

The Act was ordered to be printed, and appeared in the usual small folio, black-letter form, with title and pages numbered 407-412 of the Parliamentary enactments. It was also printed, probably more than once, for distribution by the Corporation, in large folio, pages 1-4. The imprint is at the end and is the same as that on the title page of the official publication: “London, Printed for Edward Husband, Printer to the Parliament of England, and are to be sold at his Shop in Fleetstreet, at the Sign of the Golden-Dragon, near (nere, in the Harvard and Bodleian copies of the Society’s edition) the Inner-Temple, 1649.” The Society added a paragraph above the imprint:

The Corporation within mentioned, desire all men to take notice, That all such whom God shall stir up to contribute to help forward this great worke, may repaire to Coopers Hall in London, where the said Corporation sitt, and there if they please at any time may have the sight of their bookes, how the Moneys collected and received for the use above-said, are from time to time disposed and improved, according to the true intent and meaning of the said Act."

The Corporation also provided the necessary books and blank schedules for the use of those who were expected to make the house-to-house canvas in every English parish.

CORPORATION AND COMMISSIONERS

The Act created an organization admirably conceived to meet certain temporary conditions, and one which has adapted itself quite as successfully to others that it may be hoped are permanent. In order to counteract the objections raised to interfere with the hitherto unorganized desires of both the givers and the recipients of charitable benefactions, it provided a dual administration. At the receiving end was the Corporation, a legally responsible body of London merchants and men of affairs, prominent in City matters and trusted advisers of the Parliamentary leaders; meeting regularly to make sure that the money was coming to hand from those to whom they had delegated the collecting in the several counties of the Commonwealth, to decide how much should be spent each year on the missionary work, and to determine the investment of the balance so as to secure a continuing return for the future. The oversight of the spending was confided to the Commissioners of the United Colonies, who were from 1643 until 1684 the men in public life in whom their respective communities placed the

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fullest confidence. The Corporation and Commissioners were men who each understood the other, appreciating their respective points of view and the difficulties with which each was confronted from time to time. Each had to remind the other of apparent short-comings, but nothing arose to interfere with the cordial co-operation and sympathy with which they administered their trust.

The Corporation and Commissioners maintained a regular correspondence to which reference is made in many of the entries in the record book. At a meeting, ordinarily in March or April and about the time of the spring voyages to Massachusetts Bay, the Corporation read and approved a letter stating the amount of the remittance to be made to carry on the year's work, together with suggestions, advice or warnings. This letter reached Boston in season to be discussed and answered at the meeting of the Commissioners held annually on the first Thursday in September at Plymouth, Hartford, New Haven or Boston, until 1664. Thereafter the Massachusetts officials attended to this business in the years between the triennial meetings of the Commissioners. The two letters were embodied in the report of the proceedings at the meeting, of which a copy was made for each of the four colonies. The original documents were nearly all lost in the fire that destroyed the Boston colony house in 1747, but two of the transcribed records have survived. That of Plymouth Colony was printed by Ebenezer Hazard in the second volume of his "Historical Collections consisting of State Papers and other authentic documents intended as materials for an history of the United States of America. Philadelphia, 1794," and again, in two quarto volumes with the sub-title: "Acts of the Commissioners of the United Colonies of New England," which supplement the "Records of the Colony

of New Plymouth, Edited by David Pulsifer. Boston, 1859." The Hartford copy contains the record of five meetings not in the Plymouth copy, and these are reprinted as an appendix to the Plymouth volumes from the third volume of "The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, Edited by J. Hammond Trumbull. Hartford, 1859." A few of the original letters from the Commissioners, with drafts of replies, are preserved among the papers of the Company. These were printed in 1896 in "Some Correspondence between the Governors and Treasurers of the New England Company in London and the Commissioners of the United Colonies in America."

The Corporation and Commissioners likewise provided a regular channel for communications between the givers of the money and the workers in the field for whom their benefactions were intended. Letters in the form of annual or occasional reports were transmitted from Eliot, the Mayhews of Marthas Vineyard and Major Daniel Gookin. The Corporation printed some of these for distribution to the friends of the work, in the later volumes of the series known as the "Eliot Indian Tracts." Seven of these were reprinted in volume four of the third series of the Massachusetts Historical Society *Collections*, Boston, 1834. Five were included in the series of "Sabin's Reprints" in 1865, and last one was privately printed at Boston in 1868.

Eliot also wrote directly to Treasurers Floyd and Ashurst and to Governor Boyle, frequently discussing the work with more personal details than in the reports designed for publication. A few of his letters remain in the archives of the Company, where they were found and "copied from the originals by John Waddington, pastor of the church formed by Henry Jacob in Southwark," into a volume which was given to the Massachusetts Historical Society in 1852. They were printed

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from this copy in volume xvii of the Society's *Proceedings*, Boston, 1880. Treasurer Floyd's name appears here as "Hord," and it reappears as "Lloyd" when the same letter was again printed, with the others, in the volume of "Some Correspondence." Other letters from Eliot to the officers of the Company, from the collection of papers preserved at Oxford, were communicated to the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* in 1882 by G. D. Scull. Eliot's first letter to Boyle is in the fifth volume, p. 548, of Boyle's Works, edited by Thomas Birch, London, 1744. Nine others, dated between 1670 and 1688, were printed in Appendix V, pp. 430-449, of Birch's Life of Boyle, London, "MDCDXLIV" (1744). From this they were reprinted in volume III of the first series of the *Collections* of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, 1794.

JOHN ELIOT'S LETTERS

If Eliot had written no other letters, and if all the money that was given to save the souls of Indians had been paid to the Treasurer of the Corporation, those responsible for the good repute of the Society would have been spared much annoyance, and this volume would not have contained one of its more instructive episodes. That Eliot was a good letter writer is clear from the remains of his private correspondence with Thomas Thorowgood, Jonathan Hanmer, and Richard Baxter. The letter to Baxter, dated 6th of the 5th, 1663, with Baxter's reply written November 30, are in Matthew Sylvester's "Reliquiæ Baxterianæ. London, 1696," pp. 293-297. The originals of nine others, with the drafts of replies, are among Baxter's papers at Dr. Williams's library in London, and transcripts of them made for the late Frederick L. Gay are at the Massachusetts Historical Society. Four letters to Hanmer belonged to the late Theodore

N. Vail, who issued a volume containing facsimiles of them, with notes by Wilberforce Eames, in 1915. Three of these were printed, from copies made by Dr. Rendel Harris before the originals left England, in the *Bulletin* of the John Rylands Library, Manchester, for March, 1919. Thorowgood printed two of the letters he received from Eliot in his "Jews in America. London, 1660." A passage from one of Eliot's letters to Hugh Peter was printed in 1650, to utilize a blank page at the end of the tract "Of the Conversion of 5900 East Indians." There are references to others on later pages of the present volume, which show how skilfully the missionary used this means to produce a pressure upon the Corporation. The directness of his method is revealed by a passage in a letter to Baxter, where, after stating that one of his suggestions had been refused, he writes: "My request to yourself is, that you would please to stir up the honorable Corporation to it. Here is means sufficient, as I suppose."

The letters to Thorowgood and to Hanmer are the only ones now known of the large number Eliot must have written to those from whom he received gifts directly. The difficulties over these private donations began when Eliot, as soon as he learned that the collections had been authorized, took steps to secure what he regarded as his due share of the proceeds. In reply to his representations, the Commissioners wrote in September, 1651, "You are pleased to mention £20 per annum you have received for four years near past [this is the amount of the Lady Armine's annuity, given in 1644]; and of £10 from Mr. Andrews ordered for some years though you know not how many. We hear of some other gifts and particularly of an hundred pounds or more sent from Exeter or some of those Western parts, part for yourself and part for Mr. Mayhew and part for the Indians but in

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what proportion we understand not." The Commissioners, being responsible for the wise administration of a charity about which reports of extravagance as well as of inadequate returns were current, very properly felt that they could not increase the expenditure unless they were in possession of all the facts. Both the Corporation and Winslow had written the preceding April that "You would wonder to hear the several sorts of objections that are made against it by men that after all are ashamed to neglect it." Moreover, although the collection was hopefully begun and Winslow believed that it would rise to a considerable sum, very little had come into the treasury above what had been expended for printing and for the purchase of two private libraries which Eliot and Mayhew had requested as their most pressing immediate need.

The Commissioners, valuing their reputation for sound management as well as the good opinion of the members of the Corporation, declined to give Eliot more money unless he informed them concerning his outside income. They thought that they held the control, but Eliot knew better, and played a hand worth two of theirs. Until the originals come to light, the contents of the letters he wrote can only be guessed, but the guessing, both as to what the letters contained and what was said by the recipients, is made easy by a passage in the letter of February, 1653/4, from the Corporation to the Commissioners: "Give us leave to tell you there is such a material objection here started as we are ashamed of and know not how to answer, viz. the many complaints made by Mr. Eliot to sundry of his friends here that you allow him but £20 per annum which doth not bear his charges in so much as he runs in debt every year more and more and is disabled for giving his children that education he otherwise would. Now whether it be or no we know

not, but verily believe the work will suffer some thousands of pounds by it, for it flyeth like lightening and takes like tinder, men being extreme glad to meet with anything that may colour over their covetousness and dull their zeal in so good a work: Nay Mr. Peter who but 14 days before told Mr. Winslow in plain terms he heard the work was but a plain cheat and that there was no such thing as Gospel Conversion amongst the Indians presently after charged the same man upon a letter he received from Mr. Weld by information from Mr. Eliot that you the Commissioners for the United Colonies forbade the work in that you would not allow competent maintenance to Mr. Eliot and others that laboured therein; and however we have otherwise charitable thoughts of Mr. Peter, yet he hath been a very bad instrument all along towards this work."

In the same letter they reassure the Commissioners that "We are far from justifying Mr. Eliot in his turbulent and clamorous proceedings, but the best of God's servants have their failings, and as such we look upon him." They added, a year later, in a letter addressed to the Governor and General Court of Massachusetts, that he was not the only one who contributed to their troubles: "We have been exercised some years with a great deal of care and industry in the midst of many objections against the work of the Lord begun amongst you, and not the least arising and coming from New England itself through the malicious profane careless and envious tongues and pens of too many of those parts."

The Commissioners reported their efforts to settle the matter in the September letter of 1654: "We inquired of Mr. Eliot what sums were sent over yearly upon those more private accounts and how employed, what part to the Indians and what to himself and others who labor in the work. He acknowledged

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some considerable sums of money came that way to his hands but was slow to give any account how much or how expended. Hereupon we did conceive that £20 per annum added to what he received by other means out of England and what he receiveth from the church of Rocksburrow which as we hear is not less than £60 per annum might sufficiently maintain his family and afford due education for his children without running himself into debt. We shall now allow him £40 per annum and if there be cause shall readily enlarge further and so to Mr. Mayhew. All we propound is that as our Masters acceptance is sufficient yea rich wages for any care or pains of ours in this work, so there may be some due proportion (as near as we can judge) betwixt the imployment and incouragement of other instruments through the blessing of him who is love itself and the God of Peace."

At the same meeting they wrote to Eliot: "You may remember some of us desired Information what sums of money you had yearly received out of England either from particular Benefactors or from private collections there made for propagation of the Gospel. . . . Some considerable sums you acknowledged to have yearly received, but chose rather to rest satisfied with a smaller allowance from us out of the Corporation stock than to give any account how much came to your hands or how expended and accordingly we conceived that £20 per annum from Mr. Rawson added to what you yearly receive from the Lady Arraminta and others out of England with the maintenance allowed you by the church at Rocksburrow might prove comfortable and satisfying for yourself and family as in other respects so for the due education of your children and thought you accepted it, though we then knew it must prove chargable either to yourself or others in the low condition of New England to bring

up so many sons at learning in a collegiate way as you propounded. But by the last letter from the Corporation we are informed that you have made many complaints to sundry of your friends in England of the smallness of your allowance, that you run into debt and cannot educate your children as you would, and Mr. Peter from Mr. Weld by your information reports that the Commissioners by denying competent maintenance forbid the work, which seemeth strange when we can neither understand what you receive from others upon that account nor have you propounded to us any larger allowance; for ourselves we shall freely offer our accounts and the grounds of our proceedings to the consideration and examination of any that are Godly and judicious; but we fear that the work intended may suffer much by such reports and probably by some your own carriage herein may be thought not only irregular but turbulent and clamorous which crosseth that meekness of wisdom wherein we believe you desire to follow our Lord and Master.”

The difficulty, so far as Eliot was concerned, may have come from the uncertainty of private benevolence. Gifts reached him in considerable amounts and were not accompanied by the bothersome obligations inevitably connected with allowances from an organization, but they could not be depended upon. Rev. Thomas Thorowgood, who nowhere reveals any trace of a sense of humor in his two treatises on the “Jews in America,” drops a phrase which throws light upon Eliot’s problem. Thorowgood had collected £40 from a number of noblemen, ladies, gentry and others of Norfolk, which Eliot gratefully acknowledged in a letter dated March 18, 1653. The second treatise on the “Jews in America,” printed in 1660, is dedicated to those who had given this money. In the dedicatory epistle Thorowgood, mindful of the remarks that had been passing in

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Puritan circles regarding the New England mission funds, printed the receipt of the shipmaster by whom he transmitted the proceeds of his collection, as well as Eliot's letter. He adds the information that Eliot "did iterate a desire of returning thanks, 27 of 6th, 1654, and again 16 of 6th, 1655." The August letter of 1654 was written two days before one of similar import to the Rev. Jonathan Hanmer. The failure of these, and presumably other, letters to produce results helped to solve the problem of the Commissioners.

THE RECORD BOOKS

Missionary problems were not the only ones that occupied the attention of the members of the Corporation at their meetings. Other matters of widely varying interest appear in the entries in its earliest account books, which are now in America. One is the Treasurer's Ledger, as made up for the annual examination from the daily cash entries in the Book of Receipts and the Book of Disbursements, for the years from 1650 to 1664. This is now preserved among the archives of the State of New Jersey at Trenton. It crossed the Atlantic before 1688, for in that year John Reading, who may have brought the volume from London, used the blank pages to record various Indentures relating to land in the County of Gloucester, in that state. The New England interest of the volume was recognized by the Rev. J. B. Thompson on February 20, 1890. He showed it to the Rev. Charles A. Briggs, who described it in *Scribner's Magazine* for March, 1898, under the title "The Romance of a Cash Book." Dr. Briggs, hoping that means might be arranged to secure its return to the Company in London, carefully concealed the whereabouts of the volume, although this had been stated two years earlier by Governor Ford, to whom Dr. Briggs had

communicated the discovery, in his preface to "Some Correspondence."

John Reading also possessed another book from Treasurer Ashurst's office, the Rent Book in which was kept the debit and credit account of each tenant prior to 1660. Unluckily for present interest, the treasurer's clerk put down the rent when it was due, and not when it was paid, so that the entries do not answer any of the questions that arise in connection with the difficulties that grew out of the failure of some tenants to pay, between the death of Oliver Cromwell and the restoration of Charles Stuart. A few marginal notes, "pd in pte," prove that the entry of the full amount on the date when due means nothing. As these marginal memoranda are not dated, they add nothing to what was already known from the record book. In New Jersey this Rent Book was used by Reading in 1701 for recording documents similar to those entered in the Ledger thirteen years earlier.

The Ledger and the official letters are the only record of the first six years of the Corporation. On January 19, 1655/6, the clerk, John Hooper, began to keep the minutes of each meeting, with a few exceptions, in the Record Book whose contents supply the main portion of the present publication. This book, with entries from 1656 to 1686, came into the possession of Henry Stevens, the London dealer in American books, about 1865. Failing to dispose of it by private treaty, he offered it in his "Bibliotheca Historica" sale at Boston on April 14, 1870. In the auction catalogue it is No. 1399, and is described in a long note which embodies several quotations that mention Marmaduke Johnson and the printing of the Indian Bible. These aroused curiosity to know what else the manuscript might contain. Those who tried to find it, however, after the sale, were unable to trace it

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The buyer, to whom it had been knocked down at the moderate bid of \$265, took it from the sales-room, and the auctioneer's records gave no clue to his identity. Mr. Frederick L. Gay was particularly anxious to examine it and for many years directed a persistent search for the lost manuscript. He and the owner were on friendly terms, dining together frequently at the monthly meetings of the Club of Odd Volumes, of which the latter was the president from 1896 until shortly before his death in 1909, but the quest never chanced to lead to his shelves. His son, inheriting the father's tastes with his library, happened to show the manuscript in 1915 to one of those who had been actively co-operating in the hunt. The discovery was promptly reported to Mr. Gay, and the owner, Mr. James Melville Hunnewell, generously agreed to the proposal that it be printed by the Prince Society, of which both were members and Mr. Gay the President.

James Frothingham Hunnewell, the father, when he bought the manuscript in 1870, planned to print it. He was a member and the historian of "The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel among the Indians, and others, in North America," and may have been influenced by the hope expressed by Mr. Stevens in the sale catalogue that "Perhaps some other Corporation in New England will see enough in the volume to secure it, and give to the world, through the press, its contents in a neat volume, and so repay an instalment of the interest on the great debt of gratitude so long overdue to that brave Old Cromwellian Corporation." He made a preliminary transcript of a portion of the text, and had the Chiswick press set a trial page. Other interests intervened, as well as the difficulty of deciphering some of the pages, and the proposed printing was given up. The manuscript was put away, to remain hidden until chance brought it to the hands of the present editor.

Introduction

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Mr. Gay, at the suggestion of Mr. Worthington C. Ford, employed Mrs. Minnie V. Dickens of Washington, D. C., to transcribe the text. Mr. Gay's death, just as this preliminary work was completed, deprived the Society, and all who consult this publication, of the invaluable notes and editorial matter that he could have added from his intimate acquaintance with the period and the individuals that had to do with these records. Despite this loss, it was decided to proceed with the publication, and the writer agreed to see the volume through the press. The text was put in type and the proof carefully corrected by Miss Eleanor L. Waters of Salem, Mass.

The printed text does not attempt to reproduce the manuscript with precise literalness. Superior letters, the y sign for "the," abbreviations which are self-evident, and the obvious short-cuts of note taking, are printed in most cases as they are found in the original. The recognized script forms for per and pro, as well as other less familiar survivals from scribal times, are expanded, partly to save the cost of using special type forms but more because the use of the phonogram where there can be no uncertainty regarding the scribe's meaning, serves no useful purpose. The other extreme advocated by editors of a period now happily passing, which would print such a document as this in what the editor thinks would have been the form and spelling used by the writer of the original if he had overseen the printing, has been avoided even more carefully. The reason is the obvious one that the writer of this manuscript did not intend that it should be printed. He would certainly have objected to the perpetuation of his carelessnesses, even though some of these throw light upon what was going on at the time he was writing. The end sought in this publication is to provide a text whereby the reader who is not altogether unfamiliar with such documents

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can get without undue difficulty both the sense of what was written and also the significance that lies in the way it was written. The latter is ordinarily quite as important as the other, and a text ought to be so printed that the reader will be assisted to keep in mind the fact that he is dealing with a manuscript record and not something intended for publication.

The manuscript volume printed herewith contains the record of most of the meetings of the Corporation, as made by the clerk during the sittings, from January 19, 1655/6 to February 4, 1685/6. After the reorganization following the Restoration, these notes, as the clerk doubtless considered them, were copied at intervals into another volume, which became the formal record of the action of the Corporation. A considerable part of the interest of the original notes is found in the cancellations and interlineations which occur in many of the entries. These compensate for any lack of legal value by the revelation of the course of discussion and something of the arguments used to influence the decisions arrived at. In printing the text these have been indicated whenever they seemed to possess any significance. Insertions due to an obvious slip of the pen or to haste, except occasional instances when these in themselves seem to hint at what was taking place at the meeting, as well as illegible or minor erasures, are not noted.

At the Restoration there was an interval of several months during which the members could not be certain what was to be the fate of this Puritan missionary society. At this period the record book was not used, perhaps mislaid or put away where it could do no harm. The entries in it begin again after it was settled that the royal Charter would not alter the character of the organization. During the later part of this interval, from the first meeting under the Charter on March 27, 1662, until

that of October 22 following, the records were made in another book which has remained in the archives of the Company. The proceedings of these meetings are printed in their chronological place, from the Appendix to the "History of the New England Company" issued in 1871. Another hiatus, which has not been filled, covers the time of the Plague and Fire of 1666.

The date at which the record book begins marks the end of the period during which the organization of the Society was put into working order. That there was some change in the Corporation at about this time is shown by the Ledger. The accounts for the preceding years are each signed by Hutchinson, Speed and Clark. In September, 1656, the auditors are Young, Molins and Babington, and a different and larger committee performs this duty each ensuing year. The change doubtless signified nothing more than that the success of the undertaking was assured, and that the amount of the funds in the treasurer's hands became large enough to call for more careful accounting. The preceding five years had been a period of uncertainty and difficulties, which had sorely tried the patience and tested the devotion of both Corporation and Commissioners.

COLLECTIONS AND INVESTMENTS

The Commissioners learned officially of the successful launching of the Society at their meeting at Hartford in September, 1650. On the 5th of that month they wrote to acknowledge the Corporation's "great labor of love to raise and settle due means and encouragement that the Gospel of Peace may be further published to these miserable Indians." That "no time may be let slip but the means advanced for the work may be employed in it for the first and best advantage," they continue, "What

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money is already collected upon that account we cannot conjecture, but if yourself [the President] and those worthy gentlemen your assistants concur, we desire that one Hundred Pounds may be thence allowed and paid toward [Edward Winslow's] expense and encouragement." Of Eliot and Mayhew, "if you please for their encouragement and some necessary helps for the Indians to pay the assigns of Mr. Eliot the sum of One Hundred Pounds more we hope it will prove a real furtherance to the service." They conclude by suggesting that one thousand pounds additional be paid to Winslow and Herbert Pelham to be sent "hither in such commodities as may suit the end propounded." As a further precaution against negligence on their own part, an order was passed before the meeting adjourned that if word was received that more money had come in than already asked for, and that the Corporation expected advice as to what to do with it, the Governor and Commissioners for Massachusetts might write specifying what was desired.

The Corporation replied on the 17th of the following April that "We are glad to see your care in giving direction . . . however we are not in a capacity to send so much at present having newly begun the collection and very little moneys come in as yet. . . . We hope by the next ship we shall be able to send you some woolen shoes and stockings according to your direction or at least according to our abilitie for we find the proceeds of the collection goes slowly on both in City and country and that it will be long work." In the same letter they notified the Commissioners that the latter were not to have the spending of all the moneys that were contributed: "It shall be our greatest care and utmost endeavor to carry on the work with all convenient speed in all parts at once or as fast as we can, that so the Principal be not eat up as it comes but some

money be laid out to purchase a standing revenue." They also suggested that the Commissioners send an estimate of the cost of various undertakings that had been proposed as part of the work for the Indians, so that they might know "what the charge of all this will amount unto at first and what to maintain per annum from time to time that so we may here improve what the Lord shall send in, to the best advantage, that if money come in together, which we much fear, we may be enabled to purchase some lands to raise some yearly profits to carry on the same."

That the fear of the Corporation was justified is shown by an examination of the Treasurer's ledger. These accounts were drawn out and balanced on March 26, 1653, but as the entries of expenditures begin in August, 1650, and the income begins with folio 1 of the Book of Receipts, it is probable that the record is virtually complete, lacking only the entries from the first four folios of the Book of Disbursements. This confirms the statements in the letters to the Commissioners, that the money arrived slowly until the preliminary organization for directing the collections throughout the counties had been perfected, and that thereafter it came in substantial amounts, so that a more careful accounting became desirable.

The total receipts to March, 1653, amounted to £4582. Of this sum, the contributions from the Puritan army, occupying the first four leaves of the Book of Receipts, amounted to £511:03:07. The London parishes yielded £961:04:08½, while Somerset led the counties with £436. From individuals, who made their gifts directly to the Treasurer, £861:16:07 was received. During the ensuing twelve months the receipts from contributions were £7625:01:00; from personal gifts £317:02:06; and from rents, which had been only £22:15:00 previously,

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£196:15:08. After this the personal gifts cease almost entirely, the total under this heading for the rest of the decade being only £63. The general contributions fall off more gradually, to £415 in 1657, doubling to £1095 two years later, and dropping to £65 in 1660. The total contributions for these ten years were £15,367:01:04, and of personal gifts £1241:19:01. The rents meantime rose steadily to £800:19:11 in 1657, dropping to £272:16:09 in 1660, when tenants, like everyone else, waited to see what would happen to those who had prospered during the Puritan regime.

During this same decade, £4673:10:09 was expended for the benefit of the New Englanders; £11,957:15:04 was invested in landed property in England; and the charges for salaries and other sundries incidental to the business of the Corporation were £1468:03:02.

The first investment appears on the Treasurer's books under date of December 27, 1652, "By Fee Farm Rents bought of the State and paid for including Charges £320:19:05." A more important entry occurs two years later; "By the Manor of Ersewell & Chamberlynes Bought of Col: Thomas Bedingfield for wch paid £7000 . . . and paid in sundry charges about the perfecting of the purchase £108:09:10." This Suffolk estate occupied a good share of the attention of the members of the Corporation for the next two centuries. Colonel Bedingfield was one of those who had been loyal to the king, without becoming so deeply involved in Royalist affairs that they felt that it was wise to leave the country after the death of the Sovereign. The activities of the Committees on Sequestered Estates, however, caused a good deal of anxiety. Bedingfield was induced to accept the offer of the Corporation, which was £2000 less than his estimated value of the property, and went abroad to live on

the proceeds. The return of Charles found the Colonel again at Ersewell, urging the tenants, with some success, to give him the rent money they had ceased paying to the factor of the Corporation. As the Restoration cancelled all the acts of the Protectorate, he saw no reason why he, like his King, should not come into what he regarded as his own. He reckoned, however, without the inherent English conception of property rights, and without realizing that the second Charles was under vastly deeper obligations, present, past, and prospective, to the Citizens of London than he was to those who had attended him without being asked, during his exile.

THE RESTORATION CHARTER

A Royal charter was issued in due course, and without any serious delay, transforming the Society into a Company, but not otherwise breaking the continuity of the Corporation. The membership was enlarged from sixteen to forty-five, the new names including many prominent in the court circle, as well as some from the list submitted to Lord Chancellor Hyde by the Rev. Richard Baxter on November 1, 1660. The credit for securing the Charter has been given by later writers, relying upon Birch's biography, to the Hon. Robert Boyle. The contemporary evidence, however, suggests that Baxter's account of the negotiations, as printed by Matthew Sylvester in "*Reliquiæ Baxterianæ: or Mr. Richard Baxter: Narrative of the most Memorable Passages of his Life and Times. London, 1669,*" page 290, is substantially correct:

"I shall next insert some account of the Business which I had so often with the Lord Chancellour at this time: . . . In the time of *Cromwell's* Government, *Mr. John Elliot*, with some Assistant in *New-England*, having learnt the Natives Language,

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and Converted many Souls among them . . . *Cromwell* caused a Collection to be made in *England* in every Parish; and People did contribute very largely: And with the Money (beside some left in stock) was bought 7 or 800 £. *per Annum* of Lands, and a Corporation chosen to dispose of the Rents for the furthering of the Works among the *Indians*. This Land was almost all bought for the worth of it of one Colonel *Beddingfield*, a Papist, an Officer in the King's Army: When the King came in, *Beddingfield* seizeth on the lands again; and keepeth them, and refuseth either to surrender them, or to repay the Money; because all that was done in *Cromwell's* time being now judged void, as being without Law, that Corporation was now null, and so could have no right to Money or Lands: And he pretended that he sold it under the worth, in expectation of the recovery of it, upon the King's return.

“The President of the Corporation was the Lord *Steele*, a Judge (a worthy Man): The Treasurer was Mr. *Henry Ashurst*, and the Members were such sober godly Men, as were best affected to *New-Englands* Work: Mr. *Ashurst* (being the most exemplary Person for eminent Sobriety, Self-denial, Piety, and Charity, that *London* could glory of, as far as publick Observation, and Fame, and his most intimate Friends Reports could testify) did make this (and all other Publick Good which he could do) his Business: He called the Old Corporation together, and desired me to meet them: where we all agreed, that such as had incurred the King's Displeasure, by being Members of any Courts of Justice, in *Cromwell's* days, should quietly recede, and we should try if we could get the Corporation restored, and the rest continued, and more fit Men added, that the Land might be recovered:

“And because of our other Business, I had ready access to

the Lord Chancellor, they desired me to solicit him about it: so Mr. *Ashurst* and I did follow the Business. The Lord Chancellor at the very first was ready to further us, approving of the Work, as that which could not be for any Faction, or Evil end, but honourable to the King and Land. And he told me, That *Beddingfield* could have no right to that which he had sold, and that the right was in the King, who would readily grant it to the good use intended: and that we should have his best assistance to recover it. And indeed I found him real to us in this Business from first to last: yet did *Beddingfield* by the friendship of the Attorney General, and some others, so delay the Business, as bringing it to a Suit in *Chancery*, he kept Mr. *Ashurst* in a Twelve-months trouble before he could recover the Land: but when it came to Judgment, the Lord Chancellor spake very much against him, and granted a Decree for the New Corporation.

“For I had procured of him before, the King’s Grant of a New Corporation; and Mr. *Ashurst* and my self had the naming of the Members: And we desired Mr. *Robert Boyle* (a worthy Person of Learning and a Publick Spirit, and Brother to the Earl of *Cork*) to be President (now called Governour) and I got Mr. *Ashurst* to be Treasurer again, and some of the old Members, and many other godly, able Citizens made up the rest: Only we left the Nomination of some Lords to his Majesty, as not presuming to nominate such, (And the Lord Chancellor, Lord Chamberlain, and six or seven more were added). But it was Mr. *Boyle* and Mr. *Ashurst*, with the Citizens, that did the Work: But especially the care and trouble of all was on Mr. *Ashurst*. And thus that Business was happily restored.

“§ 149. And as a fruit of this his Majesty’s Favour, Mr. *Elliot* sent the King, first the New Testament and then the whole

Bible, translated and printed in the *Indian's* Language: Such a Work and Fruit of a Plantation, as was never before presented to a King. And he sent word, that next he would print my *Call to the Unconverted*, and then *The Practice of Piety*: But Mr. Boyle sent him word it would be better taken here, if the *Practice of Piety* were printed before any thing of mine. At the present the Revenues of the Land goeth most to the maintaining of the Press."

The law officers and the courts, as Baxter relates, promptly decided that there were no flaws in the titles and nothing to prevent the Company from enjoying the properties acquired by the Society. Colonel Bedingfield, having apparently little else to lose, fought these decisions valiantly, but in the end he, and the tenants, had to acknowledge that the rents must go toward propagating the Gospel in New England. The Corporation administered the estates profitably, adding adjoining properties as opportunities arose. The original purchase consisted of the two manor houses and the water mill, and 2460 acres of arable land, not reckoning the 152 acres of meadow and pasture, 17 acres of carr ground, two free warrens of about 2000 acres and four fold courses with liberty of folding 2240 sheep. This was increased by purchases and allotments, which brought the whole estate to over 6665 acres. These were sold in 1869 for £120,000 to the Maharajah Duleep Singh, the ruler of the Punjab until the British occupation of his territories compelled the Maharajah to make his home in England.

The new Charter was dated February 7, 1661/2. It is considerably longer than the "pretended" Act of Parliament which it replaced, but it contains fewer passages of present interest. A lengthy portion of it suggests that the able lawyers who were retained to attend to this part of the business desired to give

good measure for their fees. The preamble, which states the Royal reasons for granting the charter, may have been written by some one who hoped that it would be read by the monarch, but otherwise there is nothing to compensate for the obvious appeal to a public which introduces the Act of 1649. The writer can scarcely have expected to mislead Charles into thinking what the document makes him say, that he made this grant because "those planters who first began this work and contributed largely thereunto, being of themselves unable to bear the whole charge thereof." The next sentence is equally suggestive of a hope that the King's mind, if he read the document, might wander from the subject in hand: "And whereas We (the King as grantor) are resolved not only to seek the outward welfare and prosperity of those colonies, by putting an industrious people into a way of trade and commerce, that they may be employed and improved for their own and the common benefit of these our Kingdoms; but more especially to endeavor the good and salvation of their immortal souls, and the publishing the most glorious Gospel of Christ amongst them.

Nowhere in the Charter is there a word in reference to the "late pretended Corporation." The only hint that everything was not of the future occurs in the closing sentence of the preamble; "And to the end that such our loving subjects as either have already been aiding herein, or as shall hereafter be willing to contribute hereunto, may not be discouraged in their intended charity for want of sufficient authority and patronage from us, faithfully to order and dispose all and every sum and sums of money, goods, chattels, lands, tenements, or hereditaments, that have been, or shall or may be given for the purposes aforesaid." That almost parenthetical "have been" had without much doubt been passed upon and declared sufficient under the

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circumstances, by the legal minds to which the Citizens of London who were interested in this document were accustomed to entrust their affairs. It was not, however, their only safeguard.

A petition "of divers for propagating the Gospel in America" had been referred by an order of the King in Council on November 14, 1660, to the Attorney General. He reported a draft "for renewing the Charter of the Corporation therein specified" on the following April 10. On this date the Council after "full debate thereof had" ordered that "Lord Viscount Valentia is to consider of and examine the list of names of the members whereof the said Corporation is to consist and . . . Mr. Attorney is . . . also to add thereunto a clause that all lands tenements and hereditaments heretofore given or bought to the use or uses in this Charter mentioned shall from henceforth be vested in the said Corporation and their successors with power to sue for and recover the same and any arrears thereof due." The reason why such a clause did not get into the Charter as granted is a matter for speculation. A copy of the Order in Council, preserved by the Company in its archives, shows that its solicitors may have been prepared to raise this question, if they did not actually do so, at the hearings of their suit against Colonel Bedingfield.

Four words were introduced into the Charter which had important permanent consequences. These provide that there shall be a Society or Company for propagation of the Gospell in New England, "and the parts adjacent." The probability is that both Court and City had an eye on the rich country lying westward of New England, which was to take its lasting name from the King's brother, the Duke of York. It was Dutch territory, and war with Holland was inevitable and imminent

in 1661. Those who had a hand in the wording of the Charter undoubtedly knew what they wanted England to get when the war came. Neither the Company nor the natives, however, benefitted greatly from the English occupation of the Hudson and the Mohawk valleys. The usefulness of this phrase came a hundred years later, when the legal advisers of the Corporation decided that Harvard College, which had become the principal beneficiary of its income, no longer had a right to English charity after the establishment of the Declaration of Independence. In 1786 the Company transferred its activities to the most adjacent parts, the province of New Brunswick, where the influx of families that could no longer reside comfortably in the revolted colonies, had produced a native problem not unlike that which existed in New England at the time the Society was organized. No one is likely to question the propriety of its further extension westward to British Columbia.

In 1920 the present clerk, C. Augustus Webb, Esq., writes that the Company's capital stands on its books as £140,198, yielding an average annual income of about £4500. The Charter Trust, amounting to the capital sum of £112,489, is made up of the sums received before the Restoration and of later additions donated from time to time. The Hon. Robert Boyle's Trust, which was received in 1695 as a perpetual rent charge of £90 per annum, now stands as a capital sum of £6972. The bequest of the Rev. Daniel Williams, who died January 26, 1716, leaving property subject to a life interest, was received in 1745, and now stands as £29,737.

Robert Boyle, son of the Earl of Cork and the principal patron of English scientific undertakings during the latter half of the seventeenth century, was by the Charter assigned named constituted and appointed "to be the first and present Governor

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. . . to hold and exercise the said office for so long time as he the said Robert Boyle shall well behave himself therein." This provision wrought a fundamental change in the conduct of the Company's business. During the Protectorate, the Treasurer had dominated its management, presiding at the meetings and administering its affairs. The President was an honorary and contributory official, to whom the papers which it was desired that he should sign were sent with messages of respectful compliment. After the Restoration, the Company passed into the Governor's control. Boyle attended the meetings with exemplary regularity whenever he was in the vicinity of London, and when he was indisposed at his sister's residence, the active members assembled there to transact the necessary business. The operations of the Company tended more and more to follow the lines of the Governor's personal interests. These interests reached into every aspect of scientific thought, giving Boyle an important place in the annals of British intellectual activities. The particular phase of his multifarious mind that led him to add the Company to his other engrossing occupations seems to have been a desire to see the Bible printed in an otherwise unknown language.

ELIOT'S INDIAN BIBLE

The Corporation had decided to print the Indian Bible before Boyle became a member. The negotiations, which extended throughout the period of apparent political uncertainty, offer the clearest evidence that those who were managing the Society did not have serious doubts at any time regarding the continuity of its life. These Puritan merchants conformed respectfully to all the conventionalities of the Restoration, using the humblest phrases, but they acted with entire assurance. The

dates are significant. On May 7, 1659, the Corporation wrote to the Commissioners intimating its judgment that the New Testament be first printed; on the ensuing 25th instant, Richard resigned the Protectorate, a long foreseen event. On April 21, 1660, articles of agreement for three years were signed with the printer, who forthwith proceeded across the Atlantic to hasten the work; the Declaration of Breda was issued April 14, and on May 8 Charles II was proclaimed King. Five Books of the Old Testament had been finished by September, 1661; until the Charter was signed in the following February, Treasurer Ashurst wrote of "being no Corporation."

The discussion of the proposal to print the translation of the Bible extended throughout the first decade of the Society. John Eliot, with his reputation as a master of the ancient tongues, had evinced an interest in the language of his heathen neighbors soon after he was placed in a position where he was in familiar contact with them. He secured a native boy who understood English, and with this help acquired a sufficient proficiency to give him confidence both in preaching to the Indians and in putting his ideas into written form. He composed prayers for their use and provided his native assistants with short sermons to be delivered during his absence, as well as passages from the Scripture to be memorized. At an early period in his ministry to the Indians, he looked forward to the translating of the entire Bible for their use. As he wrote to Boyle somewhat later: "Until we have Bibles, we are not furnished to carry the Gospel unto them, for we have no means to carry religion thither, saving by the Scriptures." The members of the Corporation, "knowing that the foundation of true religion is from the Bible," considered the argument unanswerable, and urged the Commissioners to expedite the plans of Eliot when he sug-

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gested that the newly organized Society should pay for printing books for the use of his converts.

The Commissioners wrote to Winslow in September, 1653, that "Mr. Eliot is preparing to print a Catechism in the Indian language which we shall further (as we may) by disbursing the charge of paper and printing out of the stock, but by some due allowance shall endeavor to encourage Thomas Stanton to assist in the work, who is the most able interpreter we have in the country for that language, that the work may be more perfectly carried on." Stanton's very considerable ability in understanding what the natives thought, as well as what they said, was not accompanied by an equal familiarity or sympathy with the thoughts and aspirations which John Eliot desired to convey to them. Even the Commissioners, to whom Stanton was invaluable as the irreplaceable intermediary in many delicate negotiations, found both the form and the substance of his language inconsistent with a proper regard for their own dignity, and felt compelled to remonstrate with him. As a collaborator in the intricate task of translating the Bible — or rather of expressing in a language hitherto unwritten what the words of the Bible meant to a seventeenth century Puritan divine — Thomas Stanton was obviously impossible. Eliot was unquestionably justified in declining to allow a person with Stanton's reputation and known character, to complicate his task. The physical labor of writing the version must have been sufficiently arduous, and there was a steady pressure from England urging Eliot to complete the work as soon as might be. That he would have welcomed proper cooperation in his exhausting undertaking, many years later, is shown by his generous acknowledgment of the revision of his work by John Cotton of Plymouth for the second edition of the Bible.

In September, 1654, the Commissioners wrote to Eliot; "We desired that Thomas Stanton's help might have been used in the Catechism printed and wish that no inconvenience be found through the want thereof, and shall now advise that before you proceed in translating the Scriptures or any part of them you improve the best help the country affords for the Indian language." Eliot's reply is not known, but its tenor may be guessed from the letter written to him at the next meeting of the Commissioners, a year later, in which they say that they "never forbade you to translate the Scriptures for preaching or for any other use either of your own or of your hearers but advised that what you meant to print or set forth upon the Corporation charge might be done with such consideration of the language and improvement of the best helps to be had therein that as much as may be the Indians of all parts of New England might share in the benefit, which we fear they cannot so well do by what you have already printed." Eliot had an opportunity to answer this in person at the meeting in September, 1657, according to his own account written four months later to Treasurer Ashurst: "I was there when [a petition from sundry of the Elders moving the Commissioners to further the printing of the Bible] came in. They moved this doubt whether the Translation I had made was generally understood? to which I answered, that to my knowledge it was understood as far as Connecticut: for there I did read some part of my Translation before many hundred English witnesses, and the Indians manifested that they did understand what I read, perfectly, in respect of the language. They further questioned whether I had expressed the Translation in true language? I answered that I feared after times will find many infirmities in it, all humane works are subject to infirmity, yet those pieces that were printed, viz. Genesis and

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Matthew, I had sent to such as I thought had best skill in the language, and intreated their animadversions, but I heard not of any faults they found."

However hesitant his acquaintances may have been to suggest changes in his version, the repeated doubts expressed by the Commissioners and the questions raised by the Corporation show that Eliot's confidence was not shared by all of his contemporaries. The clearest evidence regarding the value of his work is in a letter rescued from oblivion by Samuel Sewall fifty years later, when the Corporation in London were asked by some one now unknown, to put the Eliot Bible to press for a third edition. The matter was referred to the successors of the Commissioners, who advised against such an undertaking. One of them, Cotton Mather, the biographer of Eliot, as his colleagues were unwilling to declare themselves on the question, wrote: "their Indian tongue is a very penurious one (though the words are long enough!) and the great things of our Holy Religion brought unto them in it, unavoidably arrive in terms that are scarcely more intelligible to them than if they were entirely English. . . . And a discreet person that we lately employed in a visitation of the Indian villages, inserts this as one article of his report, about this particular matter; 'There are many words of Mr. Eliot's forming which they never understood. This they say is a grief to them. Such a knowledge in their Bibles as our English ordinarily have in ours, they seldom any of them have; and there seems to be as much difficulty to bring them unto a competent knowledge of the Scriptures, as it would be to get a sensible acquaintance with the English tongue.'" This opinion has been confirmed by the linguistic researches of later years. The language that John Eliot constructed and used during fifty years of devoted

labor, has no value for students of the American aborigines. His compositions in it are "a tragic monument of missionary zeal and of the pre-scientific study of the Indian tongue."

The men who first questioned whether Eliot's version of the Bible could be understood by those for whom it was intended, made the printing of it inevitable. The real difficulty, as is usually the case in similar controversies, was in the conflicting temperaments of the two parties to the discussion. Eliot, as on other occasions, brought the requisite pressure to bear upon the Commissioners, and he was left free to go on with the toil of his writing table, with an increased stipendium. In three years the completed text was ready for the press. In May, 1659, the Corporation wrote intimating "not only as our own but as the judgment of others," from whom something more than advice was presumably expected, that the New Testament be first printed. It soon became evident that nothing less than the complete Scripture would satisfy the expectations of those who had been following the progress of the work, and in September, 1660, the Commissioners wrote: "We shall attend your advice for the impression of the whole Bible, without which we should have rested in our former determination that the copy might have been fully perused and perfected by the most skilfullest helps in the country."

Meanwhile the Corporation was taking effective measures to expedite the publication which, as they wrote a little later, they counted as "that which we judge might be of public repute unto the work." That they had an eye on more substantial things than reputation is suggested by the observation in the letter of April 28, 1660, that "a happy progress made by the return of the next ships may much further contribution with relation to it." They had taken steps to make such progress possible

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by concluding arrangements, a week prior to the date of that letter, with a competent London printer, Marmaduke Johnson, who signed articles of agreement to go to Cambridge in Massachusetts and work there for three years.

The Corporation was enabled to secure the services of a much more skilful craftsman than might otherwise have been possible, apparently because his disreputable wife refused to let go her hold upon him. Johnson seems to have been a man with respectable connections, and to have been honestly anxious to free himself from the entanglements resulting no doubt from youthful indiscretions. Unluckily, however naturally, he said nothing about his personal reasons for leaving London, when he reached New England. The story of course got about just as soon as he manifested a desire to connect himself with the established printer of the colony, by marrying the latter's daughter. The father objected to this trifling with his good name, and had Johnson haled before the court, which ordered him to return forthwith to his lawful spouse. The righteous indignation of the Cambridge authorities cooled quickly, however, and the sentence was suspended, as soon as it was suggested that this action would be likely to annoy the members of the Corporation. About this time the man who had taken Johnson's place in London got rid of both their troubles by putting the woman on board a ship which sailed before she came to discover where she was. She died on the voyage, so that the ship-master lost the passage money he expected to secure by selling her in the West Indies. Johnson married suitably somewhat later, and became a respected citizen of Cambridge.

When Johnson reached New England in the summer of 1660, the local printer, Samuel Green, had made a substantial beginning with the Gospels. He finished one sheet, containing the first

eight pages of Matthew, in time to send it to London by a vessel sailing in the autumn or early winter of 1659. In acknowledging this the ensuing April, the Corporation suggested that the number printed be increased from a thousand to fifteen hundred. It is not clear that this suggestion was complied with. In 1664, in reply to repeated requests for the information, the Commissioners reported that the number of copies of the Bible printed was "upward of a thousand." It is known that some copies of the New Testament were bound separately, presumably as soon as finished, and it may be that there were five hundred of these, to make the number asked for by the Corporation. If so, it would seem probable that five hundred additional copies must have been printed of the sheets finished by Green before the arrival of the letter dated in London April 28. These sheets would have had to be set in type a second time and could hardly avoid being typographically distinguishable from the others, double in number, of the first impression.

The sheets of the Gospel of John begin a new set of signature marks, with Aa, Luke ending with L4. This presumably marks the place where Johnson began. It also shows that Green had probably made a beginning on Luke, but not necessarily that he had finished it. The New Testament was completed before the September meeting of the Commissioners in 1661.

The Old Testament had been started, and the five Books of Moses finished, by September, 1661. Two years later, on September 18, 1663, the Commissioners were able to report that the whole Bible was done. On the ensuing April 21, the President of the Corporation, the Hon. Robert Boyle, wrote to Eliot "I waited this day upon the King with your translation of the Bible." Copies reached London between January 14 and February 26, the date of the meeting at which twenty were

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ordered to be bound. One of the first of these to be finished was undoubtedly that in which was inscribed the name of the Lady Armine on March 24, 1664, described in the Catalogue of the Library of E. D. Church and now belonging to Mr. Henry E. Huntington.

- ✓ The Eliot Indian Bible is a solid quarto of the period, consisting of 600 printed leaves. The volume is described with minute detail, including the text of pertinent documents and passages from the correspondence relating to it, and an account of each copy located, by Wilberforce Eames in J. C. Pilling's "Bibliography of the Algonquian Indian Language," published by the United States Bureau of Ethnology, Washington, D. C., 1890. Except for the record of the few copies that have come to light since that date, there is nothing of importance to add to Mr. Eames's statements, although these records of the action taken by the Corporation complete some of the details in the story of this extraordinary undertaking.

THE CORPORATION AND THE FUNDS

The Bible was completed by the reorganized Company. The Charter of 1662 had transferred the controlling influence on its affairs from the Treasurer to the Governor, from the mercantile to the intellectual interest. This was accompanied by a corresponding spiritual loss. The dominating impression left upon a reader of the letters that passed between Corporation and Commissioners during the Society's first decade is one of high integrity and serious consideration of the obligations assumed by those who had undertaken this trust. There is repeated evidence of careful attention to the proper use of the income in accordance with a strict regard for the purposes for which the money had been contributed. Those responsible for

the management of this business seemed constantly alert to protect its good name and conscious of the responsibilities imposed by their reputation as men of character and of high commercial standing.

This is not so evident after the Restoration. There was no falling off in the carefulness or the integrity of the London merchants, as these records abundantly prove. The Commissioners continued to oversee the expenditures and to complain of wastefulness as faithfully as before. There is even more of Scriptural language on both sides, but the quantity does not add any feeling of probity or of sincerity. It is obvious in a score of passages that in London and in New England there was a realization that the responsibility had passed to other hands. These others, on both sides of the ocean, were less interested in their financial than in their intellectual, or academic and literary, reputation.

The Puritan Corporation had not escaped criticism, particularly in the early months while the general contribution was being collected. In April, 1651, they wrote "'Tis strange to see what and how many objections arise against the work, some from the ill management of former gifts bestowed on the country of New England . . . some upon ourselves the Corporation as if we had so much per pound of what is collected or might feast ourselves liberally therewith, whereas through mercy we never yet eat or drank of the fruit or charge of it; and neither have had or expect a penny or penny worth for all the pains we shall take." Made up as it was, the Corporation could hardly avoid having dealings with its own members. This was especially true during the first years when its remittances were made in the form of commodities either for sale on the Boston market or for direct distribution to the missionaries and the native

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converts or prospects. Among the members who attended the meetings regularly were merchants who dealt in these articles and who were engaged in the business of shipping goods to New England. Supplies were naturally secured from and sent forward by these members. A careful reading of the accounts does not reveal anything that justifies the slightest suspicion that advantage was taken of these opportunities by the Londoners. The amounts and the distribution of the payments suggest only the normal handling of commercial matters by men who were not afraid to do business with their associates when this was to the benefit of all concerned.

A single phrase in the records, at the time when the funds were transferred to a new treasurer, is the only entry that raises a question whether those who were active in the management of the Society may have secured an incidental profit out of it. This is in the vote that the executors of the late treasurer were not to be held responsible for nearly a thousand pounds "now remaining in several members hands." This may mean that some of his colleagues shared with the Treasurer the temporary use of the large balance ordinarily carried by the Society, for the safe keeping of which a strong iron box was provided with three different keys. There are other explanations which are equally likely, at a time when London was getting ready for the return to Royal government. There is nothing elsewhere to justify any suspicion of what is regarded in later codes of official morality as improper. If the active members of the Corporation had been in the habit of using their opportunities for their personal enrichment, this could hardly have failed to reach the ears of Hugh Peter, who could not have kept the gossip to himself. The Commissioners in New England would also have heard of it, and they were on more than one occasion called to

account by the Corporation because of apparent laxness in handling the funds transmitted to them. This would not have been done quite so straitforwardly by men whose own doings might have been subjected to a retaliatory challenge.

There are many reasons why the Commissioners never showed as painstaking faithfulness to the interests of the Society as did the Corporation. They came together only once a year, and the money was spent chiefly in the Bay Colony, of which the other three were openly jealous. Their Commissioners were constantly on the watch to prevent Massachusetts from getting any more than could be helped of the advantages which inevitably went with its larger population and greater wealth. In practice, nearly all the business was transacted by the officials of the Bay, and its Secretary, Edward Rawson, was the clerk or factor of the Society in America.

The obvious advantages of having some of the Society's funds invested near the seat of its operations early led the Corporation to consider the possibility of entrusting a portion of its capital to the Commissioners. The latter urged that this be done, and were willing to undertake the added responsibility. They could not, however, give the constant personal supervision which was exercised so loyally in London, and in consequence their management of the funds sent to them did not encourage the sending of larger amounts. More than once the Corporation observed that the Commissioners did not get as large a return for the money remitted to them as was currently obtained by the members who were engaged in the New England trade. There were questions also concerning the security of the balances in Boston, which were let out at interest until needed for the work. In 1653 the goods sent over to be turned into money were disposed of advantageously to customers who were

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trusted to pay when the money should be required for salaries and other expenses. When that time came the debts could not be collected. To the Commissioners this seemed a simple and adequate explanation of their inability to let Eliot have the money he had expected. He, and the merchants to whom he was indebted, were not inconvenienced, because he promptly drew a bill of exchange for the amount he needed, on the Treasurer in London. The Corporation, as was anticipated, ordered that the bill be paid when it was presented, but at the same time pointed out to the Commissioners that bad debts were undesirable not only because they upset calculations but even more because they confirmed the low reputation of the New Englanders which had already been such a handicap to the Society.

The attempt to increase the amount available for the Indian work by shipping merchantable goods instead of sending funds through the channels of commercial credit, which already existed in an embryonic stage, was a source of repeated friction and annoyance. The missionaries, Eliot and Mayhew, naturally desired to improve their own allowances by getting the advantage of whatever profit there was to be made. They could see no reason why they should not receive the articles which they would otherwise have had to buy, at the cost price to the Corporation in London, without paying the profit and expenses of transportation charged by the Boston store-keepers. The Corporation, under the pressure of Eliot's letters, suggested that it would make less trouble in England if this were done. The Commissioners demurred, influenced no doubt by the difficulties which such a practice would be certain to create for the local merchants in a small community. Eliot also complained that the quality of the goods sent from London was not what he

wanted for his own use. When in 1654 he questioned the amount debited his account for two hats he had selected, the Commissioners authorized Secretary Rawson to charge off the amount in dispute, as "we would not for two or three shillings give him any occasion to think or say we are less favorable to him." The necessity of keeping accounts accurately continued to rankle, and a year later the Commissioners, who were trying to arrange Eliot's salary, wrote him; "how you could mistake our meaning concerning your allowance is yet to us unknown. . . . We still conceive that there was some small difference betwixt Mr. Rawson's account and yours in the tools you received but we put little weight there and marvel how you should think our meaning should be shoes and stockings."

The strained relations between Eliot and the Commissioners also led to the proposal that it would simplify matters if the payments to the missionaries were made by bills of exchange drawn directly by them on the Society's Treasurer. This did not commend itself to the Commissioners, who foresaw the trouble that was certain to ensue in case the bills were sold, by persons unaccustomed to business conditions, to those who were ready to offer the highest rate for the exchange, but who might not be as ready to turn over the proceeds after they received the money, a danger apparently likely to occur in the then state of commercial relations. These various discussions led the Corporation in 1656 to decline to agree to the proposal that a larger balance be kept in New England, to guard against the danger of interruption of communication through the increasing activity of the enemies of the Protectorate. Three years later this decision was reconsidered, but the falling off in gifts and the disinclination of tenants to pay rents left the treasury without surplus funds.

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Changing conditions in England as well as in the Company, and the difficulty of making a satisfactory purchase of landed property after the London Fire, led the Corporation in 1669 to send a fund to Boston for investment. This was a gift of £360 secured by Governor Boyle from a worthy French gentleman and lawyer whose name was pronounced Mowsche or Mouches or Moutche — the spelling Montrye which occurs in the printed copy of the draft of Boyle's letter of instructions being probably an indication that the Governor wrote rather hastily, and badly. This amount was transferred to the Commissioners, yielding at 25% advance £450 in New England money. Boyle wrote that this money "we would have put out at interest and the interest being £36 each year paid to some Godly able man for preaching to the Indians. . . . This is our present thoughts for the dispose of this money but possibly may alter and therefore desire you will advise us what annuity this will purchase for ten years (losing the principal) to be paid in money and what to be paid in country pay, and which may be best for the carrying on the work designed, also we would know what yearly rent it will purchase of an inheritance being desirous of its greatest improvement and kept intire as this good man's gift." Two years later the Corporation reminded the Commissioners that they desired "A note or account yearly by itself how the proceeds of the £360 given by that worthy French Gent: Mr. Mouches shall be yearly bestowed." The Commissioners reported in their letter of September, 1672; "Concerning Mr. Mouch his gift, we expect it will be returned into our hands this next autumn; and considering the trouble we find to get in the rent, and difficulty to secure the principal, we fear we shall not be able to make so good improvement thereof as formerly, but shall not be wanting to do the best we can therein." The

best they had been able to do with the money before this was a return of £31:10:00 New England money, annual interest.

The outlook for sound investments in England did not improve, and in 1674 the Corporation again threw the responsibility upon their colleagues in Boston. In 1679 Governor Boyle added £300 to the £2000 already sent over "to be put forth upon Improvement." In 1681 £560:10:00 was added, "it being this Company's endeavor that there may be such a stock in New England as that the improvement thereof may carry on the work if a supply should fail from hence." At the same time they notified the Commissioners, perhaps incautiously, that if the latter were obliged to use more money than had been remitted for current purposes, they might have liberty to take what was necessary out of the improvement of the stock. The result was inevitable.

The Bibles printed fifteen years before had disappeared during the confusion of King Philip's War, and Eliot urgently besought the Corporation to permit him to print a new edition. In August, 1679, they granted £250 for the cost of printing the New Testament and the Reading Psalms, at the same time voting to lay out £100 for 500 English Bibles. They also sent Eliot a special gift of £30, of which Boyle gave one-third, in order that he might establish relations with a remote tribe which he was assured could understand his translation. He acknowledged these contributions on November 4, 1680, writing to Boyle: "I do religiously keep [the £30] to be improved to the same end, to which your honor gave it, of which service I am still in hope, having more intelligence, that there is such a people. But by the immaturity of some occurrences and the intentions of the ship's speedy sailing, I cannot give your honor any further diversion at this time."

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With the money in sight, and receiving no reply to his requests for authority to begin printing the Old Testament, Eliot put the work in hand on his own responsibility. A private gift which reached him opportunely supplied the funds with which to meet the outlay immediately necessary, and he added to this something from his own salary. His courage had its reward, as he wrote to the Governor on November 27, 1683; "Although my hasty venturing to begin the impression of the Old Testament before I had your honor's *fiat* may have moved (as some intimate) some disgust, yet I see that your love, bounty and charity, doth still breathe out encouragement unto the work, by supplies of £460 unto the work, for which I do return my humble thankfulness to your honour, and take boldness to in-treat favour for two requests.

"First, I pray, that you would please to accept an apology for my haste. I am deep in years, and sundry say, if I do not procure it printed while I live, it is not within the prospect of human reason, whether ever, or when, or how, it may be accomplished. It is Christ's work and for the good of souls, which is my charge to attend, and run adventures to accomplish, especially when divine providence brought into my hand some small encouragement to begin.

"My second humble request is, that you would please to draw a curtain of love over all my failures, because love will cover a multitude of transgressions. The work goeth on now, with more comfort, though we have had many impediments, partly by sickness of the workmen, for it is a very sickly and mortal time with us, as also the rigour of the winter doth now obstruct us."

The printing of 2000 copies of the second edition of the Bible was completed in the autumn of 1685. Those sent to

London contained a leaf dedicating the work to Governor Boyle and to the Corporation, which is dated October 23, 1685. They doubtless arrived soon after the last meeting recorded in the present volume.

The capital deposited in New England continued to be increased by the annual surplus, although the Corporation expressed its anxiety regarding the proper investment and security of the fund. In 1684 they wrote that "this Company is a little surprised that they find by the accompt of the stock by them at several times remitted to New England that the profit and improvement thereof is so small and that it is the desire of this Company that for the future in the yearly accompts of their stock to be sent from New England it may be particularly expressed in whose hands the several sums of money by this Company remitted and to be remitted and disposed of for and as stock shall from time to time be in and that for the satisfaction of some misinformed persons there may be as exact an accompt as can be taken and sent over to this Company in the next letters of the number of all the Indian converts." The printed records do not tell what happened to these investments. They seem to have disappeared by the time of the next glimpse at the Company's activities, twenty-five years later. The Corporation did not again try the experiment of laying down a large charitable foundation in Boston. If the original remittances, amounting to over £3000, had been so administered as to lead to further enlargement, it is probable that a considerable portion of the funds that now pertain to the New England Company in London would have passed into the custody of the Treasurer of Harvard College.

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This volume supplements five previous publications prepared for the purpose of informing the members of the New England Company concerning its history. Two of these were written by Major Daniel Gookin, one of the Company's instruments in America, in 1674 and 1677. The first of these was referred to a committee at the meeting of the Corporation on March 24, 1674/5, with instructions to prepare it for the press. If it had been printed, it would have been the last of the series of "Eliot Indian Tracts." The news of the outbreak of King Philip's war reached London before anything more was done, and the manuscript, so far as known, disappeared. Fortunately Gookin kept a copy, which remained in his family for at least half a century. In 1741 it was produced at the hearings of the Commission which determined the boundary between Massachusetts and Rhode Island, where it was cited by the Rev. Thomas Prince. When the Massachusetts Historical Society was founded, this manuscript became one of its original possessions, and it is printed in the first volume of the Society's *Collections*, issued in 1792, pages 141-229. The title reads:

Historical Collections of the Indians in New England. Of their several nations, numbers, customs, manners, religion and government, before the English planted there.

Also a true and faithful Account of the present state and condition of the Praying Indians (or those who have visibly received the gospel in New England) declaring the Number of that people, the situation and place of their Towns and Churches, and their manner of worshipping God, and divers other matters appertaining thereto.

Together with a brief Mention of the Instruments or Means, that God hath been pleased to use for their Civilizing and Conversion, briefly declaring the prudent and faithful endeavours of

The Right Honourable the Corporation at London, for promoting that affair.

Also suggesting some Expedients for their further Civilizing and propagating the Christian faith among them.

By Daniel Gookin, Gentleman. One of the Magistrates of Massachusetts Colony in New England, who hath been for sundry years past, and is at present, betruſted and employed for the civil government and conduct of the Indians in Massachusetts Colony, by order of the General Court there.

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Major Gookin supplemented this three years later with

An Historical Account of the doings and sufferings of The Christian Indians in New England, in the years 1675, 1676, 1677. Impartially drawn by one well acquainted with that affair, and presented unto the Right Honourable the Corporation residing in London, appointed by the King's Most Excellent Majesty for promoting the Gospel among the Indians in America.

The Epistle Dedicatory to Governor Boyle is dated December 18th, 1677. It was printed by the American Antiquarian Society in the second volume of its "Archaeologia Americana" or *Transactions*, Cambridge (Worcester, Massachusetts), 1836, pp. 423-534. An accompanying letter from Jared Sparks, dated Cambridge, Sept. 4th, 1835, explains that "Five years ago, I obtained the manuscript from the Rev. Mr. Campbell, of Pittsburg, who had recently brought it from England. It was put into his hands by a clergyman in that country. . . . Mr. Campbell told me that he had promised to return the original to its owner in England."

The other volumes were issued by the Company for its members, and are based upon the archives in the custody of its clerk. The first, dated two years after the sale of the Eriswell

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property had attracted attention to this foundation, contains xv & 353 pages, and is entitled:

History of the New England Company, from its incorporation, in the seventeenth century, to the present time including A Detailed Report of the Company's Proceedings for the Civilization and Conversion of Indians, Blacks, and Pagans in the Dominion of Canada, British Columbia, the West Indies, and S. Africa, during the two years 1869-1870. Completed and Printed for Circulation among the Members of the Company, by direction of the General Court, held 13th December, 1870. London: printed by Taylor and Co., Little Queen Street. 1871.

The volume is illustrated by a map and three plans of the Company's Canadian stations. The acquisition of the various properties is described in detail, with careful statements of current financial and missionary operations. The first appendix gives the text of the Order in Council for the Charter, April 10, 1661, and the minutes for the meetings in the year 1662, which are reprinted in this volume in their chronological place. Besides the meetings of 1662, it contains the record for 17 February, 1698, 11 June, 1700, and 22 February, 1720. These were the only early records, of earlier date than 1770, in the Company's possession, according to a letter from the clerk, Dr. W. M. Venning, printed on page 181, vol. VI, of the *Transactions* of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts for April, 1899.

Henry William Busk, Esq., who was elected a member of the Company on July 30, 1830, compiled a volume of 91 pages & Errata slip, entitled:

A Sketch of the Origin and the Recent History of the New England Company by the Senior Member of the Company. Printed by Spottiswoode & Co., New-Street Square, London. 1884.

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This contains the text of the Charter of February 7, 1661-2, and a list of the Governors, Treasurers, and Members since 1662, compiled by Dr. Venning from the Minute Books and papers then in the possession of the Company.

Governor John W. Ford prepared a volume of xxxii & 127 pages entitled:

Some Correspondence between the Governors and Treasurers of the New England Company in London and the Commissioners of the United Colonies in America, the Missionaries of the Company and others Between the Years 1657 and 1712, to which are added the Journals of the Rev. Experience Mayhew in 1713 and 1714, Printed from the Originals in the possession of the New England Company by Spottiswoode & Co., London, 1806. Privately printed.

Some copies were issued for sale with the imprint on the title: "London, Elliot Stock, 62 Paternoster Row, E. C. 1897."

William Marshall Venning, D.C.L., M.A., and for many years clerk of the Company, read a brief paper on the "Origin of the New England Company London with an Account of its Labours on behalf of the North American Indians" at the meeting of the Royal Historical Society in June, 1884, which is printed in its *Transactions*, New Series, II; pp. 293-301.

G. D. Scull, of Oxford, who contributed the Bodleian documents to the *New-England Historical and Genealogical Register*, summarized what he knew of its history in the issue for April, 1882, where there is also a note by John Ward Dean, the Editor of the *Register*, giving the references to the correspondence between the Corporation and the Commissioners in the *Acts* of the latter, as printed in volumes IX and X of the Plymouth Colony Records, Boston, 1859.

Henry H. Edes prepared a concise note explaining the con-

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fusing names by which the Corporation is referred to, and giving the important facts of its history, for the *Transactions* of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, VI; pp. 180-182.

Rev. Charles A. Briggs, D.D., whose article on "The Romance of a Cash-Book" in *Scribner's Magazine* for March, 1898 is mentioned on a previous page, gave an account of the Corporation in Appendix v, pages xxxvi-xxxix, to his "American Presbyterianism," New York, 1885.

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*Cash in the hands of Mr. Richard Floyd
Treasurer to the Corporacon for Newe England*

		Dr.
		Fo H s d
2.	1653 To the Armyes Contribucon, Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	1 0511 03 07
	To Londons Contribucon. Recd of severall parishes, as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	5 0961 04 08½
	To the Countie of Essex Contribucon: Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	8 0170 17 04
	To the Countie of Midd Contribucon. Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	9 0202 12 10½
	To the Countie of Kents Contribucon Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	9 0365 06 10
	To the Countie of Oxon Contribucon. Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	10 0155 05 10
	To the Countie of Devon. Contribucon. Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	10 0272 19 00
	To the Countie of Warwicks Contribucon. Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	10 0100 00 00
	To the Countie of Cornwalls Contribucon. Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	11 0281 06 08
	To the Countie of Surreys Contribucon: Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	11 0041 06 01
	To the Countie of Darbies Contribucon Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	12 0100 00 00
	To the Countie of Somersetts Contribucon. Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	12 0436 00 00
	To the Countie of Wilts Contribucon. Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	12 0100 00 00
	To Personall Guifts Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	15 0861 16 07
	To Rents Recd as in the Booke of Receipts....	16 0022 15 00
		4582 14 06

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		Fo l i s d	
1650 Aug:	22	By Bookes paid for to Mr. Thomas Jenner in pte as by the perticulers of them in ye Booke of Disbursements.	5 0030 00 00
1651 Aprill.	12	By Goods bought & sent to Newe England Consigned to Mr John Cotton or Mr John Wilson by the Shipp New England Merchant as per the Booke of Disbursmts the perticulers appears in And paid for as followeth vizt.	7
1651 Aprill	15	To Humfrey Osborne.	} 0080 19 00
May	12	More to Nicholas Roberts.	
June	12	More sent by the Shipp Mayflower Consigned to Mr John Cotton or Mr John Wilson as in the Booke of Disbursements appears in.	12
		And paid as followeth	
June	5	Paid Raphe Harrison & Willm Bridges	} 0275 08 00
	7	Paid Thomas Grayezdice.	
	19	Paid Mr Rice Hutchinson.	
	19	Paid Mr Richard Floyd.	
	28	Paid Mr. Abraham Babington.	083 19 00
August	23	Paid Mr Nicholas Hayward in full for Bookes as in ye Booke of Disbursmts.	19 0034 00 00
1652 Aprill	26	By Goods bought & sent to New England per ye shipp called the Canary Mcht Consigned to Mr. Edward Rawson as in ye Booke of Disbursmts ye perticulers appears.	20
		And paid for as followeth	
1652 Aprill	14	Paid Mr Richard Floyde 20 Sept 1651	} 0162 06 08
June	23	Paid Mr Josuah Woolnough.	
Sept	4	Paid Mr Richard Floyd.	
1652 Sept	11	Paid Mr Abraham Babington.	062 16 00
		More sent by the Shipp Johns Adventure Consigned to Mr Edward Rawson as by the perticulers in the Booke of Disbursmts appears in.	25
		And paid for as followeth	
Septemb	5	Paid Stephen Archbold.	} 030 18 11
	18	Paid Abraham Jesson.	
Decemb	22	Paid Edward Palmer Executor to Willm Wattson.	} 0387 17 06
	26	Paid Daniel Judd.	
	26	Paid Mr Woolnough ye 17 Nov.	
		Paid Mr Thomas Hutton 16 Decemb	012 19 03
	27	By Disbursements paid foreth att tymes As by ye Booke of Disbursmts it appears in.	31 0359 07 05
		By Fee Farme Rents bought of the State and paid for including charges As by the Booke of Disbursements appears in.	31 0320 19 05
		By Bills of Exchange paid att tymes as by ye Booke of Disbursmts in.	33 0158 00 00
			1808 18 00
1653 March	26	By Ballance of this Accompt Remaying in the Trers hands Carried forward to fo. 2.	2773 16 06
		Ri: Hutchinson	4582 14 06
		Tho: Speed	
		George Clark	

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*Cash in the hands of Mr. Richard Floyd
Trear to the Corporacon for Newe England*

		Dr.		
			Fo	H s d
1653 March	26	To ballance of ye Accot of Moneys Remayning in ye hands of Mr Richard Floyd Trear for the Corporacon brought from.....	1	2773 16 06
1653 & 1654		To the Countie of Essex Contribucon: Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	18	0398 18 04
		To Londons Contribucon. Recd of severall Parishes as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	19	0129 03 07
		To the Countie of Surrey Contribucons Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	20	0312 12 08
		To the Countie of Midd. Contribucon, Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	21	0146 18 06
		To the Counties of Kent Contribucons Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	21	0059 12 11
		To the Countie of Cornwall Contribucons Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	21	0106 06 03
		To the Countie of Devon Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	22	0356 00 00
		To ye County of Warwick Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	22	0054 19 04
		To ye County of Derby Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	23	0223 00 07
		To the County of Somrsett Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	23	0532 15 05
		To the County of Wilts Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	24	0405 03 09
		To Personall Guifts Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	25	0317 02 06
		To ye Towne & Countie of Hampton Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	26	0370 00 02½
		To ye Countie of Suffolk Contribucons Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	27	0698 05 00
		To the Countie of Berks Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	28	0036 11 00
		To the Countie of Huntingdon Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	28	0044 04 05
		To ye Countie of Norfolk Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	29	0055 16 00
		To the Armyes Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	32	2479 00 06
		To the Countie of Worcester Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	33	0193 14 10
		To the Countie of Bucks Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	33	0100 00 00
		To the Countie of Sussex Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	34	0014 19 09
		To ye Countie of Yorke Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	35	0906 17 09
		To Rents Recd as in the Booke of Receipts....	36	0196 15 08
			10912	15 05½

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			Fo	H	s	d	
1653	Aprill	25	By Goods bought and sent to Newe England by ye Shipp Newe England Marcht: Consigned to Mr. Edward Rawson as in the Booke of Disbursements it appeares.	38			
			And paid for as followeth. vizt.				
1653	May	2	Paid Thomas Marshall by the appointment of Richard Wilks.		00	10	13
			More paid to Richard Wilks.		00	28	19
					00	39	12
	Sept	20	By Goods bought and Shipt aboard the Shipp Mayflower for Newe England Consigned to Mr. Edward Rawson as in the Booke of Disbursements it appeares.	39			
			And paid for as followeth.				
	Novem	21	Paid to Mr. Richard Floyd and Partner.		00	06	17
			By the Mannor of Ersewell & Chamberlynes. ...				
			Bought of Coll: Thomas Bedingfield for wch paid him in parte the 29th of Sept 1653, 6500 li And the 23th of Novembr following in full, 0500 is in all as in the Booke of Disbursements fo. 43.	43	71	08	09
			And paid in sundry charges about the perfecting of the purchase.		01	08	10
1654	Sept	2	By Sundry Disbursements paid for att tymes from the 26th of March 1653 to this day as by the Booke of Disbursements itt appeares.	43	02	60	03
					01	15	11
1654	Sept	2	By Ballance of this Accot Remaines in the Trears hands Carried forward to fo. 3d.		34	97	13
			Ri: Hutchinson		10	91	2
			Tho: Speed		10	91	2
			George Clark		10	91	2

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*Cash in the hands of Mr. Richard Floyd
Treasurer for the Corporacon for Newe England* Dr.

1654 Sept

		Fo	li	s	d
2 To Ballance of ye Accot of moneys Remayning in ye hands of Mr. Richard Floyd Trear of the Corporacon brought from.....	2	3497	13	06	½
To the Countie of Midd: Contribucons Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.	38	0098	04	04	
To the Countie of Kent Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.	38	0200	00	00	
To the Countie & Cittie of Chester Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.	39	0013	16	08	
To the of Yorke Contribucons Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.	39	0090	10	00	
To the Countie of Devon Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.	40	0030	04	02	
To the Countie of Southton Contribucons Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.	40	0090	00	00	
To the Countie of Suffolk Contribucons Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.	40	0071	05	05	
To the Countie of Berks Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.	41	0130	00	00	
To the Countie of Norfolk Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.	41	0100	00	00	
To the Countie of Worcester Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.	41	0005	19	05	
To the Countie Bucks Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.	42	0080	00	00	
To the Countie of Salop Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.	42	0100	00	00	
To the Armyes Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.	42	0064	14	02	
To Personall Guifts Recd as in ye Booke of Re- ceipts.	43	0005	00	00	
To the Countie of Cornwall Contribucons Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.	43	0013	08	08	
To Rent Recd as in the Books of Receipts.	55	0415	09	04	
		5006	05	08	½

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		Fo		l		s		d	
1654	March	14	By Goods bought and sent to Newe England by the Shipp Johns Adventure Consigned to Mr. Edward Hutchinson Marchant As by the Booke of Disbursements the perticulers appear in.....	51					
			And paid for as followeth. vizt						
1654	March	8	Paid Mr. Alexander Byfield.....		018	11	00		
		9	Paid Mr. Abraham Jesson.....		090	08	00		
		9	Paid Mr. Joshua Woolnough.....		078	03	00		
		12	Paid Mr. George Rainton.....		030	04	00		
		17	Paid Mr. Richard Hutchinson.....		075	06	00	0515	15 06
1655	Aprill	9	Paid Mr. Abraham Babington.....		201	02	00		
		9	Paid Mr. Thomas Lacock.....		015	14	00		
			Paid Mr. Richard Floyd & ptner ...		006	07	06		
			By howses bought of Samuell Vassall Esq. and paid for, including Sondry Charges about perfecting the purchase, as appears the 14 of November 1654 in the Booke of Disbursemts.....	53	2103	19	00		
			By a Howse bought of Mr. James James and paid for, including Sondry Charges about perfecting the purchase the Second of Aprill 1655 As appears in the Booke of Disbursemts.....	53	0653	01	10		
			By moneys paid & lent the Rt honorable the Earle Rivers upon a Mortgage of Lands the last of June 1655 for twelue moneths to come.....	53	0600	00	00		
1655	Sep	2	By Sondry Disbursements paid att tymes from the Second of September 1654 to this day as by the Booke of Disbursemts.....	53	0337	00	00		
					4209	16	04		
1655	Sep	02	By ballance of this Accot Remaines in the Trers hands.....		0796	09	04½		
			Carried forward to fol: 4.....		5006	05	08½		

Ri: Hutchinson
 Tho: Speed
 George Clark

*Cash in the hands of Mr. Richard Floyd
Treasur to the Corporacon for Newe England*

1655 Sept

	Dr.	
	Fo	H s d
3 To Ballance of the Accompt of Moneys Remayning in ye hands of Mr. Richard Floyd Treasur for ye Corporacon brought from.....	3	0796 09 04½
To Personall Guifts Contribucons Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	57	0020 00 00
To the Countie of Midd: Contribucons Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	57	0019 10 09
To the Countie & Cittie of Yorke Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	57	0009 15 08½
To the Countie of Worcester Contribucons Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	58	0006 03 02
To the Countie of Surrey Contribucons Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	58	0019 15 07
To the Countie of Wilts Contribucons Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	58	0071 14 11
To the Countie of Kent Contribucons Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	59	0058 17 09
To the Countie of Devon Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	59	0113 04 08
To the Countie of Southton Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	59	0030 00 00
To the Countie of Sussex Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	60	0208 15 04
To the Countie of Salopp Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	60	0002 15 04
To the Countie of Lincoln Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	60	0038 00 00
To the Countie of Norffolk Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	60	0150 00 00
To Rents Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	62	0495 06 02
		<u>2040 08 09</u>

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			Fo	li	s	d
		By Goods bought and sent unto New England by the Shippa Hopewell & Speedwell, Consign'd to the Comrs for the United Coloneys of Newe England in Newe England As by the Booke of Disburamts the perticulers appeare in.	56			
		And paid for as followeth. vizt				
1656 May	24	Paid Mr. Richard Floyd & Ptner.	011	07	06	
June	20	Paid then & the 27: of August	031	01	06	0042 09 00
		By Moneys paid Mrs. Symonds for paper and printing of Three Thousand Books Intituled. A late & further manifestation of the progresse of the Gospell & As appeares ye 8th of Sept 1655 in ye Booke of Disbursements.	58	0012	14	00
		By Moneys paid Mr. Lee for blew & Marble paper & for covering & stitching the 3000: Books above menconed As appeares the 15 of Sept: 1655 in the Booke of Disbursements.	58	0007	12	00
		By a Horse bought of Mr. John Arthur of Clapham as appeares ye 23: of May. 1656 in the Booke of Disbursements.	58	0007	00	00
		By Moneys paid Mr. John Woodbridge by Order of Mr. John Cutting for Freight of Goods sent by him to Newe England As appeares the 24: of March. 1655 in the Booke of Disbursements. . .	58	0019	10	00
		By Moneys disbursed by Edward Ackworth for a Horse by him bought & other Charges As appeares the 8: of March 1655 in ye Booke of Disbursements.	58	0009	10	00
1656 Sept	2	By Sundry Disbursements paid at Sundry tymes to the Clarke Messenger & other Instruments for Salaries including xxxijs vjd for Firing from the Second of Sept 1655 to this day, as appeares by the Booke of Disbursements.	58	0141	14	03
				0240	09	03
1656 Sept	2	By Ballance of this Accompt Remaines in ye Treas hands carried forward to Fol: 5.	1799	19	06	2040 08 09

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 Willm Molins
 Abrah. Babington

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*Cash in the hands of Mr. Richard Floyd
Trear to the Corporacon for New England.*

1656: Sept

		Dr.			
		£	s	d	
2	To Ballance of the Account of Moneys Remaining in the hands of Mr. Richard Floyd Trear for the Corporacon brought from.....	4	1799	19	06
	To the Countie of Yorke Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	64	0112	00	00
	To the Countie of Essex Contribucons Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	64	0028	09	07
	To the Countie of Suffolk Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	64	0004	07	06
	To the Countie of Surrey Contribucons Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	65	0005	10	07
	To the County of Devon Contribucons Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	65	0123	01	06
	To the Cittie of London Contribucons Recd as in ye Book of Receipts.....	65	0005	00	00
	To the Countie of Southton Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	66	0025	00	00
	To the Countie of Bucks Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	66	0063	05	08
	To the Countie of Sussex Contribucons Recd as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	66	0048	05	04
	To Rents Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	69	0800	19	11
			<u>3015</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>07</u>

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1656 Dec:	8	By Moneys paid Samuell Vassall Esq. in full of what was due unto him upon the purchase of the Howses in Bucklers Bury London as by the Booke of Disbursments appears in.....	60	0010	10	00
Febr	16	By lands bought of Sir Robert Josse-lyn Kt. called Suffolk Place for which paid him part the 16: Febr. 1656. 1500 li. and ye vjth of May following in full 200 li. is in all as appears in the Booke of Disbursments	61	1700	00	00
		By Moneys paid Mr. Rolfe about perfecting the said purchase from the 25th of March 1657 to the 27th of July following, as appears in the Booke of Disbursments in.....	61	0020	15	03
1656 Sept.	2	By Sundry Disbursments paid for the use of Coopers Hall, and to the Clerke, Messenger, and other Instruments for Salaries, including xiiijs for Fireing, and ijs for money Baggs, from ye Second of Sept: 1656 to this day; As appears by the Booke of Disbursmts.....	61	0152	08	02
				1883	13	05
1657 Sept.	2	By Ballance of this Accompt Remaines in the Trears hands carried forward to fol: 6.....		1132	06	02
				3015	19	07
		Tho: Speed	George Clerke	Willm. Molins		
			Joshua Woolnough	Wm Puckle		

*Cash in the hands of Mr. Richard Floyde
Trear to the Corporacon for New-England*

1657
September

		Dr.			
		£	s	d	
2	To Ballance of the Account of Moneys Remaining in ye hands of Mr. Richard Floyd Trear for the said Corporacon brought from.....	5	1132	06	02
	To the County of Norfolke Contribucons Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	71	0100	00	00
	To the Countie of Essex Contribucons Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	71	0026	03	04
	To the Countie of Surrey Contribucons Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	72	0001	07	05
	To the Countie of Sussex Contribucons Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	72	0013	18	01
	To the County of Hartford Contribucons Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	73	0336	08	04
	To Personall Guifts Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	73	0001	00	00
	To the Countie of Lincolne Contribucons Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	74	0004	13	06
	To the County of Devon Contribucons Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	74	0070	18	01
	To Rents Recd as in the Booke of Receipts.....	77	0515	19	02
			<u>2202</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>01</u>

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		Fo	H	s	d	
1657	November 8.	By Moneys paid Mr. Denham to bee by him disbursed for a Post Fine For the Farme called Suffolke Place in the Parish of Plumsted in the County of Kent, As by the Booke of Disbursements.				62 0001 05 00
	Decemb. 16	By Moneys disbursed for a Post Fine, for the Howses purchased of Samuell Vassall Esqr. lying in Bucklers Bury London As by the Booke of Disbursements Appeares.				62 0000 10 00
	Januy. 19.	By Moneys paid Mr. Hezechiah Usher According to a Bill of Exchange drawn upon this Corporacon by the Comrs for ye United Coloneys of New England, being for ye like Sume Recd of the said Mr. Usher by the said Comrs in New England, for the use of the Indians there, As by the Booke of Disbursemts appeares.				62 0500 00 00
	February 12.	By Moneys paid Mr. Willm: Stonestreete Assignee of Mr. Robert Nanny of Boston in New England, According to a Bill of Exchange drawn upon this Corporacon by the Comrs for the United Coloneys of New England aforesaid, being for physicall Druggs bought of the said Mr. Nanny for ye use of ye Indians there, As by the Booke of Disbursemts appeares.				62 0010 00 00
1658	Aprill. 1.	By Moneys paid Mr. Hezechiah Usher, According to the desires of the Comrs for the United Coloneys of New England, for the use of the Indian worke there, As by the Booke of Disbursemts appeares.				63 0700 00 00
	May	14 Moneys paid unto Mr. John Hooper Clerke of this Corporacon				
		18 upon Accot: for the use of ye Same, As by ye Booke of Disbursemts appeares.				63 0020 00 00
	July 17	By Moneys paid Mr. Willm Tillett, As by the Booke of Disbursemts appeares.				63 0005 00 00
	August. 16.	By moneys lost in the Sale of Brasse & Counterfeite money recd of Capt. Garrett, As by the Booke of Disbursements appeares.				63 0004 02 00
		By Sundry Disbursements paid at Sundry tymes for the use of Coopers Hall, and to the Clerke: Messenger, and other Instruments for Salaries, including xijs vjd for Firing, and xiijs viijd for paper & printing of Ticketts from the Second of Sept. 1657. to this day. As by the Booke of Disbursements appeares.				63 0063 09 02
1658	Augt. 30	By Balance of this Account Remaines in the Trears hands carried forward to fol. 7.				1304 06 02
						<u>0898 07 11</u>
						2202 14 01

Ri: Hutchinson George Clarke Erasmus Smith
 Wm Puckle W Ashurst Richard Young
 Joshua Woolnough John Rolfe

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Contra Creditor

			F	o	u	s	d
1658		By moneys paid Mr. James Newman, employed to travell into the County of Kent to find out such concealed moneys as were collected within the said County for the purposes in the Act of Parliamt menconed As appears the 5th of November and 24o January 1658. in the Booke of Disbursements.	64	0005	10	00	
November	15	By moneys paid Mr. Richard Hutchinson, and Lt. Coll. Willm Puckle for soe much by them layd out and disbursed for themselves & attendants in goeing to the Mannrs of Ersewell and Chamblynes in the County of Suffolke to veive the said Mannrs and to settle and secure the Arreares of Rent due and oweing upon the same, As by the Booke of Disbursements appears. .	64	0011	08	00	
		By moneys paid John Hooper Clerke unto this Corporacon by way of Advance upon Accompt towards the prosecucon of severall Suits of Law on the behalfe of the said Corporacon, and for other services as appears the 17th of November 1658. and 9th of June 1659. in the booke of disbursements.		0020	00	00	
		By moneys paid Mr. Edward Ackworth employed to travell into severall Countyes to finde out such concealed moneys as were collected for the purposes in the Act of Parliamt menconed, and for other services by him done As appears the 23th of Septemb. and the 16th of december 1658 in the Booke of disbursemts.	64	0010	00	00	
February	29	By moneys paid Mr. John Harwood Assignee of Mr. Hezekiah Usher of Boston in New England, According to a Bill of Exchange drawne upon this Corporacon, by the Comrs for the United Colonyes of New England, being for the use of the Indian worke there, As appears by the Booke of Disbursemts.	64	0500	00	00	
May	27	By moneys paid Mrs. Symonds for paper and printing 3000 Bookes, Intituled A further Accompt of the progrease of the Gospell amongst the Indians in New England, and for fine blue Paper & stitching the said bookes, As appears by the Booke of Disbursemts.	65	0024	00	00	
August	22	By a small pcell of Land bought of Mr. Anthony Cogan, adjoyning unto the Farme called suffolkes Place purchased by this Corporacon As appears by the Booke of Disbursemts.	65	0040	00	00	
		By sondry disbursemts paid att sundry tymes for the use of Coopers Hall, and to the Clerke and Messenger for sallaryes from the thirtieth of August 1658. To this day, As by the booke of disbursemts appears. .	65	0074	09	00	
				0685	07	00	
Sept	2	By Ballance of this Accompt remaynes in the Treas hands carryed forward to fol. ye 8th.		2011	11	09½	
				2696	18	09½	

Ri: Hutchinson
Richard Young
Joshua Woolnough
Willm Molins
Tho: Speed

Abraha Babington
Wm Puckle
John Rolfe
George Clerke

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Contra Creditor (continued)

			fo	li	s	d
March	24	By moneys paid Mr. John Cade for Paper As in ye booke of Disbursmts appeares.....	66	0003	16	08
1660						
Aprill	27	By moneys paid Marmaduke Johnson for $\frac{1}{4}$ of a yeares Salary As in the booke of Disbursmts appeares.....	67	0010	00	00
		By more moneys paid Mr. John Cade for paper As in ye booke of Disbursmts appeares.....	67	0002	17	06
May	5	By moneys paid Mr. Richard Westbrooke for fouldinge, pastinge & cuttinge of 1500 Bookes, As in the Booke of Disbursmts appeares.....	67	0004	05	00
June	27	By moneys paid Mr. Wm. Tillett for Salary, and for moneys by him disbursed for Chamblynes since Decem. 1659. As by ye Booke of Disbursmts appeares	67	0003	00	00
July	27	By moneys pd Mr. John Clarke of Bury upon discount As by the Booke of Disbursmts appeares.....	67	0020	00	00
August	8	By moneys pd Mr. John Clarke of Bury upon discount As by the Booke of Disbursmts appeares.....	67	0020	00	00
Ditto	15	By moneys paid Mr. Rolfe As by the Booke of Disbursmts appeares.....	67	0003	12	00
Ditto	15	By moneys paid by John Hooper Clerke unto this Corporacon for Horse Hire and other Charges in Travelinge unto Ersewell in Suffolke As by the Booke of Disbursmts appeares.....	67	0004	16	00
Sept.	5	By moneys pd Mr. John Macocke printer, for printinge a Booke of the further progresse of the Gospell, As by the Booke of Disbursmts appeares.....	68	0008	12	06
Ditto	11	By moneys paid Mr. John Cade for 104 Rheames of Paper As by the Booke of Disbursmts appeares.....	68	0029	14	04
Ditto	18	By moneys paid Mr. John Harwood for the use of Mr. Thomas Mayhew Junr. for Salary. As by the Booke of Disbursmts appeares.....	68	0030	00	00
Ditto	18	By moneys pd Mr. Thomas Bell, as soe much disbursed by him for ye passage of Marmaduke Johnson & for other thinges, As by ye Booke of Disbursmts appeares.....	68	0005	18	00
		By moneys owinge by Mr. Danyell Blundell Executor to Mr. Floyd late Trer deceased.....	0161	11	09	$\frac{1}{2}$
		By sundrey disbursmts pd att sundrey tymes, for the use of Coopers Hall & to the Clerke and Messenger for Salaries, includinge 01 li. 11s. 04d: for mendinge the Iron Chest, and iij s: iiij d: for a Mapp and Ticketts from ye Second of Septemb 1659 to this day. As by the Booke of disbursmts appeares.....	0079	04	01	
			1205	00	04	$\frac{1}{2}$
1660						
Sept.	28	By Ballance of this Accompt remains in Cash carried forward to folio the 9th.....	1154	08	03	
			2359	08	07	$\frac{1}{2}$

Ri: Hutchinson John Rolfe
 George Clarke
 Joshua Woolnough Tho Speed

*The State of Mr. Henry Ashurst his
Accompt, late Treasurer to ye late pretended
Corporation for New England, &c., from ye 28th
of Septemb. 1660. to ye 25th of March 1662.*

vizt.

Cash is Dr.

	F	l	s	d
To Balance of ye Accompt of Moneyes resting in Cash at ye time of Auditing ye Accompt ye 28th of September 1660. brought from.....	8	1154	08	03
To Rents Received as in ye Booke of Receipts ...	93	286	10	05
To Moneyes Recd of Mr. Blundell one of ye Ex- ecutors of Mr. Richard Floyd Deceased, as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	94	0100	00	00
To Moneyes Recd of Mr. Samuell Thomson for the Interest of 400 li. from ye 10th of November 1660 to the 25th of March 1661 as in ye Booke of Receipts.....	94	0009	00	00
To Moneyes Recd of Mr. John Harwood for ye Interest of 400 li. from ye 10th of November 1660 to ye 25th of March 1661, as by ye Booke of Receipts.....	94	0009	00	00
Totall.....		1558	18	08

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[The expenditures for this interim do not appear in the Ledger. The first entry in the statement as balanced on April 9, 1663, shows that they amounted to £1067: 19: 02; "To ballance of the Accompt of Moneyes resting in Cash 25 March 1662, brought from folio 9 ye summe of 490: 19: 06."]

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FLY LEAF MEMORANDA

M^r Lavender Minster of Ongar & M^r Warren Minister of Hatfeild Braddocke & [] rest of the Minsters there

[] 56 In order to pay M^r Ackworth 6¹¹ 00^s 00 in full [] expended vpon Discoveryes

A lre to M^r Alcocke of Lewis in Sussex y^t hee wou [] the Corporⁿ w^t hee hath done

Luke Killingworth of Killin [] of Northumberland, Esq^r is to [] y^s Rectory of Woodhorne Directing [] lefte wth M^r Mathew Newton att his ho [] Westgate in New Castel

leauē yo^r lre at Capt Clements att the signe of the [] moore in Cornewall to be sent to M^r Warren [] of Hatfeild Braddocke.

Ed Ackworth att ye sericantes House in Fryd []

Col. Wood

Capt. Harper

Edward Ward Esq

} [] for Norffolke Sheir

Corporacon.

New England Company

M^r Tillett was pd. 40^s: y^e 9th Feb^r: 1655 for his salary as Steward att xx^s per Annum wheras y^e same was not due vntill y^e 17th of June 1656 since [] tyme hee hath not rec^d any Salary As to y^t busines of N. E. wee conceiue it very necessary to haue some revivinge Order for y^e present power to put the same in Execucon vpon wch wee shalbee ready to promote [cancelled: y^e same] it to our power.

Norfolke

Tho. Fuller		Christopher Appleby
Jn ^o : Wrongry		Jn ^o Newell
Edward Baker		Norwich
Robt Brightmer		Yarmouth
Will: Shouldham	05 : 00 : 00	Thetford
Tho. Williamson	04 : 00 : 00	
Raphe Apsly		
Hen Lawes		
Cap ^t Jn ^o Dusgate	05 : 00 : 00	
M ^r Edward Pightlin	5 : 00 : 00	

Sufolke

S^r Tho : Barnardistone
Hugh Walters 06 : 00 : 00

- Memor: to consult y^e advise of Councill concer [] the power of y^e Act of Parlyam^t whether y^e Co [] heere haue not power thereby to graunt Salary [] such Instrum^t as shalbee employed in carryinge [] worke That inst [] made
- Memor to goe to M^r Perry for the Draught of M^r Barnards Lease of y^e house in Trynity lane
- Memor: to prepare M^r Newmans Instrucons & to present y^e sd inst. for Norfolk & Suffolk

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To insert into y^e Gen^l lre, viz^t : By ganes xxx By Bills of Exch :
By moneyes.

To take care that y^e Rent of Brucheste : &c. may be sent & pd.
to same in New Castle & returned &c.

5 July 1656

Memor : to prepare two letters y^e one to M^r Bridge y^e other
to M^r Brinsley of Yarmouth to promote [] Collecons in
that Towne

Jo ^a Blackmore Jo ^a Searle Jn ^o Blundell James Pearse Esq ^r Capt Fran [Cancelled: Rose] Rolls	} } } } }	Esq ^{rs}	Devon	372 09 [] 356 [] 113 04 0 [] 123 01 00 <hr style="width: 100%;"/> 965 05 02
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James Pearse Esq^r y^e present Trear
Countyes vncollected viz^t

	Parishes
Bedfordsheir	116
Cambridgesheir	163
Cumberland	058
Durham	062
Herefordsheir	176
Northamptonshair	326
Northumberland	040
Nottinghamsheir	168
Rutlandsheir	047
Staffordsheir	130
Westmorland	026

[End of Fly Leaf Memoranda.]

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Record of Meetings

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporacon for New Engl ye 19 of
January 1655/6*

Present

Rich ^d Floyd Trer	W ^m Molines
Tho Ayres	Tho Speed
Joshua Woolnough	Rich ^d Hutchinson
	Geo Clerke

M^r Rich^d Floyd reported that accordinge to the Order & Desire of this Court himselfe with M^r Rich^d Hutchinson & M^r Rich^d Young presented the Acco^{ts} of the Corporacon on the 11 Day of January instant to y^e R^t Hon^{ble} y^e L. Lawrence L^d President of the Councill.

M^r Thre^r reports y^e in pursuance of y^e Order & Desire of this Court wherby himselfe M^r Hutchinson M^r Ayres & D^r Wilson & M^r Molines were ordered to prepare a Ire of Attorney &c. That vpon Thursday next at 2 of the Clocke in the afternoone on Satturday morninge followinge M^r Hutchinson M^r Molins M^r Woolnough M^r Clerke or M^r Speed [] 3 of them bee Desired to repare to y^e house in Trinity Parish [] a view of y^e &c.

& M^r Cooke [] are Desired to bee there & they to appoynt the [] Thursday or Satturday

M^r Treas^r reportes that M^r Nath : Crabb hath pd [] of the rent of Ersewell Due from Cheston to the Corporacon which

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tyme hee made itt his request that the sume of [] might
bee allowed him towards the buildinge of a Chymney in the
lodge which was blowen downe by Storme, promisinge that
noe further or other Demandes shalbee demaunded by him for
the future.

That y^e sum [] bee allowed W^m Arthur for his paines in
carryinge [] rey & 3^{li} 10^s more in case hee bringe in []
all the moneyes.

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporacoⁿ for New Engl the 26th
day of January, 1655.*

Present

Rich^d Floyd Threr

James Sherley

Rich Hutchinson

Tho Speed

Rich^d Young

Joshua Woolnough

Geo Clerke

Tho Bell

Ordered

That M^r John Rolfe bee Desired to prepare y^e Despatch of the
busines concerninge the fine to bee accknowledged by M^r
Vassells sons

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporacon [] New Engl y^e 11th:
of Feb^{ry}, 1655.*

Present

Rich^d Floyde Trear

Geo Clerke

Rich^d Hutchingson

W^m Molines

Edmo : Wilson D^r in phe

Tho Speed

Ordered

That y^e Sume of 6^{li} bee pd M^r Someres for soe much by him
Disbursed & y^e sume []^{li} more for his paines.

This Day M^r W^m Tillett appeared in Court & reported

[See Fly Leaf Memoranda.]

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Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporacoⁿ for New Engl ye 16 February, 1655

PresentRich^d Floyde TrearEd Willson D^r in pheRich^d HutchinsonW^m Molines

Joshua Woolnough

Tho Bell

That a lre bee forthwth sent to M^r Geo Freeman Minister of Eartham in Sussex thereby thankeinge him for his care &c & that hee intimate y^e Devydinge of the moneys to Col Morley M^r W^m Hay &c. to the end they may require the same, ye sd lre to bee signed by y^e Presdt of the Corpo:

That another lre bee prepared & sent to Coll Morley &c. & Christ Ewars for the Colleccon in Sussex to informe them of the money collected in the parish of Eartham, which y^e Collecto^rs have Devyded amongst themselves, & that they would please to call for the [] & to quicken ye Colleccons begun to perfect the sum & returne the moneyes collected y^e sd lre to bee signed by y^e Presid^t &c.

M^r Dep Hutchingson is Desired to take care that

M^r Petres man doe attend the Corpor next Satturday hee beinge thought to bee a fitt person to travell into the respectiue Countyes to see the Colleccons perfected &c.

Thursday *Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporacon for New Eng*
28 Februy: 1655 *ye 28 of february 1655*

PresentRich^d Floyde Trear

George Clerke

Tho Bell

Thomas Speed

Abra Babington

Josua Woolnough

Rich^d HutchinsonW^m Molines

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Ordered

That Edward Ackworth bee appoynted to repara into the Countyes of

to see whether the Collecons of this Corporaⁿ bee perfected & the moneyes therevpon collected returned &c. And that Instrucons bee prepared for him accordingly for wth sd service hee is to rec Duringe the tyme of his sd Employ^t 30^s per weeke and a horse to ryd vpon.

Att a Cort or meetinge of the Corporacoⁿ for New [] Eight Day of March 1655

Present

Rich^d Floyd Trear
Thomas Ayres
Richard Hutchinson

Joshua Woolnough
W^m Molines
Thomas Speed

Ordered

That a lre bee forthwth prepared to bee sent to y^e respectiue
memor. Treas^{rs} of ye severall Countyes that that would
please to informe the bearer & give him the
Names of such Gent & Collectors as they have constituted for
carringe on the Collecon, & to giue ye sd Treas^{rs} thanks
for their greate care & paines &c.

That Edward Ackworth Doe repara into ye Countyes of Surrey Sussex Hampton: Berkes & Buks & Middlesex & into y^e borderinge Countyes where Collecons have beene made, provyded hee travell not above 5 miles into them.

That ye sume of 9^{li} bee p^d by M^r Rich^d Floyd for a horse bought for M^r Ed Ackworth:

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*All a Court or meetinge of the Corporacon for New Engl y^o 22th of
March 1655.*

Present

Rich^d Floyde Trear

Tho : Speed

Rich^d Hutchinson

Joshua Woolnough

Tho : Ayres

James Sherley

Abr : Babington

Geo. Clerke

Tho : Bell

That y^o summe of 19^{li} 10^s bee pd vnto M^r John Woodbridge minister of Barford [] re Salisbury in New E: beinge soe much moni [] for fireight of goods sent by M^r Cuttinge [] ed by him to bee pd vnto the sd M^r W [].

That a lre bee prepared to bee sent to the Com^{rs} of the vnitid Coloneyes in New England that they would please to send over a Discharge &c. accordinge to the Act, & that y^o reason why y^o Corporⁿ send noe Goodes this yeare is bec[] they desire to disburse the same in some purchases [].

[The Letter, dated April 13, 1656, is in *Acts* for Sept. 4, 1656.]

It is Ordered y^t transcripts of the 2 former lres sent y^o last yeare bee sent ouer vnto them, & that Sythes Thread Nayles & Horne bookes &c. be provyded & sent over vnto them accordinge to y^o Invoyce now sent over; And that in regard y^o Com^{rs} thinke the Goodes sent over to bee bought too deere by the Corpor: y^o Corpor desire that y^o Instrumentes & others employed there may bee pd in money by Bill of Exchange Drawn by them vpon the Corpor heere. & that they would send ouer a formall Discharge for all y^o Goodes sent &c accordinge to the said Act.

[The Letter, dated March 21, 1654(5) is in *Acts* for Sept. 6, 1655.]

That in regard the Com^{rs} meete soe seldome they would please at their next meetinge to propose itt to y^o Churches & ministry

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y^t some fitt persons might bee prepared & encouraged to Assist
M^r Eliott & M^r Mahew in carryinge on the worke if the Com^{rs}
thinke fitt wth submission vnto their Judgmntes.

*Att a Court or m [] of the Corporaⁿ for New [] y^e 29
of March 1656*

Present

Rich^d Floyd Trear

Tho: Speed

Rich^d Hutchinson

W^m Molines

George Clerke

Ordered

That M^r Rolfe y^e Scrivener bee Desired to prepare y^e Draught
of a Discharge to bee sent vnto y^e Com^{rs} for the vnited Coloneyes
in New England & that afterwarde the same bee perused by
Councill.

That a transcript of y^e Corporacons lre dated 15 7ber 1655
bee sent ouer.

[Acts for Sept. 4, 1656.]

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New England y^e 12
of Aprill 1656*

Present

Rich^d Floyd Trear

Abra : Babington

Geo Clerke

Rich^d Young

Rich^d Hutchinson

James Sherley

Whereas a considerable purchase of houses in Cheapside &
Gutter Lane London presentes it selfe to y^e Corporaⁿ belonginge
to y^e Ld Paulett now vnder age till midsummer Resolved &
agreed by this Court y^t the members thereof or any two of them
bee ordered & desired to treat concerninge y^e said purchase
& to report &c.

Ordered

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That y^e lre this Day reade to bee sent to y^e Com^{rs} of the vnted Col: in New Eng: bee approved & transcribed & sent &c.

[*Acts for Sept. 4, 1656.*]

That y^e whole summe of y^e Goodes sent over includinge those Memorandum now sent bee menconed and expressed in the discharge prepared by M^r Rolfe
only

Att a [] or meetinge of y^e Corporaⁿ for New England y^e 10 day of May 1656

Present

Richard Floyd Trer

Rich^d Young

Rich^d Hutchinson

Joshua Woolnough

James Sherley

Thomas Speed

W^m Molines

Thomas Bell

Abra : Babington

It is ordered that M^r James Newman doe repare into y^e Countyes of Norfolk & Suffolk, and see whether y^e Colleccons of this Corporacon are perfected wthin the sd Countyes, for y^e performance of wch Service the sd M^r Newman is to receiue of this Corporaⁿ such weekly allowance as shalbee agreed vpon by & betweene the Corp: & y^e sd M^r Newman during the tyme of his Employ^{mt} heerein, And It is further

Ordered that the like Instruccons formerly given vnto him for y^e Countyes of Essex & Kent be againe transcribed and given vnto him, for the purposes therein menconed.

Att a Court or meetinge of y^e Corporacoⁿ for New Engl^d y^e 19 of June 1656

Present

Rich^d Floyd Trer

Geo Clerke

Rich^d Young

Tho Speed

Joshua Woolnough

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II

That y^e Summe of 6^{li} bee allowed M^r Newman to bee pd by
M^r Thomas Garrett att Norw^{ch} &c.

Violett Benton
in Norw^{ch} to
send y^e
Bookes thither

to speake with M^r Basil Sprigg of the Prerogatiue
Office to knowe whether hee can tell what
Memor: Parishes are behinde in Oxford Citty: or
y^e County.

*Att a Court or meetinge of y^e Corporacoⁿ for New England y^e 5th
of July 1656*

Present

Rich^d Floyd Threr.
Josuah Woolnough
Rich^d Hutchinson

Geo Clerke
W^m Molines

Ordered

That 2 lres be forthwth prepared the one to M^r Bridge & the
other to M^r Brinsley of Yarm^o that they would please to pro-
mote y^e Collecon of this Corporacon wthin that Towne.

The Corporaⁿ Desire that M^r Trear would speake wth M^r Fran-
cis Warner to take care that y^e Fee Fearme rent of [] in
Durham might bee recd by his appoyntm^t in New Castell
there & payd here.

The 25th of June 1656. M^r William Arthur did accknowledge the
recaite of Seauen poundes fouerteene shillings from
Memo. the parish of Darkin in Surrie the 6th of Aprill 1654
and that hee Recd of M^r John Yeates the some of fortie shil-
lings And did promise the sd 25th June vnto Edward Acworth
to bee accounttable & paye the sd moneyes to the Corporacon
& moore to pay eighteen shillings that hee Recd from the parish
of Lingfeild: in Surrey & this hee did accknowledge before his
brother and his wife then allso present with him:

Wittnes Edward Ackworth :

New England Company

Rec of M ^r floyd	06 00 00
Rec of Capt Garret	18 00 00
Rec more of M ^r floyd	03 00 00

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*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl y^e 19 of July
1656*

Present

Rich ^d Floyde Trer	Joshua Woolnough
Thomas Ayres	Abra Babington
Rich ^d Young	George Clerke

Ordered

That y^e Ire this day reade to bee sent to M^r Bridge & M^r Brinsley of Yarmouth bee approved & y^t 2 of [] bee transcribed to bee sent one to each, & M^r Pr [] is desired to subscribe the same.

That y^e summe of 6^{li} bee allowed M^r Newman, & y^t M^r Garrett Trer for the Collecons of Norfolk bee Desired to pay the same.

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New England the 2 of
August 1656*

Present

Rich ^d Floyde Trer	George Clerke
Rich ^d Young	W ^m Molines
Rich ^d Hutchinson	Tho Bell

Resolved That y^e Members of this Corporaⁿ doe vpon y^e Meetinge day of the same meete att $\frac{1}{2}$ an houre past tenn in the fore-noone att farthest

That John Hooper doe repare to Capt Coe to Desire him to meete or else to rec his answer, & report

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*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New England y^e Nynth
day of August 1656*

Present

Rich^d Floyd Trear

Rich^d Young

Willm Molines

Rich^d Hutchinson

Geo Clerke

Abra : Babington

M^r Trer reportes y^t hee hath spoken wth Cap^t Coe & y^t hee
cannot meete vpon Satturdayes &c

Ordered Jo : Hooper doe repare vnto Capt Coe & tell him y^t
the Corpor haue considered of their day of meeting & y^t they
cannott alter the same

That it bee referrd to y^e care of M^r Trer M^r Hutchinson & M^r
Clerke to take care that the house & yeard in Trin Parish
Lond bee admeasured & that the sume bee menconed in the
Lease, &c.

Election day *Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporacon for New*
4 Sept. 1656 *Engl the 4 of Sep: 1656*

Present

Rich^d Floyd Trear

George Clerke

Abra : Babington

James Sherley

Rich^d Young

Rich^d Hutchinson

Tho Bell

Joshua Woolnough

W^m Molines

Resolved & Ordered, viz^t

That y^e R^t Hon^{bl} W^m Steele Ld: Cheeife Baron bee Pres []
of this Corporaⁿ for the ensuinge yeare.

That M^r Rich^d Floyd bee Trer of the Corpor for the yeare
ensuinge

That John Hooper bee Clerke of this Corpor for the yeare
ensuinge

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That Anthoney Trafford bee Messenger for the yeare ensuinge
Ordered, That such Members of this Corpor as shall not meete
vpon y^e Election and Auditt dayes of the same, doe pay 2^s vi^d
for their default of meetinge

That M^r Dep^{ty} Hutchinson M^r Younge M^r Clerke M^r Sherley
M^r Babington M^r Molines & M^r Woo [] or any two of them
be heereby Ordered and des [] to bee Auditors of this Corpor
for the yeare ensuinge

*All a Court or meetinge of the Corpor: for New Eng the 20 of Sep:
1656*

Present

Rich ^d Floyd Trer	Joshua Woolnough
Rich ^d Hutchinson	Edm Wilson D ^r in Phe
Rich ^d Young	Tho: Speed
James Sherley	Abr Babington

That a Blancke Com bee prepared to bee sent into Essex to
some fitt Gen^t there for carryinge on the Colleccons in y^e Hun-
dredes of Harlow Ongar & Waltham. And that a lre in the Name
of y^e Corpor : bee prepared and sent vnto him & that the same
bee signed by Jo : Hooper Clerk of the same.

That M^r Trear bee desired to pay 3^{li} vnto M^r Newman
That M^r Trear pay M^r Ackworth in full ye sume of vi^{li}

*All a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl y^e 27 of
Sep: 1656*

Present

Rich ^d Floyd Trer	James Sherley
Rich ^d Hutchingson	Josuah Woolnough
Abraham Babington	Rich ^d Young

That a lre bee prepared to bee sent to M^r Eliot & M^r Mahew
that in regard of these various reportes that are heere con-

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cerning this busines they would send lres signed by themselues & Elders to attest the truth of this busines & to send lres to M^r D^r Seaman M^r Calamy and the rest of the ministers M^r Caroll M^r Ash M^r Cra [] and that a transcript of the same bee sent vnto vs

That that wch they write is met fully & indeed so many as they write

Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New England y^e 4th day of October 1656

Present

Rich^d Floyd Trear
Thomas Ayres
W^m Molines

Josuah Woolnough
Rich^d Hutchinson
Geo Clerk

That a Commission bee prepared for M^r Edward Ackworth to repare into y^e County of Hertford to see whether the Colleccons are perfected there, & that a Lre in the Name of this Corporacon bee prepared & sent to S^r John Witewrong Trear that hee would assist the sd M^r Ackworth &c.

That M^r Trear pay xx^s to M^r Ackworth for horsemeate, &c.

That M^r Trear doe pay him 5^{li} by way of advaunse towards his iourney into Hertfordsheir.

Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl y^e first of November 1656

Present

Rich^d Floyd Trear
W^m Molines
Joshua Woolnough
Georg Clerke
Rich^d Young

James Sherley
Abr: Babington
Rich Hutchingson
Tho Bell

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Ordered

That John Hooper doe attend M^r Mantuan y^e Minister wth M^r Ben his Lre this Day reade in Co^rt and consult his advise concerninge y^e sendinge of a lre to y^e Members of the County of Dorst menconed in the sd Lre to encourage them to promote & carry on the Colleccons within the sd County &c.

Wednesday 19th *Att a Court or meetinge of y^e Corporaⁿ for New Engl*
9 ber 1656 *y^e 19 of Novemb 1656*

Present

Rich^d Floyde Trer
Rich^d Hutchinson
Thomas Bell
W^m Molines
Joshua Woolnough

Thomas Ayres
George Clerke
Abra Babington
Edm : Wilson D^r *in phe*

That M^r Erasmus Smyth bee Chosen in the roome of M^r Allen
That M^r Trear lend none of the Corporacons moneys to any person vnlesse it bee wth the consent of the Corpor: if otherwise, in case of losse, it will be charged vppon his owne Acco^t
That y^e sd Corpor meete Monethly the last Tuesday in euery moneth.

Att a Court or meetinge of the Corpor: for New Engl y^e 25 of Novemb 1656

Present

Richard Floyde Trer
Cap^t Coe
James Sherley
Tho Bell

Rich^d Hutchinson
Abra : Babington
Josh: Woolnough
W^m Molins
Erasmus Smyth

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Informed really by some come ouer from N : E : y^t those who
M^r Peters carry on the worke are not lookt vpon, but are
constrayned to take course cloth att Boston : or
so this this from M^r Mahew

M^r Weld : y^t M^r Eliott hath 5 sons att y^e Coll : y^t he hath rec
lres that his vnwearied paynes might bee considered soe as to
make his present Condicon more comfortable

That M^r Eliot & M^r Mahew are not comfortably proyded
for to carry on the worke.

M^r Pet: Doe offer y^t some course may be taken to settle
& keepe vpp a Plantacon & to this end it lyes in y^e power of
y^e Corp to giue to Ministers 20^{li} per Ann a peece.

That M^r Harmer & M^r Bartlet, Ministers & Capt Cooke & Capt
Carey all of Devonsheir might bee Commissioned to collect y^e
moneyes in seuerall Treas hands in y^e County of Devon
& to promote y^e Coll : where none have been made.

That applycacon bee made to y^e Com^{rs} for approbacon of Min-
isters att Whitehall to finde out fitt persons to carry on y^e Col-
leccons in these Countyes where none have been made in Engl
& Wales.

To bee offered as y^e advise of y^e Corpor : to y^e Com^{rs} in N : E :

That for y^e better carryinge on of the busines in N. E. some

These Ministers there might bee ioyned, vizt 2 in euery
particulars Coloney wth the Com^{rs} there, vizt 4 in y^e Massa-
to bee chusettes Coloney & One a peece in y^e other 3 Col-
considered.. onyes.
& debated
by ye

Corp: That it is offered as the Judgm^t of this Corpor y^t
M^r Eliott & M^r Mahew and such others as preach to y^e Indians
might for comfortable subsistance herein bee allowed 100^{li} per
Annum sterling to bee pd heere in England to their Assignee
& or Assignees.

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That y^e 7 Ministers to bee chosen for the 4 Coloneyes may bee allowed 20^{li} per Ann. a peece their names viz^t M^r Joⁿ Wilson of Boston M^r Rich : Mather of Dorchester: M^r Allen of Sudbury: M^r Symes of Charleton M^r Samuells Stone of Hartford M^r Davenport of Newhaven: & y^e Preacher of Plymouth.

The Corporacoⁿ vpon consideracon had of y^e Proposicons of M^r Weld & M^r Petres doe Order that y^e same bee not entred amongst the Acts & By lawes of y^e sd Corpor :

All a Court or meetinge of y^e Corporaⁿ for New Engl y^e 13 of December 1656

Present

Rich^d Floyde Trer

Thomas Bell

Rich^d Young

James Sherley

Rich^d Hutchinson

Joshua Woolnough

Ordered

That y^e 10^{li} 16^s Due to M^r Vassall vpon Acco^t from y^e Corpor vpon y^e Purchase of y^e houses in Bucklers Bury bee pd vnto him.

All a Court or meetinge of the Corpor: for New Engl y^e 17 Xber 1656

Present

Rich^d Floyde Trer

Rich^d Hutchinson

Abra : Babington

Geo. Clerke

Cap^t Marke Coe

Erasmus Smyth

W^m Molins

[Cancelled: Whereas severall sumes of money have been lost &c Ordered that the same bee issued forthwth into y^e Tres^r of this Corpor.]

That it bee refered to M^r Trear M^r Hutchinson M^r Clerke & M^r Smyth or any 3 of them to treat wth M^r Steephens about

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the Purchase of some howses in Worcester Place Thames Streete London.

That it bee referred to M^r Babington M^r Sherley & M^r Molins to veiw y^e particuler in Kent & the other in Middx by Hampsteed.

That y^e lre this day reade to bee sent to M^r Killingworth of Killingworth in Northumberland bee sent to him & that the same be signed by John Hooper Clerk of this Corpor :

That y^e other lre prepared & this day reade to bee sent vnto Dorst : bee presented to M^r Mantuan for his approbacon.

Att a Court or meetinge of the Corpor: for New E: y^e 3 Jan^{ry} 1656

Present

Rich^d Floyde Trer

George Clerke

James Sherley

Eras. Smyth

Rich^d Hutchinson

W^m Molins

That M^r Hutchinson bee Desired to pursue y^e purchase of y^e houses in Worcester place.

That M^r Joⁿ Hooper doe put y^e Com or seale of the Corpor to M^r Bernardes Lease, & y^t before y^e ensealinge thereof y^e rent bee secured by a Note vnder his hand for paym^t thereof M^r Molins reports y^t in pursuance of y^e Corpor : Order his very eyes veiwed y^e particuler at Kilburne abby & conceives that it will not bee convenient for y^e Corpor to proceed : wherevpon presentes y^t noe more proceedinges bee made there vpon.

M^r Molins then reported that hee wth others repared into Kent to veive y^e Particuler att Suffolk Place in the Parish of Plumstead : & that they finde the same :

That it be referred to M^r Trer, M^r Hutch M^r Sherley M^r Molins or any 3 of them to treate & Contract wth S^r Robert Joycelyn of Essex about y^e purchase att Suffolk Place.

That M^r Trear Doe pay M^r Moyne his monie for his paines in Collectinge moneyes in y^e County of Bucks y^e sume of 5^{li}, 50^s whereof was disbursed by him.

That M^r Trer Doe pay M^r Newman in full of all Demandes for his travell &c y^e sume of 11^{li} 13^s

That Mr Trer Doe pay M^r Ackworth in full for his travell Charges &c. 11^{li} 09^s 00^d :

Pd M^r Trafford for his Extraor paines 40^s :

*At a Court or meeting of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl y^e 24 January
1656/7*

Present

Rich^d Floyd TrerW^m Molins

Joshua Woolnough

Geo. Clerke

Tho Bell

It is ordered that John Hooper Cl doe forthwth Drawe & prepare lres to bee sent to y^e respectiue Trers of those Countyes where M^r Newman & M^r Ackworth haue been accordinge to the Acco^t delyvered in by them.

*At a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl y^e 28 January
1656/7*

Present

Richard Floyd Trer

Erasmus Smyth

Rich^d HutchinsonW^m Molines

Tho Bell

Joshua Woolnough

Geo Clerke

Ordered

That y^e letter this day reade to bee sent to y^e Trers of y^e respectiue Countyes bee approved, and seuerall lres bee prepared & sent accordingly vnto them & that the same bee (in the Name of this Corpor) signed by Jo : Hooper Cler : of the same.

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*All a Court or meetinge of the Corpor: for New Engl y^o 14 Feb^r
1656/7*

Present

Rich^d Floyde Trear

Geo Clerke

W^m Molines

James Sherley

Tho Bell

Rich^d Hutchinson

That y^o sume of 1500^{li} bee pd in pte of the Purchase bought of S^r Rob^t Josselin, & the other 200^{li} when S^r Rob^t shall del y^o Evidences and acknowledge a Fine wth his Lady for the better securinge the sd Purchase to y^o Corporacon.

That a Com: blanke Com^s Acts of Parlyam^t &c. bee sent to Joⁿ Stephens of Vpper Lyppiate in the County of Glouces who is []ttinge to carry on y^o Colleccons in y^t County:

*All a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl the 25 day of
February 1656/7*

Present

Rich^d Floyde Trear

Abra: Babington

W^m Molines

Rich^d Hutchinson

Joshua Woolnough

Geo Clerke

That M^r Josias Dewey bee earnestlie desired to ioine wth Joⁿ

Ordered that y^o Transaccons of y^o Court this day bee not entred &c. Hooper Cler: of this Corporacon in abstractinge & examinige the Acco^{ts} sent from New Engl. and that they drawe the same into a ballance, & present the same to the Corpor for wch this Corporacon will satisfy the said M^r Dewey

That M^r Molins one of the Members of this Corpor bee desired to attend M^r Jenkes Councillor att Law, and consult his advice concernige y^o Corporacons Power, & y^o Power of the Com^{rs} for the vnited Coloneys &c.

Joⁿ Hooper is ordered to attend him att the same tyme.

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corpor: for New England y^e 7th
March 1656/7*

Present

Rich^d Floyd Trer
Rich^d Hutchinson
James Sherley
George Clerke

Joshua Woolnough
Willm Molines
Erasmus Smyth

Whereas M^r Comminges hath this day presented a particuler of an Esstate in Erith in Kent to this Corpor: to bee by them bought, It is ordered that M^r James Sherley & M^r Molins bee Desired to [cancelled: veive the] informe themselves concerning the sd Estate & make report att the next meetinge of this Cor: It appearinge that there is a house in Islington now to bee sould, It is ordered that M^r Richard Floyd & M^r Erasmus Smyth members of this Corpor bee Desired to veive the same & report w^t they thinke fitt to bee Done therevpon.

That Abra: Stanley of Leicester bee Trer for the County of Leicester &c.

That Col. Thomas [Cancelled: Weight] Waite bee Trer for the Colleccons of Rutland

That Jo Hooper doe speake wth M^r Cludd to bee Trer for the Colleccons of Northamptonshire &c.

That a lre bee forthwith prepared to bee sent to Deane Owen, that hee would please

That a Com & Instruccons bee sent vnto M^r Bayley of Marleborough instead of those that were burnt there & that hee bee Desired to present the Colleccons of ye County of Wilts That y^e sume of 15^{li} bee allowed & pd M^r Rolfe in full for his Disbursements & paines.

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*Att a Court or meetinge of y^e Corpor for New Engl y^e 21 March
1656/7*

Present

Rich ^d Floyd Trer	Erasmus Smyth
Rich ^d Hutchinson	Joshua Woolnough
Thomas Speed	W ^m Molins
Geo Clerke	James Sherley
	Thomas Bell

That Maior Will^m Puckle bee chosen in the roome & place of M^r Hopkins deceased

That M^r Trear M^r Hutchinson M^r Clerke & M^r Bell or any two of them bee heerby appointed a Com^{tee} to consider w^t is thought to bee sent to New England & how: &c: that the summe of 500 400^{li} not exceedinge 500^{li} be Disbursed accordingly.

That y^e respectiue Acco:^{ts} sent from New England bee entred into a Booke to bee prepared for that purpose.

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl y^e 11th of
Aprill 1657*

Present

Rich ^d Floyd Trer	Rich ^d Hutchinson
Rich ^d Young	W ^m Molins
James Sherley	George Clerke
Joshua Woolnough	
Tho Bell	

That M^r Young and M^r Molins bee Desired to inquire into the busines of Coll: Fenwicke & M^r Hopkins whether they have not given any thinge to the Indian Worke

That a Ire bee prepared to bee sent to M^r Eliot

[A letter of this date to the Commissioners is in the *Acts* for Sept. 3, 1657.]

*Att a Court or meetinge of y^e Corporaⁿ for N. E. ye 23 of May
1657*

Present

Rich^d Floyde TrerWill^m Molins

Thomas Ayres

Thomas Bell

Major W^m Puckle

Erasmus Smyth

Ordered

That y^e sume of xxx^s bee allowed M^r John Rolfe towards his paines in perfectinge y^e Purchase of Suffolk place in the County of Kent.

That Major Puckle bee Desired to informe himselfe by some in the County of Suffolk of the true worth and value of y^e Mannors of Ersewell & Chamberlaynes in the sd County & to make report of his proceedinges therevpon.

This day M^r Anthony Cheston Tennant to y^e Mannor of Ersewell in y^e County of Suffolk propounded that if y^e Corporacon will please to abate him 10^{li} pr Annum rent of w^t hee now giues for the sd Mannors wch is 260^{li} pr Ann. and put the Dwellinge howse vpon the same and other out howsinge therevnto belonging in good repaire hee will take a lease of y^e premisses for 21 yeares and keep the sd howse & other howsinge in good repaire and soe leaue the same att the expiracon of y^e sd Terme, casualtyes by fire only excepted. The Court told him they could not assent vnto this Proposicon without y^e Consent of a meeting of 9 Members :
Att y^e same tyme y^e Acco^{ts} presented by M^r Cheston were allowed wch were 31^{li} 2^s 00^d.

Dorehouse
Slades
3½ Acres
commended
by some
persons in
opposition
to y^e
sd right

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*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl y^o 24 June
1657.*

Present

Rich ^d Floyd Trer	Josh: Woolnough
Major W ^m Puckle	Rich ^d Hutchinson
Abra : Babington	W ^m Molins

That a lre bee sent vnto M^r Cheston to let him vnderstand that y^o Corporacon are informed that y^o Manour of Ersewell is worth 260^{li} pr Ann : & that they will not make any abatem^t of rent, for asmuch as they can haue able Tennantes that will take the same att y^o sd rent

This lre grounded vpon Majo^r Puckle his report.

That a lre bee sent to M^r Tillet to Desire him to secure y^o rent of Chamberlynes & that the Tenantes vnderstand y^t y^o Corporacon is resolved not to make any abatem^t of rent, and that they giue tymely notice of their resolucon heerein.

This day M^r Babington one of the Members of this Corporacon presented a particuler of an Estate in howses lyinge in Whitefryers London now to bee sould. Wherevpon, It is ordered that y^o sd M^r Babington : & M^r Rich^d Floyd bee Desired to informe themselves concernge y^o true value of y^o s^d Purchase and of the condicon of the howses &c. & make report at &c.

That an Accou^t of Debt bee entred ag^t M^r Cooke & that some howse serieant bee Desired to acquaint him therevpon &c.

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl y^o 2^d July
1657*

Present

Rich ^d Floyd Trer	Joshua Woolnough
Thomas Bell	Cap ^t Coe
Willm Molins	Abra : Babington

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That y^e arreares of rent Due to the Corpor : for y^e howses given by Cap^t Coysh bee fully satisfyed, and that inquiry bee made whether there bee noe other security besides M^r Powell &c.

That M^r Molins M^r Sherley & M^r Clerke or any two of them bee heerby appoynted a Com^{tee} to treat wth M^r Middleton about y^e purchase of y^e howses in Whitefryers London : & make reporte &c.

*Att a Court or meetinge of y^e Corporaⁿ for New Engl y^e 15 August
1657*

Present

Rich^d Floyd Trer
Major W^m Puckle
Ed : Wilson D^r in phe

Rich^d Hutchinson
Thomas Bell
W^m Molins
Geo Clerke

The Court consideringe y^e busines of M^r Sunderley who pleades for an Abatem^t of Rent vpon y^e House given by M^r Coysh to this Corpor : in regard he is become a legall Surety for M^r Powell late tennant to the sd houses who would not pay the same, Have therefore thought fitt y^t y^e summe of x^{li} bee allowed vnto him & the same bee referred att the next meetinge of whole Corporacon.

That a Lre bee prepared and sente in the Name of the Corporacon to M^r Tillett Desiringe him to informe the present Tenantes that it is y^e desire of this Corpor : that they should continew their Farmes, & vpon the same rent as before that if they refuse the same that then they leaue their respectiue Farmes att Mich^{mas} next [Cancelled : (if they please or without fayle att Michmas come twelve moneth)]: which formerly hath seuerall tymes beene Desired by them both by word & lre.

That W^m Stanley Jun^r bee Commissioned Trer^r for all the moneys

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collected in the County of Leicester & that Acts &c. bee sent vnto him accordingly.

That a brase of Bucks bee presented to y^e Companey of the Coopers & that John Hooper doe acquaint y^e Ma^r & Wardens therewith.

Elecon day *Att a Court or meelinge of the Corpor: for N: E:*
26 Aug 1657 y^e 26 Aug. 1657

Present

Rich: Floyd Trer
Majo^r W^m Puckle
Rich Hutchingson
Rich Young

George Clerke
Cap^t Mark Coe
Joshua Woolnough
Abra : Babington
W^m Molins

M^r Young reportes y^t in pursuance of an Order of this Court hee hath seene M^r Hogkins Will & Testam^t, but there is nothinge conteyned in the sd Will relatinge to any Guifte given by him to y^e sd Corpor :

By order of y^e 15 instant y^e sume of x^{lii} is abated M^r Sunderley for y^e houses in Pauls Church yeard. It is thought fitt that the sd 40^{li} bee allowed and confirmed.

That this Corporacon doe meete but once in 14 Dayes or sooner if there bee occasion notice beinge given by the Trer.

That Joⁿ Whiteway Esq^r bee Trer for all y^e Colleccon in the County of Dorsetsheir &c. and that a lre bee prepared & sent vnto him, to knowe whether hee will accept of the trouble; And that [Cancelled : a lre be prepared & sent] Majo^r Puckle bee Desired to speake vnto M^r Berry that hee would please to write a lre vnto him to y^t purpose.

M^r Threr propoundes that one M^r W^m Smyth is ready & willinge to sell 40 Acres of Land lying & beinge in Thesillworth worth

35th pr Annum att 18 yeares purchase, It is therevpon thought fitt and ordered that M^r Rich^d Floyd M^r Molins Majo^r W^m Puckle or any 2 of them bee Desired to repare to Islemay & veiw y^e same & treat wth y^e sd M^r Smyth concerninge y^e same & report

That Ed : Clud Esq^r bee Trer for y^e Colleccons of Nottingham-
Trea^r for sheir & y^t a lre bee prepared & sent vnto him to
Nott: know whether hee will accept thereof

That Aldr^{man} Trench bee Trear for Cambridge & Col. Castell
Tre^{as} for & M^r Pickeringe Trear^e for y^e County of Cam-
Cambridge bridge & y^t lres bee prepared & sent vnto them to
&c. know whether they will accept thereof & y^t lre^s bee sent to
D^r Arrosmith & D^r Tuckney

That y^e right Honble W^m Steele L^d Chauncellor of Ireland
Elecon Day bee continued President

26 Aug 1657 That M^r Rich^d Floyd bee continued Trer for y^e
yeare ensuinge

That Joⁿ Hooper bee continued Cler :

That Anthony Trafford bee continued Messenger

That [Cancelled: Majo^r Puckle M^r Dep: Hutchinson M^r
Babington] y^e whole Corpor: Doe Auditt y^e Accomptes of y^e
Corpor or any 5 of them, And y^t Wednesday y^e 5th of 7ber bee
the Auditt Day

That M^r Joⁿ Rolfe bee chosen in the roome & Place of M^r James
Sherley deceased

By y^e Corporaⁿ for New Engl y^e 23 of September 1657

Present

Rich^d Floyd Trear
Rich^d Hutchinson
Majo^r Willm Puckle

Willm Molins
John Rolfe

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Whereas this Corporacon haue recd. noe Acco^t from M^r Tillett of Bury in Answer vnto seuerall lres sent vnto him concerninge y^e Tenantes of Ersewell & Chamberlynes, as by the sd lres may appear

It is therevpon thought fitt & ordered that a lre bee forthwth prepared & sent vnto the sd M^r Tillett desiringe him to giue a speedy Acco^t vnto the sd Corpor. of the sd lres sent as afore-sd, and of his negotiacons wth y^e respectiue Tenantes of y^e sd Mano^r

It appearinge vnto this Corporacon vpon their veiue of the Fearme called Suffolke Place lately Purchased by them of S^r Robert Josselyn, Kt that seuerall Land markes Boundaries are wantinge vpon y^e Marsh Landes parte of the sd Purchase, whereby it might bee vnderstood how farr y^e sd Landes extend: It is therevpon thought fitt and ordered that M^r Thomas Denham present Tenant of the sd Fearme bee Desired to sett vpp three foure stones as hee shall thinke fitt, to y^e End y^e boundes & lymittes of the sd Landes may bee rightly knowen for y^e future.

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for N: E: y^e 3 of October
1657*

Present

Rich^d Floyd Trer
Maj^r Willm Puckle
John Rolfe

Abra Babington
Rich^d Hutchinson
W^m Molins

That a lre be sent vnto M^r Tillett in Answere vnto his that hee would let M^r Cheston vnderstand that the Corp: made noe such promise vnto him as he pretendes there beinge not aboue 6 Members that wold not doe it & that M^r Tillett bee Desired

to speake to M^r Cheston to giue him an Acco^t of his stocke
& y^e valew thereof

That y^e Ire now prepared to bee sent to seuerall Gentⁿ to carry
on the Colleccons in those Countyes where noe Colleccons haue
been made bee approved &c

That y^e busines about y^e houses belonging to M^r Steevens bee
Memor: taken into consideracon the next Court day.

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl y^e 24 Day
of October 1657*

Present

Rich^d Floyde Trear
Richard Hutchinson
Thomas Bell

John Rolfe
George Clerke

That it bee referred to Maj^r Puckle to consider vnto what particuler
persons menconed in the List presented by him to the Corpor to carry
on the Colleccons in those Countyes where noe Colleccons haue been made
the Ires shalbee sent, that they bee sent vnto them accordingly.

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for N: E: y^e 31 October
1657*

Present

Rich^d Floyd Trer
Rich Young
Rich^d Hutchinson

Abra : Babington
Thomas Bell
Majo^r Puckle
Joⁿ Rolfe

This Day M^r Goodwin presented a particuler of seuerall houses
lyinge in Beere lane Lond: Ordered that M^r Young M^r Bell
& M^r Rolfe & Majo^r Puckle Doe vpon Monday next y^e 2^d of

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ber next att || between 8 & || 9 of the Clocke about in y^e Custom howse.

It appearinge vnto this Court that y^e summe of 50 or 60^{li} vpon the Acco^t of this Corpor collected by M^r Morgan late of Wells in the County of Sommerset deceased remaynes in the handes of M^{rs} Morgan his relict who refuseth to pay y^e same vnto Col. Gorges one of the Trears for carryinge on the Colleccons of the sd Corpor wthin the sd County, It is therevppon thought fitt & ordered that a lre in the Name of this Corporacon bee forthwth prepared & sent vnto the sd M^{rs} Morgan Desiringe her to pay in the moneyes remayninge in her handes to y^e sd Col Gorges, Otherwise this Corporacon will endeavour to recover the same accordinge to the Powers given vnto them by the sd Act.

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corpor: for N: E: y^e 14 November
1657*

Present

Rich^d Floyd Trer
Rich^d Hutchinson
John Rolfe

Major W^m Puckle
Joshua Woolnough
W^m Molins
George Clerke

That John Hooper Clr. &c. Doe repare vnto M^r Wilsbee att Grayes Inn concer: some moneys collected in the
Memor: County of Lincolne remayninge in the handes of a Gent who refuseth to pay in the same &c.

[Cancelled: That M^r Treas^r M^r Rolfe Majo^r Puckle M^r Dep^{ty} Hutchinson M^r Molins M^r Woolnough & M^r Clerke & M^r Bell or any three of them bee appoynted a Comittee to treate wth and Conclude wth M^r Goodwyn & the rest of the Trustees for y^e purchase of y^e howses lyinge in Beere lane London & report their proceedings therevppon]

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Memor: That M^r Tillett bee Desired to procure a Coppy
of Drapers Lease

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for N: E: y^e 28 of Novemb
1657*

Present

Rich ^d Floyd Trer	Majo ^r W ^m Puckle
Rich ^d Hutchinson	Thomas Bell
Jo ⁿ Rolfe	

This Day M^r Rich^d Floyd reported that in pursuance of y^e
Vacat bec: Order & Desire of this Court of the 14 instant
y^e Corpor: y^e Com^{tee} therein menconed haue treated & Con-
doe not proceed tracted wth M^r Goodwin for the howses in Beere
Lane London valued at 120^{li} per Ann. for 13 yeares purchase
y^e Corporacon to sec[] y^e Rentes Due y^e 25 of xber next
ensuinge, wch sd Purchase was made the 20th instant. Vpon
condicion neuerthelesse if the Title appeare to bee good, &
freed from all Incumbrances, whatsouer.

To consider of M^r Williams & M^r Blackstone for fitt persons
Memor: to preach to y^e Indians in N : E : in y^e Eng

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl y^e 19 Day
of December 1657*

Present

Rich ^d Floyd Trear	Thomas Bell
John Rolfe	Geo : Clerke
Joshua Woolnough	

That a Gratulatory Ire bee sent vnto M^r Pearse of Ex : & that hee
bee Desired to informe himselfe if any other summes of money
Collected &c beein yet vnpayed. &

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*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corpor: for N: E: y^e 16 January
1657*

Present

Rich^d Floyd Trear
John Rolfe
Thomas Bell

Richard Young
Joshua Woolnough
W^m Molines

This day a Bill of Exchange Drawen vpon this Corpor: by y^e Com^{rs} for y^e Vnited Coloneyes to pay M^r Hez: Vsher 500^{li} was this day accepted, and ordered to bee payd vnto him accordingly.

That M^r Molines M^r Babington M^r Rolfe & M^r Bell or any 2 of them bee appoynted & Desired to veiwe certayne Landes & tenem^{ts} to bee sould in the Parish of Plumsted &c.

Thursday
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1657

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New
Engl the 21 of January 1657*

Present

Richard Floyd Trear
W^m Molines
Geo Clerk
Joshua Woolnough

Tho Bell
Majo^r W^m Puckle
Abra: Babington
Tho: Speed
John Rolfe

That a lre bee forthwith prepared and sent vnto M^r Pearse of Ex: to Desire him to giue an Acco^t of y^e collecon of Barnestable and that hee bee desired to make inquiry what other summes of money recd. &c, || & to send vp the Dup: || That a lre may bee sent vnto D^r Owen of Oxon & another to M^r Byfield, that they would please to perfect y^e Collecons.

That y^e Deed of Conveyance for the Fee Fearme Rentees bee Enrolled in the Office of Rolls in the Exchequer, and that it bee referred to M^r Rolfe to take care heerupon.

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That M^r Ashurst bee chosen in the roome & place of D^r Wilson Deceased & M^r Clerke is Desired to speake wth him & make report

That M^r Lythull bee pd 10^{li} in full of all demaundes &c.

Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl y^o 6 of Feb^r
1657

Present

Richard Floyd Trear

Thomas Bell

Ashurst

John Rolfe

Joshua Woolnough

George Clerke

This day M^r Ashurst appeared in Co^{rt} & accepted of the Eleccion made of him by this Corporacon.

This day M^r Vsher reported that M^r Blackleech [Cancelled:
Memorandums is not the m] is a man that hath some Generall
Nocons, but not fixed & fitted for this worke.

Reportes that M^r Stanton is a knowen man in the Indian tongue & one that y^o Com^{rs} make vse off as an Interpreter but conceiues him not bee Godly & soe qualified for the spirituall parte of this worke as hath beene suggested.

His Sonne is now maynteyned att the Colledge by the Com^{rs} &c.

[See Acts for Sept. 1659.]

It appearinge that an Estate in Land lying att Suerston in Waltham Abby Parish whereof M^r Jno Brinsford is owner is now to be sould by him, It is therevpon thought fitt and ordered that M^r Geo Clerke, M^r Joⁿ Rolfe, & M^r Thomas Bell or any two of them bee Desired to veiwe the sd Landes &c. & inquire into the Title & make report

That y^o Com^{rs} bee sent vnto M^r Stanley as is ordered before & that a Generall Lre bee sent vnto the Majo^r & Alderman

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of y^e Burrough of Leicester that they would promote the Col-
lecon &c. That a Subp^a of the Excheq^r bee taken out &
served vpon Edward Steevens Gent for moneys by him Deteyned
which were collected in the County of Lyncolne.

*Att a Court or meetinge of y^e Corpor^a for New Engl y^e 13 of Feb^r
1657*

Present

Rich^d Floyd Trear
Thomas Ayres
George Clerke
Rich^d Hutchinson

John Rolfe
Thomas Bell
Rich^d Young
Joshua Woolnough
Henry Ashurst

The Corporacon beinge this Day mett & consideringe y^e De-
sires of the Com^{rs} of y^e Vnited Coloneys that the
Bill of Exch: summe of 700^l might bee pd vnto M^r Hezekiah
for 700^l Vsher Merch^t of Boston in N. E: for carryinge on
the Indian Worke: It is therevpon thought fitt and ordered that
the sd Summe bee allowed accordingly, to bee pd in such man-
ner and accordinge Dirrecon & advise as M^r Trear M^r Hut-
chinson M^r Clerke M^r Rolfe M^r Bell & M^r Ashurst (or any 3
of them) who are appoynted a Com^{tees} to consider heerof shall
thinke fitt

That y^e Bill of Exchange drawn vpon this Corporacon by the
Com: for the Vnited Coloneys of N: E: in New England dated
19 7ber 1657 to pay M^r William Stonestreete Assignee of M^r
Robert Nanny March^t of Boston in N. E. y^e summe of 10^l
beinge for Phisicall Drugges bought of him for y^e vse of y^e Indians
there bee accepted & pd &

It is ordered that M^r Rich^d Floyd Trear of this Corporacon

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bee Desired to pay the sd summe of 10^{li} vnto the sd M^r Stone-
streete accordingly.

[A letter from Eliot, dated 8, 8, 57, is in *Some Correspondence*, p. 1.]

By the Corporaⁿ for New Engl the 27 of February 1657/8

Present

Rich^d Floyde Trear

Joshua Woolnough

Thomas Bell

Abra : Babington

Rich^d Hutchinson

Geo: Clerke

Henry Ashurst

[Cancelled: That y^e 700^{li} bee pd M^r Vsher]

M^r Thre^r reportes y^t himselfe wth the rest of the Members men-
coned in an order of this Corporacon of the 13
Report instant haue treated wth M^r Vsher about y^e tyme
and manner of pay^{mt} of y^e 700^{li} Desired by the Com^{rs} for y^e
Vnited Coloneyes to bee pd vnto him & that the sd M^r Vsher
cannot forbear paym^t in regard hee hath ordered the like
summe to bee pd by his Assignees to y^e sd Com^{rs} in N. E. wch
hee beleeves is already pd; & wth respect vnto his present oc-
casion heere: wherevpon It is ordered that the sd summe of
700^{li} bee forthwth pd; & M^r Threr is heerby ordered & De-
sired to pay the same accordingly.

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for N Engl y^e 20th of March
1657*

Present

Rich^d Floyde Trer

George Clerke

Thomas Bell

Majo^r W^m Puckle

Thomas Speed

Ordered,

That it bee referred to M^r Trear, Dep^t Hutchinson M^r C'erke

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& M^r Speed or any 3 of them to speake wth M^r Roddon
about y^e moneyes remayninge in Collecto^rs hands
Vacat in the County of Devon & to consider a way how
the same may bee recouered & report &c.

Att a Court or meetinge of y^e Corporaⁿ &c 3: Aprill 1658

Present

Rich ^d Floyd Trear	Jo: Rolfe
Thomas Bell	George Clerke
Will ^m Molins	

That a Com: bee sent vnto S^r Joⁿ Blackmore K^t Joⁿ Searle,
Joⁿ Blundell & James Pearse Esq^r & Capt. Francis Roll of
the County of Devon: or to any of them to call such persons
before them as deteyne moneyes collected for the ends &c & to
rec & giue acquittances for the same, & that a lre bee sent vnto
them accordingly to accept & doe there accordinge to the powers
giuen them in that behalfe: & y^t Jn^o Hooper Cl^r of this Cor-
poracon doe in the Name of y^e same signe & subscribe the sd
Com: & lres.

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corpor: for New Engl y^e 24 April
1658*

Present

Rich ^d Floyd Trear	Josuah Woolnough
Jo ⁿ Rolfe	George Clerke
Tho Bell	W ^m Molins

Ordered,

That a Com: bee sent vnto M^r Whiteway of Dorchester to carry
on the Colleccons of this Corporacon wthin the County of Devon
& to bee Trear for the moneyes collected &c. & y^t 5 blank Com-

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bee Desired to pay the sd summe of 10^{li} vnto the sd M^r Stone-
streete accordingly.

[A letter from Eliot, dated 8, 8, 57, is in *Some Correspondence*, p. 1.]

By the Corporaⁿ for New Engl the 27 of February 1657/8

Present

Rich ^d Floyd Trear	Joshua Woolnough
Thomas Bell	Abra : Babington
Rich ^d Hutchinson	Geo: Clerke
Henry Ashurst	

[Cancelled: That y^e 700^{li} bee pd M^r Vsher]

M^r Thre^r reportes y^t himsef wth the rest of the Members men-
Report coned in an order of this Corporacon of the 13
instant haue treated wth M^r Vsher about y^e tyme
and manner of pay^{mt} of y^e 700^{li} Desired by the Com^{rs} for y^e
Vnited Coloneyes to bee pd vnto him & that the sd M^r Vsher
cannot forbear pay^{mt} in regard hee hath ordered the like
summe to bee pd by his Assignees to y^e sd Com^{rs} in N. E. wch
hee beleeves is already pd; & wth respect vnto his present oc-
casion heere: wherevpon It is ordered that the sd summe of
700^{li} bee forthwth pd; & M^r Threr is heerby ordered & De-
sired to pay the same accordingly.

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for N Engl y^e 20th of Marci
1657*

Present

Rich ^d Floyd Trer	George Clerke
Thomas Bell	Majo ^r W ^m Puckle
Thomas Speed	

Ordered,

That it bee referred to M^r Trear, Dep^t Hutchinson M^r C

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missions bee sent vnto him for the 5 Devisions & that lres bee sent vnto M^r Henley to carry on the Colleccon in y^e West parte of y^e County & M^r Hanham in the East parte.

That another lre & Bill of Exchange bee sent vnto y^e Com^{rs} for the Vnited Coloneyes &c in M^r Pearse his shipp or M^r Lockes

[*Acts for Sept. 2, 1658; dated April 30.*]

That a lre bee prepared to bee sent vnto M^r Basnett accordinge y^e busines recomend in the sd M^r Basnets lre.

That a lre bee sent vnto M^r Augustine Skynner & M^r Darker of Darford to see what moneyes are remayninge in his handes & to giue an acco^t to the Corpor^{ns}.

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corpora^{ns} for New Engl y^e 19 of June
1658*

Present

Rich^d Floyd Trear
Joshuah Woolnough
Rich^d Hutchingson

George Clerke
L^t Col Puckle
Henry Ashurst

Ordered,

That M^r James Newman Doth forthwth repare into y^e County of Kent to see w^t moneyes are there & y^t hee rec. 2^s 6^d in the li for all such moneyes as hee shall bringe in, And y^t hee hath 2 Sup^s out of y^e Excheq^r to carry Downe wth him to serve the persons.

That Jo^{ns} Hooper doe repare vnto M^r Cox lyvinge with y^e Common Hunt in Moorefeilds & confer wth him about Trears for Wales y^e Colleccon of Wales, & to knowe w^t Trears are fitt for the Countyes or one for N: Wales & y^e other for S: Wales

That y^e lre of Attorney this Day reade whereby M^r Ackeworth

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is Empowered to serve in Chillenden wth the Dower & sup^a
for Costes & to giue acquittances for the same bee approved
Concer: M^r Thorowgoodes booke y^e Corpor: Doe not thinke
to print but to leaue it vnto himsele to Doe w^t seemeth good
vnto him.

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl y^e 28 of
June 1658*

Present

Rich ^d Floyd Trear	Henry Ashurst
M ^r Thomas Ayres	John Rolfe
Rich ^d Hutchingson	George Clerke
Rich ^d Young	Joshua Woolnogh
L ^t Col. Puckle	Abra: Babington

This day Jo: Hooper Cl^k &c. reported that hee hath spoken
wth M^r Cox who is willinge to promote the Coll: of this Corpor:
in Wales: wherevpon

It is ordered,

That the sd M^r Cox doe nominate Com^{rs} Names to carry on y^e
Collecon of this Corpor: now before hee goes out of London:
and that Com^a bee sent vnto them accordingly, and in case
they Doe not all accept thereof that then those Com^a bee re-
turned & that hee bee Desired to returne the Names of such
Gent as will accept, to the end Com^a might bee sent accordingly
That it bee referred to M^r Threr M^r Hutchinson & M^r Clerke
to consider w^t is fitt to bee allowed vnto M^r Tillett & report &c.
That Joⁿ Hooper Doe speake wth M^r Willesby & inform him
of this busines & y^e it bee referred to M^r Floyd M^r Hutchinson
& M^r Clerke to consider

Att a Court or meetinge of the Corpor: for New Engl the 5 of July
1658

Present

Rich: Floyd Threr	Henry Ashurst
Abra: Babington	George Clerke
Tho Ayres	Richard Young
Rich ^d Hutchinson	Joshua Woolnough

[Cancelled: Jo^a Hooper reported that hee had spoken wth
M^r Cox concerninge the nominatinge of Gent to
vacat carry on the Colleccons of this Corpor in the Princi-
pallity of Wales & in that it is his oppinion that it wilbee better
to finde out & returne the Names of Gent for the Corpor to
consider & approve, wch wilbee wthin 3 weekes &c.

That John Hooper Doe take a Coppy of Drapers Lease]

That Lt. Col. Puckle & M^r Molins bee Desired to repare vnto
Chamberlynes & Ersewell to veiwe the Defectes
Memor of y^e Howsinge there, & to treat wth the Tenantes
in Order to the takeinge of new Leases

That y^e summe of 5^{li} bee allowed vnto M^r Tillett as gratuity
vnto him for his paines includinge his Charges in y^e sd busines
and excludinge his Salary

That a lre bee forthwth prepared & sent vnto M^r Bodle of Ten-
Moneys in terden desiringe him to Demaund & rec the moneyes
the hand of subscribed &c. & to giue Discharges for the same,
Serg King & to giue Discharges for the same,
to ad money & that hee send the sume vnto M^r Richard Floyd,
& Jon Treasurer.
Coleman att
Ham Street

That M^r Tillett bee Desired to give order to the
Tenantes att Chamberlynes to provyde Tymber for repare of
the barne & stable and Disburse the moneyes out of y^e rent &
that hee forthwth repare y^e barne & let the other alone vntill
the Members come downe.

That a lre bee forthwth sent vnto M^r Bankes to knowe whether any moneyes hath beene pd in vnto him since hee made vpp his last Acco^t.

That it bee referred vnto M^r Hutchinson & M^r Clerke to inquire
Lynclone- concernynge the readynes & willingnes of Cap^t
sheire Stone of Burrow, M^r W^m Doman of Offington
in the County of Lynclone & M^r Mathias Browne of Hooblinge
neere Boston in Holland or to finde out fitt persons to perfect
the Colleccons wthin the County of Lyncolne & report.

That it bee referred to M^r Ashurst to fynde out fitt Trears for
Lancasheir carryinge on the Colleccons in the County of Lan-
y^e 4 caster [Cancelled: & that Com^a be sent vnto
Northerne them] & the fouer Northerne Countyes &c & Chester
Countyes

That Jo^a Hooper doe speake wth M^r att the Prest howse
to knowe whether hee hath heard anythinge from
Memorandums S^r John Blackmore &c concerninge the moneyes
consealed there

That a lre bee sent vnto M^r Steevens of Vpper Lypiat in Glou-
cester that hee please to promote the busines or send the Actes
vp &c.

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corpor: for New Engl y^e 19th of July
1658*

Present

Rich^d Floyd Trer
Rich^d Hutchinson
Rich^d Young
W^m Molines

Joshua Woolnough
John Rolfe
Lt Col. W^m Puckle

That a lre bee forthwth prepared and sent vnto M^r James Wils-
bee of Spaldinge in Coun Lyncolne, to knowe w^t moneyes M^r
Edward Steevens pd vnto him vpon the Acco^t of the Corpor:

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by the appoyntm^t of his Brother John Wilsby Esq^r & to knowe whether hee Did not giue M^r Steevens a receipt for the same. That a lre of thanks bee in y^e Name &c returned vnto M^r Cox & M^r Bowen : That y^e Corpor : doe approve of their consultacon wth M^r Craddocke M^r Walker & other Godly Devynes by whose meanes the Corporacon hope that such fitt persons may bee found out in Wales as wilbee wilinge to promote the Collecons in y^e seuerall Countyes And he bee Treas for y^e moneys collected therevpon, And that they returne y^e Names of such Gent : as y^e [cancelled: good] those Ministers [cancelled: in each county] wth others they shall recommend y^m to shall approve off. That a lre bee forthwth prepared & sent vnto M^r Raddom that hee would please to giue an Acco^t of y^e Busines committed to S^r John Blackmore & others concerninge the consaled moneys in Devon

That a lre bee sent vnto D^r Owen that y^e [Cancelled: 100^{li}] money subscribed by the Delegates may be collected and payd That if Cap^t Chillenden Doe not pay in the moneys due vnto
y^e Corpor: vpon their Decree obteyned ag^t him in
Vacat y^e Excheq^r on or before Thursday next that the
Proces of the sd Court bee issued out ag^t him. .

That L^t Col. Puckle bee Desired wth any one Member as hee shall thinke fitt to attend y^e L^d Whalley concerninge the Amt of x^{li} per Annum promised to bee Given & settled by him vppon this Corporacon, and knowe his answeere therein

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New England y^e Second
of Aug. 1658*

Present

Rich^d Floyde Trer
Joshua Woolnough
Rich^d Young

Joⁿ Rolfe
Geo: Clerke

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Ordered that Ed. Ackworth doe forthwth repare into the Countyes of Sussex Surrey, Middlesex, Berks & Bucks & see w^t moneys remayne in Collectors handes vnpayd & take an Acco^t thereof & cause the same to bee pd into the Treasury of this Corporacon for which hee is contented to rec the summe of ij^s vj^d in y^e pound and not otherwise

Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl y^e 14 day of August 1658

Present

Rich ^d Floyd Trear	Rich ^d Hutchinson
Willm Molins	John Rolfe
Tho Bell	Geo Clerke

That Elecon & Auditt day bee y^e 30 of Aug. instant & that the Acco^{t^m} bee prepared ag^t that day

Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl y^e 30 of August 1658.

Present

	Richard Floyd Trear	Henry Ashurst
	George Clerke	John Rolfe
Elecon Day	M ^r Alderman Smyth	Rich ^d Hutchinson
1658 att	Richard Young	L Col. Puckle
M ^r Clerkes		Josh: Woolnough
att Hackney		

That John Hooper doe repare vnto M^r Joⁿ Rolfe wth all the Bondes concer: Col Bedingfealdes in relacon to the Land Purchased of him by the Corporacon that some course might bee taken wth him concerninge the Arreares of rent due vnto the Corpor:

To call for the lre in M^r Threr^e handes sent vnto him by Col. Bedingfeald concerninge the accknowldgmt of the Rent.

That y^e summe of 05^{li} bee pd vnto M^r Ackworth vpon Acco^t towards his travell charges &c into y^e Countyes of Middlesex Surrey &c.

That a lre of thanks bee sent vnto M^r Whiteway of Dorcester to desire him to receive the moneys & bee carefull in w^t hee can to procure the Dupl

That a lre bee sent vnto M^r Peck minister of Husband-bos worth in Leicestersheire to promote the Colleccons of the Corpor: in the sd County

That Jo : Hooper doe repare to M^r Cox & confer wth him about
 Memor: the fitnes of the persons presented by him to carry
 on the Colleccons wthin y^e Dominions of Wales
 & acquaint M^r Threr & M^r Hutchinson wth the same

That Jo : Hooper doe repare vnto M^r Crew of North^{ton} his
 Memor: lodginge is Lyncolne Inn feilds & know whether
 hee will vndertake to carry on the Colleccons of
 this Corporacon wth y^e County of North^{ton} & tell him y^t M^r
 Ashurst intendes to wayte vpon him.

That a lre bee prepared & sent vnto M^r Cludd to carry on the
 Colleccons in Nottinghamshire or send vpp the Names of some
 fitt persons.

Ordered,

That y^e right Hon^{ble} the L^d Steele bee & is heerby chosen and
 appoynted President of the Corporacon for the ensuinge yeare

That M^r Richard Floyd bee & is heerby chosen & appoynted
 trear for the Corpor: for the yeare ensuinge

That John Hooper bee continued Clerke of y^e Corpor & y^e
 same salaryes bee continued

That M^r Anthoney Trafford bee appoynted Messenger and
 that y^e former salary allowed him bee continued

Whereas by an Order of this Corpor: of y^e fite July 1658 L^t

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Col. Puckle & M^r Molines were ordered & Desired to repara into y^e County of Suffolke to veiwe the defectes of the housinge att y^e Mano^{rs} of Ersewell & Chamberlynes: It is now thought fitt and ordered that M^r Dep^t: Hutchinson M^r Molins & L^t Col. Puckle or any two of them bee desired to repara therether & take a veiw of the sd Defectes & treat wth the Tenants for new Leases, or wth any other y^t they shall thinke fitt: & report &c: that they treat about y^e Barne profered to bee sould by Geeson & the Land vpon which it stands &, if they iudge it necessary & fitt for the Fearme, to buy the same to proceed accordingly, & that it bee pd for out of the moneys remayninge in their handes, And that a Court be called if possible, & that M^r Tillett haue notice of the Corporacons desires heerein, to meete the sd Members

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl the 4th of
October 1658*

Present

Rich^d Floyd Trear
Erasmus Smyth
Rich^d Young
Joshua Woolnough
Tho Bell

Joⁿ Rolfe
Will^m Molins
Abraham Babington
Rich^d Hutchinson
Geo: Clarke

That M^r Samuell Wanley of Leicester bee nominated & ap-
Trears for poynted Trear to carry on the Collecons of this
Leicestersheir Corporacon wthin the sd County in the roome
& place of M^r Stanley formerly appoynted Trear.

That Col Thomas Wayte of Orton vpon y^e Hill in y^e County
of Rutland bee nominated & appoynted Trear
Rutland to carry on the Collecons wthin the County aforesd.

That Joⁿ Bowen & Griffith Bowen of Swanzey in Glamorgan-

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sheire Esq^{rs} bee appoynted Trears for y^e Colleccons of South
Wales

And that Sr John Carter, Col John Twislet, Alderman Robertes of Holl & Cap^t Santley. of Wrexam bee Trears for North Wales

That a lre bee sent to M^r Thorrowgood to let him vnderstand that y^e busines was moved De Novo & that the Corpor desire him to send vp y^e Manuscript to the end it may bee perused.

[Thomas Thorrowgood's second tract on *Jews in America*, with "An Accurate Discourse of Mr. John Elliot" was printed for Henry Browne in 1660.]

*Att. a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl y^e 18 of
October 1658*

Present

Rich^d Floyd Trear
Willm Molins
Erasmus Smyth
Rich^d Hutchinson
L^t Col. W^m Puckle

Henry Ashurst
George Clarke
Richard Young
Joshua Woolnough

Ordered,

That Joⁿ Hooper Clerk of this Corporacon Doe attend L^t Col. Puckle and take a report from him concerninge y^e viewe & survey of the Mano^{rs} of Ersewell & Chamberlynes, &c.

That consideracon be had & taken by this Corporacon concerninge y^e 400 Acres of Land belonginge to y^e Man^{or}

Mem: of Ersewell lyinge neere the Parish of Empden in the County of of w^{ch} sd land noe vse is made by y^e present Tenant M^r Cheston & therefore to consider y^e ymprovemt thereof least it bee lost for want & clayme & tillage.

That consideracon be had of provydinge a Tenant for the Man^{or} of Chamberlynes in asmuch as it appeares that y^e present Tenant is not only in g^{rt} arreare of Rent but hath noe stocke

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vpon y^e Fearme to ymprove the same but letes out y^e Sheepwalkes to others.

The Corporacon beinge informed that M^r Willsbee refuseth to pay y^e money in his hand before that M^r Edward Steevens Defendant to y^e Bill exhibited by this Corporacon for moneys by him Deteyned w^{ch} were subscribed & collected yn the County of Lyncolnne have answered vpon this day Doe order that Joⁿ Hooper doe forthwth prepare & send a lre vnto the sd M^r Edward Steevens desiringe him to make answeere vnto the sd Bill this Terme. That a lre bee prepared & sent vnto M^r Steevens Trear appoynted for carryinge on the Collecons of this Corporacon within y^e County of Glouster, to knowe his answeere whether hee intendes to promote the sd Collecons & to bee Trear as aforesd & y^t y^e sd lre bee Dld vnto M^r Ashurst who hath promised y^t y^e same shalbee Dld in to y^e handes of the sd M^r Stevens.

Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New England the first day of November 1658

Present

Rich^d Floyd Trear
Erasmus Smyth
Richard Young
Joshua Woolnough

Will^m Molines
George Clarke
L^t Col. Puckle

That a lre be sent vnto S^r John Carter lyvinge at Gresford (to bee lefte wth the Post ma^r of Wrexam to bee conveyed) that hee would please to accept of a Com: & to bee Trear for North Wales

To speake wth M^r Tillett that a Court may be called att Ersewell & that the Tennantes may set forth the boundes of the Fearme vpon their Oath.

Memor:

C: Northumberland busines

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*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl y^e 27 9ber
1658*

Present

Rich ^d Floyd Trer	Jo ⁿ Rolfe
Rich ^d Young	Henry Ashurst
Rich ^d Hutchinson	George Cleark

This day M^r Treare communicated a lre to the Court wch hee recd. from S^r John Carter K^t wherein hee Declares his willingnes to accept of a Commission from this Corporacon & to carry on the Collecons of the same wthin the Devision of North wales, & to bee Trear for such moneyes as shalbee therevpon collected.

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl y^e 18 of
December 1658*

Present

Rich ^d Floyd Trear	Josuah Woolnough
Willm Molins	George Clerke
Rich ^d Hutchinson	Henry Ashurst
	Tho Bell

That M^r Molines & M^r Clerke bee Desired to repare vnto M^r Jn^o Wilsbee of Grayes Inn & acquaint him wth M^r Steevenes Answere & desire that hee would take care to pay the money mencōned in the sd Answere &c.

That whereas y^e summe of 10^{li} or 12^{li} is in the handes of M^r Bilstrodd w^{ch} was sent him by M^r Moyne, Trear for y^e County of Bucks, which money the sd M^r Bilstrood will not pay vnlesse the Corporacon will giue him a full discharge,

It is therevpon ordered that a lre bee prepared & sent vnto the sd M^r Moyne, to let him knowe that it is not the practise of this Corporⁿ to giue such Acquittances in regard moneyes

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may come to his hand vpon that Acco^t hee beinge knowen to bee Trear for the Collescons of the sd County.

That a lre bee prepared & sent vnto Do^r Conaunt Vice Chancellor of Oxon to Desire that hee would please to revive the Subscripcions of the Delegates of the sd University & to Desire him to conferr wth D^r Owen in whose tyme the sd Subscripcion was made & that a lre bee sent vnto M^r Byfeild to Desire his assistance & furtherance in this busines & that the sd lre bee Dld vnto M^r Ashurst & M^r Clerke who are Desired to speake wth D^r Reynolds therein

That 40^s bee allowed M^r Ackworth for his paines in servinge Cap^t Chillenden, &c.

Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for N Engl the 14th January 1658

Present

Rich^d Floyde Trear

W^m Molins

Rich^d Hutchinson

George Clerke

Jn^o Rolfe

Tho: Bell

That this Corporacon doe expect that the Generall lre subscribed by the Com^{rs} for the Vnited Coloneys bee
Memorandum sent ouer &c.

That y^e Bill of Exchange drawn by the Com^{rs} for y^e Vnited Coloneys vpon this Corporacon for the summe of 500^{li} bee accepted and pd accordingly.

Deferred untill y^e next shipp come w^{ch} wilbe wthin 14 or 20 Dayes..

The Bill pd 29 Feb^r 1658 to M^r Harwood.

That Joⁿ Hooper Cler in case Cap^t Chillenden come to him about his Composicon to let him knowe that the Corpor Doe not intend to treat vpon any Composicon wth him: & therefore let him doe wt hee please: And in case hee hath any thinge

to propound to the Corpor: let him draw it in writinge & Dl the same vnto Jo^a Hooper

That M^r Derham Doe propound in writinge vnto the Corporacon
 Memorandum w^t Tymber hee demaundes for buildinge the house
 vpon y^e top of the Hill & for inlardginge the kitchen of the Dwellinge house hee now lyves in: & how many foote in breadth & length the sd: Howses shalbee & Jo^a Hooper Cl: &c is to acquaint him heerwth.

Whereas a particuler of seuerall houses lyinge in y^e Parish of S^t Brides London was this day presented

It is ordered that M^r Trear M^r Molins, L^t Col. Puckle, M^r Clerke M^r Hutchinson M^r Rolfe M^r Bell or any three of them bee Desired to repare & veiwe the sd houses & to treat & report the same.

That Jo^a Hooper doe Deliver the Manuscript vnto M^r Broome [cancelled: by] accordinge to M^r Thorogoods Ire & take his hand for the same

[See the meeting for Oct. 4.]

All a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl the fiftē day of February 1658

Present

Rich^d Floyd Trer
 Rich^d Hutchinson
 L^t Col. W^m Puckle
 Joshua Woolnough

George Clerk
 Erasmus Smyth Esq^r
 Henry Ashurst
 Tho Speed

That the Com^{tees} Members of this Corporacon who were Desired by an Order of the 14 of February last to veiwe the howses in Brides Parish London Doe accordinge to the Encouragem^t they recd. concerninge the value of them from M^r Parry proceed to y^e veiw & treat & report &c

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That y^e Generall lre M^r Endecott & M^r Eliot of y^e 11 of xber 1658 together wth y^e Printed Shett Intituled helps for the Indians &c And the Epitomy of Exhortacon Delyvered by y^e Indians att a fast & the abreviacon of M^r Mahews Manuscript bee presented vnto M^r [Cancelled: Calamy] Reynold that hee would please to Drawe vp a short Epistle to the same & Methodize the whole for the presse And this is especially recommended to the care of M^r Floyd M^r Ashurst & M^r Clerke.

[The letters from the Commissioners, Sept. 22, 1658; Eliot, Dec. 10 and 28; and Endicott, Dec. 28; with the Epitomy of a day of fasting at Natick, Nov. 15; and *Some Helps* by Abraham Pierson, were published as *A further Accompt*, with an introductory epistle by Rev. Edward Reynolds, dated April 1.]

Mem M^r Smyth propounded to speake wth a Printer & to report.

[*A further Accompt* was printed by M. Simmons.]

Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl y^e 26 of Feb^r 1658

Present

Rich^d Floyd Trer
Joⁿ Rolfe
Rich^d Hutchinson

L^t Coll W^m Puckle
Henry Ashurst
Tho Bell
Joshua Woolnough

M^r Floyd reportes that in pursuance of & accordinge to y^e Order & Desire of this Court of y^e Haue attended Doc. M^r Reynolds wth the lre & Papers in y^e sd Order menconed & that the sd D^r is willinge to peruse & methodize & prepare an Epistle & that his heart is in the worke &

That 3000 of the bookes in D^r Reynolds hands bee printed To acquaint y^e D^r y^t y^e sd Bible is printinge in the Indian Language y^t hee would mencon in y^e Epistle &c

That a lre bee sent to M^r Steephens to Desire him to procure a receipte vnder the handes of M^r James Willesby with the moneys collected for y^e Indian vse.

Memor: to be inserted in y^e Generall lre. That y^e New Testament bee printed in the Indian Language first beefore the old.

Memor: That M^r Harwood bee Desired to attend the next meetinge of the Court

That John Hooper speake wth M^{rs} Symondes about y^e printinge of the 1500 bookes

Memor: Resolved that Jn^o Hooper doe not attend or giue meetinge to M^r Chillendens Creditors.

Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New England the 19 day of March 1658/9

Present

Richard Floyd Trer
Thomas Bell
Richard Hutchinson
John Rolfe
Joshua Woolnough

W^m Molins
Erasmus Smyth Esq^r
L^t Col. Will^m Puckle
Geo Clerke
Henry Ashurst

Memor: M^r Thomson dwells in Pauls Church yeard att the signe of the White horse

M^r Floyde M^r Ashurst & M^r Clerke or any 2 of them desired to attend D^r Reynolds & to let him vnderstand that

Memor: the Corpor: doe not thinke fitt to print M^r Mahews Manuscript, & to giue him thankes in the Corpor^e Name for his panes.

That this Corpor: doe concurr wth y^e Com^{rs} as to the printinge of the Bible in the Indian tounge, & that they

Memo: for the Generall lre bee Desired to print the New testament first: consideringe the Difficulty & Charge

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And that a Catalogue of the seuerall vtensills to bee vsed in printinge bee allsoe sent over & that if one of those bee wantinge, it will spoyle the whole & therefore

That y^e title [Cancelled: Page] of the booke bee referred to D^r Reynolds & that one of the last bookes bee presented vnto him

That y^e Dedecacon of the new booke bee accordinge to y^e effect of the last booke

That there bee a Postscript att the End of the booke now to bee printed to intimate that the bible is now alsoe about to bee printed in the Indian Language

That when y^e Corporacon wayte vpon his Highnes wth the bookes, That they desire him to graunt the duty of Custom & Excise, for paper to bee free in regard of their Charge of printinge y^e Bible.

And that his Highnes bee allsoe Desired to commend it vnto the Judges that they in their respectiue Printes Doe give [Cancelled: notice that the moneys collected for the Indian Worke] in Charge to the judges that they inquire what panes haue been employed in collectinge moneys in the seuerall Hundreds & Devisions of the Countyes & that such moneyes as remaine in their hands, may bee by them forthwth paid to the Trears ap-
poynted for that purpose.

That it bee referred to M^r Floyde & M^r Ashurst to consider Instrucons of a Letter to be prepared & sent in Answer to the for y^e Com^{rs} general lre
Generall lre

[Acts for Sept. 1, 1659; dated May 7.]

M^r Edward Godfrey recommendes vnto the Corporacon M^r Jn^o Brock as a fitt person to bee Employed in the Indian Worke; And that it bee allsoe menconed in the General

Letter that some able & fitt persons bee sent to preach vnto the Indians residinge towards the East.

Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New England the 7 of May 1659

Present

Richard Floyd Trer
Erasmus Smyth Esq^r
Richard Young
Joⁿ Rolfe

Richard Hutchinson
George Clerke
Tho Bell
Willm Molins

That a lre of thankes bee sent in the Name of this Corporacon vnto M^r Jn^o Eliott for his greate paines in printing the Indian Worke

That o6 Letters bee sent vnto M^r Killingworth for him to send them to such Gen^t as hee shall thinke fitt to promote the Colleccon in the County of Northumberland & that M^r Killingworth bee Desired to send his owne Desires along wth them

That 50 bookes bee sent to y^e Com^{rs} for the Vnited Coloneys in New England to bee Disposed as they thinke fitt

That M^r Jn^o Purcheon of Killingworth in Coun: Northumberland bee authorised by lre of Attorney to aske Demand & receive the Fee Fearme Rentes of the Prebend of Binchester & that hee bee ympowered to receive moneys vppon y^e Colleccons & pay the same vnto M^r Milbanke

28 May 1659

That M^r Dep Hutchinson bee Desired to speake wth M^r Cayley that hee would write his lre to M^r Speed & Memor: M^r Parkes Minister of Chichester to promote y^e Colleccons in that Citty and allsoe to knowe the name of the Mayo^r y^t a lre might bee sent vnto him & y^e Aldermen.

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*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl y^e 13 of May
1659*

Present

Rich ^d Floyd Trear	Abraham Babington
Thomas Ayres	Will ^m Molines
Rich ^d Hutchinson	L ^t Col. W ^m Puckle
Henry Ashurst	Jn ^o Rolfe
Thomas Bell	Joshua Woolnough
Erasmus Smyth Esq ^r	Geo Clerke

It appearinge vnto this Corporacon vpon the report of M^r Babington who re^{ed} his Informacon from M^r Joⁿ Bushrodd Sen^r that the Colleccons are retarded in the County of Dorset

Ordered, that a lre bee forthwth sent to y^e sd M^r Bushroods Dwellinge in Dorcester to intimate vnto him that y^e Actes &c were long since sent vnto M^r Whiteway & that M^r Bushrod bee Desired to communicate y^e same vnto M^r Bennister of Dorcester And that M^r Bushrod bee Desired to speake wth M^r Whiteway about the same.

That y^e Lycense this Day reade concerning y^e [Cancelled: transfer of M^r E. Barnards Lease] Assigninge of M^r Barnards Lease of his House lying bet King & Rydestowe vnto M^r Highlord bee allowed & approved And that the Common Seale of this Corporacon bee affixed to the sd Lycense.

That a lre bee [Cancelled: sent vnto M^r Crabb in answer vnto Mem: noe his] prepared to bee sent vnto y^e Pres^{dt} of this Cor- lre sent poracon, &c & y^t 25 bookes bee sent vnto him.

That it bee referred to M^r Threr M^r Hutchinson & M^r Rolfe to consider if the title of y^e Land proferrd to bee sold vnto this Corpor: by M^r Cogan bee void & proceed to the Purchase

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thereof accordingly: the sd land worth xl^s per Annum rent, for wch 20 yeares Purchase is Demanded by M^r Cogan, who resolved in Court to make noe Abatem^t.

All a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl the 18 June
1659

Present

Richard Floyd Trear
George Clerke
Joⁿ Rolfe

Joshua Woolnough
Rich^d Young

That Joⁿ Hooper doe attend M^r Atkyns Counsellour at law wth M^r Anscombes Answere to the Corporacones Bill in the Excheq^r & knowe his sence therevpon whether the Corpor: may not goe to a hearinge vpon Bill & Answere.

That a lre bee sent vnto M^r Anscombe that hee bee Desired
M^r Threr to pay in the moneyes confessed by him in his An-
is desired swere to prevent charge, & that hee pay the Charges
to send this lre of the Suite

To take security of Cap^t Chillenden to y^e Corporacons vse for the summe of 32^{li} 15^s to bee pd vpon wednesday next at the new dwellinge howse of M^r Rich^d Floyde in Cheapside, London, & his Bond for the rest of money to bee pd att four or sixe monethes.

That a lre bee sent vnto M^r Cludd to carry on the Colleccons in the County of Nottingham & that hee bee Desired to finde out fitt persons residinge wthin that County to bee Joynt Treasurers wth him & that a booke bee sent vnto him wch was last printed.

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*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl ye 13 day
of August 1659*

Present

Rich^d Floyd Trer Joⁿ Rolfe
Geo Clerke
Henry Ashurst

That Joⁿ Hooper doe send the Coppys of y^e Bill & Repl. vnto
M^r Ed. Steevens.

*Att a Court or meetinge of y^e Corporaⁿ for New Engl ye 20 August
1659*

Present

Rich^d Floyd Trear Rich^d Young
Joⁿ Rolfe W^m Molines
L^t Col. W^m Puckle Geo Clerke

It is ordered that Joⁿ Hooper Cl of this Corporacon doe send
vnto M^r Ed. Steevens y^e Coppys of y^e Corpor: Bill & Repl.
Ex^{ts} in y^e Excheq^r ag^t him.

That once in the yeare either in July or Aug. this Corporacon
doe take a veiwe & survey of their howses & Lands in or neere
the Citty of London.

That y^e Eleccion & Auditt Day for this Corpor: bee & is heerby
ordered & appoynted on or vpon the Second Day of September
next.

That L^t Col. Puckle one of the Members of this Corpor: bee
Desired to write to M^r Linclone of Thetford that hee would
please to ymprove his vtmost to procure a Tenant for the
Mannor of Chamberlynes in y^e parish of Ersewell in y^e County
of Suffolke.

Eleccion day
2^d Septem.
1659

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New
Engl y^e Second of September 1659*

Present

Richard Floyd Trear	L ^t Col. Puckle
Rich ^d Hutchinson	John Rolfe
Richard Young	George Clerke
Abra: Babington	W ^m Molines
Joshua Woolnough	Tho Speed

That M^r Lythall Doe peruse the Bookes and see w^t Parishes wthin the Citty of London are vncollected, and to carry Bookes to the Ministers of the sd Parishes & to Desire them to promote the sd Collecons and in case they desire satisfaccon concerning this busines that they would repare vnto M^r Richard Floyd or att the meetinge of this Court att Coop^m Hall

[Cancelled: That a lre be prepared and sent vnto M^r John Steevens Trear for this Corporacon in the County of]

Memor:
That it bee referrd to M^r Clerke & M^r Rolfe Members of this Corporacon to attend M^r John Steevens att his comminge to Towne the next Terme & knowe whether hee doth not intend to promote the Collecons of this Corporacon wthin the sd County of Gloucester & to treat wth him about the sale of the howses in Threedneedle streete neere the Exchange

That W^m Steele Esq^r bee againe chosen President of this Corporacon for the yeare ensuinge

That M^r Rich^d Floyd bee againe chosen Trear for this Corporacon for the yeare ensuinge

That John Hooper bee againe Chosen Cl of this Corpor: for y^e ensuinge yeare

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That Anthony Trafford bee againe Chosen Messenger to the sd Corporacon wth two fore menconed Officers are allowed y^e Salary formerly appropriated.

That a lre bee in y^e Name of y^e Corpor: prepared & sent to M^r President to let him vnderstand that y^e Corpor haue made choise of him againe: & y^t bookes be sent & y^e Names of y^e Members & Officers Names bee sent.

This Day y^e Corporacon beinge mett & haveinge considered
Memorand y^e Acco^{ts} presented by M^r Crabb for an Allowance of
24^{li} by him Disbursed in Defendinge seuerall suites
of Law, of the sd Corpor: havinge y^e same vnder consideracon
cannot as yet resolve therevppon

That a lre bee prepared & sent to M^r Daniell Bradford Cl
of y^e Com^{tees} of y^e County of Norfolke that hee would [Can-
celled: please] declare his willingnes to || accept of a Com to ||

Memo: a collect y^e moneyes subscribed in the seuerall Hun-
lre prepared dreds of Norfolk & to employ such as he shall thinke
but not sent good, who [Cancelled: are to bee mnteyned as hee
by L^t C. shall iudge fitt] shall bee satisfied for their paynes
Puckles therein And to inquire w^t moneys remayne in
advice

Collectors hands & to certify the same & that the sd lre bee
Signed by L^t Col. Puckle one of the Members of the same.

That M^r Molins bee Desired to speake wth S^r Arthur Hesilrigg
in reference to M^r Sam Wanleys lre that hee would please to
write his lre to y^e Justices of the sd County to promote the
Collecons of this Corporacon wthin the same.

Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl y^e 8 of October

1659

Present

Rich^d Hutchinson

Tho Bell

Abrm: Babington

Geo Clerke

W^m Molines

Erasmus Smyth

Rich^d YoungJo^a Rolfe

Joshua Woolnough

Henry Ashurst

Thomas Speed

L^t Col. Puckle

M^r Ashurst chosen Trear in the roome & place of M^r Floyde late Trear of this Corpor: Deceased

That M^r Trear M^r Hutchinson M^r Clerke M^r Babington L^t Col. Puckle or any two wth the Trear bee Desired vpon Monday next att 3 of the Clock in y^e afternoone to speake Alderman Warner & M^r Blundell Executors of y^e last Will & Testament of M^r Floyde late Trear of this Corpor: that they would please to Delyuer vnto the sd M^r Trear y^e moneyes from Chest Evidences bookes Mapps Surveys &c. & doe send the same to M^r Trears howse & to meete at M^r Babingtons in Grace Church streete.

And to report their proceedinges heeron at the next meetinge of this Court.

That notice bee giuen vnto the respectiue Tennantes that they pay their rent vnto M^r Ashurst.

Att a Court or meetinge of the Corpor for New Engl y^e 17 of 8ber
59.

-Present

Henry Ashurst Trer

Erasmus Smyth Esq^rRich^d Young

Thomas Ayres

Abra: Babington

Thomas Bell

John Rolfe

W^m Molines

Geo Clerke

Rich^d Hutchinson

Josuah Woolnough

M^r Trer reportes that in pursuance of an Order of this Court himselfe wth &c repared vnto M^r Ald'am Warner & M^r Warner

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[*i.e.* Blundell] Executors of the last Will & Testam^t of M^r Floyd that hee would please to D^r the moneyes Evidences &c mentioned in the sd Order vnto M^r Ashurst Trear vnto w^{ch} y^e sd M^r Sheriffe & M^r Blundell replied that vpon Wednesday next they shalbee in a capacity to giue a more positie Answere then at present they can.

That a lre be forthwth sent vnto M^r Eliot to intimate vnto him y^e receipte of his wth 2 inclosed manuscripts & to Desire him to expedite the printinge of the New Testam^t in the Indian language, accordinge to y^e Corporacons Desires intimated in their lre vnto y^e Com for the vnited Col y^e 7 May 1659: a transcript of w^{ch} sd lre is to be sent vnto y^e sd M^r Eliot: & y^t y^e Corpor: haue not had tyme to peruse y^e papers: & that they have rec^d noe lres from y^e Com^{rs} for y^e vnited Coloneyes.

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New England the 22
October 1659*

Present

Henry Ashurst Trear
Josuah Woolnough
L^t Col. W^m Puckle

John Rolfe
Richard Young
Richard Hutchinson

The Corporacon haue ordered that a discharge bee giuen vnto y^e Executors of M^r Rich^d Floyd when the remaynder of moneyes in their handes over above y^e 950^{li} now remayninge in seuerall Members handes bee prepared & pd vnto this Corpor: And, It is ordered that this Corporacon doe accept of the seuerall notes of moneyes sent vnto the sd respectiue Members, as soe much rec^d in pte of a greater sume of y^e sd Executors, and that one Discharge bee giuen for all.

That Joⁿ Hooper doe vpon Monday next attend M^r Clerke y^e serieant about the particuler of the Purchase of an Estate lyinge

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in Northampton sheir And to know the lowest rate: And that L^t Col. Puckle bee Desired to consider of the Landes now to be sold in Playsto: & to bringe in a particuler thereof

That it bee referr^d to M^r Trear M^r Hutchinson & L^t Col. Puckle to peruse y^e 2 Manuscriptes sent from New Eng. & see whether the same bee fitt to bee printed, and report.

This day Cap^t Chillenden pd. the Corporacon the summe of
Cap^t x^{li} beinge in pte of a greater summe: And hath
Chillenden x^{li} promised to pay x^{li} more this day three weekes.

*Att a Court or meetinge of y^e Corpor: for New Engl y^e 19 of 9ber
1659*

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer

W^m Molines

Thomas Speed

George Clerke

John Rolfe

Tho Bell

Erasmus Smyth

Rich^d Hutchinson

It is this day ordered that the Bill of Exchange drawn vpon this Corporacon by the Com^{rs} for the Vnited Coloneys of New England Dat for the summe of 800^{li} beinge for the like rec^d of M^r Vsher there bee accepted and p^d accordingly.

That M^r Trear: Dep^{ty} Hutchinson M^r Smyth M^r Babington & L^t Col. Puckle or any two of them bee Desired to attend M^r Shreiff Warner, about the moneys in his & M^r Blundells handes: & report

The Corpor vpon consideracon of the Purchase of the Landes in Northhamptonsheir Doe agree to giue 1800^{li} to bee Tyth free, & to procure a good Tenant att the present yearely rent & [Cancelled: giue collateral security to answer for paym^t] the sellor to take a Lease thereof for 21 yeares & y^t the Barne conditioned to bee taken off att the End of the present Tennantes Terme may not bee removed.

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Att a Court or meetinge of the Corpor: for New Engl the 3 of December 1659

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer

Josuah Woolnough

John Rolfe

L^t Col. W^m Puckle

Rich^d Young

Thomas Bell

Erasmus Smyth Esq^r

M^r Trer reportes that hee hath spoken wth M^r Blundell &c
M^r Tillett reportes that in pursuance of an order passed by,
&c. Hee had a warr^t in Mich^{as} 1659 to confesse a Jugem^t for
500^l for the rent of Chamberlynes &c.

Tooke out a *faere fac* to seize, & did accordingly seize by the
Sheriffe: findes y^e goodes to be worth in corne &c, about 100^l.
That hee wth the Sheriffe Distreyned y^e sheep beinge 900 & other
cattell &c.

The persons y^t owne y^e sheepe Desire y^t y^e Sheepe may remane
vntill y^e 1st of January next & haue promised the sheriffe

That corne not valued, but conceiues it worth 210^l.

Wiston y^t hath corne there in the Barne is run away but his
corne is Distreyned as allsoe a barne of Hay belonging vnto
him conteyning two Bayes

Cranes Houshold Goods not worth aboue 20^l

The wooll is Silletts beinge the clippinge of 200 sheep valued
at about

Att a Court or meetinge of the Corpor: for New Engl the 20 December 1659

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer

Erasmus Smyth Esq^r

Col. W^m Puckle

[George Clerke: Cancelled]

John Rolfe

Rich^d Young

Joshua Woolnough

Tho Speed

Thomas Bell

W^m Molines

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The Corpor: being informed that a considerable Estate in Lands is given vnto this Corpor: by Hesilrige of Leicestersheire Esq^r, Ordered that M^r Molins M^r Speed & M^r Rolfe or any 2 of them bee desired to repara vnto the Prerogative Office & serch for the sd Will & reade & report the [Cancelled: sume] the contentes thereof

That the Ire of Attorney this day prepared for ympowringe & authorizinge Col. Puckle & M^r Rolfe to repara vnto Ersewell in Suffolk about the busines of the sd Corporacon which was this Day reade bee & is hereby approved & accordingly Ordered that the Common Seale of this Corporacon bee therevnto affixed

That the Mapp of the sd Manno^m bee carryed Downe to Ersewell &c.

The Corporacon hauinge perused the Manuscripts lately sent from New England concer: the Indians confessions before their admittance into the Church, Doe think fitt that the sd Manuscripts bee printed & in Order heervnto M^r Trer is Desired wth such other of the Members of this Corpor: as hee shall thinke fitt to repara vnto M^r Caryll y^e Minister that hee would please to Drawe & prepare an Epistle to y^e same.

That the particuler of an Estate in landes now presented by M^r Trer lyinge neere S^t Albans bee by him considered & that hee bee Desired to speake wth the seller of the Land & know his lowest value & report.

Ordered that it bee referred vnto Co: Puckle & M^r Rolfe to Deale favourably wth the Sheepmasters provyded it doth not appeare they haue acted wth force to the preiudice of this Corpor:

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*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corp: for New England the 21 of
January 1659*

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer
Richard Hutchinson
W^m Molines
Tho Bell
Jo^a Rolf

Rich^d Young
Josuah Woolnough
George Clerke
Erasmus Smyth Esq^r

M^r Trer reportes that hee hath wayted upon M^r Caryll concerninge the Drawinge of an Epistle to the Manuscripts &c. & that hee is ready and willinge to Doe the same.

M^r Trer reportes that concer^e the particuler of the Estate att S^t Albanes hee hath spoken to M^r Clerke the Scrivener who hath promised to write to the Gent that ownes the same, that if hee will cleere the Coppy hold estate, the Corpor: may deale wth him:

That M^r Henry Ashurst Trer of this Corporacon doe quarterly pay the Salaryes of the Clerke & Messenger belonginge to the same, accordinge as the said Salaryes hath beene formerly pd vnto them

That it bee referrd vnto M^r Rich^d Hutchinson and Col. W^m Puckle, to inquire into the particuler of an Estate in Landes (this day presented by M^r Clerke) lyinge in Westham in the County of Essex late the possion of S^r Jo^a Nulls & to informe themselves of the true value Title & goodnes & report.

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl the 1 February
1659*

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer
Richard Hutchinson
Thomas Bell

George Clarke
W^m Molines
Col. W^m Puckle

It is this day ordered that 400^{li} parte of the 800^{li} charged vpon this Corporacon by Bill of Exchange Drawen vpon them by the Com^{rs} for the vnited Coloneyes of New England in New England for carryinge on the Indian Worke, accordinge to the Ends and for the purposes in the Act of Parlyam^t bee forthwth pd vnto M^r John Harwood, Assignee of M^r Hezekiah Vsher And M^r Henry Ashurst Trer of the sd Corporacon is heerby ordered & Desired to pay the sd summe of 400^{li}: accordingly.

Then allsoe Col. W^m Puckle reported that in pursuance of an Order of this Corpor: of the 21 of January last whereby M^r Rich^d Hutchinson & himselfe are desired to veiwe seuerall landes & Tenemtes lyinge in Westham in the County of Essex offered to bee sould vnto the sd Corporacon, That vpon veiwe & Inquiry they finde the greatest parte of the sd Estate to consist in Howsinge, parte of which haue not bene Inhabited for two yeares past, they lyinge (as is conceived) too neere the Marsh & therefore not so healthy for any that may [Cancelled: Inhabit the same] dwell therein, wherevpon It is thought fitt that noe further progresse bee made in the sd Purchases.

Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl the 15 Day of February 1659

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer
Thomas Bell
Col. W^m Puckle
Rich^d Young
Joshua Woolnough

John Rolfe
Geo. Clarke
Erasmus Smyth Esq^r
W^m Molines

That y^e 400^{li} more bee pd vnto M^r Harwood Assignee of M^r Vsher beinge in full of the Bill of Exchange drawn by the Com^{rs} for the vnited Coloneyes in New E. vpon this Corporacon.

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*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl the 18 of
February 1659*

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer
John Rolfe
Rich^d Hutchinson
Joshuah Woolnough

Col. W^m Puckle
Rich^d Young
Erasmus Smyth Esq^r
George Clarke

That the 30th bill of Exchange Drawen vpon this Corpor: by the Com^{rs} for the vnitd Coloneyes of N: E: [Cancelled: ought not to bee pd here but included in the 500th] bee accepted and pd vnto M^r John Harwood Assignee of M^r Hezekiah Vsher Accordingly.

That it bee referred to M^r Henry Ashurst Trer of this Corpor: to consider of M^r Jn^o Eliotts lre

That it bee referrd to M^r Tillett to ymprove his vtmost Endeavours to find out a Tenn^t for Chamberlynes Fearme y^t will take the whole att 200th per Ann. & not vnder, or

In case hee can procure seuerall tennantes to take the said Fearme that then the same bee not let vnder the present yearly rent of 210th pr Ann. & hee make noe conclusiue bargaine wth them vntill notice first thereof given vnto this Corpor: & how the same shalbee Devyded:

That hee let the same to 2 rather then 3 tennantes & that the same bee soe equally

That hee bee Desired to finde out an able & sufficient bayly in case hee cannot let the sd Fearme

Ordered

That M^r Robt Crane late Tenant to y^e Manno^r of Chamberlynes in Ersewell in the County of Suffolk or any person for him shall haue the goods & chattells^llate belonginge to the sd Rob^t

Crane & now in the possession of this Corpor: as the same were apprayed & not otherwise provyded they giue [Cancelled: good security to ensuere] ready money for the same

That the summe of 3^{li} bee pd M^r E. Mott for his Salary endinge in June last & alsoe the summe of 40^s more [Cancelled: less for his seruice] as a gratuity for his extr paines.

That y^e bill of Disbursementes this Day presented by M^r Tillett bee allowed &c.

All a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl the 17 of March 1659

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer

John Rolfe

Thomas Bell

Abra : Babington

George Clarke

Col. W^m Puckle

W^m Molines

Rich^d Hutchinson

Josuah Woolnough

That M^r Trer M^r Babington M^r Clark & M^r Molins or any two of them bee Desired to repare vnto M^r Calamy &c to consult his advise, & intreate his assistance that y^e Provinciaall Assembly of London at Sion Coll would contrybute their Endeavo^r towards y^e printinge of the Bible in the Indian tongue. That John Hooper Cl. of this Corporacon Doe rec. y^e rentes of the same & that. a Com: be prepared for him to act by accordingly.

That y^e Dedicatory Epistle Drawen & prepared by M^r Caryll this Day read bee approued & that the same bee printed wth the Indians confessions, & y^t 1500 bee printed by M^{rs} Symones, or such others as shall print the said bookes cheaper, & y^t the same bee referrd to Col. Puckle to take care heerof.

That M^r Ashurst Tr. &c bee Desired in the Name of this Cor-

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poracon to returne M^r Caryll the thankes of the same for his g^t paines in Drawinge & preparinge a Dedicatory Epistle to the Indianes confessiones intended to bee printed by the sd Corpor: That y^e Release this Day prepared to bee giuen vnto the Executors of M^r Floyde bee approved & allowed & y^t the same bee Engrossed & y^e Common Seale affixed therevnto.

Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl the 24 of March 1659

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer	Col. W ^m Puckle
Thomas Bell	Rich ^d Hutchinson
Erasmus Smyth Esq ^r	Rich ^d Young
George Clarke	John Rolfe
Josuah Woolnough	Abra Babington

Ordered that it bee referred to M^r Hutchinson M^r Woolnough & M^r Bell or any two of them to speake wth M^r Harwood Assignee of M^r Hezekiah Vsher & knowe w^t orders or Instruccions hee hath recd from him to buy materyalls for printinge &c Col. Puckle reportes that hee hath agreed wth M^r Maycoke a Printer to print y^e Indianes Confessions at a farthinge per sheete, & that hee hath bought 20 reames of Paper at 3^s 10^d per reame. That the summe of 3^{li} 16^s 8^d bee pd vnto M^r Joⁿ Cade for 20 reames of Paper at 3^s 10^d per reame.

That the Ire of Attorney this Day reade for ympowringe Joⁿ Hooper Cl. of this Corpor to receiue the rentes of the same bee approved & that the same bee engrossed, & the Com^{on} Seale Affixed therevnto.

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New England the 10th
Aprill 1660.*

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer
Thomas Bell
Geo Clarke

Abraham Babington
Erasmus Smyth Esq^r
Col. W^m Puckle.

[W^m Molines: Cancelled]

That M^r Trer M^r Hutchinson M^r Babington M^r Molines Ald:
Smyth and M^r Clarke & M^r Rolfe or any three of them desired
to meete at M^r Trers howse in Watlinge streete vpon
Thursday next at 3 of the Clocke & from thence to repare to
M^r Ashe y^e Ministers howse to treat wth the Com^{ms} of Minis-
ters appoynted by Sion Colledge in order to the printinge of
the Bible in the Indian Language in N. Engl.

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl the 14 Day
of Aprill 1660.*

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer
John Rolfe
Rich^d Hutchinson

Col. W^m Puckle
Thomas Bell
Will^m Molines

That it bee considered by M^r Trer & such others as hee shall
thinke fitt to prepare some Proposiccons in Writinge ag^t the
next Court, to bee made vnto the Printer, for the oblidginge of
him to carry on the Printinge of the Bible in the Indian language
in N. E. for the best advantage of the Worke.

That it bee referred to M^r Hutchinson Alderman Smyth Col.
Puckle M^r Rolfe & M^r Molins or any 2 of them to consider
of an Answer to M^r Tilletes Ire, And allsoe of a Ire to bee pre-
pared & sent to the Com^{ms} for the vnited Coloneys in N. E.
in Answer to theirs.

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That it bee considered of goinge vnto Erswell & when M^r Smyths tyme wilbee best, & that it bee referred vnto him to appoynt a convenient tyme of meetinge wth the Committee aboue menconed, to consider & Debate & agree vpon the thinges aboue specified.

[Footnote:] hitherto D^d to M^r Hutchinson.

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New England y^e 21
Day of Aprill 1660*

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer
Erasmus Smyth
Richard Hutchinson
Geo: Clarke

Col. William Puckle
W^m Molines
John Rolfe

M^r Trer reportes that in pursuance of the Order & Desires of Marmaduke this Court of the 14 instant hee hath treated wth Johnson is the the Printer about goinge into N. E. to print y^e Printer's name Bible in the Indian Language & reportes that the Printer is willinge to goe & bee Employed in that service at the Salary of 40^{li} pr Ann. besides Dyett, lodginge & washinge, & a Quarters Salary aduance & his tyme to bee there for three yeares, & more if the Corporacon or Com^{rs} for the vnited Coloneys please to commence from the tyme of his goinge on shipp board, & the Corporacon to pay his passage thither

And the sd Marmaduke Johnson is contented & willinge to giue security vnto the Corporacon to performe the Agreem^t aboue menconed, And it is ordered that Articles bee forthwth prepared accordinge to the agreement aboue menconed.

Ordered,

That it bee referred vnto M^r Hen: Ashurst & Col Puckle to buy such printinge paper to bee sent to N. Engl for printinge the

Bible in the Indian language, as they shall thinke fitt, & the sd M^r Ashurst Trer is Desired to pay for the same Accordingly.

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl y^e 25 Aprill
1660.*

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer
Erasmus Smyth Esq^r
Geo Clarke
Col. W^m Puckle

Tho Bell
Rich^d Hutchinson
Jo^a Rolfe
W^m Molins
Joshua Woolnough

That 100 reame of Paper at 5^s viij^d per Rheame bee provyded and bought by M^r Henry Ashurst & Col. Puckle to bee sent to N. Engl for printinge the Bible in the Indian language, And that it bee referred vnto M^r Bell to take care that the same bee packed & shipt the Staconer of whome the sd Paper is bought is to bee att charge of shippinge for w^{ch} hee is to bee allowed the halfe Subsidy.

That it bee referred to M^r Henry Ashurst Trer & Jo^a Hooper Cl. to finish the lre to bee sent vnto the Com^m for the vnited Coloneys of N. E. in N. E. accordinge to the Instrucons prepared & approved, & that the same bee signed by y^e sd Jo: Hooper

[*Acts for Sept. 6, 1660.*]

[Cancelled: That y^e lre prepared & reade by Jo^a Hooper to bee sent vnto M^r Jo^a Eliot bee approved & accordingly transcribed and signed by the sd Jo^a Hooper.]

That Erasmus Smyth Esq^r & Col. W^m Puckle bee Desired wth
Vacat Jo^a Hooper Cl: &c. to repare vnto Ersewell in
Suffolk to veiwe y^e Manno^m of Ersewell & Chamber-
lynnes there, And that the Powers lately given vnto Col Puckle

& M^r Joⁿ Rolfe to repare thither in December last, bee allsoe given vnto the sd M^r Smyth & Col. Puckle, & y^t the Com^on Seale bee affixed therevnto.

That y^e Articles of Agreem^t prepared & reade this Day made betweene this Corporacon & Marmaduke Johnson of London Stacconer to goe in N Engl for 3 yeares, &c. bee approved & allowed & y^t y^e Com^on Seale of the sd Corpor: bee affixed therevnto.

This day Frauncis Warner Esq^r Sheriffe was nominated & chosen a Member of this Corporacon in the roome & place of M^r Richard Floyde Deceased & M^r Aldrman Smyth & M^r Deputy Hutchinson are Desired to accquaynt him heerwth & rec. his Answere & report.

[Cancelled: That M^r Clarke & M^r Molins bee desired to repare vnto Cap^t Marke Coe & speake vnto him wth relacon to his seldome attendance heere & know his resolucon of attendance for the future & report]

[Cancelled: That it bee referred vnto M^r Aldram Smyth Dep^y Hutchinson M^r Molins Col. Puckle & M^r Rolfe or any 3 of them bee Desired to veiwe & survey certayne howses att the Blacke Spread Eagle in Fynch lane London or elsewhere & see y^e goodness of them & inquire into y^e Title and accordingly to contract & report vpon Satturday next.]

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl the 28 Aprill
1660.*

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer
Richard Young
Richard Hutchinson
Col. W^m Puckle
W^m Molins

Erasmus Smyth Esq^r
John Rolfe
Geo Clarke
Tho Bell

[Cancelled: It is ordered that John Hooper Cl. &c Doe buy hyre a horse for the accommodacon of his Journey into Suffolk about the Corporacons busines]

[Cancelled: That M^r Hutchinson M^r Young & Col. Puckle bee Desired vpon Monday next to veiw the houses in Martins lane presented by particuler this Day & report.]

That y^e Ire this day reade to bee sent to y^e Com^{rs} for y^e vnited Coloneys of N: E: in N. E. bee approved & sent accordingly. Allsoe the Ire reade to bee sent vnto M^r Joⁿ Eliott of Roxbury bee approved, &c.

Att a Co^{rt} or meetinge of the Corpor for New Engl 22 May 1660.

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer
Jn^o Rolfe
Josuah Woolnough
George Clarke

Erasmus Smyth Esq^r
Thomas Bell
Will^m Molines

Whereas it appeares that M^r Tho : Bell one of the Memb^{rs} of
Memo: this Corporacon hath pd fiue poundes for the passage
Marmaduke of Marmaduke Johnson shipped on board the Pru-
Johnson dent Mary bound for New Engl, & more the summe
went from of 18^s for a Bed, Boulster, rugg & one Blankett for
Grauesend his accommodacon in his voyage to N. Engl aforesd.
y^e 14 May It is ordered that M^r Henry Ashurst Trer of this
1660, from Salary is to
wch tyme his begin at 40^{li}
pr Ann: Corporacon bee Desired to pay the sd M^r Tho Bell
for sd seuerall summes by him Disbursed accordingly.

That Joⁿ Hooper Doe forthwth write vnto M^r Will^m Tillett to observe such direconse concern. the Disposing of the Cattell & other thinges concer. Chamberlynes Fearme as M^r Clarke of Bury shall in y^e behalfe Direct & that hee send vp an Account

of the Charge that hath beene contracted either by plowing
sowing wages or otherwise since the tyme y^e Corpor tooke
the same into their owne handes, or Michelmas last.

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl the 27 June
1660*

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer
W^m Molines
Rich^d Hutchinson
Erasmus Smyth Esq^r

John Rolfe
Abra: Babington
George Clarke

Ordered that y^e summe of 3^{li} 12^s 00^d bee forthwth pd vnto
M^r Joⁿ Rolfe for seuerall thinges by him donne for the Corporacon
& for moneyes disbursed for the vse of the sd Corporacon, &c.
That it bee referred to M^r Smyth in case M^r Clarke come not
to London by Satturday next to giue Instruccions for sending
a lre vnto him, viz^t that accordinge to his promise hee would
endeavo^r to assist the Corpor: to procure a fit person to take
the whole Fearme of Chamberlynes, or else a fitt person that
will take care to mowe the grasse, reape the Corne & Inn the
same, or else a fitt person that will buy the Corne & grasse
standinge.

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New England the 10
July 1660*

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer
Erasmus Smyth Esq^r
John Rolfe
Rich^d Hutchinson

Geo. Clarke
W^m Molines
Tho Bel^l

That a lre bee sent to M^r Cheston y^t hee would prosecute y^e
plowinge as formerly y^t have begun, the Corpor: Judging it

to bee too g^{rt} a trouble to take the whole vpon him & therefore for vpon some conference wth M^r Clarke concer. the same hee is ready & hee hath vndertaken the mang^{mt} of third of busines belonginge to y^e sd Fearme, & y^t if he please to buy y^e corne vpon y^e ground that hee repare vnto M^r Clarke & make a proffer vnto him and forasmuch as some of y^e land lyes very remote

[The remainder of the paragraph is added in the margin.]

from the Dwellinge house wth the Corpor: Judge may bee committed to a sheep walke, that in case hee hath not plowed any part thereof y^t then hee forbear if hee thinke fitt, wth y^e advice of M^r Clarke, y^t hee forbear y^e plowinge.

That it bee referred to M^r Clarke to giue order for y^e repare of y^e Dwellinge howse & barnes at Chamberlynes as hee shall thinke fitt to make them tennantable & fit to Dwell in.

And as touchinge y^e Corne, & grasse & Hay that it bee alsoe referred vnto him to sell & Dispose y^e Corne & grasse as the same nowe standes vpon the ground such parte thereof as hee shall thinke fitt or else to mowe the grasse make the Hay & cut & Inn the Corne.

And that it bee allsoe referrd vnto him to Dispose of the sheep-walkes there as hee shall thinke fitt for the best advantage of the Corporacon, And as to y^e present Tennantes that occupy parte of this Fearme, that it bee referrd vnto him to Doe therein allsoe as hee thinkes fitt.

Att a Co^{rt} or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl the 27 July

1660

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer

Josua Woolnough

Rich: Hutchinson

W^m Molines

Abra Babington

Tho Speed

Joⁿ Rolfe

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That M^r Joⁿ Rolfe & Col. Puckle of this Corpor: bee Desired to repare to the Manno^m of Ersewell & Chamberlynes in Ersewell in the County of Suffolk & to pursue ioyntly & seuerally such orders & Instruccions as were lately giuen vnto them, Dated 20 December 1659 [Cancelled: or such other] And generally to doe all such things there touchinge the reapinge, sowinge, & Inninge of the Corne growinge vpon the premisses as they, or either of them, shall thinke fitt & that the

That M^r Trer pay M^r Macocke for printinge &c 8. 12. 06.

That M^r Threr bee Desired to pay M^r Joⁿ Cade for 104 reames of fine Piller paper after the rate of 5^s 8^d pr reame & for packinge &c. y^e summe of 29^{li} 14^s 4^d.

Att a Co^m or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New England the 21 of Aug 1660

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer
George Clarke
Erasmus Smyth Esq^r
Joⁿ Rolfe

Thomas Bell
Joshua Woolnough
Thomas Speed

Ordered

That y^e || Moyety || Note of Law Charges Disbursed by M^r Crabb concer: y^e Warren of Ersewell in Defendinge the right of the Corporacon therein, Amountinge vnto 24^{li} 18^s bee allowed vnto him out of the moneyes remayninge in his handes Due vnto the sd Corpor. for rent, which is in consideracon of the benefitt accrewinge vnto the sd M^r Crabb thereby for the future. That it bee referred to M^r Rolfe to write vnto M^r Cheston.

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*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl the first
Day of Septemb 1660*

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer	Rich ^d Hutchinson
Thomas Ayres	John Rolfe
W ^m Molines	Thomas Bell
George Clarke	

That a lre bee sent vnto M^r Joⁿ Clarke of Bury that hee would
please to procure a Tenn^t or Tennantes to take the
Vacat Fearme of Chamberlynes in Ersewell.

That M^r Trer bee Desired to rec. the 40^{li} in M^r [Cancelled:
Whitwayes house] Keyes handes, & that M^r Whtwaye bee De-
sired to give it vnder his hand that hee hath recd noe more,
And that hee would please to giue the Corporacon informacon
w^t & where any more moneyes collected for the purposes aforesd
are remayninge, & that Jn^o Hooper Doe attend him & present
the respectes of this Corporacon vnto him.

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*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl the 28 Sep-
tember 1660*

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer	Josuah Woolnough
Rich ^d Hutchinson	Willm Molines
John Rolfe	Geo Clarke
Thomas Speed	
Thomas Bell	

This Day the Acco^{ts} of this Corporacon were Audited & allowed.
Ordered it bee referrd to M^r Rolfe to bringe in an Acco^t of the
Arreares of rent due & owinge this Corpor: to this Day & that
the same bee Done at the next meetinge of this Corpor.

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Ordered that the Members above menconed wth Erasmus Smyth Esq^r bee desired to attend D^r Reynolds M^r Calamy M^r Ash M^r Baxter D^r Spurstow & M^r Mantuam to consult wth them about the Corporacons busines

This Day the Acco^t beinge made vp & the money remayninge was put into the Chest & two of the 3 keyes were delyvered one to M^r Hutchinson & the other to M^r Clarke & the third in M^r Ashurst his handes, accordinge to former order

That y^e summe of x^s per diem bee pd. vnto M^r Rolfe for y^e 11 dayes that hee went into Suffolk about the Corpor : busines.

That John Hooper Clk of this Corporacon bee in consideracon of moneyes disbursed by him to a person Deputed to Officiate his place att Whitehall when hee travelled two Journeyes into Suffolk about the Cor: busines, bee allowed the summe of 5^{li}.

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Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl the Eight Day of October 1660

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer
John Rolfe
Rich^d Hutchinson
Tho: Speed
Tho Bell

Erasmus Smyth Esq^r
George Clarke
Joshua Woolnough
W^m Molines

Ordered that it bee referrd to M^r Ashurst Trer of this Corporacon, to prepare & write a lre to bee sent vnto the respectiue Tennantes of the Brebend of Binchester in Coun Northumberland & to y^e Tennantes of the Rectory of Woodhorne in the sd County that they be desired to pay y^e Fee Fearme [Cancelled: rent], due & owinge vnto this Cor. vpon the sd Brebend & Rectory.

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That it is agreed by M^r Jn^o Cheston & this Corpor, that y^e
sd M^r Cheston shall take a lease of Ersewell Hall
Vacat wth the warren for 21 yeares to commence from
Mich^{as} last att 220^{li} per Ann: rent free of taxes to y^e Corporacon
& to leave 1500 couple of Coneys vpon the Warren att the ex-
piracon of the Terme, And to bee bound accordinge to the
Coven^{tes} & Condictions of Drapers Lease, tymber excepted.
Att the summe agreed wth M^r Edward Parker on the behalfe
of M^r James Parker, to take a Lease of Chamberlynes Fearme
in Ersewell att 180^{li} per Ann: rent [Cancelled: free of all taxes
to the Corpor.] to bee bound accordinge to the Coven^{tes}
& Condictions of Geesons Lease tymber excepted & to allow for
y^e plowing & sowing of y^e land already plowed & sowed &
take a Lease from Mich^{as} last for 21 yeares & to take off all the
Cattell Horses Cartes & other thinges belonginge to husbandry
as the same shalbee indifferently valued & apprayed by 2
persons appoynted in that behalfe

The Eight of October 1660

It is this day agreed by & betweene this Corporacon & M^r John
Cheston Tennant to the Manno^r of Ersewell Hall wth the
Warren, that hee the said M^r Cheston is contented & hath
220^{li} per Ann: agreed wth the sd Corporacon, to take a new lease
Ann: of the sd Manno^r of Ersewell Hall wth the warren
for 21 yeares to commence from Mich^{as} last att the yearly rent
of Two hundred & twenty poundes, & to leaue att the expira-
con of his Lease fifteene hundred couple of Coneys vpon the
sd warren and to bee vnder the same Coven^{tes} and Condictions
that M^r Thomas Draper was when hee was Tenn^t to the sd
Manno^r, Tymber only excepted, And y^e sd Corporacon is to

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allow the sd M^r Cheston the summe of Tenn poundes towards the Rough castinge of the Dwellinge howse belonginge to the sd Manno^r.

John Cheston

Wittnes

Jn^o Hooper Clk.

Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New Engl y^e 27 October 1660.

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer

Josuah Woolnough

Thomas Bell

Rich^d Hutchinson

John Rolfe

George Clarke

[Col. Puckle: Cancelled]

[Cancelled: Att y^e desire & request of M^r Jn^o Harwood, It is
Vacat this Day ordered that y^e summe of 500^{li} bee pd
vnto the sd M^r Harwood in parte of the Bill of
Exchange ordered to bee drawn vpon this Corpor: by the Com^{rs}
for the vnted Colo: of N. E. in New Engl And the sd M^r Har-
wood is contented to allow 6^{li} pr Cent rebate for the sd summe
vntill the sd Bill becomes Due, hee givinge security to Dis-
charge the sd Bill, vnto M^r Ashurst, M^r Hutchinson & M^r Clarke.]

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New England the 10
of November 1660*

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer

Erasmus Smyth Esq^r

Rich^d Hutchinson

Joshua Woolnough

W^m Molines

Thomas Bell

George Clarke

Ordered that a lre bee forthwth prepared and sent vnto M^r

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James Parker Tenn^t to Chamberlynes Fearme in Ersewell in the County of Suffolk that the Corpor: haue recd his Contract & Agreem^t made them for the sd Fearme, by M^r Joⁿ Clarke, That they have Desired the sd M^r Clarke in their Names & steade to get the Goodes &c: apprayed & therefore that M^r Parker get his man to bee in readynes ag^t the tyme of appraysem^t & afterwardes the Corporacon will consider of his lease: And as to what is, or shalbee Disbursed over & aboute the 70^{li} already ordered for repares the sd M^r Parker is to pay & disburse vpon his owne Acco^t.

Ordered that the Bill of Exchange this Day presented by M^r Jn^o Harwood Drawen vpon this Corp: by the Com^{rs} for the vnited Coloneyes of New England in New England, Dat New-haven 10 7ber, 1660, for 800^{li} to pay vnto the sd M^r Harwood Assignee of M^r Hezekiah Vsher of Boston in N. E. merch^t & is for soe much to bee paid vnto the sd Com^{rs} by the sd M^r Vsher bee accepted & pd accordingly, for w^{ch} sd summe the sd M^r Harwood Doth agree to allow from this Day vnto the 25 March next after y^e rate of 6^{li} per Cent rebate.

It is this Day ordered that M^r Joⁿ Clarke of Bury in the County of Suffolk bee forthwth Desired, on the behalfe of this Corp: & in their place & steade to giue order that the Goodes & other thinges (belonginge to Chamberlynes Fearme in Ersewell wthin the sd County) menconed and conteyned in a certaine Contract & Agreem^t, made by & betweene the sd Corporacon & M^r James Parker of Harwicke howse in Suffolk aforesd, bee valued & apprayed as in the sd Contract is menconed, And it is further ordered that y^e sd M^r Clarke bee Desired to receiue all such summe & summes of money as shalbee Due vnto the sd Corpor from the sd M^r James Parker vpon the appraysem^t & sale of the sd Goodes & other thinges menconed as aforesd, and to giue

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acquittance or Acquittances for the same, And afterwardes to
returne y^e sd moneyes wth an Acco^t of y^e sd Appraysem^t vnto
y^e sd Corporacon accordingly.

*Att a Coⁿ or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for New England the 1:
of December 1660*

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer
Richard Hutchinson
George Clarke
John Rolfe

Thomas Bell
Erasmus Smyth Esq^r

10 *March* 1661

That it bee menconed in the Generall Ire to y^e C: for y^e vnited
Memorandum^s Coloneyes of N. E. that they bee Desired to exam-
ine the matter of fault concerninge Marmaduk
Johnsons absenteinge himsef 9 weekes from the presse, & that
they bee desired to provyde accomodacons for him Duringe
the Terme of yeares menconed in the enclosed Articles, & to
certify whether hee hath performed the Condicons menconed in
the sd Articles

That y^e Bill of Exchange of 10^{li} bee allowed & pd accordingly
w^{ch} M^r Marmaduke Johnson hath drawen vpon M^r Thomson.

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[King Charles II entered London May 29, 1660; and was crowned on April 23, 1661. On Nov. 14, 1660, "a petition of divers for Propagating the Gospel in America" was referred by Order in Council to the Attorney General. His report, with a draft for renewing the Charter, was read April 10, 1661, and after full debate it was ordered "also to add thereunto a clause that all lands, tenements, and hereditaments heretofore given or bought to the use or uses in this Charter mentioned shall from henceforth be vested in the said Corporation with power to sue for and recover the same and any arrears thereof due." The new Charter was dated February 7, 1661/2. See *A Sketch of the Origin and the Recent*

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History of the New England Company By the Senior Member (H. W. Busk.)
London, 1884.

[Letters from the Corporation to the Commissioners in New England were dated on May 18, 1661, *Acts* for Sept. 5, 1661; and May 15, 1662, *Acts* for Sept. 4, 1662.]

[The records of the meetings for 1662 are not in the manuscript. They are reprinted here from Appendix I, pp. 235-245, of the *History of the New England Company*, printed for circulation among the Members of the Company, London, 1871.]

At a Court or Meeting of the Corporation for Propagating of the Gospel amongst the Heathen Natives in New England and parts adjacent in America the 27th of March 1662 viz.:

Present:

Robert Boyle Esq. Governor.	Mr. Joshua Woolnough
The Right Hon. Arthur Earl of Anglesey	Mr. Alderman Warner
Mr. Henry Ashurst	Mr. Alderman Peake
Thomas Foley Esq.	Erasmus Smith Esq.
Mr. John Rolfe	Mr. James Hayes
Mr. George Clarke	Charles Doyley Esq.
John Micklethwaite Dr. in Phis.	Edmond Trench Dr. in Phis.
Mr. Thomas Speed.	Mr. John Dogett
	Sir Laurence Bromfield Knt.
	Mr. John Benbow

The Court ordered that the Charter of Incorporation under the Great Seal of England should be read, which was done accordingly. Also the petitions of John Hooper and Anthony Trayford late Clerk and Messenger to the late reputed Corporation was ordered to be read and upon hearing and consideration thereof the Court made choice of and ordered that the said John

Memor.: the Salaries were respited till some other meeting.

Hooper should be registered as Clerk and Anthony Trayford Messenger to this Company.

The same day the Court ordered that new books should be provided for the use of the Corporation and at the beginning of one of them the Charter to be fairly entered and a Breviate of the Charter written out for the more expedient use of the Company upon all occasions at their meetings.

Also the same day It was ordered that the Seal of the late reputed Corporation for Propagating the Gospel in New England etc., be altered as soon as conveniently it may, and as much of the Title of the new Charter put into the Inscription thereof as it will admit of.

This day also it was ordered that the account of Mr. Henry Ashurst late Treasurer to the late reputed Corporation be audited and that Mr. Alderman Peake Mr. Thomas Foley and Mr. John Rolfe members of this Company be desired and are hereby authorized to audit the said Mr. Ashurst his account or any two of them.

Ordered also that the account from the Commissioners at New England be audited by Mr. Henry Ashurst and Erasmus Smith Esq. members of this Company who are also added to the three former auditors.

Also ordered that a particular of the names of the late Commissioners in New England be prepared and presented at the next Court.

Ordered this day also that Mr. Alderman Peake Mr. Richard Hutchinson Mr. Alderman Warner Mr. Henry Ashurst Mr. Joshua Woolnough and Mr. Thomas Bell members of this Company or any two of them, be and are by this Company desired to speak with Mr. Broadstreete and Mr. Norton and others lately come from New England and desire them to give their opinions

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who are the fittest persons to be employed as Commissioners in New England for the managing of the work there and to make report thereof at the next Court.

This day also it was ordered that notice and warning be given of the Charter to all the tenants of the lands and tenements heretofore purchased limited or appointed for the uses therein mentioned and that they pay not any of the arrears of rents or profits of the lands by them holden nor any of the growing rents hereafter to grow due nor any other moneys remaining in their hands for the uses aforesaid to any person or persons whatsoever other than to the Treasurer or Treasurers appointed or to be appointed by the Governor and Company.

Also at this Court the Right Hon. the Earl of Anglesey a member of this Corporation made known that Mr. Secretary Morrice, having a hundred pounds left in his hands to dispose of to charitable uses was pleased to add fifty pounds more of his own thereunto and give it unto this Corporation for the uses specified in the Charter. For which gift the said Earl is desired by this Court to give thanks unto the said Mr. Secretary Morrice.

This day also the Company ordered that a court be summoned to meet on Thursday next, being the third day of April, 1662.

At a Court or Meeting of the Corporation for Propagating the Gospel amongst the Heathen Natives in New England and parts adjacent in America the 3rd of April 1662 viz.:

Present:

Robt. Boyle Esq. Governor.	Mr. Alderman Peake
Sir Laurence Bromfield Knt.	Dr. Thomas Cox
Mr. Alderman Bathurst	Mr. James Hayes
Wm. Antrobus Esq.	Mr. John Acroyd
Thos. Foley Esq.	Mr. Thos. Gillibrand

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Deputy Chas. Doyley
Mr. Henry Ashurst
Mr. John Rolfe
Mr. Thomas Speed
Mr. Joshua Woolnough

Dr. Edmond Trench
Mr. Laurence Brinsley
Mr. George Clarke
Dr. John Micklethwaite
Mr. John Jurian

At this Court (after the Orders of the last Court were read) Mr. Alderman Peake Thomas Foley Esq. and Mr. John Rolfe members of this Corporation according to the orders of the last Court of the 27th of March last Reported their auditing of Mr. Henry Ashurst his account late Treasurer to the late reputed Corporation whereupon it was ordered by this Court that the said account should be entered into a book and that the said Mr. Alderman Peake Thos. Foley Esq. and Mr. John Rolfe be desired to subscribe their names thereunto.

Also at this meeting it was taken into consideration the choosing a fit and able person to be Treasurer to this Corporation and after debate thereof this Court made choice of Mr. Henry Ashurst a member of this Corporation to be Treasurer thereunto. Likewise at this Court it was concluded and ordered that the Salary of John Hooper Clerk to this Corporation should be for this year forty pounds and that he should have over and above, for his extraordinary pains in attending and prosecuting the business of this Corporation such a competent allowance as the Company or Society shall judge meet.

This Court also agreed to and ordered that the Salary of Anthony Trayford Messenger to this Corporation shall be for this year ten pounds.

It was likewise concluded and ordered by this meeting that the officers to this Corporation as namely, the Treasurer Clerk and Messenger shall be chosen every year.

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At this Court also it was concluded and ordered that John Hooper Clerk to this Corporation shall collect and gather all the rents belonging thereunto and pay them into the hands of Mr. Henry Ashurst Treasurer to the said Corporation and that the said John Hooper shall give security for his faithfulness in that trust.

Ordered also at this Court that three or four more (besides the Lord Chancellor) of the Lords' names members of this Corporation be inserted in the letters to be written to the tenants of the said Corporation.

This day also this Court ordered that Mr. Henry Ashurst Treasurer to this Corporation be desired to pay eight hundred pounds for carrying on the printing of the Bible in the Indian language in New England and other business there in order to the propagating of the Gospel amongst the heathen natives in New England aforesaid and parts adjacent in America.

It is also this day ordered by this Court that Mr. Henry Ashurst Treasurer to this Corporation be desired to provide all such books etc. as he thinks convenient and necessary for the use of the said Corporation.

Likewise at this Court Mr. Laurence Brinsley a member of this Corporation was desired to speak to Mr. James about the house Mr. Hylord lives in to make a firm title of it to the said Corporation.

This day also this Court ordered that another court be summoned to meet on Thursday next in the afternoon being the 10th of April 1662.

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At a Court or Meeting of the Corporation for Propagating of the Gospel amongst the heathen natives in New England and parts adjacent in America the 10th of April 1662 viz.:

Present:

Robert Boyle Esq. Governor	Mr. Joshua Woolnough
The Lord Roberts	Dr. John Micklethwaite
Sir Laurence Bromfield Knt.	Mr. John Dogett
Alderman Bathurst	Mr. Thomas Gillibrand
Mr. Henry Ashurst Treasurer	Mr. John Rolfe
William Antrobus Esq.	Mr. Thomas Speed
Mr. George Clarke	Mr. Thomas Bell

The Court after much conference with Mr. Norton and Mr. Broadstreete lately come from New England about the good work of propagating the Gospel amongst the heathen natives in New England etc. and in conclusion found it most expedient that for this year the said work should be carried on as formerly by such Commissioners as the several Colonies made choice of. Also this Court desired Mr. Henry Ashurst Treasurer to this Corporation to signify by letter to the Commissioners at New England for their encouragement in carrying on so good a work this new Corporation hath taken order for the payment of £800 which they wrote about whereof £500 is already paid and that the said Corporation would use all means possibly they could for the perfecting so good a work and to desire the said Commissioners that they would forward the said work with all care and diligence and with all prudence in respect of charge because at present the Corporation stock is very low and the greatest part of their revenue unrighteously withheld from them which will be very chargeable to regain. And also that this Corporation desires that the said Commissioners would call to their

assistance all such persons whether Ministers or others that may be useful unto them in their meetings and to send over unto this Corporation as near as they can estimate how much the remainder of the Bible that is yet to print will cost.

Likewise ordered by this Court that the letters of information and warning to Mr. John Cheston and Mr. James Parker at Eriswell in Suffolk tenants to this Corporation be carried by a messenger of their own from London which was committed to the care of Mr. Henry Ashurst Treasurer to this Corporation and Mr. John Rolfe a member of the same.

Also this Court desired Robert Boyle Esq. Governor of this Corporation to use the best of his endeavours with the Lord Chancellor for a general contribution for the carrying on the good work of propagating the Gospel amongst the heathens in New England and parts adjacent in America.

Likewise it was ordered that another Court be summoned to meet the 24th of this present April.

At a Court or Meeting of the Corporation for Propagating of the Gospel amongst the heathen natives in New England and the parts adjacent in America the 24th of April 1662 viz.:

Present:

Robert Boyle Esq. Governor	Mr. Joshua Woolnough
Mr. Henry Ashurst Treasurer	Mr. John Rolfe
Mr. Alderman Warner	Mr. Thomas Speed
William Antrobus Esq.	Mr. Thomas Bell
Thomas Foley Esq.	Mr. Barn. Meeres
Mr. George Clarke	Mr. Thomas Gillibrand

At this Court Mr. Henry Ashurst Treasurer to this Corporation and Mr. John Rolfe a member of the same made their report of

sending a messenger to Eriswell in Suffolk concerning the Corporation's two tenants there namely, Mr. Cheston and Mr. Parker. The report is in writing.

Upon the said Report the Court argued several things concerning the said tenants about their attorning tenants to Colonel Bedingfield and paying him rent and other matters relating to that business and ordered that Mr. Henry Ashurst Treasurer to this Corporation and Mr. John Rolfe a member of the same be and are hereby desired to make application to the King's Attorney-General for his advice and council which Court whether the Chancery or Exchequer be most expedient to exhibit a bill in against Colonel Bedingfield and to get a bill drawn accordingly. Likewise this Court ordered that Mr. Henry Ashurst Treasurer to this Corporation should satisfy the messenger for his journey to Eriswell in Suffolk about the Corporation business.

At a Court or Meeting of the Corporation for propagating the Gospel in New England and parts adjacent in America the 15th of May 1662.

Present:

Robert Boyle Esq. Governor	John Rolfe
Henry Ashurst Treasurer	Thomas Speed
Erasmus Smyth Esq.	George Clarke
Edmond Trench Doctor in Phis.	Thomas Gillibrand
Sir Laurence Bromfield Knt.	John Doget

It this day ordered that Mr. Henry Ashurst Treasurer of this Corporation (calling to his assistance any two or three members of the same) be desired to take care that the house situate and being within the parish called Holy Trinity London late in the possession of Mr. Thomas Hylord be forthwith let at the best

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rent and fine that he can get for the same and report his proceedings hereupon at the next meeting of this Court.

At the same time it was ordered that the draft of the conveyance of the house situate and being within Trinity Parish London be showed to Deputy James who is desired to perfect the conveyance thereof to this Corporation with all convenient speed.

Whereas a suit in law is intended to be commenced by this Corporation against Colonel Thomas Bedingfield and others for the recovery of several manors and lands called Eriswell Hall and Chamberlines in the Parish of Eriswell within the county of Suffolk which said manors and lands ought in equity to be enjoyed by the said Corporation — it is ordered that Mr. John Rolfe one of the members of the same be desired to find out some fit and able person in the law to be employed as a solicitor to carry on and prosecute the said suit. And that he report his proceedings herein at the next meeting of this Court.

Received the
remainder of
the money
and put
the seal.

Then also ordered that Mr. Henry Ashurst Treasurer of this Corporation be desired to affix the seal of the said Corporation unto the release now read for the discharge of Francis Warner Esq. Alderman of the City of London and Daniel Blundell executors of the last will and testament of Richard Floyd of the said city Governor and Treasurer to the late Corporation for moneys remaining in his hands at the time of his decease.

Mr. Ashurst reports that the letter is sent. Ordered that the letter now read to be sent to the Commissioners for the United Colonies of New England in New England be approved and that the same be forthwith transcribed and sent with all convenient speed unto the said Commissioners.

[The letter, dated May 15, 1662, is in *Acts* for September 4, 1662.]

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At the same time it was ordered that Mr. Henry Ashurst Treasurer of this Corporation be desired to pay unto Anthony Trayford messenger of the same his quarter's salary due the 25th day of March last for his attendance upon and service done for the said Corporation.

Whereas this Corporation is informed that Mr. Herringe Minister of the Gospel in the City of York deceased did by his last will and testament in writing give a legacy of fifty pounds sterling unto this or the late Corporation towards the carrying on and promoting the Gospel amongst the heathen natives of New England in New England — it is thought fit and ordered that Mr. Thomas Gillibrand one of the members of this Corporation be desired to write unto Mr. Edward Bolls Minister of the Gospel, residing within the said city desiring him to procure the said legacy or sum of fifty pounds to be paid unto the said Corporation accordingly.

At a Court or meeting of the Corporation for propagating the Gospel in New England and parts adjacent in America the 22nd of October 1662 viz.:

Present:

Robert Boyle Esq. Governor	Dr. John Micklethwaite
Henry Ashurst Treasurer	Thomas Gillibrand
Deputy Richard Hutchinson	Sir Laurence Bromfield, Knt.
Thomas Speed	Deputy Thomas Staynes
John Rolfe	Deputy Charles Doyley
George Clarke	James Hayes
Alderman William Antrobus	

Whereas Mr. Henry Cornish tenant to the house situate in Trinity Parish London hath this day made it his request that in regard of the fine given by him for the said house and also

in regard of the great charge he hath been at in repairing the same that the covenant mentioned and expressed in the draft of his lease whereby he is not to alien let or set without leave and license first had and obtained from this Corporation in that behalf may be left out which the said Corporation having considered and debated do think fit to order. And it is hereby ordered that for the reasons before mentioned the said clause be expunged accordingly. And that the said Mr. Cornish do pay unto this Corporation the yearly rent of £66 during the term of years granted and mentioned in the said lease.

It is this day ordered that Sir Laurence Bromfield, Knight, Mr. Henry Ashurst, Mr. John Rolfe, Mr. Richard Hutchinson, Alderman William Antrobus, and Mr. Thomas Gillibrand, or any two of them be desired to take a survey of the house situate in Trinity Parish London and see whether all the goods and utensils formerly taken and mentioned in a schedule annexed to the former lease do still remain and be in the said house and what is now affixed to the same and also to survey the grounds upon which the said house stands or belongs thereunto from east to west and from north to south and to take the dimensions of every individual room within the said house and that they be desired to consider of the draft of a lease and prepare the same for the seal of this Corporation and report their proceedings herein at the next meeting of this court.

Then also ordered that the annuities of £12 per annum to the Company of Merchant Tailors and of £4 per annum to the parish of Holy Trinity London payable out of the house situate within the same parish do allow the taxes according to the Act of Parliament and that the remainder be paid unto the said Company and parish accordingly.

It is this day ordered that the common seal of this Corporation

be affixed to the counterpart of the deed signed sealed and delivered unto this Corporation by Mr. James James of the house situate in Trinity Parish London. And Mr. Henry Ashurst, Treasurer of the said Corporation is desired to see the same done accordingly.

Then also ordered that it be referred unto Mr. Henry Ashurst Treasurer of this Corporation who is desired to satisfy and pay Edward Ackworth for his pains in travelling into the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk to serve his Majesty's writs of subpoena in Chancery upon Henry Beddingfield, Esq. James Parker and John Cheston defendants to a bill of complaint exhibited against them and others in his Majesty's Court of Chancery at the suit of Mr. Richard Hutchinson and others plaintiffs.

[A meeting was held December 5, 1662; see p. 98.]

10 July 1663 Whereas vpon full hearinge of the Cause Dependinge in Chauncery betweene Richard Hutchinson & others p^{l^{ts}} ag^t Col. Thomas Bedingfeild & others Defend^{tes}, [Cancelled: it was alleged by the Defend^{tes} & Councell that] for the Manno^m of Ersewell Hall & Chamberlynes in Ersewell in the County of Suffolk, lately purchased of the sd Defend^t Bedingfeild at the rate of 470^{li} per Ann: to bee as a revenue for & towards the propagatinge of the Gospell amongst the Heathen Nationes in New England, for which the pl^{ts} pd 7000^{li} out of such moneyes as were subscribed & collected vpon the Charitable contrybucons & benevolence of [Cancelled: well Disposed] such whose heartes god had Drawen out, to bee helpfull in promotinge the sd Worke, And forasmuch as it was alleged by the Defend^{tes} Councell, that the sd Defend^t sold the sd Manno^m for 2000^{li} lesse then hee [Cancelled: could] was proferd for the same, vpon this consideracon that hee well vnderstood that the P^{l^{ts}} had noe legall power vested in them to purchase any Estate, & therefore Doubted not but (vpon his Ma^{ty^{es}} restoracon hee should enjoy the sd Landes, & soe pleaded [Cancelled: relief] equity to haue further allowance for the sd Landes, which the Court vpon mature iudgm^t & consideracon, thought not equitable, there beinge noe positieue p[romi]se to that purpose, & the Pl^{tes} Councell offeringe to take y^e sd purchase money wth interest & to acco^t wth

the Defend^{ts} for the meane proffittes, And for that the sd Defend^t pleaded his grt sufferinges &c, It was propounded by the Court y^t the Pl^{ts} would meete & consider of some reasonable allowance to bee made out of the sd Estate vnto y^e sd Defend^{ts} & to attend y^e L^d High Chauncello^r therein.

Wherevpon the Corporacon in pursuance of his Lo^{ps} Desires havinge mett & Debated his Lo^{pps} Proposicon, haue thought fitt wth submission vnto his Lo^{pp} therein humbly to offer that they conceive the sd Manno^{rs} were sold at their vtmost value, in regard the same could not bee lett without 70^{li} per Ann: rent abated, And Doe further offer that if the Defend^t Bedingfeild will pay the Pl^{ts} their purchase money wth interest they shall willingly receive the same and make [Cancelled: a considerable] some allowance vnto the sd Defend^t accordinge to his Lo^{pps}: [Cancelled: request] promises in that behalfe made vnto the sd Corporacon.

At a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for propagatinge the Gospel in New Engl & Partes adiacent in America y^e Nynth of Aprill 1663

Present

Robt Boyle Esq^r Governor

M^r Henry Ashurst Trer

S^r Law: Bromfeild K^t

Thomas Foley Esq^r

Dep^{ty} Jn^o Jurian

M^r George Clarke

Aldram W^m Antrobus

Aldram W^m Peake

M^r Tho. Gillibrand

D^r Trench

M^r John Rolfe

D^r Jn^o Micklethawyte D^r in phe

At this Court,

S^r Law: Bromfeild made Reporte that in pursuance of an Order of this Court of the 5 of December 1662 hee wth others of the Committee in this Corpor: haue pervsed y^e Acco^{ts} sent from N. E. the last yeare & that they finde moneyes layd out for bookes & gratuities to seuerall persons w^{ch} (in regard of the smallnes of the Revenue) they conceave might be forborne, And therefore offered vnto this Court that y^e Com^{rs} for the Vnited Coloneyes may bee Desired in the next Generall Ire sent over vnto them from this Corporacon to forbear the same vnlesse y^e sd Com^{rs} Doe finde the same of absolute necessity.

Ordered,

That the summe of xx^{li} bee pd vnto John Johnson Assignee of Marmaduke Johnson, Printer, towards his Salary for printinge the Bible in the Indian language in New England.

Ordered, that y^e Psalmes bee printed in Meetre in the Indian language for y^e Indianes vse & that it bee inserted in the Ire now to bee sent to y^e Com^{rs} for y^e vnited Col: that Johnson the Printer bee continued to print the same, which wth the bible is hoped wilbee finished this yeare.

[Acts for Sept. 3, 1663.]

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for propagacon of the
Gospell in New Engl and the Partes adiacent in America y^e
10 July 1663*

Present

Henry Ashurst Trer
Dep^{ty} Rich: Hutchinson
Thomas Bell

S^r Law: Bromfeild
Dep^{ty} John Jurian
John Rolfe

Jn^o Micklethwaite D^r in phe

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This Corporacon beinge mett in pursuance of the Ld. Chauncello^r Desire (vpon the hearinge & Decreeinge of the
 Vacat Manno^r of Ersewell & Chamberlynes for this Corpor. ag^t C. Tho. Bedingfeild, That whereas y^e sd C Bedingfeild alledgeth that the sd Manno^r were vndersold 2000^{li} [Cancelled: lesse of y^t] to the Corporacon, that therefore they bee Desired to meete & consider w^t allowance to make the sd Bedingfeild out of the meane profittes w^{ch} are in his handes, and wayte vpon his Lo^{pp} & giue an Acco^t of w^t they conceive fitt & equall for them to [Cancelled: doe and allowe] Doe in paym^t of allowance to the sd Bedingfeild, which this Corpor: havinge considered Doe resolve to returne his Lo^{pp} this answe^r, vizt: That they haue mett & considered, &c &c y^t

[A line is drawn through the record of this day's session.]

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for Propagacon of y^e Gospell in New England & the Parties Adiacent in America y^e
 31 July 1663*

Present

Rob ^t Boyle Esq ^r Gouvernor	S ^r Lawrence Bromfeild
Henry Ashurst Trear	John Rolfe
Dep ^{ty} Thomas Staynes	Jn ^o Micklethwaite D ^r in Phsi
Thomas Gillibrand	Joshua Woolnough
W ^m Antrobus Esq ^r	James Hayes
[Dep ^t Rich Hutchinson: Cancelled]	Thomas Speed
	Jn ^o Dogett

At this Court

M^r Hen. Ashurst, Trear to this Corporacon, reported y^t in pursuance of an order of y^e 9th of Aprill last hee hath pd. to Jn^o Johnson 20^{li} for the vse of his brother Marmaduke Johnson printer in N. Engl towards y^e satisfyeinge his Salary there.



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Ordered by this Court, That M^r Ashurst M^r Gillibrand, S^r Law. Bromfeild K^t M^r Rolfe M^r Hutchinson W^m Antrobus Esq^r Dep^t Staines & M^r Speed, or any 3 of them bee a Com^{tees} to consider w^h is best to bee Done in Order to y^e gettinge a legacy of 50^{li} given vnto this Corporacon by M^r Theodore Herringe late of Yorke deceased & y^t there bee a Cobby taken of his will out of y^e Prerogatiue Office:

Alsoe that they consider how to get new Assurances from such persons of whome Landes have beene formerly purchased for the vse of the Indian Worke in N. Engl.

That y^e sd Com^{tees} bee allsoe ympowered to [Cancelled: read rec any proposll] treat wth C. Tho. Bedingfeild vpon any proposicon hee shall make vnto this Corporacon in reference to y^e Landes lately Decreed for y^e sd Corpor. ag^t y^e sd Col: Tho. Bedingfeild & y^t y^e sd Com^{tees} haue power to accept of y^e purchase money wth y^e Interest of 5^{li} per Cent: [Cancelled: but are not to make any conclusion wth him wth out report first made by the sd Com^{tees} vnto y^e sd Corporacon] paid vnto him for the same in lieu of the said Landes if he will repay the same It is this Day ordered that Rob^t Boyle Esq^r Gouvernor of this Corporacon S^r Lawrence Bromfeild K^t & W^m Antrobus Esq^r & M^r Henry Ashurst bee Desired in y^e name of this Corpor. to returne y^e humble thankes of the same vnto y^e L^d Chauncellour for his g^{rt} [Cancelled: favo^{ra}] care & respect shewed vnto this Corporacon.

Allsoe y^t they bee Desired to returne the thankes of y^e sd Corporacon vnto M^r Serieant Fountaine for all his advice & assistance to the Corporacon in obteyning the Decree for their landes purchased of Coll. Bedingfeild.

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*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for Propagaⁿ of the Gospell
in New Engl & the Partes adiacent in America y^e 19 Aug.
1663*

Present

Rob ^t Boyle Esq ^r Gouvernour	Tho. Gillibrand
Henry Ashurst Trer	Joshua Woolnough
Dep ^{ty} Thomas Staines	James Hayes
S ^r Lawrence Bromfeild K ^t	Tho. Bell
Dep ^{ty} Richard Hutchinson	W ^m Antrobus Esq ^r
Jn ^o Rolfe	

Ordered,

That Jn^o Hooper Clk. of this C. Doe forthwith repare vnto Ersewell Hall & Chamberlynes in Ersewell & there serve Jn^o Cheston & James Parker y^e present Tenn^{t^m} of y^e sd Manno^m wth the Iniuncon & Decree obteyned in the Chancerie for those Mano^m

[Cancelled: Ordered that Jn^o Hooper Doe procure the Coppy of the breife prepared for the Colleccon accordinge to the order of the Councell.]

Ordered,

That y^e Decree bee [Cancelled: exhibited] passed vnder y^e Greate Seale of England.

Whereas M^r Ashurst Trer of this Corpor: hath paid M^r Jn^o Cressett the summe of Threescore & eight poundes towards the carryng on & prosecucon of the suite commenced in Chauncery by this Corporacon ag^t C. Tho. Bedingfeild &c It is ordered that the sd M^r Ashurst bee further Desired to pay the sd M^r Cressett the remaynder of the moneyes Due & owinge vnto him beinge in all one hundred thirty two poundes sixe shil-

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linges & sixe pence & this wth y^e sd M^r Cressettes receipte for
the same shalbee a sufficient Discharge to y^e sd Trer :

[Cancelled: R. Boyle Law: Bromfeild
 W. Antrobus R. Hutchinson
 J. Woolnough]

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for Propagaⁿ of the Gos-
pell in New Engl And the Partes adiacent in America the
28 August 1663*

Present

Rob ^t Boyle Esq ^r Gouvernour	Dep ^t Rich. Hutchinson
Henry Ashurst Trer	The R ^t Hon ^{ble} y ^e Earle of Anglin
Jo ⁿ Micklethawite D ^r in Phe	S ^r Law. Bromfeild K ^t
Thomas Speed	Jno Rolfe
Dep ^t Jn ^o Jurian	Jn ^o Cox D ^r in Phe
W ^m Antrobus Esq ^r	George Clarke
	Dep ^t Tho Staynes

Ordered that Rob^t Boyle Esq^r Gouvernour of this Corpor: &
H. Ashurst Tresurer, or any other Member of the same bee
heereby ympowred to rec. any proposicon that shalbee made
vnto him or them by Co: Bedingfeild provyded that the sd
proposicon bee made in writinge & offered at the next ensuinge
Court or meetinge of this Corpor.

[Cancelled: This Day Joⁿ Hooper Clk of this Corpor. reported
his proceedinges wth the respectiue Tenn^{ts} of Erse-
well & Chamberlynes in Ersewell in the County
of Suffolk in pursuance of an Order made by the
sd Corporacon by w^{ch} he was ordered to repare
vnto Er: Dat. 19 August 1663 by which hee was ordered to
repare vnto Ersewell aforesd & doe such thinges as are menconed

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in the sd Order vnto wth reference beinge had more playnely
appeares, And reportes as followeth, viz^t.]

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for Propagaⁿ of the Gospell
in New Engl & y^e Partes adiacent in America the 6 of Novem-
ber 1663.*

Present

Rob ^t Boyle Esq ^r Gouvernour	S ^r Lawrence Bromfeild K ^t
Henry Ashurst Trer	Edmond Trench D ^r in Phe
Richard Hutchinson	Jn ^o Rolfe
Thomas Speed	W ^m Antrobus Esq ^r
Thomas Hayes	Dep ^t Tho: Staynes
	Dep ^t Charles Doyley

Ordered, That M^r Cressett Solicitor for this Corpor Doe in the
Name of y^e same giue thanks vnto M^r Serieant Fountaine for
his greate paines in the busines of this Corporacon, & Desire
his advice as to y^e best & most expeditious way for prosecutinge
the purport of the Decree obteyned ag^t Tho Bedingfeild Esq^r
& others defendantes & that the sd M^r Cressett Doe pursue
the same accordingly.

Ordered, That S^r Law. Bromfeild K^t W^m Antrobus Esq^r & Dep^t
Hutchinson bee Desired to attend S^r Justinean Lewein vpon
Satturday 7th November instant concerninge his administeringe
the Acco^{ts} of moneyes rec. by Tho. Bedingfeild of y^e Tenn^{ts}
of Ersewell & Chamberlynes &c.

[Cancelled: That M^r Dogett one of the Members of this Corpor.
bee Desired to sollicite the Company of Mercers that they
would please to pay the Arreares of y^e Fee Fearme rent formerly
Due & owinge vnto this Corpor. & report.]

[Cancelled: That Joⁿ Hooper Doe write to y^e tenn^{ts} &c.]

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*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for Propagaⁿ of the Gospell
in New England & the Partes adiacent in America y^e 25
November 1663.*

Present

Robert Boyle Esq ^r Gouvernour	W ^m Antrobus Esq ^r
Henry Ashurst Trer	Dep ^{ty} Jn ^o Juryan
Dep ^{ty} Rich ^d Hutchinson	Geo Clarke
Jn ^o Rolfe	Joshua Woolnough
Thomas Speed	The right Hon ^{ble} Arthur E. of Anglin
Thomas Bell	W ^m Gillibrand
Dep ^{ty} Charles Doyley	D ^r Jo ⁿ Micketwayte D ^r in Ph.

M^r Hutchinson reportes that he wth M^r Dogett haue wayted vpon the Company of Merceres London, That they haue promised to call a Co^{rs} of Assistantes & Determine the busines concer: the Fee Fearme rent in Arreares vnto this Corpor.

This Day Col. Thomas Bedingfeild & Thomas Wharton appearinge in Court Did Declare their submission to the Decree obteyned ag^t them & others in Chauncery y^e 6 July 1663

Ordered that M^r Henry Ashurst Ald^{ra} Antrobus, Dep^{ty} Hutchinson M^r Rolfe & M^r Speed bee Desired to receive a Proposicon in writinge from Col. Bedingfeild vpon fryday next at 2 of the Clocke & to Discourse wth him vpon it & to reduce the same for the best advantage of the Corpor, & to report their proceedings therein. The same Com^{tees} or any two are Desired to consider of M^r Chestons Disbursementes for Chamberlynes Fearme & allsoe of M^r Parkers Acco^{tes}.

This Day John Cheston & James Parker Tenn^{tes} of the Manno^{rs} of Ersewell & Chamberlynes promised and engaged vnto this Corporacon to pay this yeares rent due at Mich^{as} last vpon the

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25 of December next, and to bee mutually bound & engaged for each other for paym^t of the sd Rent.

This Day alsoe the sd John Cheston promised to pay the 213^{li} 3^s 11^d owinge & in arreare by him [Cancelled: to this Corporacon] before Col. Bedingfeildes reentrey into the Man^{or} [Cancelled: the sd John Cheston Doth promise to pay vnto this Corporacon] on or vpon the 25 March 1664.

Att a Co^{rt} or meetinge of the Corpora^s for Propaga^s of the Gospell in New England & the Partes adiacent in America the Fowerteenth of January 1663

Present

Robt. Boyle Esq ^r Governo ^r	Jn ^o Rolfe
Henry Ashurst Trer	Dep ^t Jn ^o Jurian
S ^r Lawrence Bromfeild K ^t	Geo. Clarke
Dep. Tho. Stanes	W ^m Antrobus Esq ^r
James Hayes	Tho Bell
Joshua Woolnough	

Vpon consideracon this day had of a lre lately sent by Col. Thomas Bedingfeild to the Governo^r of the sd Corpor. Desiringe that some persons might bee appoynted to treat wth him, It was resolved by the Co^{rt} that notwithstandinge the Discouragem^{ts} given them by the use that was made of the last Treaty Desired of them to Delay the Proseucon of the Decree. They will consent to a treaty as soone as the Conveyance ordered by the sd Decree to bee made, shalbee executed accordingly. At w^{ch} tyme & not before they shalbee ready to receiue Propositions from the sd Col. Bedingfeild, And to Doe therevpon all y^t shall appeare vnto them to bee iust & equitable.

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*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for Propagaⁿ of the Gos-
pell in New Engl & the Partes adiacent in America the 26
of February 1663/4*

Present

Robt. Boyle Esq ^r Gouverno ^r	Jno Micklethwayte D ^r in phe
Henry Ashurst Trer	Joshua Woolnough
Dep ^{ty} Tho Stanes	James Hayes
S ^r Lawrence Bromfeild K ^t	Dep ^t Rich. Hutchinson
Thomas Foley Esq ^r	
W ^m Gellibrand	
Jn ^o Rolfe	

Ordered, That it bee referrd to y^e Com^{tees} appoynted to Auditt the Acco^{tes} of this Corpor. for the yeare past to consider of M^r Bishopps Demaundes of y^e 4th Disbursed by him for the reparinge of Damage he susteyned by y^e fall of the Chymneys of the other howse & that the sd Com^{tees} put a finall End therevnto.

Resolved, That there bee a Com^{tees} appoynted by this Corpor to treat wth C. Bedingfeild in reference to y^e moneyes now in his hands.

Resolved That y^e names of the sd Com^{tees} be as followeth, viz^t: S^r Lawrence Bromfeild M^r Ashurst, M^r Rolfe, Ald^{rs}: Antrobus M^r Hayes, Dep^t Staines, Dep: Rich. Hutchinson, or any 3 of them to treat wth C. Bedingfeild & rec. Proposicons from & bringe him to y^e best termes they can [Cancelled: to get the money (rec^d by him) out of his handes] to get the money out of his handes [Cancelled: which belongs to y^e Corpor] & to Doe wholly [Cancelled: therein as the sd Com^{tees} shall thinke fitt] & make such finall Determinacon therein as the sd Com^{tees} shall thinke fitt.

That Jn^o Hooper Doe giue M^r Cressett notice of this Order.

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Ordered, That there beinge 3 keys to y^e Iron Chest wherein y^e Trer^r of this Corpor. was formerly put that the sd keyes bee Disposed of to theis persons viz^t. To M^r Ashurst one key M^r Gillibrand another & [Cancelled: Dep^t Stānes] M^r Clarke a 3^d key & the sd M^r Ashurst Doth [Cancelled: heereby] Declare in Co^rt that hee is willinge to bee Accomptable vnto this Corporacon at y^e vsuall tymes wherein the Acco^{t^{tes}} of y^e same shalbee Audited.

Ordered, That M^r Woolnough M^r Clarke M^r Antrobus Dep: Stanes M^r Jn^o Doggett M^r Gillibrand & M^r Jn^o Juryan or any fower of them bee heerby nominated & appoynted a Com^{t^{tes}} to Auditt the Acco^{t^{tes}} of this Corporacon for the yeare past & to signe & subscribe the same

Ordered, That Jn^o Hooper bee heerby appoynted to rec. y^e 20^{li} per ann: Rentes & Arreares of rent of the Tenn^{t^{tes}} belonginge added to John Hoopers Sallery to this Corporacon for w^{ch} hee is to rec. as addicon to w^t hee hath already, y^e summe of 20^{li} per Ann: to commence from the tyme of auditinge the sd Acco^{t^{tes}} for one yeare.

And that the sd Jn^o Hooper bee Deputed to rec. y^e sd rentes vnder the Com^a Seale of this Corporacon & y^e same is referrd to y^e sd Com^{t^{tes}} & the sd Jn^o Hooper is to giue such security for rec. the sd Rentes as the sd Com^{t^{tes}} shall thinke fitt.

Ordered, That y^e Bill of Exchange this Day presented, Dat. Boston 19 7ber 1663 bee accepted & the money to bee pd. betweene this & the 24 June next.

Ordered, That the 20 Bibles conteyninge the old and N. Testament sent from N. E. to this Corporacon bee bound & presented vnto such persons as the Gouvernour of this Corporacon shall thinke fitt.

Ordered, That at the next meetinge of this Corporacon such

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persons as haue beene Employed by this Corporacon heere & in N. E. bee [Cancelled: remembered and] considered for their extraordinary paines.

[Cancelled: That y^e Com^{tees} appoynted Auditors Doe prepare somthinge in order to the]

Ordered, That Dep Hutchinson, M^r Ashurst, S^r Law. Bromfeyld M^r Hayes & M^r Bell M^r Rolfe M^r Juryan or any 3 of them Doe prepare some thinge ag^t the next meetinge of this Court in answer to the lre sent to this Corp: from N. Engl Dat Boston in N. E. 18 September 1663 and report.

Ju^t

Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for Propagaⁿ of the Gospell in New Engl & y^e Partes adiacent in America the 7th March 1663

Present

Robt. Boyle Esq ^r Gouverno ^r	John Rolfe
Henry Ashurst Trer	W ^m Antrobus Esq ^r
Thomas Bell	Dep Ch. Doyley
Dep ^t Rich. Hutchinson	Geo. Clarke
John Jurian	Tho Gillibrand
S ^r Law. Bromfeild K ^t	Joshua Woolnough
	S ^r W ^m Thomson K ^t

Ordered, That 5 of the Bibles sent from N. England to this Corporacon bee Disposed accordinge to M^r Eliotes request, viz^t. one to Jesus Coll. in Cambridge, one to y^e Lady Ermin another to Sion Colledge, and 2 more to each university & y^t the bookes given to y^e vniversityes bee given in the Name of y^e Corpor:

That M^r Ashurst bee Desired to write to M^r Eliot || desiringe him ||

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that the Practise of Piety bee first translated & printed into the Indian Language

Ordered, That besides y^e Com^{tees} appoynted y^e last Court to
S^r W^m Thomson D^r Cox & y^e D^r Mickle-
thwayte Auditt y^e Acco^{tes} S^r Law. Bromfeild Dep^{ty} Doyley
& Dep. Antrobus & M^r Rolfe bee nominated & added
to the former Com^{tees} or any 5 of them are heerby
constituted & appoynted a Com^{tee} to consider &
Examine the Acc^{tes} of M^r Cressett &c. [Cancelled:
who have taken panes for this Corpor. & y^t any 5 of the sd Mem-
bers bee a Com^{tee} &c & report, y^t the sd Com^{tee} Draw vp &
prepare somethinge in writinge for publique satisfac & offer
the same at y^e next meetinge of this Court.]

[Cancelled: That Jn^o Hooper Doe attend M^r Rolfe & rec Direc-
cons from him in order to y^e conveyinge of seuerall Landes &
Estates formerly purchased vnto this Corpor.]

This Day the Ire to be sent to the Commissioners of the vnted
Collonies of New England was reade & approved & Signed by
y^e Gouverno^r.

[Acts for Sept. 1, 1664.]

Ordered That it bee referred vnto M^r Trer & M^r Rolfe [torn]
consult wth M^r Serieant Fountaine about the legacy given vnto
this Corpor by M^r Herringe of Yorksheir.

Ordered, That M^r Trer examine Johnsons Acco^t & if it appeare
y^t the summe of 9^{li} bee not Due vnto him vpon
Johnson his former Contract that then the summe of 20^{li}
bee pd by M^r Trer vpon acco^t of his private Employ^{mt} in N. E.

[A cancelled, undeciphered paragraph, apparently referring to a proposed letter
to the Commissioners in New England, asking about their former practice in regard
to salaries.]

Ordered, That M^r Jn^o Doget bee Desired to move the Comp

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M^r Dogett of Mercers that they would pay y^e 26th Due vnto
this Corpor: & Jⁿ Hooper Clerk of this Corporacon
is to giue the sd M^r Dogett notice of this order & Desire of this
Court:

Ju^t

*By y^e Com^{ms} appoynted y^e 7th March 1663 for Auditinge y^e Acco^{ms}
of this Corpor. & for inspectinge M^r Cressetts Acco^{ms}, &
makeinge Allowances to persons for Extraord paines: sittinge
at Coopers Hall y^e 13 May 1664*

Present

M ^r Ashurst	Dep ^t Charles Doyley
S ^r Lawrence Bromfeild K ^t	M ^r Woolnough
W ^m Antrobus Esq ^r	M ^r Rolfe
M ^r Gillibrand	M ^r Doget

[The entry above was struck out.]

*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for Propagacon of the
Gospell in New England and the Partes adiacent in America
the 17 of May 1664*

Present

Robt Boyle Esq ^r Gouverno ^r	John Rolfe
Henry Ashurst Trer	John Jurian
Dep ^t Rich. Hutchinson	George Clarke
W ^m Antrobus Esq ^r	S ^r W ^m Peake K ^t
S ^r Lawrence Bromfeild K ^t	Joshua Woolnough
	Jn ^o Bathurst Esq ^r

Ordered, That a Duplicate of the Generall Ire sent by this Cor-
poracon vnto the Com^{rs} for the Vnited Coloneys
of New England in New England, bee sent by the
ships that goe from hence to New England as
often as opportunity presentes.

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Ordered, That in pursuance of a former Order of this Corporacon Dat. 26 February 1663 whereby John Hooper Cl. of this Corporacon is Deputed to rec. y^e Rentes &c. & to haue an addicon of xx^{li} pr Ann. Salary to commence from the Day & tyme of auditing the Acco^{ts} of the sd Corpor, & to giue security as in the sd Order is menconed It is therevpon ordered that the sd Salary of xx^{li} Doe commence from y^e 25 March 1664, & y^t hee giue 400^{li} bond for Security, & Acco^t wth the Trer of this Corporacon 4 tymes in the yeare, yearely.

Ordered, That in pursuance of a former Order of this Corporacon of y^e 7 March 1663 whereby it is referrd to the Com^{tees} therein nominated, to consider of & report w^{ch} allowances is thought fitt to bee made vnto such persons as haue taken Extraordinary paines for & on the behalfe of this Corpor. which the sd Com^{tees} havinge reported, This Corporacon Doe proceed as followeth viz^t

That it is thought fitt by this Corpor that y^e summe of [Cancelled: 100] 50^{li} bee pd vnto M^r John Eliot of N. E. for his extraord paines in translating the bible into the Indian language [Cancelled: 100^{li} to bee paid this yeare & 50^{li} more the next yeare vpon the finishinge the bookes that are now printinge in the Indian language in N. E.] And that a lre bee sent vnto him intimatinge that this Corpor: shall consider [Cancelled: for the future] of a further reward for him hereafter.

[The Corporation's reply to the Commissioners' letter of Sept. 10, 1664, is in *Some Correspondence*, endorsed "Febr: 1664. A foule copie of the lre to the Comrs. Impfect."]

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*At a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for Propagacon of the
18 March 1664 Gospell in New Engl & the Partes adiacent in
America the 18 of [Cancelled: March 1664 May
1664] March 1665*

Present

Robt. Boyle Esq ^r Gouverno ^r	Dep ^{ty} Thomas Staines
Henry Ashurst Trer	Tho Bell
Jn ^o Rolfe	Dep ^{ty} John Jurian
Dep ^{ty} Chas. Doyley	

Ordered, that S^r Law. Bromfeild K^t M^r Gillibrand Dep^t Charles Doyley Dep^{ty} Thomas Staynes [Cancelled: & M^r Rolfe] Erasmus Smyth Esq^r M^r Bell Deputy Jurian or any three of them bee Desired to repare vnto Ersewell Hall & then & there wth the helpe of M^r Clarke of S^t Edmunds Bury if hee can bee procured to take a veiwe & survey of || the debets of || the dwellinge houses & outhouses belonginge to the Mannoⁿ of Ersewell & Chamberlynes & if possible to || ditermine let & set || the same & doe such other thinges for the advantage of this Corpor as they shall thinke fitt & Joⁿ Hooper Clerk of this Corporacon is to attend them & It is further ordered that the sd Com^{tee} bee authorized by a Commission vnder the Comⁿ Seale of this Corporacon to keepe a Court there if they see it convenient & to consider of the choyse of a Steward for the sd Mannoⁿ And that it bee referrd vnto M^r Ashurst M^r Rolfe & M^r Dep^{ty} Jurian to consider & see the sd Commission perfected.

Ordered that vpon the receipt of the rentes of this Corpor: wthin
Taxes to be the Citty of London the taxes allowed by the land-
allowed lord therevpon bee accordinge to the rent that the
Tenn^t payes.

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*Att a Court or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for Propagaⁿ of the Gos-
pell in New England & the Partes adiacent in America y^e
Seaventh day of June 1665.*

Present

Robt. Boyle Esq ^r Gouverno ^r	John Rolfe
Henry Ashurst Trer	Dep ^t Thomas Staines
Dep ^t Charles Doyley	Thomas Gillibrand
M ^r Thomas Bell	S ^r Lawrence Bromfeild K ^t
Dep ^{ty} John Jurian	

Ordered That the summe of 150^{li} bee allowed vnto M^r John
150^{li} to be Cheston Tenn^t to the Manno^r of Ersewell Hall
allowed to in Ersewell &c. towards the puttinge the Dwell-
Jn^o Cheston inge & Outhouses belonginge to the sd Mann^r
for repaires inge & that the sd repares bee made
in good substantiall repares & that the sd repares bee made
wthyn two yeares after the Date [Cancelled: heerof] of his Lease
wch sd summe is to bee pd & allowed out of y^e rent that shall
growe Due next after the sd repares shalbee substantially Done
& performed.

This day the Draughtes of the seuerall Leases for the Tennantes
of Ersewell Hall & Chamberlynes beinge read were approved,
& ordered to be Ingrossed & Sealed accordingly. And that
seuerall bonds be taken of the Tenantes in the penaltie of
double a yeares rent

[Cancelled: That bonds bee taken for performance of Coven^{tes}
to be Double a yeares rent.]

Ordered That a lre bee sent vnto M^r Cheston to let him know
150^{li} that this Court haue graunted his Desires of 150^{li}
requested by having allowed him for repares soe as the Corpor.
Cheston to- wardes bee satisfied that the sd Howsinge bee put into good
repaires to & substantiall repares.

be signified to [Cancelled: Names of a Com^{tees} to take y^e Leases
him by a lre.

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& to put y^e Com^{on} Seale y^e 8 Members present or any 3 of them to doe]

Ordered, That Joⁿ Hooper doe attend y^e Ma^r & Wardens of y^e Com^r of Coopers & declare vnto them that this Corporacon do leaue it to their Discrecon whether themselves or this Corpor. shall provide them a brace of bucks for y^e use of their Hall

Att a Cor^t or meetinge of the Corporaⁿ for Propagaⁿ of the Gospell in New England & y^e Partes adiacent in America y^e 20 Day of February 1665/6.

Present

S^r Law. Bromfeild K^t Gouverno^r

pro tem pore

George Clarke

Henry Ashurst Trer

D^r Trench

John Rolfe

Tho Bell

Dep^{ty} Charles Doyley

James Hayes Esq^r

Dep^{ty} Tho Staynes

Dep^t John Jurian

It is this Day ordered that y^e Bill presented vnto this Corporacon by M^r Jn^o Rolfe beinge an Acco^t of busines Done for the sd Corpor: & for his Extraordinary paines Amountinge in all to y^e summe of xx^{li} bee allowed & pd vnto the sd M^r Rolfe

Ordered, That in regard the Gouverno^r [Cancelled: is absent]

S^r Law. Bromfeild to take the Chaire as Guvnor pro tem pore. could not bee present att the meetinge of this Court y^t S^r Lawrence Bromfeilde K^t Doe take y^e Chaire pro tem pore.

Ordered, That y^e Bill of Exchange Drawen vpon this Corpor: by the Com^{rs} for y^e Vnited Col of New England Dated Boston 13 Sep^t 1665 for 400^{li} bee accepted by this Corpor: to bee pd vnto M^r Joⁿ Harwood or his Assignees for y^e vse of M^r Hezekiah Vsher

400^{li} Bill of Exchange from New Eng. accepted.

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Merch^t in Boston aforesd in N. E. As soone as this Corpor shalbee
 Mr Jn^o enabled by receipt of their rentes to pay the same.
 Harwood. Ordered That this Corpor Doe grant vnto M^r
 Elliott his request of givinge 50^{li} beinge his whole yeares Salary,
 50^{li} to be to bee Disposed vnto such as M^r Ashurst & M^r
 paid for a Bell, who are to consult y^o advice of M^r Carroll
 yeares & M^r Brookes shall thinke fitt.
 Sallary to M^r Elliott. Ordered, that M^r Trer Aldran Hayes M^r Bell Dep^t
 Doyley & Dep^{ty} Jurian & S^r Law Bromfeild or any two
 A Lre. to be of them bee a Com^{tees} appoynted [Cancelled: who
 prepared for are Desired to meete] to prepare a lre [Cancelled:
 New Eng. in Answere] to bee sent to y^o Com^{rs} of the vnited Coloneyes in
 New Engl. & y^t they meete at Coopers Hall vpon Fryday next
 at 2 of the Clocke in y^o afternoone for that purpose.

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[The entries that follow are in a different handwriting from the preceding.
 Mr. Hooper's illness, referred to in the record for 22 March, 1668-9, doubtless
 began about this time. The reason for a break in the records at this period was
 the Plague, followed by the Fire of London, which started on September 2, 1666.]

[A meeting was held April 27, 1668; see p. 130.]

[The Copy of a letter sent June 4, 1668, signed by Governor Boyle, is in
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*At a Court for propagacon of the gospell in New England & the
 Partes adjacent in America holden the 23^d of September 1668*

Present

Robert Boyle Gouverno ^r	S ^r W ^m Thomson
Henry Ashurst Threr	M ^r Thomas Gillibrand
D ^r John Micklethwayte	M ^r Thomas Bell
D ^r Thomas Cox	M ^r Charles Doyley
Francis Warner Esq ^r	M ^r John Acrod
James Hayes Esq ^r	M ^r John Rolfe
M ^r Harmon Sheafe	

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At this Court it was taken into Consideracon that diuers Mem-
 bers of this Corporacon were deceased & divers
 others Did seldome or never appeare vpon sessions
 by reason of their habitacon in the Countrie & other
 occasions soe that there was a necessitie of Choos-
 ing other members in their roomes for the better
 carrying on of the work of the sd Corporacon (M^r
 Harmon Sheafe particularly desiring to be excused
 from farther attendance) And therevpon S^r W^m
 Bateman S^r Anthony Bateman S^r Theophilus Bi-
 dulph Tempest Milner Esq^r M^r Richard Hutchin-
 son M^r Tho. Steanes & M^r Harmon Sheafe 7 of the late members
 of this Corporacon were dismissed & discharged from being
 any longer Members of this Corporacon And there being de-
 ceased 12 others late Members of this Corporacon Vizt: the
 Earle of Southampton, the L^{ds} Say & Seale M^r Wolnough M^r
 Speed M^r Antrobus M^r Benbow, M^r Brinley M^r Meares S^r
 Martin Noell S^r Lawr: Bromfeild M^r Geo: Clarke & M^r Ed-
 mond Boscowen (the said Members soe dismissed & deceased
 being 19 in all) This Court proceeded to the eleccon of 19 other
 persons in steed of the 19 persons soe dismissed & desceased as
 aforesd W^{ch} persons now elected are theis w^{ch} Follow that is
 to say S^r Orlando Bridgman Baronett Lord Keeper of the greate
 Seale of England George Lord Barkley

John Fountaine Serj: at law
 William Penoyer
 John Jolliffe
 Robt. Thomson
 Benjamin Albin
 John Lane Esq^r

} Esq^{rs}

M^r James Hubland Sen^r
 M^r Andrew Daudie
 M^r Will^m Kiffin
 M^r Henry Whittingham
 M^r Thomas Stanley

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M^r Samuell Wilson
M^r Edmond White

M^r William Moses
M^r Thomas Perpillon
M^r Thomas Essington } Esq^{rs}
M^r Stephen Laughan }

Ordered that some speedie course be taken for securing or re-
couering of the arreares of rent due to this Cor-
John Cheston poracon from John Cheston And that M^r Threr
doe writ to M^r Jn^o Clarke of Bury to that end to desire him to
inquire of the title & value of M^r Chestons landes w^{ch} he hath
to giue securitie by for the said arreares, & either to [Cancelled:
cause] take securitie by landes or Judgm^t or else to take such
other way for the recouerie of the said arreares & to employ such
Attornie therein as he shall thinke fitt

W^m Morgan This day were presented to this Court 2 bills of
6th 10^s 4^d Charges of Suite in Chancerie the one of M^r W^m
Morgan for 6th 10^s 4^d. the other of Cap^t Jn^o Cressett Sollicito^r
J^{no} Cressett for 11. 2. 2. W^{ch} were referred to M^r Threr & M^r
11. 2. 2. Rolfe to peruse & consider & to pay & discharge
the same.

This day James Haies Esq^r & M^r Tho. Gellibrand 2 of the Com-
M^r James mittee appointed to view the farme & landes in
Hales M^r Plumsted now in the tenure of Peter Denham
Tho. Gelli- brand made report that they having viewed the same doe
brand Plumsted thinke fitt a new lease for 21 yeares. be made to the
Peter Denham. said Peter Denham.

To commence after the expiracon of the old lease whereby he
now holdeth the same at the rent of 80^{li} per Ann: whereby 40^s
per ann. wilbe abated of the old rent & that the sd Peter Den-
ham be bound sufficiently & substan[] to repaire the Brew
house & Mault house there & to performe other reasonable

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Covennantes: And that M^r Rolfe doe prepare a draught of the said Lease to be considered at the next Court and that M^r Denham haue notice when the next court wilbe, to appeare then & Conclude vpon the said Lease.

At a Court for Propagacon of the gossell in New England & the partes adjacent in America holden the 6th day of October 1668

Present

Robt. Boyle Gouverno ^r	M ^r Thomas Bell
M ^r Henry Ashurst	M ^r Charles Doyley
D ^r John Micklethwaite	M ^r Edmond White
M ^r Tho. Gellibrand	M ^r Will ^m Moses
M ^r Ben. Albin	M ^r John Doggett
M ^r Francis Warner	M ^r Andrew Daudie
	M ^r John Rolfe

It was this day ordered that a Ire of Attornie sealed the Comon M^r Jn^o Clarke Seale of this Companie be sent downe to M^r John John Cheston Clarke of Burie to authorize him to demaund recouer & receaue of John Cheston Tenant of Ersewell hall in Suffolk all arreares of rent & sommes of monie due & to growe due to this Comp: & to give him full power & authoritie by all lawfull waies & meanes to recouer the same And that a latitat be sent downe to get him speedilie arrested.

Ordered that M^r Thomas Stanley be desired to doe his endeavo^r M^r Tho. to procure a Tenant to take a Lease of the ground Stanley. in Trinitie lane & rebuild vpon the same

Ordered that Capt: Cressett Sollicito^r for this Comp: in the Suite depending in Chancerie ag^t Jane Pepys & Jane Pepys. others doe State the Case & the Proceedings therein & that he wth M^r W^m Moses & M^r Rolfe be desired to repaire to Serjeant Fountaine & take his advice therein.

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Ordered that Francis Warner Esq^r be added to the Committee
Fra: for auditing of the Threr^s Accomptes for the 2
Warner last yeares.

This day W^m Bracie was chosen & appointed Messenger of this
W^m Bracie Comp. during their pleasure & five poundes per
5th pr Ann: ann: ordered to be paid him for his sallarie quar-
terly by even porcons to begin from Mich^{as} last past And 1500
Ticketts be printed for the somoninge of the Members to Courtes
& Committees.

*At a Court for propagacon of the Gospell [] Engl: & the partes
adjacent in America the 16th day of November 1668.*

Present

Doc : John Micklethwayte	M ^r Hen[] Ash[]
M ^r Thomas Bell	M ^r John Lane
M ^r John Jurian	M ^r Thomas Gellibrand
M ^r Andrew Daudie	M ^r John Rolfe
M ^r John Jolliffe	M ^r Stephen Laugh[]
M ^r Tho: Stanley	M ^r Ben: Albin
M ^r Tho: Essington	

This day M^r Henry Ashurst was chosen Gouverno^r pro tem pore
Gouverno in the absence of M^r Robt. Boyle & tooke the Chaire
pro tem pore accordingle.
M^r Hen:
Ashurst

This day John Cheston who owed to this Company
John Cheston. the somme of 580^{li} for arreares of rent of Earswell
Hall in Earswell in the Countie of Suff: appeared
& deliuered in seuerall bills of taxes by him disbursed & laid out
amountinge to the somme of 47. 11. 7. being for 15 mo: taxes
ending at Mich^{as} last past w^{ch} were read & approved & then

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paid the somme of 50^{li} in monie to the Treasurer w^{ch} 2 sommes amountinge to 97. 11. 7 there remayned then due to this Companie 482. 8. 5. For better securitie of paym^t of 50^{li} whereof, he the said John Cheston hath Deliuered a bond of one M^r Steward, vnto M^r John Clarke of Burie w^{ch} is to be pd. to him at Christmas next for the vse of this Companie & Desired time to be given him for the paym^t of y^e residue of the monie soe by him owinge as foll: that is to say 50^{li} thereof to be paid wthin 3 weekes now next ensueinge 100^{li} more thereof to be paid at Candlemas next & 282. 8. 5 residue thereof to be paid at two 6 mo: after Candlemas next by equall porcons for w^{ch} last somme he promised to giue securitie to the good liking of this Companie Wherevpon this Court (consideringe the greate losses by him the said John Cheston alleadged to haue been susteyned) thought fitt to allow him the said daies & times of paym^t according to his desire And further ordered that if the said somme of 50^{li} shalbe pd. to the sd Jn^o Clarke for the vse of this Companie as aforesd. And that the said John Cheston shall pay the said somme of 50^{li} wthin 3 weekes & the said somme of 100^{li} at Candlemas & shall alsoe giue securitie to the good likinge of M^r Henry Ashurst Threr of this Companie for paym^t of the sd. somme of 282. 8. 5 as aforesaid, That then satisfaccon shall or may at the costes & charges of the sd Jn^o Cheston be acknowledged vpon record of & for the Judgm^t recorded this presente Mich^{as} terme against the sd Jn^o Cheston at the suite of this Comp: in his Majs Court of Kings Bench at West[] for 550^{li} Debt. And that noe execucon shalbe taken out against the sd Jn^o Cheston his landes tenen^{ts} goodes or Chattells vpon the sd Judgm^t vntill the sd Jn^o Cheston shall make default of paym^t of the said sommes of monie or some part thereof or in not givinge such securitie for the sd 282. 8. 5. as aforesd.

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And now the said Jn^o Cheston propounded to this Court Ed-
Edm: mond Swanton of Laken heath in the Co : of Suffolk :
Swanton Clerke & Tho: Steward of Barton als Barton Mills
Tho: in the same Countie Gent : to be his securitie to be
Steward. bound wth him for paym^t of the said somme of 282. 8. 5 in maner
& forme aforesaid wherevpon it was ordered that
M^r Rolfe. M^r Rolfe doe write to the sd M^r Clarke of Bury
M^r Clark of Bury. M^r Rolfe doe write to the sd M^r Clarke of Bury
to inquire of the same & to certifie M^r Threr of his
opinion concerning them.

*At a Court for propagacon of the Gospell in New Engl. & the
partes adjacent in America holden the 22th of Januarie 1668*

Present

M ^r Robt Boyle Gouverno ^r	M ^r Hen: Ashurst Trer.
M ^r Robt Thomson	M ^r Andrew Daudie
M ^r Tho: Papillon	M ^r W ^m Moses
M ^r Charles Doyley	Francis Warner Esq ^r
M ^r Tho: Stanley	M ^r John Rolfe

This day a Ire from the Com^{rs} of the vnitd Colonies of New
L^{res} & Engl. directed to the Gouverno^r was read together
accompt wth an accompt from the sd Com^{rs} of the charges
from New there expended for & in the propagacon of the
England the gospell in the yeare 1668 And therevpon the said Robt. Thomson
Francis Warner Charles Doyley & W^m Moses or any 2 of them
were appointed a Committee to consider of the said Ire & ac-
compt, & to draw vpp an answeare to the said Ire & present the
same wth their opinions of the said accompt at the next Court.
Ordered that the bill or bills of 300^{li} charged vpon the Trer of
this Companie by the said Com^{rs} & payable to M^r
[Cancelled: John Harwood] M^r Hezekiah Vsher
or his order Dated 15th September 1668 be accepted.

Bill of 300^{li}
to be
accepted.

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Ordered that M^r Tho : Stanley be desired to continue his endeavo^r
M^r Stanley for the procuring of a Tenant to rebuild vpon the
Toft in Toft or parcell of ground in Trinitie lane or to
Trinitie lane. provide a Chapman to buy the same.

*At a Court for propagacon of the Gospell in New Engl. & the partes
adjacent in America holden the 22th day of March 1668*

Present

Robt Boyle Gouverno ^r	Henry Ashurst Threr
M ^r Tho : Bell	M ^r John Jurian
M ^r Ben : Albin	Majo ^r Robt Thomson
Capt : W ^m Kiffin	John Rolfe
M ^r Tho : Gellibrand	M ^r Tho : Stanley
M ^r Andrew Daudie	M ^r W ^m Penoye

This day the draught of a lease to be made to Peter Denham of
Peter the farme called Suffolke place in Plumsted in the
Denham Co : of Kent was reade & approved & therevpon

It was ordered that James Hayes Esq^r be desired to take a view
James of the Timber & trees & pollardes standing & grow-
Hayes inge vpon the premisses & to make report of the
number of the Timber trees & pollardes there at the next Court.

Ordered that M^r Andrew Daudie & M^r Tho : Stanley be desired
M^r Daudie to cause the vtmost foundacons of the Toft & ground
in Trinitie lane London to be laid & the Celler
walls to be sett vpp & the old materialls there to be employed
M^r Stanley therein, & that they take forth a tickett or warrant
to the Surveyo^r to whome it belongeth for the set-
tinge forth of the same accordingly. & that the Charges thereof
be paid by the Threr.

This day John Cheston Tenant of the Mano^r or farme of Ers-

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John Cheston abatem^t of arreares. well hall in Suff appeared & prayed an abatem^t of some part of the arreares of rent by him owing in consideracon of the late hard yeares & losses by him susteyned therein wherevpon this Court ordered that if the said John Cheston shall forthwth pay the remaynder of the somme of 10^{li} yet vnpaid wch should haue been paid at Candlemas last & shall alsoe pay the somme of 282^{li} 8^s 5^d residue of the said arreares due at Michel[] last past at 2 six monethes next after Candlemas aforesaid by equall porcons according to his former promise & agreem^t & shall alsoe pay the growinge rent of the sd farme as shall hereafter become due & payable in the mean ti[] That then the somme of 32^{li} 8^s 5^d shalbe abated to hi[] out of the last paym^t of the said arreares. This day Majo^r Robt. Thomson one of the Committee lately appointed to Consider of the last lres & accompt sent ov[] from the Com^{rs} of the vnitd Collonies of New England [] New England made report that the said Committee had perused the said Accompt for the yeare 1668 & approved of the same But they Con- ceaved it fitt that such monies as hereafter shalbe made over for & towards the charge of propagacon of the gossell in New Engl & the partes adjacent in America should be consigned & paid to s[] persons there as will giue a better rate & profit for the same then hath beene formerly allowed for the monies formerlie sent over for that purpose. Whereas Mounsieur — Mowsche of the Citie of Paris in Fraunce hath (by the meanes and encouragem^t of the ho^{blis} Monsieur Mowsche Robert Boyle Governo^r of this Companie) con- tributed & made over to the said Governo^r the somme of 360^{li}: sterlinge to be employed for the maintenance of one or more preachinge Ministers for the Conversion & in-

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struccon of the Natiue Indians in New England to & in the Christian faith & protestant religion It is ordered that M^r Henry Ashurst Treasurer of this Companie doe receaue the said somme of 360^{li} of the sd Gouverno^r & giue him an acquittance for the same And that the said monie be wth all convenient speed Made over to Major generall Leverett & M^r Hezekiah Vsher resident in New England to the intent that the same wth the interest & profittes thereof may be there employed to th' end & purpose aforesaid accordinge to y^e pious intencon of the Dono^r.

[The draft of a letter concerning 300l. given by "Mr Moutche (a French lawyer)" is in *Some Correspondence*, p. 25.]

This day the Court being informed that John Hooper (who John Hooper hath heretofore done verie good & faithfull service 10^{li} to this Companie as their Clarke) hath beene longe visited wth sicknes & is still in a weake Conditon & in greate want, and Consideringe how willinglie he waded such Sallarie as was or might be due vnto him for his service vpon the losses happened to this Companie by the Late dreadfull fire in London & otherwise (whereby their Revenewes are much lessened) It is ordered that the Treasurer doe pay vnto him the somme of 10^{li} for his releife.

At a Court for propagacon of the gossell in New Engl: & the partes adjacent in America holden the 28th of Aprill 1669.

Present

M ^r Robt. Boyle Gouverno ^r	M ^r Henry Ashurst Trer
D ^r John Micklethwayt	M ^r John Jolliffe
M ^r Tho : Stanley	Dep : Charles Doyley
M ^r John Acrod	M ^r Thomas Essington

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M^r Tho : Bell

M^r Andrew Daudy

M^r John Rolfe

This day M^r Thomas Stanley informing this Court that he had treated wth one M^r Button of Brainford about letting of the ground in Trinitie lane, & propounded a lease thereof to be made vnto him at the rent of 24^{li} per ann: if the Companie should consent therevnto This Court takinge the premisses into Consideracon ordered that it bee referred to M^r Stanley to conclude wth him for a Lease for 61 yeares at the rent of 24^{li} per ann: the said M^r Button rebuilding the premisses accordinge to the Act for rebuilding the Citie of London or ells to sell the ground to him & his heires for 250^{li} or 240^{li} at y^e least Soe as he giue his positie answere wthin 10 daies.

This day a lre was read & ordered to be ingrossed & signed by the Gouverno^r & to be wth the first shipp sent away to the Commissioners of the vnited Colonies of New Engl: in New England.

L^{res} to be
sent to New
England

[Printed in *Some Correspondence*, p. 22.]

Entred into the faire booke thus farre.

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At a Court for propagacon of the Gospell in New Engl. & the partes adjacent in America holden the 15th day of Sep^r 1669.

Present

Robt. Boyle Esq^r Gouverno^r

Henry Ashurst Trear

M^r Robt. Thomson

M^r John Lane

M^r Tho : Gellibrand

M^r Edmond White

M^r Tho : Stanley

D^r John Micklethwaite

M^r John Acrod

M^r Andrew Daudie

M^r Ben : Albin

M^r John Rolfe

M^r W^m Moses

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Whereas at the last Court it was ordered that the ground in
 Ground in Trinity lane might be sold for 250^{li} or 240^{li} at the
 Trinity lane. least, since wch time some cost hath been laid out
 in cleering the ground & bringing vpp some of the walls there,
 & it is now found to conteyne more ground then was formerly
 to be sold supposed, It is therefore ordered that the said
 for 300^{li} or grounds shall not be sould vnder 300^{li} nor letten
 letten at 28^{li} pr ann: vnder the yearly rent of 28^{li}

This day the draught of a Lease to be made to M^r Edmond
 Edmond Hills being read & approved, It was Ordered that
 Hills M^r Daudie, M^r Stanly & M^r Rolfe or any 2 of them
 doe take a view of the ground in Bucklersburie wherevpon the
 said M^r Hills hath built a new house & take the
 Bucklersbury Dimensions thereof & that they take to their Assist-
 ance M^r Hooke or M^r Oliver the Surveyo^r & make report to
 the next Court whether the same house be built Accordinge to
 the Act of Parl: for rebuilding the City of London or not, &
 whether soemuch be built therevpon as is necessarie & convenient.

*At a Court holden for propagacon of the gossell in New Engl: &
 the partes adjacent in America the 27th of Januarie 1669*

Present

Robt. Boyle Gouverno ^r	Henry Ashurst Treasurer
M ^r Robt. Thomson	M ^r Andrew Daudie
Dep: Doyley	M ^r Tho: Stanley
M ^r John Jolliffe	M ^r Ben: Albin
Aldran Warner	M ^r John Rolfe

Vpon the readinge of the Ire from the Com^{rs} of the vnited Col-
 L^{rs} from the onies of New Engl: in New England this day It was
 Com^{rs} of ordered that in the answeare therevnto it be signi-
 New Engl. fied that this Court findeth not inclosed therein
 read

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the accomptes of M^r Eliott M^r Bourne & M^r Mahew senior, of the present State of the Indians as in the said Ire is menconed but suppose the same were forgotten to be soe inclosed. And, 300^{li} intended that the Corporacon thinke fitt to make further to be tryall of the way they haue begun for remittinge remitted this yeare monie & that they intend this yeare to remitt 300^{li} w^{ch} wth 75^{li} they expect to haue for advance thereof & 40^{li} 17^s remayning in stock at New Engl: according to the accompt this yeare sent by the said Com^{rs} & 31^{li} 10^s to The court be there received for the profit of the 450^{li} by this consentes to the printing of y^e Primer Corporacon made ouer the last yeare amounteth & Catechisme in the whole to the somme of 447^{li} 07^s. And that this Court doe consent to the printinge of the Primer & Catechisme in the Natiues language w^{ch} the Com^{rs} by their sd Ire signified they haue ordered to be printed.

[The letter from the Commissioners, dated Sept. 8, 1669, is printed in *Some Correspondence*, p. 30. The missing enclosure is printed in *Some Correspondence*, p. 27, endorsed, "Mr. Jno Eliots Acct. 6. 7. 1669."]

Ordered that the said Com^{rs} doe pay or allowe to Corlett 5^{li} ordered the somme of 5^{li} [Cancelled: for his hauing been to be paid instructor as was desired by a Ire from] for his to M^r Corlett. paytiens formerly taken in instructing & teaching the Indian children.

Ordered that the thankes of this Court be returned to M^r John Clarke Esq^r of Bury for his manie good offices formerly done for this Corporacon & that the Ire & proposicons of James Parker Tennant of Chamberlines farme in Earswell be sent vnto the sd M^r Clarke who is Mr Clarke to desired to consider the same (he well knowinge the consider of James Parkers said farme) And to certifie to this Corporacon his proposalls opinion concerning the abatem^t of the rent & arreares

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thereby desired & whether he know of any able man that will
M^r Percivall take it at the old rent : Alsoe the sd M^r Clarke is
recommended desired to giue his opinion concerning the fitness of
for Steward M^r Percivall an Attornie living at Chippenham in
of Earswell Suffolk to be Steward of the Mano^r of Earswell or els to recom-
mend some other [Inserted: honest man] whome he conceaueth
more fitt for that office.

It was this day alsoe ordered that one of the Indian bibles
An Indian printed at New Engl. be given to Majo^r W^m Puckle
Bible a well wisher to this Corporacon & to the worke of
ordered to Major Puckle. propagacon of the gospell there.

*At a Court holden for propagacon of the Gospell in New England
& the partes adjacent in America the Last day of March 1670 :*

Present

Robt Boyle Gouverno ^r	Henry Ashurst Treasurer
M ^r Robt Thomson	M ^r Thomas Bell
Doc. John Micklethwaite	M ^r Andrew Daudie
Benjamin Albin Esq ^r	M ^r Thomas Stanley
M ^r Edmond White	John Rolfe

Ordered that it be signified in the lre to be sent to the Com^{rs}
of the vnited Collonies in New Engl. that they
L^{rs} to y^e Com^{rs} in may expect a bill of Exchange for 300^{li} by the
New Engl. next shippinge and that this Comp : are contented
to lend their printinge presse & lres & Implementes to the Col-
ledge in New England to be by them vsed vpon
printing presse, &c. necessarie occasions.

[The letter was dated April 1.]

[A letter in Latin from the President and Fellows of Harvard College to the
President and Corporation, dated 27 Oct. 1669, is in *Some Correspondence*, p. 61.]

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Ordered that Doc. John Micklethwaite Aldran Francis Warner
Committee James Haies Esq^r M^r Benj: Albin Deputy Doyley
for auditing M^r Tho: Gellibrand M^r John Acrod M^r Tho: Bell
the 2 last & M^r John Rolfe, or any 3 of them be a Committee
yeares Acco^{tes} of the Trer. for auditing the 2 last yeares accomptes of the Trer.

This day William Percivall Gent was chosen and appointed
W^m Percivall Steward of the Mano^r of Erswell in the Countie
Steward of of Suffolk.
Erswell.

Ordered that the ground in Trinitie lane belonging to this Com-
panie shall not be sold vnder 250^{li} for the Inherit-
Ground in Trinitie lane
to be sold for 250^{li} or
letten for 24^{li}
per ann: shall haue full power to Contract for the selling or letting of
the sd. ground at y^e rates aforesd or soe much more as they can
gett for the same.

*At a Court holden for propagacon of the gospell in New Engl &
the partes adjacent in America the 5th day of May 1670*

Present

Robt. Boyle Governo ^r	M ^r Henry Ashurst Trer
Will ^m Penoyer Esq ^r	M ^r John Jolliffe
M ^r Tho : Stanley	James Hayes Esq ^r
M ^r Edmond White	M ^r Tho : Papillon
	M ^r John Rolfe

Whereas Stephen Barker Carpenter hath without leaue from this
Barker a Carpenter
about the ground in
Trinitie lane. Comp: made vse of their ground in Trinitie lane
for the framinge of Timber whereby he hath done
damage to the walls & foundacons thereof
It is ordered that due course be taken to cause the

said Barker to make recompence for the damage by him done & that he forthwth remove his Timber or giue reasonable satisfaccon for the vse of the said ground for such time as he hath & shall make vse of the same And that M^r Stanley & M^r Rolfe doe take care of the effectuall prosecucon of this order.

Ordered that M^r Trer & M^r Rolfe doe attend Serjeant Fountaine Serjeant Foun- & desire him to speake to Baron Litleton either
 tayne Baron Litleton to take speedie course for the paym^t of the arreares
 Edw. Litleton. of an Annuity or rent Charge of 20^{li} per ann : given by W^m Litleton Esq^r deceased towards the Propagacon of the gospell in New Engl. & for the making of further Assurance of the sd rent charge to this Comp: for wch a suite hath been long Depending in Chancerie betweene this Comp: P^{l^{tes}} & the said Baron Litleton & Edward Litleton Def^{tes}: Or ells that he would (without clayming his priviledge of Parl:) come to a speedy hearing of the Cause.

Ordered that M^r Trer doe put the Com^{oⁿ} seale of this Com-
 Edmond panie to a Lease agreed to be made to Edmond
 Hills Lease Hills of a house & ground in Bucklersbury London
 to be sealed. the draught whereof was this day read & approved.

Ordered that M^r Rolfe write to M^r Jn^o Clarke of Burie to desire
 M^r John him to send his answeare & advice touching the
 Clark Farme of Chamberlins in Earswell & James Par-
 kers l^{tes} & proposicons for abatem^t of rent & the repaires of the
 James same, the copies whereof were formerlie sent to the
 Parker said M^r Clarke for his advice therein.

Whereas on the 27th of Aprill 1668 It was ordered by this Comp:
 M^r Blunt that M^r Blunt Sadlier should haue a Lease of the
 Sadlier. ground of his late dwelling house in Bucklersbury
 & of the late dwelling house of Peter Herringhooke therevnto
 adjoyninge vpon such Condicons as in the order in that behalfe

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made are menconed And whereas the sd Blunt Sadlier hath not performed the sd Condicons nor built vpon the premisses according to his promise & agreem^t It is therefore ordered that if the sd Blunt Sadlier doe not on or before the last day of June next pay the arreares wch were by him due at the time of the fire & alsoe the somme of 30^{li} for a whole yeares rent w^{ch} wilbe due for the sd ground at Midsomer next according to agreem^t That then this Companie will graunt a Lease of the premisses to some other person who will speedilie rebuild vpon the same, And that speedie notice be given to the sd M^r Sadlier of this order.

Ordered that M^r Trer doe take vpp the some of 100^{li} vpon the M^r Trer to Com^{on} Seale of this Companie in order to the making take upp 100^{li}. ouer of 300^{li} to New England to be disposed of for & towards the propagacon of the gospell in New Engl & y^e partes adjacent in America 200^{li} whereof is ordered to be paid 300^{li} to be to Major Robt. Thomson vpon his bill of Exchange made over to Directed to M^r John Richards in Boston in New England. England for the pay^{mt} of 250^{li} New Engl. monie to John Leverett Esq^r & M^r Ezekiah Vsher & 100^{li} residue of the said somme of 300^{li} is to be paid to M^r Edmond White Merchant vpon his bill of Exchange to be directed to M^r Humphry Davie at Boston aforesd for the paym^t of 125^{li} of like monie to the sd John Leverett & Ezekiah Vsher for the purpose aforesd.

At a meeting of diuers Members the 10th of October 1670

Present

M ^r Henry Ashurst Trer	M ^r Tho : Stanley
M ^r John Acrod	M ^r Tho : Bell
Deputy Doyley	M ^r John Rolfe
M ^r Andrew Daudy	

This day the said Members now present (a full Court not meeting) tooke notice of the Complaintes & desires of James Parker & M^{rs} Cheston (in the behalfe of her husband John Cheston) who alleadged that they were not able to hold their respectiue farmes in Earswell in the Countie of Suffolk any longer but desired that they might surrender & giue vpp the same vnles some abatem^t of rent were made vnto them & allowances for repaires. And the said James Parker Desired to haue 20^{li} rent per ann: abated from henceforth & to haue a Dove house built for him at the charge of the Company & to haue the remaynder of his former bill of charges about the Granarie heretofore given in amounting to 42. 18. 6 fully allowed him & alsoe to haue his charges disbursed this yeare in removinge a Hay barne & repairing th' end of the great Barne whereof he promiseth to send a true accompt speedilie W^{ch} his requestes if they be graunted by a full Court when they shalbe mett together he promiseth to pay the residue of the somme of 242^{li} 14. 4. due for arreares of rent of his farme at Lady day last 1670 as followeth, Viz^t 100^{li} thereof before Christmas next & the residue thereof before Lady day next [Cancelled: & to continue the paym^t of the growing rent of 180^{li} per ann: as it shall growe due according to his lease.]

And the sd M^{rs} Cheston desired that the somme of 32^{li}. 8^s. 5. (formerly ordered to be abated out of the arrers of rent due by her husband, vpon Condicon of his paym^t of the residue of the sd arreares at certen daies & times) may be allowed him, although he hath not (as she alleadgeth) been able to keepe his daies of paym^t (according to the said order). She alsoe desired that out of the

James Parker

M^d: 20^{li}
of this bill
was formerly
allowed him
in acco:
(vide order
17 Febr:
1667.)
according to
the agreem^t
conteyned
in his Lease.

vide order 22
of March 1668.

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rent of 220^{li} reserved vpon her husbandes Lease there may be abated from henceforth 30^{li} per ann: that is to say 20^{li} per ann: in reference to the farme & 10^{li} per ann: in reference to the Warren. W^{ch} her requestes if they shalbe graunted she promiseth to pay the somme of 440^{li} due for the arreares of rent at Michaelmas last ouer and aboue the sd 32. 8. 5 (w^{ch} she soe desireth to be abated) wth all possible speed.

All w^{ch} requestes the sd members now present promised to make knowne to the next full Court & that the sd Parker & Cheston should haue the answeare & resolucon of the Court therein sent vnto them. They alsoe requested that the bondes heretofore given by the said John Cheston & James Parker to this Companie whereby they stand bound ech for other for paym^t of arreares of rent w^{ch} haue been since pd may be deliuered vpp & Cancelled.

*At a Court holden for propagacon of the Gospell in New Engl.
& the partes adjacent in America the 21th day of Nov. 1670*

Present

Robt. Boyle Gouverno^r
W^m Penoyer Esq^r
M^r Tho: Bell
Ald^{man} Warner
M^r Tho: Stanley

M^r Henry Ashurst Threr
M^r Andrew Daudie
Doc. John Micklethwaite
Capt: Kiffin
John Rolfe

This day M^r W^m Penoyer was pleased to promise to giue to
M^r W^m Penoyer this Company 600^{li} to be layd out in buildinge
his gift of vpon their ground in Trinitie lane or otherwise
600^{li}. disposed of for the benefitt of this Comp: they
securinge him 60^{li} per ann. to be paid to him during his life &
after his decease 20^{li} per ann. to be paid to or for the vse of the

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Colledge [Cancelled: in Boston] in New England forever. And likewise to pay 25^{li} per ann. after his decease to Martha Penoyer his wife during her naturall life if she shall survive the said W^m & shall require the same. All w^{ch} is to be secured out of the houses & landes belonginge to this Comp: For w^{ch} his charitable gift this Court returned him their hartie thanks.

Ordered that the said 600^{li} shalbe issued out by M^r Threr for
 3 or 4 & towards the buildinge of 3 or 4 houses vpon the
 houses to be & sd ground in Trinitie lane & that one convenient
 built in sd Trinity Lane. roome be contrived in or out of one of y^e said houses
 to be vsed for the Courtes & meetings of this Comp: & for the
 keeping of their bookes writings & other goodes And that
 M^r Stanley. M^r Stanley & M^r Daudie be desired to cause a plott
 M^r Daudie. to be drawne & treat wth workmen for building
 the same & make report of their proceedinges at the next
 Court.

This day M^r Edward Litleton made an offer to this Court to
 Edw: Litleton giue 300^{li} to buy off the yearly rent charge of 20^{li}
 per ann. payable to this Comp: for ever out of his
 landes in Ashton in the Co. of Hereffs & likewise offered to make
 over to this Comp: the somme of 50^{li} w^{ch} was arreare & due
 to him by the vnder Tenant of the said landes if this Comp.
 would accept of the same in full [Cancelled: of 190^{li}] of their
 arreares of the sd rent charge now due desiring that this his offer
 (if not accepted) might not be made vse of to his prejudice in
 any court of law or Equitie (w^{ch} this Court promised accordingly)
 but not acceptinge of his sd offers they desired him to speake
 wth his Vncle Baron Litleton & [Cancelled: know of him]
 speedilie to lett this Comp. know whether they were contented
 to referre the differences betweene them & this Comp. touching
 the said rent charge & the arreares thereof to the Lord Keepers

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private hearing & determinacon as this Comp: for their partes are willinge to doe.

This day the proposicons & desires of James Parker & John James Parker. Cheston made knowne at a meeting of some of the John Cheston. members of this Comp: the 10th day of October last were taken into Consideracon & therevpon it was concluded & ordered that as well the somme of 22^{li} 18^s 6^d being the remaynder of a former bill of charges for repaires amounting to 42. 18. 6 deliuered in by the sd James Parker & not formerlie allowed him as also the somme of 41^{li} 14^s 8^d by him this yeare disbursed for repaires & bettering of his farme according to his bill lately deliuered in, be abated to the sd James Parker out of the somme of 332^{li} 14^s 4^d by him resting due for arreares of rent at & before 10^{li} per ann. abated to James Parker. Mich^{as} last past & that 10^{li} per ann. be abated of the yearly rent of 180^{li} reserved vpon his lease duringe the residue of his terme from & after Mich^{as} last past Soe as the sd James Parker shall pay to this Comp: the remaynder of the sd arreares due at Mich^{as} last past beinge 268^{li}. 1^s. 2^d. as foll: that is to say 100^{li} thereof before Christmas next & 168. 1. 2. residue thereof before Lady day next wth out further delay And it is further ordered that a Dovehouse shall alsoe be sett vpp vpon his said farme at the charges of this Companie towards w^{ch} M^r John Clarke of Burie hath alreadie made some provision And that the said James Parker surrendring vpp his old Lease shall or may haue a new lease for the residue of y^e terme therein yet to come at the rent of 170^{li} per ann. to be paid from Mich^{as} last & vnder such Covenantes as are conteyned in his present Lease.

It is alsoe concluded & agreed that the some of 32^{li} 8^s 5^d formerlie (viz^t 22th of March 1668) ordered to be abated to the sd Jn^o Cheston vpon the Condicons therein menconed shalbe to

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him abated out of the somme of 472^{li} 8^s 5^d by him resting due at Mich^{as} last for arreares of rent not wth standing his fayler in the performance of the sd Condison So as he pay the remaynder of the said arreares beinge 440^{li} as foll: that is to say 150^{li} thereof at Lady day next 150^{li} more thereof at or 20^{li} per ann. before Midsommer next & 140^{li} residue thereof at abated to John Cheston. Christmas 1671: And that the 20^{li} per ann. be abated of the yearely rent of 220^{li} reserved vpon his lease duringe the residue of his terme from & after Mich^{as} last past Soe as the sd Jn^o Cheston shall duly pay the said 440^{li} arreares as aforesd And that the sd Jn^o Cheston surrendring vpp his present Lease shall or may haue a new lease for the residue of the terme therein yet to come at the rent of 200^{li} per ann. to be pd from Mich^{as} last & vnder such Cov^{ts} as are conteyned in his present Lease - It is alsoe ordered that a Copie of the sd orders be sent to the M^r Jn^o Clarke sd M^r John Clarke of Burie who is desired to treaten wth the sd John Cheston & James Parker about their farmes & to perswade them (if he can) to be contented wth the abatements of arreares of rent & allowances for reparacons menconed in the said orders wth out any abatem^t of the yearely rentes for the future But if they will not be contented wth out abatem^t of part of the yearely rent for the future from Mich^{as} last, then to lett them know how much this Comp: haue ordered to be soe abated to them respectiuey & to bring them to the best termes of agreem^t for this Comp: that he can: that they may hereafter pay their rentes duly & chearefully wth out making any more Complaintes of a hard bargaine.

Vpon the mocon of M^r Bell it is ordered that 5^{li} be pd by M^r Trear to John Hooper sometimes Clarke of this 5^{li} ordered to John Hooper. Comp: as a gift towards his releife being at present in greate want.

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At a Court holden for propagacon of the gossell in New Engl. & the partes adjacent in America the 14th of Februarie 1670

Present

Robt. Boyle Gouverno ^r	Henry Ashurst Threr
M ^r Andrew Daudie	M ^r Tho. Stanley
M ^r John Lane	M ^r Edmond White
M ^r Robt. Thomson	M ^r Tho. Essington
M ^r Tho. Bell	M ^r John Rolfe

Ordered that M^r Threr doe cause the old iron Chest belonging to this Comp : w^{ch} was much dampnified by the late dreadfull fire to be repaired for the vse & service of this Companie

Iron Chest to be repaired.

Ordered that Capt Cressettes man's bill of charges in Chancerie amounting to 1^{li}. 1^s. 6^d. be pd to him if Capt. Cressett doe allowe of the same

1^{li}. 1^s. 6^d.
to M^r Wood.

This day the Ire from the Commissioners of the vnitid Colonies in New England being read it was ordered that M^r Rolfe draw & prepare an answeare to the same to be presented to the next court.

L^{rs} from New England to be answered.

[Dated Sept. 8, 1670. Printed in *Some Correspondence*, p. 39.

Eliot's letter, dated 20, 7, 1670, was printed as *A Brief Narrative*, London, 1671.]

Ordered that a copie of the agreem^t made betweene this Comp : at the last court & W^m Penoyer since deceased a Ex^{rs} of M^r Penoyer to be late member of the same be deliuered to M^r Threr spoken to. who together wth M^r Robt. Thomson & M^r W^m Kiffin are desired to speake wth M^r Penoyers Executors about the 600^{li} by him promised to be paid to this Company & to take M^r Moses advice therein.

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*At a Court holden for Propagacon of the gospell in New Engl.
& partes adjacent in America the 17th day of March 1670*

Present

Robt. Boyle Gouverno ^r	Henry Ashurst Treer
Benjamin Albin Esq ^r	M ^r Edmond White
M ^r Tho : Bell	Doc. John Micklethwaite
M ^r Robt : Thomson	M ^r Tho : Stanley
Dep : Charles Doyley	John Rolfe

This day M^r Blunt Sadlier made request to this Court that the
Blunt Sadliers order for 3 leases, *vid* the 27 Aprill 1668. 2 Toftes of ground in Bucklersbury London heretofore ordered to be demised to him vnder the yearely rent of 30^{li} might be demised to him in 3 seuerall parcells by 3 seuerall leases reserving 10^{li} per ann. vpon ech lease w^{ch} his request (he hauing begun to build 3 seuerall Messes vpon the sd Toftes of ground) was graunted accordingly In euery of w^{ch} leases are to be inserted a Cov^t from the sd Blunt Sadlier for building & finishing of ech house so by him begun to be built according to the Actes of parl: made for rebuilding of y^e Citie of London & other reasonable Cov^{tes} condicones & agreem^{tes} And the sd Blunt Sadlier promised vpon the sealing of the sd leases to pay not only the arreares of rent due to the time of y^e fire but alsoe such arreares of the sd rent of 30^{li} per ann. as are & shalbe then due & payable.

It is alsoe ordered that an excepcon of libertie for setting vpp
Excepcon for M^r Hills signe. a signe for the house of M^r Hills be inserted in the lease to be made to the sd Blunt Sadlier of that Toft wherevpon formerlie stood the Messes late in the occupacon of Peter Heringhooke.

At this Court it was ordered that the somme of 300^{li} be this

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yeare remitted to New Engl. to be disposed of by [some] of the Com^{rs} of the vnited Collonies of New Engl. in New Engl. for 300^{li} ordered the propagacon of the gospell there & the partes to be remitted to adjacent in America & that 200^{li} thereof be pd by N Engl. M^r Threr to M^r Robt Thomson vpon his bills of Exchange directed or to be directed to M^r John Richards of Boston in New Engl. for the paym^t of 250^{li} New Engl. monie to John Leveret Esq^r & M^r Ezekiah Vsher 3 monethes after sight & 100^{li} residue thereof to M^r Edmund White merch^t vpon his bills of Exchange directed or to be directed to M^r Humphrey Davey of Boston aforesaid for the paym^t of 125^{li} of like monie to the said John Leveret & Ezekiah Vsher for the purpose aforesd 3 monethes after sight.

It is also ordered that [Cancelled: the Com^{rs} aforesd be desired by the Ires to be sent to them this yeare by this Comp: to allow the 40^{li} w^{ch}] a bill of 40^{li} directed to the Threr of this Companie by M^r Jn^o Elliott who by his Ires hath desired that the same might be allowed for & towards the better teaching & instructinge of such as are employed & sent forth to be preachers of the gospell to the Natiue heathens in New Engl. aforesd [Cancelled: if the said Com^{rs} shall soe think meete & approve of the same] be accepted & paid wth all convenient speed.

[Cancelled: L^{res} to be sent to the Com^{rs} in New Eng. to allow 40^{li} w^{ch} M^r Elliott desired to be allowed.]
A bill of 40^{li} charged by M^r Elliott to be accepted & paid.

[Eliot's letter to Ashhurst, "30, 9th, 70," is in *Some Correspondence*, p. 37 and Massachusetts Historical Society *Proceedings*, XVII, 246.]

It is likewise ordered that the sd Com^{rs} be desired by Ires to send a Noate or accompt yearly by it selfe how the proceeds of the 360^{li} given by that worthie french gent: M^r Mowchee (w^{ch} being remitted to New Engl. in the yeare 1669 made 450^{li} New Engl.

An accompt to be yearly sent of M^r Mowches gift.

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monie), [Cancelled: hath been &] shalbe yearly bestowed to-
wards the maintenance of preachers for the Conversion &
instruccon of the Indians there.

This day Michael Davison Esq^r was chosen a Member of this
Michael Davi- Corporacon in the roome of M^r W^m Penoyer de-
son chosen
a member. ceased.

Writings to be put into the Iron Chest Ordered that the evidences & writings belonging
to this Comp: be put into the Iron Chest when
it shalbe repaired.

*At a Court holden for propagacon of the gospel in New Engl. &
the partes adjacent in America the 12th day of Aprill 1671.*

Present

Robt. Boyle Esq ^r Gouverno ^r	M ^r Henry Ashurst Trer
James Hayes } Esq ^m	Dep: Charles Doyley
Ben: Albin }	M ^r Robt. Thomson
M ^r Edmond White	M ^r Tho: Stanley
M ^r Andrew Daudie	M ^r John Dockett
M ^r Thomas Bell	M ^r John Rolfe

Vppon readinge the proposalls of M^r W^m Martin this day de-
liuered in writinge in the behalfe of M^r John Cheston
W^m Martin. it was resolved that the said proposalls bee accepted,
soe as the sd. John Cheston doe give good securitie for paym^t
of the arreares of rent as therein is expressed &
Jn^o Chestons proposalls. makinge noe request of abatem^t for the time to
come.

This day M^r Stanley informed this Court that one Thomas
Tho: Humphries hath laid much Tymber vpon the ground
Humphries of this Comp: in Trinitie lane & maketh vse of
the same for Sawpittes & otherwise wthout any leaue therefore

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Ground in
Trinitie lane. obteyned to the prejudice & damage of this Comp:
It is therefore ordered that the sd M^r Stanley &
M^r John Rolfe doe treat & agree wth the sd Hum-
phries for some reasonable allowance & satisfaccon to be made
M^r Stanley. by him to this Companie for the vse he hath made
M^r Rolfe. & shall make of the same & for the damages by him
done to the walls there or ells take course in law against him
for the same.

It was alsoe ordered that the sd M^r Stanley & M^r Rolfe doe
Dep: treat wth Deputy Throckmorton about such part
Throckmorton. of the said ground in Trinitie lane backwardes
whereof he desireth to take a lease of this Comp: & to bring him
to the best termes they can & make report to the next Court.

Andrew This day Andrew Ricard Esq^r was chosen a Mem-
Ricard. ber of this Companie in the roome of Doc^r Trench
D^r Trench. deceased.

Ordered that Doc^r John Micklethwait, Aldr^{an} Francis Warner
Committee James Haies Esq^r M^r Benjamin Albin Dep: Charles
for Doyley M^r Tho: Gellibrand M^r John Acrod M^r
auditinge the Tho: Bell & M^r John Rolfe or any three of them be
last yeares a Committee for auditing the last yeares accompt
acc^o of M^r Henry Ashurst Trear.

*At a Court holden for propagacon of the gossell in New Engl. &
the partes adjacent in America the 10th day of May 1671*

Present

M ^r Robt Boyle Gouverno ^r	M ^r Henry Ashurst Trer
M ^r Andrew Daudie	M ^r Tho: Stanley
M ^r Benj: Albin	M ^r John Acrod
M ^r James Hayes	M ^r Edmond White
George Lord Barkley	M ^r John Rolfe

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This day it was agreed betweene this Comp: & Thomas Gamon C^o & Carpenter of London that the said Tho: Gamon shall haue a lease of the Companies ground in Trinitie lane London for y^e terme of 61 yeares from Midsommer next at the yearly rent of 26^{li} quarterly to be paid the first paym^t to be made at Midsommer 1673. And it is agreed that the said Tho: Gamon shall before Midsommer 1673 build one or more house or houses vpon y^e said ground of such materialls & scantlinges as are appointed by the Actes for rebuilding of y^e Citie of London And that the sd Tho: Gamon shall or may haue 2 seuerall leases of the sd ground or the buildinges therevpon to be erected in seuerall parcells if he shall desire the same reserving a proporconable part of the sd rent vpon ech lease wth ordinarie vsuall Covenantes therein to be conteyned And that the sd Comp: shall pay all quit rentes & rentes charge issueinge out of the premisses & the said Tho: Gamon shall pay & beare all taxes & assessm^{ts} to be payable out of the same duringe the said terme.
Entred into the faire booke.

At a Court or meetinge of the Companie for propagacon of the gospell in New England & the partes adjacent in America the 24th day of August 1671.

Present

Robt Boyle Gouverno ^r	Henry Ashurst Trer
Docto ^r Jn ^o Micklethwayt	M ^r Charles Doyley
M ^r Robt Thomson	M ^r James Hayes
	M ^r John Rolfe

Whereas at a Court holden the 17th day of March last past it was ordered by the sd Comp: at the request of Blunt Sadlier Cs & Clothworker of London that the 2 Toftes of

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ground in Bucklersbury London heretofore ordered to be demised to the said Blunt Sadlier vnder the yearly rent of 30^{li} should be demised to him in 3 seuerall parcells by 3 seuerall leases reserving 10^{li} per ann. by ech lease (he the sd Blunt Sadlier having then begun to build 3 seuerall Mess^{es} vpon the said Toftes of ground) It was this day at the request of the sd Blunt Sadlier ordered that the sd 3 seuerall leases soe ordered to be made to the said Blunt Sadlier should be made vnto Tho: Bromhall C^r & Clothworker of London for & vnder the like rentes Covenantes Condicons & agreem^{ts} as in the sd recited order are menconed he the said Tho: Bromhall vpon the sealing of the said 3 seuerall leases paying to y^e Trer or Réceavo^r of the sd Comp: for the time beinge not only the somme of 3^{li} 5^s due to this Comp: for arreares of rent to the time of the late dreadfull fire w^{ch} happened in London An^o Domⁿⁱ 1666 but alsoe the somme of 60^{li} in full of all arreares of rent due for the sd Toftes of ground & premisses for 2 yeares ending at Midsommer last past accordinge to the first Contract made betweene the sd Comp: & the sd Blunt Sadlier touching the premisses.

It is alsoe ordered that a lre of Attornie be made to Symon Bayley Gent: to receaue attornem^t of the Tenantes of the landes in Ashton al^e Aston in the Co: of Hereford & all arreares of rent due for the same & all rentes hereafter to growe due vntill paym^t be made of the arreares of an Annuitie or rent charge of 20^{li} per ann. issueing out of the same & all damages for forbearance thereof & all costes of suite expended in the recouerie thereof according to the decree lately made in the high Court of Chancerie in the cause there depending betweene this Comp: p^{tes} & S^r Tymothie Litleton & Edward Litleton Def^{tes}.

3 Leases to
be made to
Tho: Bromhall
of the ground
in
Bucklersburie.

S^r Timothie
Litleton
Edward
Litleton.

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*At a Court holden for propagacon of the gospell in New Engl.
& the partes adjacent in America the 13th of Decemb 1671*

Present

M ^r Robt. Boyle Governo ^r	M ^r Henry Ashurst Threr
M ^r Tho: Stanley	M ^r Tho: Bell
M ^r Andrew Daudie	M ^r Edmond White
Ald ^{ra} Fra: Warner	Dep: Charles Doyley
M ^r Ben: Albin	M ^r John Rolfe

This day the lres from the Com^{rs} of the vnited Collonies of
Lres & New Engl in New England & seuerall other lres
Accompt were read & the Accompt sent by the said Com^{rs}
from New were likewise read & approved the ballance whereof
Engl. read. was likewise read & approved the ballance whereof
remaying in M^r Vshers handes there was 14^{li} 10^s 10^d

[Letters from Thomas Mayhew, 23, 6, 71; John Eliot, 4, 7, 71 and 1, 10, 71
and John Cotton, Sept. 7, 71, are in *Some Correspondence*, pp. 39-52.]

Quit rent for Ordered that M^r Trer doe forthwth pay to the Kinges
Trinitie lane Ma^{ties} Receavo^r all arreares of the quit rent due
to be paid. for the houses in Trinitie lane London.

Ordered that thirtie shillings be paid to M^r Symon Bayley
30^s to be for his paynes & charges of serving the Injunction
paid to vppon the Tenant of the landes in Ashton in the
Symon County of Hereford lately decreed to this Cor-
Bayley. poracon in a suite depending in Chancerie betweene this Cor-
poracon p^{tes} & Edward Littleton Def^{ndt}.

*At a Court holden for propagacon of the gospell in New Engl &
the partes adjacent in America the 12th of March 1671*

Present

M ^r Robert Boyle Governo ^r	M ^r Henry Ashurst Threr
S ^r Will ^m Peake	Michaell Davison

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Dc ^r John Micklethwaite	John Lane	} Esq ^r
M ^r Tho : Bell	John Jolliffe	
James Hayes Esq ^r	M ^r Jn ^o Acrod	
M ^r Robt. Thomson	M ^r Edm : White	
M ^r Charles Doyley	M ^r John Rolfe	

At this Court W^m Martin Gent: was chosen and appointed
M^r Martin Steward of Earswell. Steward for this Companie for their Mano^r of Earswell & Chamberlins in the Co: of Suffolk during the pleasure of this Companie.

The said W^m Martin also propounded M^r Swanton of Lakenheath in the Co: of Suffolk Clerke to be bound by
M^r Swanton. Recognizance as suretie wth Jn^o Cheston Tenant of Earswell hall in the sd County for the paym^t as well of the
Jn^o Cheston. arreares of rent now due from the sd Jn^o Cheston as for the growinge rent of 200^{li} per ann. for the future & promised to doe this Companie the best service he could for the speedie getting in of the said arreares wth Securitie this Court were contented to accept accordingly.

[Cancelled: Whether one Recognizance for the areares & an other for the rent to be reserved vpon a new lease.]

Ordered that M^r Rolfe doe write to M^r Peter Denham Tenant
Pet^r Denham. of the Farme at Plumsted in Kent for the speedie paying of his arreares of rent And that M^r W^m Moses be desired to consider of the title of the peece of land in
M^r Moses the occupacon of the sd Pet^r Denham wth is now in question & advise this Companie whether it be best to trye their title at law or to referre the same to Arbitram^t & whether the seuerall pretenders to the same may not binde themselves seuerally to stand to such award as shalbe made therevpon.

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This day vpon reading the letter from the Commissioners of the vnitd Collonies of New Engl. of the 7th of September last

A bill of 80^{li} & of M^r Eliottes lres desiring the acceptance & paym^t of a bill charged by the said M^r Elliott vpon the Treasurer of This Comp: for the paym^t of 80^{li} to M^r John Harwood his Order It was (for the

incouragem^t of the said M^r Eliott in his faithfull & indefatigable labours in the propagacon of the gospell & in regard of the extraordinarie charges w^{ch} he hath been at the last yeare therein) Ordered that M^r Henry Ashurst Threr. doe accept & pay the said bill on or before the 24th of June next cominge.

At this Court it was alsoe ordered that the somme of 300^{li} be

300^{li} ordered to be remitted to New Engl. of New Engl. in New England for the propagacon of the gospell there & in the partes adjacent in America, & that 200^{li} thereof be paid by M^r Threr to M^r Robt Thomson upon his bills of Exchange directed or to be directed to M^r [Cancelled : Jn^o Richards] Peter Sargent of Boston in New Engl. for the paym^t of 250^{li} New England monie to Jn^o Leverett Esq^r & M^r Ezekiah Vsher 3 monethes after sight, & that 100^{li} residue of the said somme of 300^{li} be paid by M^r Trer to M^r Edmond White Merchant vpon his bills of Exchange directed or to be directed to M^r Humfrey Davey of Boston aforesaid for the paym^t of 125^{li} of like monie to the said Jn^o Leverett & Ezekiah Vsher for the purposes aforesd 3 monethes after sight. W^{ch} said sommes of 250^{li} & 125^{li} amounting to 375 together wth 31^{li}. 10^s. 0^d. for the interest of the 450^{li} of M^r Mowchees gift will make vpp together 406^{li} 10^s New England monie to be employed for propagacon of the gospell as aforesd besides the ballance of the last yeares accmpt sent over by the sd Com^{rs}.

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Ordered that M^r Rolfe doe prepare a lre to be sent to the Com^{rs} in New Engl. aforesd after the same shalbe perused & approved by the Gouverno^r of this Companie & that it be therein signified that this Comp: (being vnwilling to discourage soe worthy an Instrum^t in the worke of propagacon of the gospell as M^r Eliott is & hath been) haue ordered his bill of 80^{li} payable to M^r Jn^o Harwood to be accepted & paid accordingly And that the sd Commissioners be desired not to charge any bills vpon this Companie but to reward M^r Eliott & other Ministers & Instrumentes to be employed in the said worke as the said Com^{rs} shall finde them & their labours respectiuey deserve & as their stock & monies remitted to them by this Comp: will affoord And whereas the said Com^{rs} haue in their last lres expressed their doubt of making soe good an improvem^t of M^r Mowches gift as they haue done formerly

It is ordered that intimacon be given to the sd Com^{rs} that this Comp: conceaue that if the Gent: w^{ch} hath the monie now in his handes shall not thinke fitt to hold it longer the Com^{rs} may finde other good securitie in New Engl. for the same who will giue as good an allowance for it as that Gent now doth.

*At a Court holden for the Companie for Propagacon of the gospell
in New Engl & the partes adjacent in America the 2^d day of
May 1672.*

Present

Robt. Boyle Gouverno^r
George Lo : Barkley
Jn^o Jolliffe Esq^r
W^m Moses
Robt. Thomson } Esq^{rs}

Henry Ashurst Threr
Michaell Davison Esq^r
M^r Andrew Daudie
M^r Tho: Stanley
M^r Jn^o Rolfe

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This day the bill of charges exhibited the last Court by Capt:
 Capt. Jn^o Cressett amounting to 61^{li}. 17^s. 07^d. conteyn-
 Cressettes inge charges of suite in Chancerie against Beding-
 bill of feild & others from Easter terme 1669 to Easter
 charged to be pd in the terme 1672, inclusive being considered was ordered
 suite contra to be paid by M^r Threr. Deducting the somme of
 Bedingfeild 10^{li} pd him in part the 14th of October 1669 & what
 & also 61. 17. 7. other monies he hath rd in pt & that another bill
 by him deliuered subscribed vnder the sd bill of 61. 17. 7. be
 likewise paid vnto him amounting to 03. 14. 6. soe that both
 bills amount to 65^{li}. 12^s. 1^d. deducting as aforesd.

*At a Court holden for the Comp: for propagacon of the gospell in
 New Engl. & the partes adjacent in America the 22th day of
 May 1672*

Present

Robt Boyle Gouverno ^r	Henry Ashurst Threr
John Jolliffe Esq ^r	M ^r John Jurian
M ^r Andrew Daudy	Dep: Charles Doyley
M ^r Edmond White	M ^r Tho: Stanley
Dc ^r John Micklethwait	M ^r John Rolfe

At this Court James Parker Tenant of Chamberlins farme in
 James Earswell in the Co: of Suffolk made Complaint
 Parker. (as he had done seuerall times heretofore) of the
 greatnes of his rent & his disabilitie to continue the paym^t
 thereof, earnestly desiring either to be discharged of his Lease
 or that this Companie would be pleased to graunt him a new lease
 at the yearly rent of 160^{li} per ann. Wherevpon this Comp:
 (vpon the informacon & advice of M^r Jn^o Clarke of Burie Esq.
 who hath heretofore at the request of this Comp: viewed &
 Considered the sd farme & the state & Condicon thereof, &

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considering that it was ordered at a Court holden for this Comp: the 21 of November 1670: that 10^{li} per ann. should be abated of the yearly rent of 180^{li} reserved vpon his lease during the

Dovehouse. then residue of his terme from & after Mich^{as} 1670

& that a Dovehouse should be sett vpon his said farme at the charges of this Comp: wth the sd James Parker was not contented wth but insisted vpon an abatem^t of 10^{li} per ann. more, Did this day order that (over & aboue the sd abatem^t of 10^{li} per ann. formerly made, & the settinge of a Dovehouse vpon the sd farme as aforesd) there shalbe abated to the sd James Parker 10^{li} more per ann. from Mich^{as} last past duringe the residue of the terme of his lease yet to come Soe as the sd James Parker his ex^{rs} ad^{ms} or ass^{es} Doe forthwth pay the somme of 130^{li} for the arreares of rent due for the sd farme at Mich^{as} last past, & doe alsoe duly pay 160^{li} per ann. part of the growinge rent of 180^{li} per ann. by the said Lease reserved from thenceforth during the residue of the terme of his said lease yet to come & vnexpired, & mainteyne & keepe the premisses in good & sufficient reparacons & performe & keepe all other the Covenantes & agreem^{ts} conteyned in the sd Lease on his & their part to be kept & performed accordinge to the true intent & meaninge of the same, wthout desiringe any further abatem^t of rent or allowance for reparacons Duringe the residue of the said terme, Wth the said James Parker Did accept & was contented wth accordingly.

Ordered that M^r William Morgans bill of charges in the six 6^{li} 3^s 6^d to Clarks office amounting to 6. 3. 6. for the 2 suites M^r Morgan. against Wharton Bedingfeild & others & against Litleton & others be paid by M^r Threr.

[Cancelled: M^d to compare this bill wth the further bill wth Capt: Cressett is to giue in touching Litletons suit & to crosse

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out of Capt. Cressettes bill such charges as are conteyned in M^r Morgans bill (if there be any)]

Ordered that M^r W^m Martin Steward of the Mano^r of Earswell
W^m Martin
Steward of
Earswell hall. hall in Suffolk be desired to vse his best Care & indeavo^r for the recouering & receavinge of the arreares of rent due to this Companie from John Cheston for the farme called Earswell hall amounting to 415^{li} due at Michaelmas last past & for the getting the same together wth the growing rent of 200^{li} per ann. to be secured by Recognizance to be || in One & lawfull maner || acknowledged by the said John Cheston & one M^r Swanton of Lakenheath in the Co. of Suffolk Clerke as was heretofore propounded & offered to this Companie w^{ch} if he cannot speedilie effect it is further desired that the said M^r Martin would enquire of a better Tenant for the sd Farme to be propounded to this Comp. And whereas this Court is informed that the Lieutenantes or Dep: Lieutenantes of the Militia of the said Countie intend to charge this Companies landes In Earswell aforesd wth a Light horse or some part of the same It is further ordered that the said M^r Martin be desired to intreate & vse his interest & endeavo^r to perswade the sd Lieutenantes or Dep: Lieutenantes to spare the said landes in whole or in part from that Charge for that they are settled vpon this Corporacon for the maintenance of Charitable vses.

At a [Cancelled: Court holden for] meetinge of diuers Members of the Comp: for Propagacon of the Gospell in New Engl. & the partes adjacent in America the 21 of August 1672

Present

Robt. Boyle Gouverno^r
John Jolliffe Esq^r
Dep : Charles Doyley

M^r Henry Ashurst Threr
Dc^r Jn^o Micklethwayte
John Rolfe

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This day the members present tooke into consideracon the lease
Peter Denham. formerlie ordered to be made to Peter Denham
Tenant of the landes at Plumsted in Kent at the
rent of 80^{li} per ann. w^{ch} rent he being vnwilling to agree to
It is thought fitt by all the Members here present in the absence
of the said M^r Denham that a lease be made to him of the sd
landes at the rent of 75^{li} per ann. & vnder such Covenantes as
are conteyned in his old lease w^{ch} will expire at Mich^{as} next,
if he cannot be brought to giue any more by Alder^{an} James
Hayes at a meeting w^{ch} is to be had at his house on friday next
by the sd M^r Denham wth the said Ald^{an} M^r Th^{er} & M^r Rolfe.
It is alsoe thought fitt that a bond be taken from the said M^r
Denham for soe much of the arreares as shalbe left vn^{pd} at the
time of the sealinge of the lease wth int: for the same from
Lady day last to be paid as speedilie as may be.

This day alsoe was taken into Consideracon the better securing
& speedie getting in of the arreares of rent owing
John Cheston. by Jn^o Cheston Tenant of Earswell Hall in Suffolk
being 495^{li} due at Lady day last & payable at Midsommer last
wherevpon it was thought fitt that M^r W^m Martin
M^r Martin doe accept of M^r Swanton to be bound wth the said
M^r Cheston for the said arreares (or so much thereof shalbe vn^{pd},
at the time of his soe becoming bound) by 200^{li} per
M^r Swanton. ann. [Inserted: viz^t 50^{li} euerie halfe yeare] & that
the sd M^r Martin doe take the said securitie by stat: merch^t.
Recognizance or Judg^{mt}, if it may be, or otherwise by bond.

M^r Gouverno^r was this day desired to subscribe a Certificate now
read to his Ma^{ties} Dep: Lieutenantes of the Co:
Light horse. of Suffolk in order to the procuring their favo^r
for the excusing of the landes in Earswell from finding a light
horse the being setled in this Comp: for charitable vses.

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*At a Court holden at the East India house in Leaden hall streete
for the Comp: for Propagacon of the gospell in New Engl.
and the partes adjacent in America the 30th day of Aprill
1673.*

Present

Robt. Boyle Esq ^r Gouverno ^r .	Henry Ashurst Esq ^r Trer.
M ^r Robt Thomson	M ^r Tho. Stanley
M ^r Jn ^o Jurian	M ^r W ^m Moses
M ^r Tho : Papillon	Aldr ^{en} Bathurst
M ^r Edmond White	Ben : Albin Esq ^r
M ^r Jno Jolliffe	Capt. Kiffin
	John Rolfe

Ordered, that M^r Jn^o Jolliffe M^r Hen: Ashurst M^r Tho. Papillon, M^r W^m Moses & M^r John Rolfe or any 2 of them L^{res} to be prepared to be sent to N. E. by M^r Jolliffe & others. doe prepare a lre to be (vpon approbacon of the Gouverno^r) sent to the Com^{rs} of the vnitd Colonies of New Engl. in New Engl. in answeare of theirs this day read wherein mencon is to be made of M^r Eliot & M^r Fitches proposalls w^{ch} some objeccons or Consideraccons concerninge w^{ch} they are desired to giue their opinions to this Comp: & that intimacon be given that this Comp: wonder that the Com^{rs} should find it difficult to make a good improvem^t of M^r Mowchees gift [Cancelled: (w^{ch} would be a discouragem^t to them to make over a Work to New Engl. if they had it)] some of this Comp: knowinge that private men can finde meanes to make a good improvem^t of their particuler monies there.

It is alsoe ordered that the somme of 300^{li} be this yeare remitted to New Engl. to be disposed of by order of the Com^{rs} of the vnitd Collonies of New E. in New Engl. for the propagacon of the Gospell there & in the

300^{li} to be remitted to New Engl.

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partes adjacent in America & that 200^{li} thereof be paid by M^r Threr to M^r Robt Thomsons upon his bills of Exchange directed or to be directed to M^r Peter Sargent of Boston in New Engl. for the paym^t of 250^{li} New Engl monie to Jn^o Leverett Esq^r & M^r Ezekiah Vsher 3 mo: after sight & that 100^{li} residue of the said 300^{li} be paid by M^r Threr to M^r Edmond White Merchant vpon his bills of Exchange directed or to be directed to M^r Humfry Davey of Boston aforesd for the paym^t of 125^{li} of like monie to the sd Jn^o Leverett & Ezekiah Vsher for the purpose aforesd 3 mo. after sight wth said sommes of 250^{li} & 125^{li} amounting to 375^{li} together wth 31.10. 0 the Interest of 450^{li} of M^r Mowchees gift will make vpp together 406. 10. 0 New Engl. monie to be employed for propagacon of the gospell as aforesd besides 13. 2. 4 being the ballance of the last yeares acco: remayninge at New Engl.

S^r Jn^o Bankes This day S^r John Bankes Baronett S^r Jn^o More
S^r Jn^o More Knight & Alderman of London & Nathaniell Herne
& M^r Nathaniell Esq^r were chosen Members of this Companie in
Nathaniell Herne chosen Members. the roome of others lately deceased.

7^{li} 14^s 0^d to Ordered that M^r W^m Morgans bill of 7^{li}. 14^s. 0^d
M^r W^m for costes of suit in Chancerie ag^t Edward Litleton
Morgan. & others be paid to the sd M^r Morgan.

It is alsoe ordered that 40^s be paid & allowed to M^r Symon
2^{li} to Symon Bayley for his paynes [Cancelled: in securing a
Bayley Judgm^t vpon John Litleton Tenant of landes in
Ashton in y^e Co: of Hereford & for] in getting in & receavinge
for the first yeares rent due from Jn^o Litleton for the landes in
Ashton to this Comp: at Midsommer 1672 according to a decree
in Chancery.

Ordered that Aldr^{en} Haies & M^r Tho: Gellibrand 2 of the Mem-
bers of this Comp: be desired to take workmen & view M^r

Denhams Malthouse at Plumsted in the County of Kent & to
 Aldr^{an} allow him out of the arreares of his rent such
 Haies & M^r somme of monie as they in their good discrecon
 Gellibrand shall thinke fitt vpon his acceptance & sealinge
 to conclude a Counterpart of his New lease for & towards the
 wth Mr Denham. repairing of the said Malt house & to conclude wth
 him about the said new Lease.

This day vpon the readinge of 2 lres from M^r Jn^o Clark of Bury
 the one of the 26 March 1673, the other of the 22
 M^r Jn^o Clark of Bury Aprill 1673 touchinge M^r Chestons barne blown down
 It is ordered according to the advice of the said
 M^r Clarke that the Charge of timber & Carpenters worke neces-
 sarie for the repairinge of the sd barne be allowed
 Allowance for the repairing of M^r Chestons Barne. to the said M^r Cheston out of his arreares of rent
 due by him to this Comp: he & M^r Swanton paying
 & givinge securitie for the paym^t of the residue
 of the said arreares as was formerly promised.

*At a Court holden at the house of M^r Henry Ashurst in Alders-
 gate streete for the Comp: for propagacon of the gospell in New
 Engl. & the parties adjacent in America the 27 of May 1673*

Present

Robt. Boyle Gouverno ^r	Henry Ashurst Threr
Jn ^o Jolliffe Esq ^r	M ^r Edmond White
M ^r Jn ^o Jurian	M ^r Andrew Daudy
James Hayes Esq ^r	[M ^r Rolfe: Cancelled]
Thomas Stanley	Doc ^r John Micklethwaite
Deputy Doyley	

Ordered that the Trer doe pay Capt. Gookins Noate charged
 vpon him for the paym^t of 2^{li}. 10^s. 0^d. to Alice Hatton widow

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w^{ch} is to be deducted by the Com^{rs} of the vnitd Collonies of
 2^{li} 10^s 0^d. New Engl. in New England out of his sallarie for
 to be pd. this once, but not to be any president for the
 upon Capt. future & that mencon be thereof made in the lre to
 Gookins be this yeare sent to the Com^{rs} accordingly.
 Noate.

Vpon the report this day made by Aldr^{ns} Haies of an Agreem^{nt}
 Aldr^{ns} Haies made by him & M^r Tho: Gellibrand wth M^r Peter
 Denham Tenant of the farme & landes at Plum-
 sted vppon a veiw by them made according to an order of the
 last Court, It is ordered that M^r Denham shall
 M^r Gellibrand haue a lease of the sd farme for 21 yeares comen-
 cinge from Mich^{as} last past at the rent of 75^{li} per ann.

And that 100^{li} shalbe allowed him out of the arreares of rent
 100^{li} to due from him to this Comp: w^{ch} is to be bestowed
 Peter vpon the repairinge of the dwelling house & out-
 Denham for housinge accordinge to an agreem^t expressed in
 repaires of writinge vnder the handes of the sd M^r Haies M^r
 Plumsted Gellibrand & M^r Denham.
 farme.

*At a Court holden at the house of M^r Henry Ashurst in Aldersgate
 streete for the Companie for propagacon of the gospell in New
 England & the partes adjacent in America the 16th day of
 Aprill 1674*

Present

Robt. Boyle Gouverno ^r	Henry Ashurst Trer
Ben : Albin	John Jurian
Tho. Stanley	Doc ^r Micklethwait
Dep : Doyley	[Major Thomson: Cancelled]
M ^r Jn ^o Jolliffe	John Rolfe

This day M^r Threr presented the will of M^r Andrew Daudy

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200^{li} given
by M^r
Andrew
Daudie. deceased Dated the 29th of March 1673, & proved
in the Prerogatiue Court of Canterbury the 3^d day
of October last past in w^{ch} (amongest other thinges)
is conteyned a legacie in theis wordes followinge, Item I giue
& bequeath two hundred poundes for New England to be paid
by my Executo^{rs} to the Corporacon for propagacon of the gos-
pell in New England aforesaid It is for the good of the Colledge
for the Promotinge of learninge there as the Gouverno^r & Corpora-
con here shall order & appoint soe that it may doe most good
for the spreading of the gospell amongest the Indians & others
for Gods glorie.

Also M^r Trer informed this Court that he had rd of M^r Nathan-
iell Hawes the somme of eight poundes as his
8^{li} given by
M^r Nathaniell
Hawes. free gift & likewise of Benjamin Albin Esq^r one of
the Members of this Comp: for y^e propagacon of
y^e gos: in New England the somme of fiftie poundes as his free
gift to be employed according to y^e direccon of this
50^{li} given by
M^r Ben:
Albin. Comp. Of all w^{ch} charitable giftes this Court thank-
fully accepted & intend to dispose of the same
according to the intencon of the Dono^{rs} in the best maner that
shalbe (vpon mature deliberacon) thought fitt by this Companie
This day Capt: Tho: Bromhall [Cancelled: in the behalfe of
3 new leases
ordered to
Capt.
Bromhall. himselfe & M^r Sadlier] made his addresse to this
Court shewinge that he had laid out about 1800^{li}
in buildinge 3 houses vpon this Companies ground
in Bucklersbury & that by reason of the deadnes of trading 2
of them has stood emptie about 2 yeares last past, Complayn-
inge that they shalbe great Loosers thereby, & praying abatem^t.
of 60^{li} w^{ch} is & at Midsomer next wilbe in arreare for rent vpon
the 3 leases heretofore made to the said Tho. Bromhall of the said
ground by this Comp: & that he might haue 3 new leases made

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at the former rent for 61 yeares to comence from Midsomer next. Wherevpon this Comp: taking the premisses into their Consideracon Ordered that the said Tho: Bromhall surrendring his 3 former leases free of incombrances & alsoe paying the said 60^{li} wth is & wilbe in arreare at Midsomer next shall haue 3 new leases made vnto him for 61 yeares comencing from Midsomer next vnder the like rent Covenantes & Condicons conteyned in his former leases he paying the charges of the same.

Ordered that Docto^r Jn^o Micklethwait James Haies Ben: Albin Committee Esq^{rs} Charles Doyley John Jurian Tho: Stanley for auditing the Jn^o Acrod & Jn^o Rolfe or any 3 of them be a Comittee Thers Acco: tee for the auditinge of the 3 last yeares accompt of M^r Threr & to meete for that purpose on tewsdays the 28 of this moneth at 2 of the Clock in the afternoone at M^r Trers house at the signe of the golden Key in Watlingstreete.

Whereas at a Court holden the 21th of Nov: 1670: it was ordered that 20^{li} per ann. should be abated to John Cheston out of the rent reserved vpon his lease of a farme in Earswell in Suffolk during the then residue of the terme of his lease & at the same Court was likewise ordered the abatem^t of 10^{li} per ann. to James Parker out of the rent reserved vpon his lease of his farme in Earswell aforesaid during the then residue of his terme & by an other order of the 22th of May 1672 the abatem^t of 10^{li} more per ann. was ordered to the said James Parker during the residue of the terme of his lease This Court being now informed that the sd Tenantes desired to haue new leases made to them wth such abatem^{tes} of rent as were soe formerlie ordered Did this day order that the sd Jn^o Cheston & James Parker shall or may at their charges haue new leases made to them respectiuey of their seuerall farmes during the residue of the termes in their

New leases
ordered to
Jn^o Cheston
& James
Parker.

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old leases vⁿexpired vnder the like Covenantes & Condicons therein conteyned wth such abatem^{tes} of rent as aforesd that is to say the sd Jn^o Chestons rent to be for the future 200^{li} per ann. & the sd James Parkers rent to be for the future 160^{li} per ann. They the said Jn^o Cheston & James Parker respectiuey surrendring vpp their old leases free of incombrances & alsoe pay- ing or giving good securitie to the good liking of this Comp: to pay the arreares of rent due by them respectiuey

It is alsoe ordered that vpon paym^t or giving such securitie all bondes formerlie given by the sd Jn^o Cheston & James Parker for any arreares of rent by them owinge to this Companie shalbe deliuered vpp to be Cancelled But this Court did not thinke fitt as yet to discharge the Judgm^t heretofore recouered against the said Jn^o Cheston in Mich^{as} terme in the 20th yeare of the Kinge but that the same should stand as a further securitie for paym^t of his rent.

Whereas W^m Martin Gent: was at a Court holden the 12th of March 1671 appointed Steward for this Comp. of their Mano^{rs} of Earswell & Chamberlins in the Co: of Suffolk during the pleasure of this Comp. but hath hitherto had noe Fee for that service, It is ordered that he shall haue the like Fee w^{ch} M^r Tillett the former Steward had, Viz^t: xx^s per ann. for the keeping of the Courtes there & making vpp perfect Rolls of the same w^{ch} Court Rolls the said M^r Martin is from time to time to deliuer to such person or persons as this Comp: shall appoint to be safely kept And that M^r Trer doe pay to the sd M^r Martin 40^s for 2 yeares Fee due to him at Lady day last past And when the sd M^r Martin shall haue procured M^r Swantons securitie for the paym^t of the arreares of rent due from M^r Cheston (as was formerlie promised)

M^r Cheston & Parkers old bondes to be d^d vpp.

W^m Martins Fee xx^s per ann.

this Comp: will consider the said M^r Martins further services. Whereas there is due from Peter Denham to this Comp: at
Peter Denham to be called vpon for arreares of rent 86^{li} wth interest due by bond. Lady day last past the somme of 75^{li} for a yeares rent of his farme in Plumsted besides 86^{li} due by bond the 6 of Sept. last & interest for the same [Cancelled: w^{ch} he promised to allow pay in default of paym^t thereof] It is ordered that Aldr^{an} Haies & M^r Tho: Gellibrand (living not far from Plumsted farme) be desired to call vpon the sd Peter Denham speedilie to pay the said monies soe by him owinge to this Companie, they having at this time great occasion to make over monies to New England.

This day Capt. Cressetes bills of Charges in the seuerall suites depending in Chancerie aswell ag^t Bedingfeild 19^{li}. 12^s. 0^d. to Capt. Jn^o Cressett. Caroll & Wharton & others as ag^t Edward Litleton were presented to this Court together wth what had bin formerlie pd to him in part thereof wherevpon it was ordered that M^r Trer doe pay to the said Capt: Cressett the somme of nineteene poundes & 12^s in full of his said bills & his sollicitacon of the said Causes And that the said Capt: Cressett doe deliver vpp to M^r Trer all such Deedes evidences & writinges as he hath in his Custodie touching the Mano^{rs} of Earswell & Chamberlins in the Co: of Suffolk.

This day the lres from the Commissioners of y^e vnited Colonies of New England in New England directed to this L^{res} & accompt from New Engl. read. Companie wth the accompt of the Indian Stock therein inclosed were read & therevpon ordered that the bill of Exchange for 40^{li} charged vpon this Companie by the said Commissioners be paid by M^r Threr to M^r John Harwood or his Order, as is desired by the said lres. Bill of Exchange of 40^{li} to be pd. to M^r Harwood. [Cancelled: Memorandum that for the sd 40^{li}

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pd vpon the sd bill M^r Ezekiah Vsher is to be accomptable for 50^{li} New Engl. monie for that the 35. 14. 5. due to him vpon the accompt of the Indian stock, Dated the 27th of December 1673 being allowed to him there will remaine in his handes 14. 5. 7 New Eng. monie to be accompted for]

This day for the better encouragem^t of Tho. Gammon to proceed in the building & substantiall finishinge of the houses in Trinitie lane, London begun to be built by the said Thomas It is ordered that he speedily paying the somme of 26^{li} for a yeares rent due at Lady day last for the ground wherevpon the said buildinges are begun shall haue a lease to him made thereof for 61 yeares [Inserted: & an halfe] comencing from Lady day last he Covenanting to finish all the sd buildinges in substantiall maner according to the Actes for rebuilding the Citie of London on or before Michaelmas day next

It is alsoe ordered that M^r Stanley M^r Jurian & M^r Rolfe doe take workmen wth them & view in what Condicon the sd buildinges soe begun in Trinitie lane are, & report their opinion touching the same to the next Court Read and approved.

At a Court holden for the Comp: for propagacon of the gossell in New England &c. the 21 of May 1674.

Present

Robt. Boyle	Gouerno ^r	M ^r Henry Ashurst	Threr
Doc John Micklethwaite		M ^r Thomas Stanley	
M ^r John Jolliffe		M ^r John Rolfe	

Ordered that M^r Rolfe doe write to M^r Tho. Gammon speedilie to pay the 26^{li} by him owinge for arreares of rent of the ground in Trinitie lane wherevpon he hath

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begun to build 4 houses & to finish the buildinges there according to the order made the last Court.

This day vpon reading of the last Ire sent by the Com^{rs} of the vnitd Collonies of N. E. in New E. to this Comp :
 A Ire to be vnitd Collonies of N. E. in New E. to this Comp :
 prepared & it is ordered that M^r Threr [Cancelled : & M^r Robt.
 sent to Thomson] be desired to prepare a Ire to be (by
 New Engl approbacon of the Gouverno^r) subscribed by him & sent to the
 said Com^{rs} in answeare to their said Ire now read.

It is alsoe ordered that the somme of 300^{li} be this yeare remitted
 300^{li} to be to N : Engl to be disposed of by order of the Com^{rs}
 made over to of the vnitd Collonies aforesd for the propagacon
 New Engl. of the gossell in New Engl & the partes adjacent in
 America & that 200^{li} thereof be paid by M^r Threr to M^r Robt.
 Thomson vpon his bills of Exchange directed or to be directed to
 M^r Peter Sargent of Boston in New Engl for paym^t of 250^{li}
 New Engl monie to Jn^o Leverett Esq^r & M^r Ezekiah Vsher
 3 mo : after sight And that 100^{li} residue of the sd 300^{li} be pd
 by M^r Trer to M^r Edmond White Merchant vpon his bills of
 Exchange directed or to be directed to M^r Humfrey Davey of
 Boston aforesd for the paym^t of 125^{li} N. E. monie to the sd
 Jn^o Leuerett & Ezekiah Vsher for the purpose aforesd 3 mo :
 after sight wth said sommes of 250^{li} & 125^{li} amounting to 375^{li}
 N. E. monie together wth 31. 10. 0. for the int : of 450^{li} New
 Engl monie of M^r Mowchees gift will make vpp together 406.^{li}
 10. 0. New England monie To be employed for propagacon of
 the gossell as aforesaid. [Cancelled : And whereas the Comp :
 haue lately pd to Jn^o Harwood or his order the somme of 40^{li}
 sterling vpon a bill of Exchange drawne by the said Com^{rs} of
 the vnitd Collonies of New Engl vpon this Comp being for 50^{li}
 there to be receaued of the said Ezekiah Vsher 35. 14. 5. whereof
 is alreadie due to the said Ezekiah to ballance the accompt this

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last yeares accompt of the Indian stock (as by the sd accompt appeares) & 14. 5. 7 residue thereof will remayne to be accounted for the next yeare. It is likewise ordered that the sd 14. 5. 7. together wth the said 406. 10. 0. amounting in the whole to 420^{li}. 15. 7 New Engl monie be disposed of by the said Com^{rs} for propagacon of the gospell as aforesd as they in their good discrecons shall thinke fitt.]

It is alsoe ordered that the somme of 100^{li} part of the monies of this Comp: now remayning in [Cancelled: 370^{li} to be made over to M^r Richards & M^r Sargent to be put forth vpon improvem^t. M^r Thrers handes] Cash together wth the 50^{li} given by M^r Benjamin Albin, the 20^{li} given by M^r Tho: Stanley & alsoe the somme of 200^{li} given by the will of M^r Andrew Daudie deceased (when the same shalbe recd) amounting in the whole to the somme of 370^{li} sterlinge shall wth all convenient speed be made over to M^r John Richards & M^r Peter Sargent of Boston in New England to be by them put forth vpon improvem^t. & the interest thereof to be disposed of in such maner as this Comp: shall from time to time order & appoint for the better propagacon of the gospell in New England & the partes adjacent in America.

Ordered that M^r Rolfe (by the Assistance of a workman) doe view the 3 houses in Bucklersbury whereof new leases are shortlie to be made to Capt: Bromhall & take the demensions thereof to be inserted into the said Leases.

Dimensions to be taken of y^e 3 houses in Bucklersbury.

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*At a Court holden for the Comp: for Propagacon of the Gospell
in New England &c. the 9th day of March 1674*

Present

Robt Boyle Gouverno ^r	M ^r Henry Ashurst Threr.
George Lo : Barkley	Docto ^r John Micklethwait
John Jurian	M ^r Tho : Stanley
Erasmus Smyth Esq ^r	M ^r Edmond White
John Jolliffe Esq ^r	Aldr ^{an} Haies
Ben : Albin Esq ^r	Aldr ^{an} Warner
John Lane Esq ^r	Docto ^r Cox
Tho : Papillon	Jn ^o Rolfe

This day vpon consideracon of the accompt of arreares of rent due to this Comp: by the Ex^{rs} of Peter Denham deceased for the landes at Plumsted in Kent it was ordered that Aldr^{an} Haies & M^r Rolfe doe peruse the bills of taxes pd for the sd landes since the 25th of March 1672 & vpon deliuerie of receipts for the same to allow thereof out of the arreares due.

It is alsoe ordered that a new lease be made vnto John Goodinch of Plumsted, Yoman, the Tenant now in possession of the said lands & to M^r Francis Ligo, of Beckenham in Kent yoman for the remainder of the terme graunted by the lease made to the sd Peter Denham vnder the like rent Covenantes & Condicons in that lease conteyned the said Ex^{rs} surrendring the same lease made to the sd Peter Denham & paying all arreares of rent due & to growe due before the making of the sd new lease.

Ordered that 3 new leases be made & sealed to Capt: Tho:

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3 new leases ordered to Capt. Bromhall. Bromhall of the 3 houses in Bucklersbury London according to the draughtes now read he paying all arreares of rent due & to growe due before the sealing of the said Leases & surrendring his old Leases & sealing the Covenant now read for saving harmeles this Comp : against Blunt Sadlier.

Ordered that M^r Tho : Gamon paying 20^{li} downe presently in part of the arreares of rent due by his former Contract at the rate of 26^{li} per ann. & alsoe payinge 24^{li} more in full of 52^{li} for 2 yeares arreares due & to growe due at Lady day next shall haue a lease made to him or to any other sufficient person whome he shall nominate of the ground in Trinitie lane at the rent of 22^{li} per ann. & vnder Covenantes for new building vpon the same before Mich^{as} next, & other reasonable & ordinarie Covenantes, w^{ch} abatem^t of rent this Court thought fitt & reasonable to make vppon the earnest request of the sd Tho : Gamon & vpon Consideracon of the great fall of rentes in London since he made his first Contract, & to incourage him to build.

Ordered that certaine bookes intended to be given to the Colledge in New England by M^r Richard Baxter & M^r Davie shalbe sent over at the Charges of Companie.

Ordered that Aldr^{ns} Warner M^r Threr M^r Albin M^r Jurian M^r Stanley & M^r Rolfe or any 3 of them doe peruse & consider the accomptes of the Indian Stock returned for the last year in the Ire now read sent by the Commissioners of the vnitid Collonies of New Engl.

Ordered that the bill of 70^{li} charged vpon the Trer by [Cancelled : M^r Elliott] the Com^{rs} of the vnitid Collonies in New Engl &

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Bill of 70^{li} payable to M^r Harwood vpon accompt of the
charged by the commissioners charges of propagacon of the gospell in New Eng-
of the vnitd land be accepted & paid by M^r Threr as soone as
Collonies to monies shall come to hand.
be paid.

Whereas the ho^{bl} M^r Robt Boyle Gouverno^r did y^e last yeare
30^{li} pd last pay vnto the Threr the somme of 10^{li} as his free
yeare to M^r gift to thintent that the Threr (adding 20^{li} more
Elliott thereto out of the Companies stock) should cause
allowed. the same to be pd vnto M^r John Eliot in New England to be
improved vpon a designe of sending the gospell vnto a remote
people of the Indians and the sd Threr caused the somme of
30^{li} to be pd to the sd M^r Elliot, accordingly as by M^r Eliots
receipt for the same may appeare, the said paym^t of 30^{li} was this
day allowed & approved by this Court.

At this Court thankes was given to M^r Ben : Albin for his free
50^{li} given gift of 50^{li} to be disposed of for propagacon of the
by M^r Ben: gospell in New Engl ouer & aboue the like somme
Albin. by him given the last yeare for that purpose.

It is this day ordered that M^r Cheston & M^r Swanton abso-
lutly sealing & deliuering as their deed one obli-
gacon & Condiscon by them heretofore deliuered
to M^r W^m Martin as an Escrowe & now remayning
in his hands for paym^t of 332^{li}. 0^s. 2^d. at seuerall
daies of paym^t menconed in the sd Condiscon, the
Judgm^t heretofore confessed by M^r Cheston shalbe
defeasanced for paym^t of such arreares of rent as
are due from him over and aboue the sd somme of 332. 0. 2.
& of the growing rent hereafter to grow due or els the same
Judgm^t shall (at the charges of y^e said Jn^o Cheston) be vacated
& a new Judgm^t confessed to be defeasanced as aforesd at the
eleccon of the said Jn^o Cheston.

Jn^o Cheston
Edmond
Swanton
to seale bond
for 332. 0. 2.
the rest of
the arreares
to be secured
by Judgm^t.

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M^d that by the accompt Deb^r & Cred^r M^r Cheston stands charged wth 490^{li} arreares of rent due at Mich^{as} last 1674 whereof 332. 0. 2. is to bee secured by the sd bond & 157. 19. 10. residue thereof & the growing rent hereafter to growe due is to be secured by the said old or new Judgm^t But when M^r Cheston shall deliuer a receipt from M^r John Clarke of Burie for 44^{li} pd to him for or towards charges of repairing M^r Chestons barne belonging to his farme in Earswell & also receiptes for 38. 19. 10. by him pd for seuerall taxes (w^{ch} the sd Jn^o Cheston alleadgeth he hath pd) the same 2 last menconed sommes (amounting to 82. 19. 10. are to be allowed to the sd Jn^o Cheston out of the said arreares of 157. 19. 10 & not before.

At a Court holden for the Comp: for propagacon of the gossell in New England &c. the 24th of March 1674

Present

M ^r Robt. Boyle Gouverno ^r	M ^r Henry Ashurst Trer.
M ^r Michaell Davison	Doc ^r John Micklethwait
M ^r Edmond White	John Rolfe.

Ordered that M^r Davison be desired to shew the Copie of M^r Farme given by M^r Penyer to charitable vses. Penoyers will & the writinges (concerning the farme in New Engl. by him given to Charitable vses) to M^r Threr M^r Moses & M^r Rolfe who are desired to peruse the same & report the true state of the said gift to this Companie.

Ordered that M^r Jolliffe Majo^r Thomson M^r Davison M^r Ashurst Booke sent from New Engl to be printed here. M^r Moses & M^r Albin or any 2 or more of them be desired to peruse the booke presented to this Comp: from New England to be printed here, & to call M^r Collins to their assistance, & make such

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alteracons therein as they shall thinke fitt to be made & report their opinion thereof to this Comp.

Ordered that a lre be prepared & sent to the Commissioners of the vnited Collonies in New Engl. in answeare to the lre lately recd. from them, & that M^r Gouverno^r doe subscribe the same after he hath perused and approved thereof.

It is alsoe ordered that the somme of 300^{li} be this yeare made over to New Engl. to be disposed of by order of the Com^{rs} of the vnited Colonies of New Engl. in New Engl. for the propagacon of the gospell there & in the partes adjacent in America & that 200^{li} thereof be paid by M^r Threr to M^r Robt. Thomson vppon his bills of Exch. to be directed to M^r Peter Sarjeant of Boston in N. Engl for paym^t of 250^{li} N. Engl monie to Jn^o Leverett Esq^r & M^r Ezekia Vsher 3 monethes after sight And that 100^{li} residue of the sd 300^{li} be paid by M^r Threr to M^r Edmond White merchant vpon his bills of Exchange to be directed to M^r Humfrey Davie of Boston aforesd for the paym^t of 125^{li} N. Engl monie to the said M^r Leverett & M^r Vsher for the purpose aforesd 3 mo. after sight w^{ch} said somes of 250^{li} & 125^{li} amounting to 375^{li} N. Engl monie together wth 31. 10. 0. for the interest of 450^{li} New Engl monie of M^r Mowches gift will make vpp together 406^{li}. 10^s. 0^d. N E monie.

At a Court holden for the Comp: for propagacon of the gospell in New England & the partes adjacent in America the 9th of November 1675.

Present

Robt Boyle Gouverno^r
Robt Thomson Esq^r

M^r Henry Ashurst Trer.
M^r Thomas Stanley
M^r John Rolfe.

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This day M^r Tho: Gammon made suite to this Comp: for
 Tho: a further abatem^t of 40^s per ann. as well out of y^e
 Gammon to pay his arreares of rent by him due as out of the growinge
 arreares & to have a lease for 61 yeares & a halfe. rent hereafter to growe due w^{ch} this Court thought
 not fitt to graunt (having formerlie abated him
 4^{li} per ann. of the rent of 26^{li} per ann. first agreed
 to be paid) But ordered that if the said M^r Gammon shall wthin
 a moneth pay the somme of 35^{li} due for arreares at Mich^{as} last,
 then a lease shalbe made to him or any other able person whome
 he shall nominate of the ground in Trinitie lane for the residue
 of the terme of 61 yeares & an halfe heretofore
 vide order 16 April 1674. graunted to him at the rent of 22^{li} per ann, & vnder
 Covenantes for new buildinge one or more houses vpon the said
 ground before May day next, & other ordinarie & reasonable
 Covenantes: But if he shall not pay in the sd arreares on or
 before y^e 10th of December next at the furthest Then this Comp:
 will appoint some of their members to treat wth him, for or
 about the materialls w^{ch} he hath built vpon the premisses (having
 not yet perfected or Covered any one house) for the putting an
 end to the former Contract made wth the sd M^r Gammon, & will
 take some other course for the building of one or more houses
 vpon the premisses.

*At a Court holden for the Comp: for propagacon of the gospell
 in New Engl & the partes adjacent in America the 6th of March
 1675.*

Present

M^r Robt Boyle Gouverno^r.
 M^r John Jurian
 Mr. Tho: Stanley

M^r Henry Ashurst Trer
 Docto^r John Micklethwaite
 John Rolfe

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This day the lres of the Commissioners of the vnitd Colonies
of New England in New Engl directed to this Com-
panie wth the accompt of the Indian Stock there
&c inclosed were read & therevpon it was ordered
that M^r Threr & M^r Rolfe doe prepare an answeare therevnto
to be sent to the sd Com^{rs} being first perused approved & sub-
scribed by M^r Gouverno^r.

[A letter from Eliot, 17, 10, 75, is in *Some Correspondence*, p. 52.]

Alsoe it was ordered that the somme of 350^{li} be this yeare re-
mitted to New Engl to be disposed of by Order of
the sd Com^{rs} of the Vnitd Collonies in New Eng-
land for the vses & purposes hereafter menconed

And that 250^{li} thereof be paid by M^r Threr to M^r Robt Thomson
vpon his Bills of Exchange to be directed to M^r Peter Sargent
of Boston in New England for paym^t of 312^{li}. 10^s New England
money to John Leverett Esq^r & M^r Ezekiah Vsher three moneths
after sight & that 100^{li} residue of the said somme of 350^{li} be paid
by M^r Threr to M^r Edmond White Merchant vpon his Bills of
Exchange to be directed to M^r Humfrey Davie of Boston afore-
said for paym^t of 125^{li} New England money to the said John
Leverett & Ezekiah Usher three Moneths after sight Which
said sommes of 312^{li} 10^s & 125^{li} (amounting to 437^{li} 10^s New
England money) together wth 31^{li} 10^s for the interest of 450^{li}
New England money of M^r Mowches guift will make vp together
469^{li} New England money Whereof it is Ordered that 62^{li} 10^s
be disposed of by & according to the discrecon of the said Com^{rs}
of the vnitd Collonies in New England for & to-
wards the releife of such poore praying Indians as
by reason of the late Warres & troubles arisen in New Eng-
land are or shall be in want & distresse & that 406^{li} 10^s residue
of the said somme of 469^{li} together wth the interest & profit

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of the somme of 370^{li} heretofore in the yeare 1674 made over by this Companie to M^r John Richards & M^r Peter Sargent of Boston in New England be disposed of by Order & according to the discrecon of the sd Com^{rs} of the Vnited Collonies for the propagacon of the Gospell in New England & the parts adiajcent in America.

It is also Ordered that the sd John Richards & Peter Sargent
M^r John doe pay the said interest & profit w^{ch} hath accrewed
Richards or beene made of the sd somme of 370^{li} before this
& Peter present 6th day of March 1675 to the sd John Lever-
Sargent. ett & Hezekiah Usher for the purpose aforesaid Whose receipt
J^{no} Leverett together wth M^r Gouverno^r Letter to be directed to
Ezekiah the sd John Richards & Peter Sargent for paym^t
Usher of the same shall be to them a sufficient discharge.

Ordered that M^r John Jurian M^r Thomas Stanley & M^r John
M^r Jⁿ^o Rolfe or any two of them be desired to treat wth
Jurian M^r Thomas Gamon touching the removing buying
M^r Stanley or disposing of the materialls lying & being vpon
M^r Rolfe. the Toft & ground in Trinitie Lane vpon w^{ch} the said M^r Gamon
hath begun to build according to a Contract made wth this
Companie the 10th of May 1671 but hath not yet perfected any
house or building there And that they take the advice of some
workemen touching the premisses & conclude wth the sd M^r
Gamon touching the buying or removeing of the sd materialls
that this Companie may take speedie Order for the building of
one or more howses vpon the premisses either by the sd M^r
Gamon or some other.

Ordered that Aldr^{ns} Haies be desired to consider of the Ac-
compts & demaunds of John Goodinch touching the Farme
at Plumsted now in his possession & to allow soe much
therevpon as he shall thinke fitt and reasonable & likewise

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Ald^r Hayes
to make
allowances
to the Ex^{rs}
of Peter
Denham &
M^r Goodinch. conclude wth the Executo^{rs} of Peter Denham de-
ceased touching the arrears from them due for the
said Farme to thintent that a Lease may be
speedily made to the sd John Goodinch & Francis
Ligo according to a treatie heretofore made touch-
ing the same

Ordered that Doc^r John Micklethwait John Lane Esq^r Deputie
Comittee
for auditing
M^r Trer^s
Accomptes. Doyley M^r John Jurian M^r Tho: Stanley & M^r
John Rolfe or any 3 of them bee a Committee for
the auditing of the 3 last yeares accmpt of M^r
Trer.

Vpon Consideracon of the death of diuers Members of this Com-
panie It was this day ordered that 13 or more new
New
Members to
be chosen in
the room of
the deceased. Members be wth all convenient speed chosen to fill
vpp the number of 45, of w^{ch} this Companie is to
Consist according to the Charter & for that it is
hard to get a Competent Number to meete together for that
purpose, It is ordered that in the Ticketts for the summoning
the next Court it be inserted that the Gouverno^r desires the
seuerall members to meete wthout fayle vpon extraordinary
occasion.

This day vpon reading of the Ire & accomptes sent by the Com^{rs}
Com^{rs} I^{res}
& accomptes
from
New Engl. of the vnited Collonies in New Engl to this Company
dated in October last, It was ordered that in the
answeare thereof the sd Com^{rs} be desired to lett
this Comp: know the reason why so manie sommes of monie
& allowances are given to Rulers over & aboue Capt: Gookins
sallarie & to shew what necessitie or vsefulness there is of having
so manie Rulers (besides Ministers & teachers) the Indians being
vnder the Governm^t of the Civill Magistrates of the Colonies
wherein they liue.

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[The following paragraphs are in a different hand from that of the earlier part of the record of this meeting.]

It was alsoe this day ordered that 350^{li} sterling be this yeare
 350^{li} sterl remitted to New England to be disposed of by
 to be made order of the Com^{rs} of the vnited Colonies in New
 over to Engl for the vses & purposes hereafter menconed
 New Engl. And that 100^{li} thereof be pd by M^r Threr to M^r Edmond White
 vpon bill of Exchange to be directed to M^r Humfrey Davey of
 Boston in New Engl for paym^t of 128^{li} New Engl monie to Jn^o
 Leverett Esq^r & M^r Peter Sergeant at 3 mo : after sight And
 that 250^{li} residue of the sd somme of 350^{li} be paid & made over
 by M^r Threr by bills of Exchange to be directed to the sd M^r
 Peter Sergeant for the paym^t of the sd somme of 320^{li} New Eng-
 land monie (being 28 in y^e hundred advance) to the said John
 Leverett at 3 monethes after sight W^{ch} s^d sommes of 128^{li} & 320^{li}
 amounting to 448^{li} New Engl monie together wth 31^{li}. 10^s. 0^d.
 for the interest of 450^{li} New Engl monie of M^r Mowchees gift
 will make vp together 479. 10. 0 New Engl monie & is to be
 disposed of by the sd Com^{rs} of the Vnited Collonies according
 to their discrecons for the propagacon of the gospell in New
 Engl & the partes adjacent in America, some reasonable part
 whereof is intended for the releiving of such poore praying Indians
 as haue suffered much by the late warrs & are for their great
 want & pietie the fittest objectes of Charitie & as shalbe thought
 fitt by the sd Com^{rs} to be soe releived.

It is alsoe intended & ordered that the interest & profit of
 370^{li} sterling the 370^{li} sterling for this last yeare heretofore put
 in M^r Richards into the handes of M^r Richards (though wee cannot
 Richards handes. specifie what it will amount vnto per ann. because
 we finde that it is expected that some gratuitie should be al-
 lowed him for his disposall of it) shalbe likewise employed by

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the sd Commissioners for & towards the propagacon of the gossell as aforesd hoping that he will not insist vpon this vnlooked for desire.

At a Court holden for the Comp: for the propagacon of the gossell in New Engl & the partes adjacent in America the 28th of June 1676.

Present

M ^r Robt Boyle Gouverno ^r	M ^r Henry Ashurst Trer
Docto ^r John Micklethwait	Dep: Charles Doyley
M ^r Tho: Stanley	John Jolliffe Esq ^r
M ^r Tho: Papillon	M ^r Edmond White
Docto ^r Tho: Cox	Robt Thomson Esq ^r
M ^r John Rolfe	

This day upon the earnest request of M^r Tho: Gammon to
20^{li}. of M^r haue 20^{li} abated of the arreares of rent by him
Gammons ar- owinge for the Toft or ground in Trinitie lane, &
eares abated vpon his promise speedilie to finish the building of
one or more houses or house by him formerlie begun to be built
vpon the same, & likewise to pay wth in one moneth the somme of
31^{li} 10^s 0^d in full paym^t. of the said arrears of rent due at
Midsomer last past || being 51^{li} 10^s 0^d||. It is ordered that the
said Tho: Gamon paying the said somme of 31^{li} 10^s wth in one
moneth as aforesd shall haue a lease made & sealed to him of
the sd Toft or plott of ground for the residue of the terme of 61
yeres & an halfe graunted to him by order of the 16th of Aprill
1674 at & for the yearly rent of 22^{li} & vnder Covenantes for
new building || & finishinge || of one or more house or houses
vpon y^e premisses on or before the day of Nov: next coming
vpon wth abatem^t. of the sd 20^{li} the sd Tho: Gammon was con-

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tented that if he fayled of paym^t of the sd somme of 31. 10. 0. wth in one moneth now next ensueing as aforesd then it should be lawfull for the sd Comp: to enter vpon the sd Toft & ground & the materialls therein & therevpon beinge & dispose thereof at their pleasure.

Whereas at a Court holden the 6th of March last past it was ordered that M^r Threr should (amongest other sommes of monie in the sd order mencōned) make over to New England the somme of 50^{li} sterling to be disposed of & according to the discrecon of the Com^{rs} of the United Collonies of New Engl for & towards the releife of such poore praying Indians as by reason of y^e late warres & troubles arisen in New Engl are or shalbe in want or distresse. This Court taking into their further consideracon the miserable & distressed Condicon of the said praying Indians doe order that M^r Trer doe as speedilie as may be make over the further somme of 50^{li}. sterling to New Engl aforesd in such sort as that in lieu thereof the somme of 62. 10. 0. New Engl monie m [] be there paid to & for the releife of the sd praying Indians by & according to the direcon & appointm^t of the sd Com^{rs} of the vnited Collonies.

50^{li}. more to
be made over
to New E. for
releife of the
praying
Indians

Ordered That 50^{li}. be paid by M^r Trer to Mott
for halfe a yeares sallarie ended at Midsomer
last for his performance of the office of Messinger
to this Comp:

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*At a Court holden for the Comp: for propagacon of the Gospell
in New Engl & the partes adjacent in America the 23th of
March 1676*

Present

M ^r Robt Boyle Governo ^r	M ^r Henry Ashurst Threr
M ^r John Jurian	Doc ^r John Micklethwaite
M ^r Tho : Stanley	M ^r Edmd White
	M ^r John Rolfe

Whereas 2th. 7^s. 0^d. was left vnpaid of M^r Gamons arreares of
rent at the last court, w^{ch} he prayed then might
M^r Gamon to pay one be remitted to him, but not consented to by reason
Guyennie in full of of the Gouvernours absence It was this day ordered
arreares. that the sd M^r Gammon paying to M^r Threr one
Gynney more & discharging the Attornies bill of charges of suite
shall be discharged of the sd 2th. 7^s. 0^d. left vnpaid as aforesd.
Whereas it was heretofore ordered that a new lease should be
made of the Farme at Plumsted in Kent vnto M^r
Ald^{man} Haies. John Goodinch & one M^r Ligo to be joynd wth
him in the lease for the Comp: better securitie This Court
being informed that Alderman James Haies (to
Plumsted farme. whome the consideracon of the accomptes & de-
maundes of the sd Jn^o Goodinch touching the said farme was
John Goodinch. formerly referred) was soe well informed of the
M^r Ligo. abilitie of the sd M^r Goodwinch that he thought
that the said new lease might be safelie made to the sd M^r Good-
inch only) Did this day order that the sd new lease shalbe made
of the said Farme to the sd Jn^o Goodinch alone for 21 yeares from
Mich^{as} last past he having paid or satisfied all arreares of rent
then due all allowances & abatem^{ts} to him made by the sd Ald^{man}
Haies being deducted.

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*At a Court holden for the Companie for propagacon of the gospell in
New Engl & the ptes adjacent in America the 6th day of Sep-
tember 1677.*

Present

Robt Boyle Esq ^r Governo ^r	Henry Ashurst Esq ^r Threr
Doc ^r John Micklethwait	M ^r John Jurian
M ^r Robt Thomson	Tho: Papillon Esq ^r
W ^m Moses Esq ^r	James Haies Esq ^r
W ^m Kiffin Esq ^r	Dep: Charles Doyley
M ^r Thomas Stanley	M ^r John Dockett
Aldran Bathurst	M ^r Edmond White
John Rolfe	John Lane Esq ^r

At this Court the right hol^{ble}. Heneage Lord Finch Barron of
Ten members || Daventrey Lord high Chancellor of England ||
chosen in the roomes of M^r Abraham Doling M^r Christopher Boone Ellis
others de- Crispe Esq^r M^r Roger Lock Dyer, & Will^m Turner
ceased Knight M^r John Gould of Clapham M^r Nicholas
George Grigson Arnold Esq^r M^r John Morden, || & M^r Tho.
Glover || were all chosen Members of this Companie in the
roomes of others latelie deceased.

At this Court Edmond Rolfe was chosen & appointed to be
Edmond Clarke of this Companie & Receavor of the Rentes
Rolfe chosen & Reveneues of the same, during the pleasure of
Clark & Re- this Comp: and ordered that he shall haue the
ceavo^r & to sallarie of twentie pounds per ann. paid vnto him
haue 20^{li}. per for the execucon of the said Offices from Michaelmas
ann. sallary next cominge quarterlie by even porcons.

At this Court Will^m Wadeson was chosen & appointed to be
W^m Wadeson Messenger of this Comp: during their pleasure &
chosen Mes- ordered that he shall haue the sallarie of fue pounds
senger his sallarie 5^{li} per ann. to be paid vnto him from Midsomer last
per ann past q^rterlie by even porcons

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This day the Memorand. to be indorsed vpon M^r John Goodinch
Memorand. his lease of Plumsted farme for the repairing of the
vpon John East end of the Mansion house at the Companies
Goodinch his charge was read in Court & approved.
lease

Ordered that there be allowed & paid to M^r W^m Martin Steward
of the Mano^r of Earswell (over & aboue his yearly
s^{ll} ordered to M^r W^m Martin. sallarie) the somme of fiae poundes as a gratuitie
in recompence of his former good services performed
for this Companie.

Whereas 2 old bondes Dated the 25th of November 1663 were
made by John Cheston & James Parker Tenantes
Old bondes to be deliuered vpp to John Cheston & James Parker
of the Comp: landes in Earswell in the Co: of
Suffolk & one other old bond dated the 29th day
of June 1665 was made by the sd John Cheston all
w^{ch} bondes were soe made for the paym^t of arreares
of rent due before the making of the said bondes w^{ch} haue beene
all long since paid It is therefore ordered at the request of the
sd John Cheston & James Parker that the sd bondes shalbe
deliuered vpp & Cancelled.

Whereas by a Decree of the Judges for determinacon of differ-
ences touching houses burnt downe by the fire w^{ch} happened
in London in the yeare. 1666. It was decreed
4^{ll} per ann to be pd to Trinitie parish & 9^{ll} per ann to the Comp: of Merchantaylors according to a Decree of the Judges, &c.
(amongest other thinges) that the rent charge of 4^{ll}
per ann. given by the will of S^r John Gore Knight
deceased to the parishe of the holie Trinitie London
& payable out of certen houses in Trinitie Lane
London belonging to this Companie should be paid
by this Comp: to the parson & Churchwardens
of the sd parishe & their successors from the feast of the birth
of our Lord 1668 for ever & that all arreares of the sd rent
charge due before the fire should be likewise paid And alsoe

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that the arreares of another rent charge of 12^{li} per ann. issuing out of the premisses & giuen by the last will of the sd S^r John Gore to the Comp : of Merchantaylo^{rs} London for ever should be likewise paid by this Companie to the sd Comp : of Merchantaylo^{rs} vntill the time of the sd fire And that the sd rent charge of 12^{li} per ann. soe given to the sd Comp : of Merchantaylo^{rs} should cease vntill the feast of the Birth of our Lord God 1668 & should be sunke to 9^{li} per ann during 40 yeares, comencing from the said feast of the birth of our Lord God 1668, and that after the sd 40 yeares the sd rent charge of 12^{li} per ann should revive It is this day ordered that the sd seuerall rentes charge & all arreares thereof due & hereafter to growe due according to the true intent & meaning of the sd Decree shalbe paid by this Companie to the said parson & Churchwardens of the sd parishe & to the sd Companie of Merchantaylo^{rs} respectiuelie according to the sd Decree.

At this Court it was also Ordered that Capt Cressett be desired to deliver to M^r T^{reas} the Depheazance vpon the Judgem^t heretofore recovered by Farmer Pepis against Thomas Bedingfeild & all other writings w^{ch} he hath concerning this Companies Lands & all proceedings in Chancerie concerning the same.

It was this day also Ordered That the Executors of M^r Penoyers Will be desired to give a Coppie thereof and such other writings as concerne the Lands in New England given by the said M^r Penoyer to this Companie.

Capt
Cressett to
Deliuer to
M^r T^{reas} all
writings in
his handes
belonging to
the Comp.

M^r
Penoyers
Ex^{rs} to be
desired to
giue a coppie
of his will.

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*At a Court holden for the Companie for propagacon of the Gospell
in New England & the partes adiacent in America the 5th
day of March 1677*

Present

Robt Boyle Esq ^r Gouvernor	Henry Ashurst Esq ^r Trear
M ^r Thomas Stanley	Do ^r John Micklethwaite
James Hayes Esq ^r	W ^m Kiffin Esq ^r
M ^r Robt Thomson	George Arnold Esq ^r
M ^r John Jurian	M ^r Roger Lock
M ^r John Doling	Ellis Crisp Esq ^r

M^r Edmond White

It was this day Ordered vpon [Cancelled : the earnest] request
made in the behalfe of M^r John Goodinch (Tenant in
possession of the Farme at Plumstead) that James
James Hayes Esq^r doe informe himselfe of the abillitie
to approue of a Tenant for
a Tenant for
Plumstead
Farme
of Sanderson Clerke proposed by M^r Good-
instead of inch to be by this Companie accepted of as their
M^r Goodinch Tenant of their said Farme at Plumstead instead
of the said John Goodinch and if the said James Hayes shall
approve of the said Sanderson then this Companie will accept
of him for their Tenant of the said Farme for the remainder
of the terme graunted by this Companie to the said John Good-
inch and vnder such Rent & Covenants as the said Goodinch
was to pay & performe the said Sanderson & his sonne being
both of them made parties to a new Lease & sealing a Counter-
part thereof accordingly

It was alsoe Ordered That M^r Henry Ashurst Trear Doctor
John Micklethwaite M^r Charles Doyley M^r John Jurian M^r
James Hayes M^r Robt Thomson M^r John Lane M^r John

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Rolfe M^r Edmond White M^r W^m Kiffin M^r Thomas Stanley
 Committee to M^r Ellis Crisp M^r George Arnold & M^r Roger
 Consider of Lock or any three or more of them be a Committee
 the New to consider of the Lres & Accompt sent from the
 Engl. L^{rs} & Com^{rs} of the Vnited Collonies in New England this
 Accompts & to prepare a day read and alsoe concerning the preparing of a
 L^{re} in Letter to be returned in answeare therevnto and
 answeare alsoe that the difference about taxes to be allowed
 therevnto & to M^r Cheston Tenant of the Farme of Earswell
 alsoe to settle M^r Hall in Suffolk be referred to the same Committee.
 Chestons taxes.
 At this Court it was alsoe Ordered that One Thousand Ticketts
 1000 Ticketts for the somoning the members of this Companie
 to be to appeare at Courts & Committees be forthwith
 provided. provided.

*At a Committee of the Comp: for propagacon of the Gospell in New
 England & the parts Adjacent in America met at the East
 India house in Leadenhall streete 22th March 1677.*

Present

Rob ^t Boyle Esq ^r Gouverno ^r	Ellis Crisp Esq ^r
Rob ^t Thomson Esq ^r	M ^r John Rolfe
M ^r John Jurian	
M ^r Roger Lock	

This day the said Committee according to an Order of the 5th of
 A letter to this instant March Considered of the last L^{res} &
 be prepared & sent to Accompt sent by the Com^{rs} of the Vnited Collonies
 New Engl of New England & agreed vpon the substance of
 a L^{re} to be returned in answer therevnto after the Gouverno^{rs}
 further pervsall & approbacon & subscription of the same.
 This Committee alsoe thought fitt & ordered that the somme of

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250^{li} sterling wth the Advance of 28^{li} for euerie hundred be remitted to New England & to be payable to John Leverett Esq^r & M^r John Richards three months after sight by bill charged or to be charged by M^r T^{rer} Ashurst vpon M^r Peter Sargeant w^{ch} in New Engl money amounts to 320^{li} w^{ch} with 31^{li} 10^s for the profit of M^r Mowches Guift makes 351^{li}. 10^s. New Engl money to be disposed of by Order of the Com^{rs} of the Vnited Collonies aforesaid (together wth the benefitt of the 370^{li} sterling in the hands of M^r Richards) for defraying of the charges of & for the propagacon of the Gospell amongst the Native Indians in New Engl for the yeare ensuing.

It is alsoe Ordered that 500^{li} sterling more be this yeare made over to New Engl. with the like advance of 28^{li} 500^{li} more to be remitted to New Engl for Stock for euerie hundred which in New Engl money amounts to 640^{li} Viz^t: 448^{li} by bill charged or to be charged by M^r T^{rer} Ashurst vpon M^r Peter Sargeant & to be payable to John Leverett Esq^r & John Richards 3 months after sight 128^{li} more by bill charged or to be charged by M^r Edmond White vpon M^r Humphrey Davy & to be payable to the said John Leverett & John Richards three months after sight & alsoe 64^{li} by Bill to be charged by William Stoughton Esq^r vpon M^r William Tailor & to be payable to the said John Leverett & John Richards three months after sight, w^{ch} said seuerall sommes of money last menconed amounting together to 640^{li} New Engl money are soe Ordered to be made over to New Engl to be there put forth vpon improvem^t as a further Stock & the Interest thereof to be disposed of in such manner as this Company shall from time to time Order & appoint for the better propagacon of the Gospell in New Engl & the Partes Adjacent in America.

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And it was further Ordered That a Sword & Belt & Coate be
A Sword &c sent to the Indian called King Robert of the like
to be sent to value of those w^{ch} were formerly sent to King
King Robert Uncus.

*At a Court holden for the Company for propagation of the Gospell
in New England and the parts adjacent in America the 6th
day of May 1679*

Present

Rob ^t Boyle Esq ^r Gouverno ^r	Henry Ashurst Esq ^r Trear.
Doctor John Micklethwaite	M ^r Tho Stanley
M ^r John Jurian	M ^r Abraham Doling
M ^r John Rolfe	M ^r John Acrod
Ellis Crisp Esq ^r	M ^r Edmond White

This day the Letters of the Com^{rs} of the vnitd Colonies of New
England in New Engl dated the 5th of September last and di-
rected to the Governour of this Company with the Accompt of
the Indian Stock therein inclosed were read and therevpon it
Committee to was ordered that all the members of this Comp
consider of now present (except the Gouverno^r) together with
the New Engl Letters such other members as shall be summoned and
& Accomptes will appeare or any three or more of them be a Com-
& to prepare an Answere mittee to consider of the said Letters & Accompt
therevnto. and to prepare a L^{re} to be returned in answer there-
vnto and alsoe to consider of the Letters from Capt Gookin and
M^r Elliott concerning a Schoole or Hospitall and of S^r Mathew
Halwortheyes will.

[*Some Correspondence*, p. 56.]

It was alsoe Ordered that the same Committee or any 3 or more

The same
Committee to
Audite M^r
Thers Accompt
& determine
the difference
about
M^r Chestons
Taxes.

of them doe Audite M^r Treasurers Accompt and alsoe that the difference about Taxes to be allowed to M^r Cheston Tenant of the Farme of Earswell Hall in Suffolk be referred to the same Committee to determine.

Upon the
M^r Thomas
Tappey
admitted
Tenant to
the Farme at
Plumsted in
the roome of
M^r John
Goodinch.

earnest request of M^r John Goodinch the present Tenant of the Farme at Plumstead to be discharged from his Lease of the said Farme and upon the recommendacon & approbation of Ald^{man} Hayes It was Ordered That Thomas Tappey of Plumstead aforesaid Yoman be admitted Tenant to this Company instead of the said John Goodinch and that a new Lease be made from this Comp vnto the said

Thomas Tappey of the said Farme for the terme of 21 yeares to Commence from Mich^{as} next vnder the like Rent Covenn^{tes} Condicons and agreements in the said John Goodinch his Lease conteyned and menconed he the said John Goodinch surrendring his said Lease and paying all arreares of Rent due and to grow due before the makeing or Commencing of the said new Lease.

It was this day further Ordered That Thomas Gammon be Speedily Sued vpon the Covenants of his Lease to compell him to pay such arreares of Rent as are due to this Company from him for the ground in Trinity Lane and alsoe to build a house or houses vpon the said ground.

M^r Thomas
Gammon to
be sued.

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*Att a Committee of the Companie for propagacon of the Gospell
in New England & the parts adiacent in America met at the
Golden Key in Walling street 15th May 1679*

Present

Henry Ashurst Esq ^r Trear.	Robt Thomson Esq ^r
Ellis Crisp Esq ^r	M ^r Abraham Doling
James Hayes Esq ^r	W ^m Kiffin Esq ^r
M ^r John Rolfe	M ^r Roger Lock
M ^r Thomas Stanley	M ^r John Morden
M ^r Christofer Boone	

This day this Committee by vertue of an Order of the 6th day of this instant Moneth of May did meete & vpon pervsall & Consideracon of the Letters of the Com^{rs} of the vnitied Colonies of New Engl in New Engl dated the 5th of September last wth the Accompt of the Indian Stock therein inclosed & alsoe of the Letters of Capt Gookin & M^r Elliott did approve of the said Accompt and did Order that in the Letter to be sent in answeare to the said Com^{rs} Letters it be incerted that this Companie doe soe far approve of M^r Gookins proposicon concerning the building of a Free Schoole that they thinke it more convenient to have severall small Schooles in severall Townes for teaching & instructing of the Indians Children in the English Tongue.

It was alsoe Ordered by this Committee that the Clerk of this Companie doe search for the Ladie Armins Will in the prerogative Office and take a Coppie of such part of the said Will as concerns this Companie.

Upon the request of M^r Abraham Doling one of the members of this Companie & this day present at this Committee it was alsoe Ordered that a Coppie of this Companies Charter at large be written out and delivered to him & this Committee did alsoe

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agree and appoynt to meet againe on Wednesday next being the 21th day of this Moneth at the East India house in Leadenhall street London to Audite M^r Trears Accompt.

At a Court holden for the Companie for propagacon of the Gospell in New England and the parts adiacent in America the 27th May 1679.

Present

Robert Boyle Esq ^r Gouverno ^r	Henry Ashurst Esq ^r Trer
Robert Thomson Esq ^r	M ^r Tho : Stanley
M ^r Roger Lock	M ^r Tho Glover
M ^r Christofer Boone	M ^r Abraham Doling

Do^r John Micklethwaite

This day in persueance of an Order of the 6th day of this instant Moneth of May the Committee thereby appoynted to consider of the L^{tes} & Accompts of the Com^{rs} of the Vnited Collonies of New England in New England dated the 5th of September last & directed to the Governo^r of this Companie and alsoe of the Letters from Capt Gookin and M^r Elliott and to prepare a Letter in answeare therevnto did present a Letter by them so prepared w^{ch} was read and approved of M^r Treas Accompt alsoe which was by the said Order appoynted to be Audited by the said Committee was likewise by them Audited and presented at this Court accordingly.

And it was therevpon Ordered That to the monies formerly remitted by this Company to New England for and as a Stock being 1582^{li} 10^s New England money there shall be aded this yeare 447^{li} 10^s w^{ch} will make vp full 2000^{li} Stock there to be put out at interest Of w^{ch} whole Stock it is by this Court intended and soe Ordered that only the interest thereof shall be applyed and made vse of for or towards yearely expences and that there

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shall be also this yeare remitted to New Engl soe much more money as wth the over Ballance of 55^{li} 17^s 01^¼^d the interest of the Stock in New England will carrie on the Worke this following yeare And in order to the makeing vp the severall sommes aforesaid and for the carrying on the Worke of propagating the Gospell in New England and the parts adiacent in America It was also Ordered That the severall Bills of Exchange hereafter mencconed be this yeare sent over to New England, Viz^t One Bill charged by William Staughton Esq^r vpon M^r William Tayler for 64^{li} New England money and payable to John Leverett Esq^r & M^r John Richards three Moneths after sight One other Bill charged by M^r Treasurer Ashurst vpon M^r Peter Sargeant for paym^t of 500^{li} New England money to the said John Leverett Esq^r & M^r John Richards three Moneths after sight and one other Bill charged by M^r Edmond White vpon M^r Humphrey Davy for paym^t of One hundred Twentie five pounds New England money to M^r John Richards and M^r Peter Sargeant three Moneths after sight.

*At a Court holden for the Companie for propagacon of the Gospell
in New England & the parts adiacent in America the 13th
August 1679*

Present

Robert Boyle Esq ^r Gouverno ^r .	Henry Ashurst Esq ^r Trear.
M ^r Thomas Glover	M ^r Tho Stanley
Robert Thomson Esq ^r	M ^r Christofer Boone
M ^r John Acrod	M ^r Abraham Doling

Ordered That Two hundred and Fiftie pounds be paid and laid out in New England for the printing of the New Testament and reading Psalmes in the Indian Language and that the somme

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of One hundred pounds be speediely laid out here for the buying of 500 English Bibles to be sent over to New Engl from hence and there to be distributed amongst the Indians.

At this Court alsoe the ho^{bl}o Robert Boyle the Gouvernor did acquaint the Court wth his intention of paying the somme of Three hundred pounds to M^r Trear to be remitted to New England as the said Gouvernors free guift and to remaine there and be disposed of at interest as a Stock and the interest and profitts thereof to be from time to time distributed and paid vnto and amongst & for the releife of necessitous converted Indians.

Ordered alsoe that a Letter be sent to New England in answeare to the Letters this day read from the Com^{rs} of the Vnited Colonies there and that M^r Chestons Taxes be settled.

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At a Court holden for the Companie for propagacon of the Gospell in New Engl and the parts adiacent in America the 4th May 1680.

Present

Robt Boyle Esq ^r Gouverno ^r .	Henry Ashurst Esq ^r Trear.
M ^r Edmond White	M ^r John Jurian
M ^r Tho Stanley	M ^r John Acrod
James Hayes Esq ^r	M ^r Roger Lock
M ^r Thomas Glover	S ^r John Micklethwaite

This day the Lres & Accompts of the Com^{rs} of the vnited Colonies in New Engl directed to the Gouverno^r of this Companie were read and approved of And therevpon it was Ordered that Three hundred & Fiftie pounds sterling be this yeare remitted to New Engl to be disposed of by the Com^{rs} of the vnited Colonies in New Engl for the vses & purposes herein after menconed And that 200^{li} thereof be paid by M^r Trear Ashurst to

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M^r Edmond White vpon his Bill of Exchange to be directed to M^r Humphrey Davey of Boston in New Engl for paym^t of 250^{li} New Engl money to Simon Broadstreet and William Stoughton Esq^{rs} at three Moneths after sight And that 150^{li} residue of the sd somme of 350^{li} be paid and made over by M^r Trear Ashurst by his Bills of Exchange to be directed to M^r Peter Sargeant for paym^t of 187^{li} 10^s New Engl money to the sd Simon Broadstreet & William Stoughton at three Moneths after sight Of w^{ch} sd somme of 350^{li} sterling 250^{li} w^{ch} in New Engl money amounts to 312^{li} 10^s & 31^{li} 10^s for the profitt of M^r Mowchees Guift makes 344^{li} is to be disposed of by the sd Com^{rs} together wth the benefitt of the 370^{li} in the hands of M^r Richards for defraying the ordinarie charge of carrieing on the worke of propagating the Gospell for the yeare ensueing And as for the remaining 100^{li} part of the said somme of 350^{li} sterling this Court did Order that the same shall be reckoned as part of the ho^{bl}^a Governours Guift to make vp the same full 300^{li} there being last yeare for want of money 100^{li} thereof made vse of for buying of the 500 English Bibles w^{ch} were then ordered to be bought & sent to New England and that the same Guift being soe made vp the profitt & improvem^t thereof may be disposed of from time to time according to the desire and good intent of the sd Gouverno^r & to noe other vse.

[The Commissioners letter dated Dec. 26, 1679, is in *Some Correspondence*, p. 58.]

This Court did alsoe Order that according to their resolucon intimated in their Letter to the Com^{rs} of the vnited Collonies in New England last yeare that the somme of 100^{li} should be by the said Com^{rs} paid & distributed to and amongst Fiftie of such praying Indians as were serviceable in the late warre by Fortie shillings a peece or otherwise to some more and to

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others lesse according as the sd Com^{rs} shall thinke them respectiuey deserving for their encouragem^t soe soone as the same can be raised & receaved by & out of the remaining profitts & benifitt of this Companies Stock in New England It was alsoe Ordered that the sd Com^{rs} of the Vnited Collonies in New Engl doe out of the profitts of this Companies Stock in New Engl give vnto such teachers & Rulers as labour in the worke of teaching and instructing the Native Indians in the English Tongue such competent allowances as they the sd Com^{rs} shall in their good discrecons thinke they may reasonably deserve for their encouragem^t therein soe as such allowances soe to be made & given to and amongst such Rulers & Teachers doe not exceed the somme of 50^{li} in the whole.

Ald^{ms} Hayes was alsoe at this Court desired to draw vp a Letter from this Comp to the sd Com^{rs} of the vnited Collonies in answere to their Letter above mencconed to be this day read Whereas M^r Jane Cheston & M^r James Parker this Companies Tenants at Earswell in the County of Suffolk did not this day appeare at this Court nor at the former Court although they had notice of both the said Courts It was therevpon Ordered that when they doe appeare in Towne they be acquainted that this Court doe expect the speedie paym^t of their Arreares of Rent due from them to this Companie & as for any other matter they may haue to request of or propound to the Companie that they doe make such their requests or proposicons at the next Court.

At this Court it was alsoe Ordered That Edmond Rolfe the Clerke of this Companie doe goe to William Moses Esq^r one of the members of this Companie and acquaint him wth the Case betweene Thomas Gammon & this Companie and to desire his advice therein and in particuler concerning a water course

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& passage graunted by the sd Gammon to M^r Throgmorton through part of the ground in Trinitie Lane letten by Lease to the sd Gammon by this Companie.

Ordered alsoe That Ald^{ra} Hayes & M^r Thomas Stanley doe conferre wth some persons in or about Friday street concerning the ground in Trinitie Lane by this Companie formerly lett vnto the said Tho Gammon in order to the procureing the finishing of the buildings on the said ground that soe the neighbors may take notice of this Companies care for the finishing the buildings thereon begun to be built by the sd Tho Gammon

This Court did alsoe Order that the arreares of the seuerall Annuities or Rente Charge payable by this Companie to the Companie of Merchantaylors & Parish of Trinnitie London out of the sd ground in Trinitie Lane London be speediely pd vnto the sd Comp of Merchantaylors & Parish of Trinnitie respectively.

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At a Court holden at the East India house in Leadenhall street London by the Comp for propagacon of the Gospell in New Engl &c the 28th of September 1680.

Present

Robt Boyle Esq ^r Gouverno ^r	M ^r Abraham Doling
George Arnold Esq ^r	M ^r Roger Lock
Robt Thomson Esq ^r	M ^r John Acrod
W ^m Kiffin Esq ^r	M ^r John Morden
W ^m Moses Esq ^r	M ^r Tho Glover
M ^r Christofer Boone	S ^r John Micklethwaite
	M ^r Tho Stanley

This day vpon the Report given to this Court by M^r Tho Stanley That James Hayes Esq^r & himselfe had caused the Matterials

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of Tho Gammon on the ground in Trinitie Lane London to be valewed in order to this Comp takeing the sd ground into their owne hands and building the same this Court did resolve vpon the advice of W^m Moses Esq^r not to enter into any treatie or agreem^t wth the sd Gammon till they should haue obteyned a Judgem^t in Eiectm^t against him for the sd ground.

This day alsoe this Court being informed of the death of M^r John Littleton Tenant of the Lands in Aston in the County of Herriffs & that at Midsomer last there was Fourescore pounds due from him for Rent to this Company & that he not leaveing Assetts sufficient to pay the same other then the Cropp then on the ground w^{ch} M^{rs} Jane Littleton the mother of M^r Edward Littleton had distreyned (by vertue of a L^{re} of Attorney from her sd sonne the Estate in Law in the sd Lands being still in him) but wth intention to pay such monies as she should raise by sale of the sd Cropp to this Company whoe have by Decree in Chancery title to the Rents of the sd Lands But the sd M^{rs} Littleton alleadgeing that she had met wth opposicon & trouble from the Executors of the sd John Littleton by reason of the sd Distresse Did make it her request to this Court (by M^r Maidstone her sonne in Law) to graunt her a L^{re} of Attorney to strengthen her authoritie Wherevpon It was Ordered that the Clerke of this Company doe attend W^m Moses Esq^r one of the members of this Company wth the Decree & other Orders of the Court of Chancery touching the sd Lands at Aston & to desire his opinion concerning what is fitt for this Company to doe therein.

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At a Court holden at the house of M^r William Ashurst in Wailing Street London by the Comp: for propagacon of the Gospell in New Engl &c the 28th of January 1680.

Present

Robt Boyle Esq ^r Gouverno ^r	S ^r John Micklethwaite
M ^r Abraham Doling	Robt Thomson Esq ^r
M ^r Edmond White	M ^r Roger Lock
M ^r Thomas Stanley	M ^r John Acrod
Francis Warner Esq ^r	James Hayes Esq ^r
Wm Kiffin Esq ^r	M ^r John Morden

Upon the earnest desire of M^{rs} Jane Cheston als Childerston It was Ordered that Francis Warner & James Hayes Esq^{rs} doe Audite & settle the Accompt of Taxes claymed by the sd M^{rs} Cheston as by her paid for the Farme of Earswell Hall in Suffolk & allow them or such of them as they shall finde cause.

At this Court alsoe it was Ordered that Robert Thomson Esq^r M^r Thomas Stanley M^r Abraham Doling M^r John Morden M^r Roger Lock & M^r Edmond White or any three or more of them be a Committee to Audite the Accompt of Henry Ashurst Esq^r deceased late Treasurer of this Companie.

At a meeting of Severall members of the Comp for propagacon of the Gospell in New Engl &c at the East India house in Leaden hall streete London the 21th of September 1681

Present

George Earl of Berkley	Robert Thomson Esq ^r
S ^r John Micklethwaite	John Lane Esq ^r
George Arnold Esq ^r	M ^r Thomas Stanley
M ^r Roger Lock	M ^r John Rolfe
M ^r Edmd White	M ^r Christofer Boone
M ^r Abraham Doleing	M ^r Tho : Glover.

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It was this day Ordered y^t the somme of 600^{li} sterling be this yeare remitted to New Engl And that 100^{li} thereof be paid to M^r W^m Condey vpon his Bills of Exchange to be charged vpon M^r Tho Kelland Merchant in Boston in New Engl for payment of 125^{li} New Engl. money to M^r Joseph Cox or Order at Sixty dayes after sight and endorsed vnto Simon Broadstreete & William Stoughton Esq^r Two hundred pounds more thereof to M^r W^m Browne vpon his Bills of Exchange to be charged vpon M^r Paul Dudley Merchant at Boston in New Engl for payment of 250^{li} New Engl money to the said Simon Broadstreete and W^m Stoughton at Sixty days after sight 200^{li} sterling more to M^r Edmond White vpon his Bills of Exchange to be charged vpon M^r Humphrey Davie of Boston in New Engl. Merchant for payment of 250^{li} New Engl money to the said Simon Broadstreete and W^m Stoughton at three Months sight and 100^{li} sterling more to Thomas Papillon Esq^r vpon his Bills of Exchange to be charged vpon M^{rs} Elizabeth Saffin now the wife of M^r John Saffin for payment of 125^{li} New Engl money to Edmond Rolfe or Order at 30 daies after sight and Indorsed vnto the said Simon Broadstreete and W^m Stoughton.

Ordered alsoe that Robert Thompson Esq^r John Lane Esq^r James Hayes Esq^r M^r Tho. Stanley M^r Edmond White M^r Roger Lock and M^r Thomas Glover and such other members of this Company as are this day present as it shall be thought fitt to be summoned or any three or more of them be and are hereby appointed to be a Committee to treat with any person or persons in order to the letting and disposeing of the ground in Trinity Lane late in the occupacon of Tho Gammon together with the materialls thereon being for the most and greatest Fyne and yearly Rent as may or can be gott for the same soe as one or more good house or houses be speedily built

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therevpon and to report their proceedings therein to this Company.

It was also this day Ordered that Edmd Rolfe Clerke to this Company doe waite vpon the Governor now being at Knights-bridge to know what day (except Wednesday or Friday) he will be pleased to appoint a Court to be kept at his house and that Twelve or Thirteene members of this Company will meete there accordingly for the choosing of a Treasurer.

*At a Court holden at the East India house in Leaden hall streete
London by the Company for propagacon of the Gospell in New
Engl &c the 14th day of October 1681*

Present

Robert Boyle Esq ^r Governor	S ^r John Micklethwaite
M ^r Christopher Boone	Do ^r Cox
George Arnold Esq ^r	Robert Thompson Esq ^r
M ^r Glover	William Moses Esq ^r
Ellis Crisp Esq ^r	M ^r John Rolfe
M ^r Thomas Stanley	M ^r Lock
M ^r John Morden	M ^r Abraham Doleing

At this Court all the severall Orders made at a meeting of seuerall members of this Company on the 21 of September last were confirmed and ordered to stand ratified and confirmed accordingly and it was now further Ordered That over and above the somme of 600^{li} Sterling at the said meeting Ordered to be remitted to New England there shall be this yeare 100^{li} Sterling more remitted to New England w^{ch} sd 100^{li} more soe soone as the same shall or may be received and gotton in by and out of the Rents and arreares of Rents due to this Company shall be paid to M^r William Ashurst vpon his Bills of Exchange to be charged

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vpon William Stoughton Esq^r for payment of 123^{li} New Engl money to Simon Broadstreete Esq^r and the said William Stoughton at three Months after sight Which said severall sommes of 600^{li} and 100^{li} amount together to 700^{li} sterling 250^{li} whereof which in New Engl money comes to 312^{li} 10^s and 31^{li} 10^s for the profit of M^r Mowchees Guift makes 344^{li} is to be disposed of by the Com^{rs} of the vnited Colonies of New England in New Engl for defraying the Ordinary charge of carrying on the work of propagating the Gospell in new Engl for the yeare ensueing and as for what more there shall be found necessary for the carrying on that work for the ensueing yeare the said Com^{rs} shall have liberty to take the same out of the improvement of this Companies remaining Stock in the Countrey And as for the remaineing part of the said somme of 700^{li} Sterling being 450^{li} which in New Engl money amounts to 560^{li} 10^s this Court did order that the same be put forth vpon improvement and managed as a further addition to this Companies Stock and that the benefitt and improvement thereof be disposed of as this Company shall from time to time direct and appoint it being this Companies endeavor that there may be such a Stock in New Engl as that the improvement thereof may carry on the work if a Supply should fail from hence.

This Court alsoe finding cause to suspect that their last Letters to the Com^{rs} of the vnited Colonies in New Engl came not to the hands of the said Com^{rs} Did therevpon order that Duplicates thereof be made and Sent inclosed in the Governors Letter to the said Com^{rs} this yeare.

[A letter from Eliot, 17, 4, 81, is in *Some Correspondence*, p. 65.]

At this Court S^r Samuel Barnardiston Barronett Samuel Clarke of Grayes Inn Esq^r, Henry Ashurst Esq^r and M^r William Ashurst

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two of the sons of Henry Ashurst Esq^r late Treasurer of this Company deceased Do^r Daniel Cox and M^r Richard Hutchinson were chosen members of this Company in the roomes of others lately deceased and the said M^r William Ashurst was then immediately after his being soe chosen a member alsoe chosen Treasurer of this Company in the roome of his Said late father Henry Ashurst Esq^r deceased.

At a Court holden at M^r Trear Ashursts at the Golden Key in Watling street London by the Companie for propagacon of the Gospell in New Engl &c. the 4th day of October 1682

Present

Robt Boyle Esq ^r Gouverno ^r	M ^r W ^m Ashurst Trear
Robt Thomson Esq ^r	M ^r Tho Stanley
M ^r Tho Glover	George Arnold Esq ^r
John Lane Esq ^r	M ^r Roger Lock
John Kiffen Esq ^r	M ^r Edmond White

At this Court it was Ordered that 250^{li} sterling wth the advance of 28^{li} for euerie hundred be remitted to Simon Broadstreet & William Stoughton Esq^{rs} by Bill to be charged by John Lane Esq^r & Thomas Lane vpon the sd W^m Stoughton w^{ch} in New Engl money amounts to 320^{li} & wth 31^{li} 10^s for the profit of M^r Mowchees Guift makes 351^{li} 10^s w^{ch} is to be disposed of by the Com^{rs} of the Vnited Collonies in New England together wth the benefitt of the 370^{li} in the hands of M^r Richards for defraying the ordinary charges of the yeare ensuing

[A letter from the Commissioners, dated May 29, 1682, and the answer, dated Oct. 13, are in *Some Correspondence*, pp. 68-71.]

It was this day alsoe ordered That the somme of 450^{li} sterling more wth the advance of 28^{li} for euerie hundred be this yeare

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remitted to New Engl wth in New Engl money amounts to 544^l that is to say 225^l by Bill to be charged by M^r William Ashurst the now Trear of this Company vpon the sd W^m Stoughton & payable to the above named Simon Broadstreet & W^m Stoughton 256^l by Bill to be charged by M^r Edmond White vpon M^r Humphrey Davie to be payable to the sd Simon Broadstreet & W^m Stoughton & 63^l being for the Legacie of 50^l sterling given to this Company by Henry Ashurst Esq^r deceased late Trear of this Comp by Bill to be charged by M^r Tho Glover vpon the said W^m Stoughton & payable to the sd Simon Broadstreet & W^m Stoughton Which sd seuerall sommes last menconed amounting together to 544^l New Engl. money were soe Ordered to be remitted this yeare to be put forth in New England as a further addiccon to this Comp Stock there & to be by the sd Com^{rs} disposed of from time to time as this Comp shall order & appoynt.

Ordered alsoe that interest after the rate of 6^l per Cent : per ann shall be allowed for such of the sd seuerall sommes of money aforesd as shall not be receaved and gotten in (out of the Rents & arreares of Rent due to this Comp) before the deliuerie of the seuerall Bills aforesd vntill such time as the same shall be seuerally & respectively paid.

It was this day further Ordered that the Committee formerly appoynted to treat wth any person or persons in order to the letting & disposing of the ground in Trinnitie Lane late in the occupacon of Thomas Gammon together wth the matteralls thereon being or any three of them be hereby authorized & appoynted not only to treat wth but to conclude & agree wth M^r Probie or any other person or persons whatsoever for the letting & disposing of the sd ground in Trinnitie Lane & the matteralls thereon being for such terme of yeares as they shall

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thinke fitt & for the most money & yearely Rent as they may or can gett for the same soe as one or more good house or houses be speedily built vpon the sd ground.

At this Court it was alsoe Ordered That vpon receipt of the Annuitie or yearely paym^t of 10^{li} per ann given by M^r W^m Pennoyer to this Comp in and by his last will & Testam^t all ordinarie Taxes shall be allowed to his Trustees out of the same.

At a Court or meeting of severall members of the Company for propagacon of the Gospell in New England &c at M^r Trear Ashursts house at the Golden Key in Watling street London, the 20th day of February 1682

Present

Robt Boyle Esq ^r Gouvernor.	Robt Thomson Esq ^r
John Lane Esq ^r	Sam Clarke Esq ^r
M ^r Tho Stanley	M ^r Edmond White

M^r W^m Ashurst Trear

Memorandum this day it was resolved by the said seuerall members of this Court here present That William Deirsley Gent be desired forthwith to repaire to Earswell in the County of Suffolk and afterwards to Cambridge before the Com^{rs} authorized by Act of Parliam^t intituled an Act for settleing the dreyning of the great Levell of the Fenns called Bedford Levell to take care of the interest of this Company in the deviding of Earswell Fenn & obteyning a dividend according to their interest in their Manno^r Commonary howses and Sheepwalks there & to take care concerning the quantitie quallitie & vallew of such Alotm^t as shall be made or sett out for the said Company but not to presse for a devision if the Towne doe not desire it.

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*At a Court holden for the Company for propagacon of the Gospell
in New England &c at M^r Treasurer Ashhursts house at the
Golden Key in Walling street London on the 27th day of June
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Present

Robt Boyle Esq ^r Gouverno ^r	Robt Thomson Esq ^r
M ^r Thomas Stanley	Francis Warner Esq ^r
M ^r W ^m Ashhurst Trear	M ^r Abraham Doling
James Hayes Esq ^r	Do ^r Danyell Cox
M ^r Rich Hutchinson	M ^r John Morden
M ^r Tho Glover	M ^r Christofer Boone
M ^r Roger Lock	Henry Ashhurst Esq ^r

M^r Nicholas Grigson

At this Court it was Ordered That the Order or Resolve made at a meeting of severall members of this Company on the 20th day of February last past whereby William Deirsley Gent was desired to repare to Erswell in the County of Suffolk & afterwards to Cambridge before the Com^{rs} authorized by Act of Parliam^t intituled an Act for settleing the dreyning of the great Levell of the Fennes called Bedford Levell to take care of the interest of this Company in the deviding of Erswell Fennes & obteyning a Dividend according to their interest in their Manno^r Commonary howses & Sheepwalks there was Confirmed & Ordered to stand ratified and Confirmed accordingly. James Hayes Esq^r one of the members of this Company this day acquainting this Court with the great necessetie of repairing the East end of the house at Plumsted belonging to this Company called Suffolk Place and that he had taken care thereof in seting men at worke to repaire the same & that he would continue to take care thereof w^{ch} this Court did approve of &

Ordered that the thanks of this Company be returned to the said James Hayes for his great care and trouble therein.

Ordered alsoe that M^r Francis Cocksedge & M^r James Parker Tenants to this Company for the Lands at Erswell in the County of Suffolk in consideracon of their great losses by them susteyned by bad Cropps & otherwise for some yeares last past be respect- ively allowed out of the arreares of Rent by them now severally oweing to this Company halfe a yeares Rent of their respective Farmes they paying of & cleereing all their arreares of Rent due at Lady day last past by Mich^{as} next & takeing new Leases to commence from Mich^{as} next for such termes of yeares as Sam Clarke Esq^r one of the members of this Company shall thinke fitt & that the Widow of W^m Crane whoe holds the Warren be allowed by M^r Cocksedge halfe the halfe yeares Rent hereby ordered to be allowed to him.

This day alsoe the Lres & Accompts from New England were read & approved of & therevpon it was Ordered that 300^{li} sterling be this yeare remitted to New England by Bill to be charged by M^r Treasurer Ashhurst vpon W^m Stoughton Esq^r & payable to Simon Broadstreet Esq^r & the sd W^m Stoughton wth the advance of 28^{li} for every hundred at three Moneths after sight w^{ch} in New England money amounts to 384^{li}, 320^{li} whereof w^{ch} with 31^{li} 10^s for the profitt of M^r Mowchees Guift makes 351^{li} 10^s is to be disposed of together wth the profitt of the 370^{li} sterling in the hands of M^r Richards for defraying the neces- sarie charges of the yeare ensueing & the remaining part of the sd somme of 384^{li}, being 64^{li} is by this Court intended & soe ordered to be disposed of as a further addiccon to this Com- panies Stock there.

Ordered alsoe that interest after the rate of 6^{li} per Cent per ann shall be allowed to M^r Treasurer Ashhurst for the said somme

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of 300^{li} sterling soe by him to be remitted vntill the same shall be receaved & gotten in out of the arreares of Rent due to this Company & be actually paid vnto him.

It was alsoe Ordered that it be particularly expressed in the Lres this yeare to be sent to New England that it is this Companies desire that for the future care be taken that the improvem^t of M^r Mowchees Guift may in the Accompts to be yearely sent from New England be particularly expressed to whome the same shall be yearely paid & that the Letters to be yearely sent by this Company to New England be directed to the severall persons by name whoe shall yearely subscribe the Letters & Accompts from thence & not to the Com^{rs} of the Vnited Colonies of New England in New England as formerly.

[The last meeting of the Commissioners for the United Colonies was held September 5, 1684.]

It was further Ordered vpon the satisfacon receaved by this Company from New England concerning the printing the Old Testament in the Indian Language that the somme of 400^{li} New England money be drawne & paid out of this Companies Stock there for that vse as there shall be occasion for the same & that it be expressed in the Comp Letters this yeare to New England that it is their desire that when the Pentateuch shall be finished there may be halfe a Score Coppies thereof sent to them.

Ordered alsoe that M^r Treasurer Ashhurst doe pay to M^r Joseph Dudley the somme of 20^{li} to be by him laid out for the buying & providing such things as he shall thinke fitt for a Present to Sachem Charles & others in New England as a Guift from this Company.

At this Court alsoe S^r John Maynard Kn^t the Kings Ma^{ties} eldest Serieant at Law S^r Rob^t Cleyton Fletcher M^r Sam

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Crisp & M^r Standish were chosen members of this Company in the roome of others deceased.

At a Court holden for the Company for propagacon of the Gospell in New England &c at the Lady Ranilahs house in the ould Pall Mall on the 8th day of August 1684

Present

Robt Boyle Esq ^r Gouverno ^r	Henry Ashhurst Esq ^r
Francis Warner Esq ^r	M ^r W ^m Ashhurst Trear
Robt Thomson Esq ^r	M ^r Charles Doyley
M ^r Edm White	M ^r Tho Stanley
M ^r Tho Glover	

At this Court it was Ordered That a Lre of Attorney be made to Samuel Clarke Esq^r to inable him to recover and receive all such Rent & arreares of Rent somme & sommes of money as now are & w^{ch} shall growe due & payable to this Company from James Parker late of Erswell in the County of Suffolk deceased his executo^m & administrators for Chamberlins Farme in Erswell aforesaid & to lett, sett & dispose of the said Farme to such person or persons & for the most and best advantage of this Company & to make & appoynt any other Attorney or Attorneys vnder him & to doe all other acts concerning the premisses as fully & effectually as this Company might doe.

It was alsoe Ordered vpon reading the Lres & Accompts from New England that it be expressed in this Companies Lres this yeare to be sent to New England that this Companie is a little surprized that they finde by the Accompt of the Stock by them at seuerall times remitted to New England that the profit & improvement thereof is soe small and that it is the desire of this

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Companie that for the future in the yearely Accompts of their Stock to be sent from New England it may be particularly expressed in whose hands the severall sommes of money by this Company remitted and to be remitted & disposed of for & as Stock shall from time to time be in and that for the satisfaccon of some misinformed persons there may be as exact an Accompt as can be taken & sent over to this Company in the next Lres from New England of the number of all the Indian Converts there both men & woemen & that it is this Companies desire to know how far M^r Elliot hath proceeded in printing the Bible in the Indian Language & that Twelve Coppies of the Pentateuch be likewise sent over to them.

[Dated March 1 1683/4; printed, with the reply dated Sept. 26, in *Some Correspondence*, pp. 72-78.]

Ordered alsoe that 400^{li} sterling be this yeare remitted to New England that is to say 250^{li} thereof to be remitted by M^r William Ashhurst Trear to this Company by his Bill charged vpon William Stoughton Esq^r for payment of 325^{li} New England money to Simon Broadstreet Esq^r & the said William Stoughton at three Moneths after sight Which said somme of 325^{li} wth 31^{li} 10^s for the profitt of M^r Mowchees Guift make 356^{li} 10^s to be disposed of together wth the profitt of the 370^{li} sterling formerly in the hands of M^r Richards but now as this Court is informed by the last yeares Letters from New England) in the hands of M^r Stoughton for defraying the necessarie charges of the yeare ensueing One hundred pounds more thereof paid to M^r Edmond White vpon his Bill charged vpon M^r Humphrey Davie for payment of 130^{li} New England money to the said Simon Broadstreet & William Stoughton at three Moneths after sight & 50^{li} residue of the said somme of 400^{li} paid to Henry Ashhurst Esq^r vpon his Bill charged vpon M^r Danyell Allin Merchant in Boston

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in New England for payment of 65^{li} New England money to the said Simon Broadstreet & William Stoughton at three Moneths after sight w^{ch} said seuerall sommes of 130^{li} & 65^{li} last menconed amounting together to 195^{li} New England money is by this Court Ordered to be put out vpon improvement in New England & be reckoned as a further addicon to this Companies Stock there.

Whereas M^r William Pennoyer deceased formerly a member of this Company did by his Will appoynt that his Trustees therein named & their heyres should out of the Rents & profitts of his Mes^s Lands Tenements & hereditaments in the County of Norfolk lett to Robert Moore pay 10^{li} per ann for ever to this Corporacon for the propagacon of the Gospell in New England & M^r Samuell Crisp & other the surviving Trustees of the said M^r Pennoyer questioning whether the said Rent was by the said M^r Pennoyer intended to be paid to this Company by reason of some difference in the right menconing of the title of this Company & the said M^r Samuell Crisp haveing last yeare paid to the Trear of this Company the somme of 80^{li} in money & Taxes allowed by Order of this Company for 8 yeares of the said Rent of 10^{li} per ann due at Lady day 1682 It is therefore Ordered that the said M^r Samuell Crisp & other the Trustees of the said M^r Pennoyer be by this Company indempnified & saved harmles against all persons whatsoever aswell touching & concerning their paying of the said 80^{li} as aforesaid as of the groweing Rent of 10^{li} per ann aswell now as hereafter to growe due and payable to this Company from time to time

Ordered alsoe that M^r Thomas Stanley & M^r Edmond White be authorized & appoynted & they are by this Court authorized & appoynted to conclude & agree with any person or persons about letting the ground in Trinitie Lane & disposing of the Matherialls thereon

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It was further Ordered that 10^{li} per ann a peece be added to M^r Elliots & M^r Gookins Sallaries for the future.

Ordered alsoe that 10^{li} be paid to M^r William Martin this Companies Steward of their Courts at Erswell in the County of Suffolk as a Gratuitie from this Company for his extraordinarie care & paines in makeing vp & keeping the Records of the said Courts & alsoe for his prevailing with the Lieutenancey of the said County to discharge & free this Company from the charge of findeing & providing a Light horse.

Ordered alsoe that interest after the rate of Six pounds per Cent per ann shall be paid and allowed for such of the said severall somes of money (at this Court ordered & appoynted to be this yeare remitted to New England) as shall not be receaued & gotten in (out of the Rents & arreares of Rent due to this Company) before the deliuerie of the severall Bills aforesaid vntill such time as the said severall sommes shall be seuerally and respectively actually paid.

At a Court holden for the Company for propagacon of the Gospell in New England &c. at the Ladie Rhamilahs house in the Old Pall Mall on the 30th day of September 1685.

Present

Robt Boyle Esq^r Governo^r

Robert Thomson Esq^r

Sam Clarke Esq^r

M^r W^m Ashhurst Trear

M^r Roger Lock

M^r Nicholas Gregson

Do^r Danyell Cox

Henry Ashhurst Esq^r

M^r Edmond White

M^r Abraham Doling

At this Court it was Ordered that 200^{li} sterling with the advance of 32^{li} for euerie hundred be this yeare remitted to Simon Broadstreet & W^m Stoughton Esq^{rs} in New England by Bill

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charged by M^r John Warr servant to the ho^b^l^e Gouverno^r of this Company vpon the said W^m Stoughton at 3 Moneths after sight As by his Bills of Exchange will appeare This Court hath alsoe Ordered 200^{li} sterling more with the like advance of 32^{li} for euerie hundred to be remitted to New England that is to say 100^{li} thereof by M^r Trear Ashhurst & Nathaniell Hollier vpon their Bills charged vpon the said W^m Stoughton and M^r Warner and Company for paym^t of 132^{li} New England money to the said Simon Broadstreet and W^m Stoughton at 3 Moneths after sight & 100^{li} sterling more to M^r Edmond White vpon his Bills of Exchange charged vpon M^r Humphrey Davie Merchant in Boston in New England for paym^t of 132^{li} New England money to the said Simon Broadstreet & W^m Stoughton at three Moneths after sight Which said seuerall sommes of money by this Court this yeare Ordered to be remitted to New England amount together to the somme of 400^{li} sterling 250^{li} whereof wch in New England money amounts to 330^{li} & wth 31^{li} 10^s for the profit of M^r Mowchees Guift makes 361^{li} 10^s to be disposed of by the said Simon Broadstreet and W^m Stoughton & Joseph Dudley Peter Bulkeley and Thomas Hinckley Esq^r of Boston in New England or some of them together wth the benefitt of the 370^{li} formerly in the hands of M^r Richards but now in the hands of M^r Stoughton for defraying the ordinarie charges of the yeare ensuing and as concerning the other remaining 150^{li} sterling part of the said somme of 400^{li} sterling amounting to 198^{li} New England money this Court doth Order to be put out vpon improvem^t and be reckoned as a further addicon to this Companies Stock in New England.

And Whereas by the last yeares Accompt of Expences from New England this Court doth finde that there is only one Indian youth maintained and educated at the Colledge in New England,

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this Court doth thinke fitt and soe expresse it to be their desire that there be nine other Indian youths disposed of in the said Colledge to make vp the number Tenn in all to be educated mainteyned & brought vp there in like manner as that one now there is educated and intended to be brought vp.

Ordered that Maior Robert Thomson M^r Nicholas Gregson and M^r Roger Lock be and are by this Court appoynted to be a Committee to examine the Accompts this yeare received from New England.

Ordered alsoe that the Clerke of this Company doe write verrie sharply to the Executo^r of M^r James Parker deceased & alsoe to M^r Francis Cocksedge to pay the great Arreares of Rent by them severally and respectively oweing for the Farmes of Erswell Hall & Chamberlins Farme in Erswell in the County of Suffolk wthin one Moneth or wthin that time to give good securitie for the speedie paym^t of the same respectively.

It was alsoe Ordered that another Lre be written by the Clerke of this Company to M^r Carter of Gazeley in the County of Cambridge Gent to acquaint him that this Company doth desire him aswell to repaire to the Executo^r of M^r James Parker Deceased & to be verrie vrgent wth them in stiring them vp forthwth to pay their great Arreares of Rent due to this Company from them for Chamberlins Farme in Erswell in the County of Suffolk or otherwise to giue good securitie for the paym^t of the same wthin one Moneth As alsoe to repaire to M^r Francis Cocksedge of Erswell aforesaid to stir him vp forthwth to pay his Arreares of Rent due to this Company from him for the Farme of Erswell Hall in the said County of Suffolk or otherwise alsoe to give good securitie for the paym^t of the same wthin one Moneth as aforesaid & that the said M^r Carter be alsoe desired to vse his vttermost endeavour for procuring a good Tennant for ech of

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the said Farmes both their Leases expireing at Michas next 1686.

Ordered that M^r Probie doe cause the differences depending betweene him Capt Throgmorton M^r Gammon & others concerning partie walls in & about the ground in Trinnitie Lane London wch he holdeth by Lease from this Company to be ended & determined by the Court of Aldermen.

Ordered alsoe that M^r W^m Ashhurst Trear to this Company M^r Edmond White M^r Roger Lock & the Clerke of this Company doe meet and consider of the matter of fact in Gammons busines.

At a Court holden for the Company for propagacon of the Gospell in New England &c. at the Ladie Rhanilahs house in the Old Pall Mall on the 4th day of February 1685.

Present

Robt Boyle Esq ^r Gouverno ^r	Robt Thomson Esq ^r
W ^m Kiffin Esq ^r	M ^r W ^m Ashhurst Trear
M ^r Roger Lock	M ^r Thomas Glover
M ^r Nicholas Greson	Henry Ashhurst Esq ^r

Ordered that in the next Letters to be sent by this Company to New England it bee expressed that it is this Companies intent and desire that M^r Morton be sent over to New England to be brought vp in the Colledge there for the Ministrey for two yeares he being a person well skilled in the Tongues.

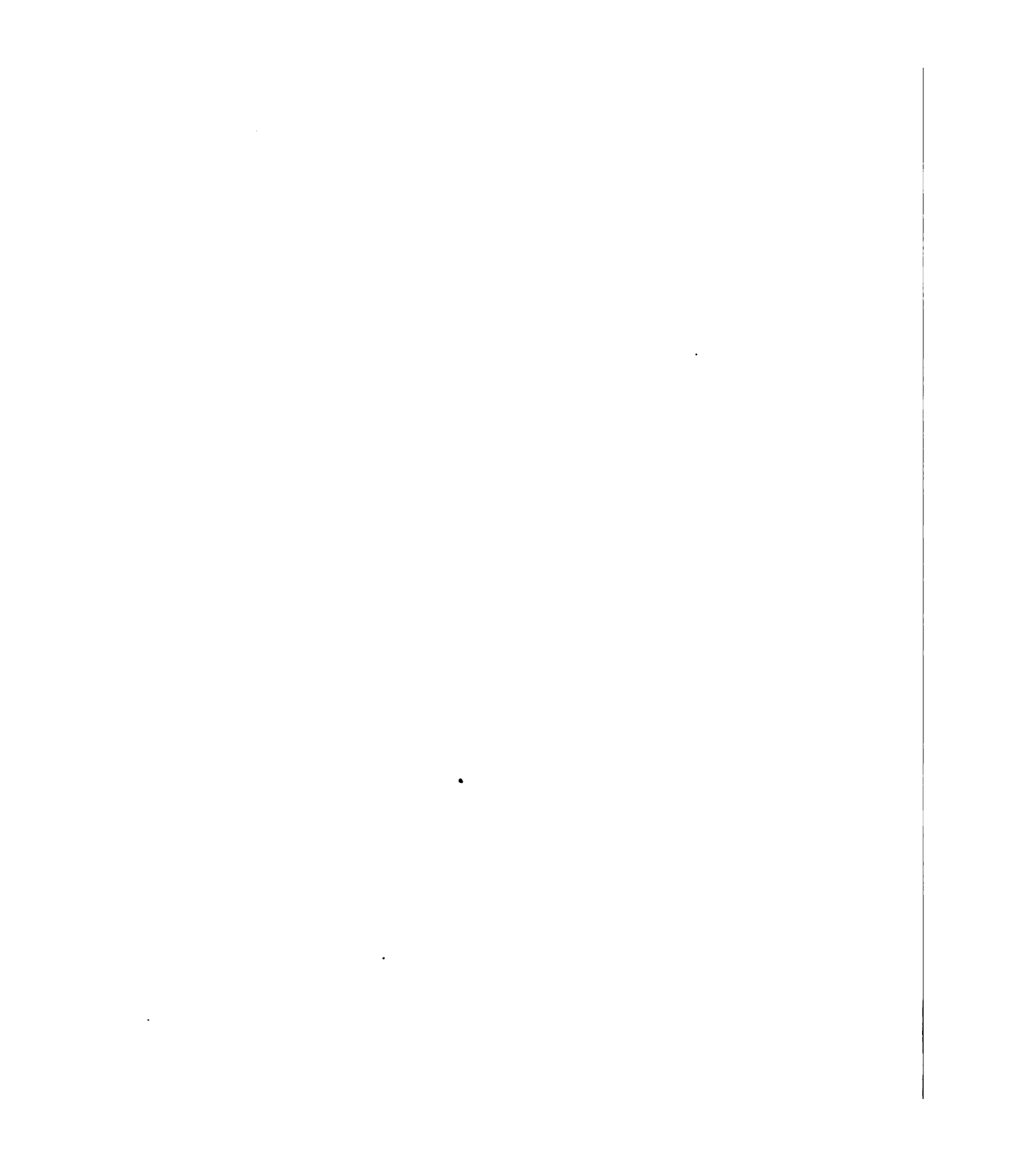
Ordered that the Clerke of this Company doe write to Samuell Clarke Esq^r to let him know that the Company haue heard his Lre read & doe well approve of his proposicon of abateing Twentie pounds per ann for ech of the Farmes in Erswell in the County of Suffolk or if he thinke it may more oblige new Tenants to let them at easier termes & take a yeares Rent before-

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hand & alsoe to let him know that M^r Truelock will take both
Farmes wth the like abatement as the former Tennants had.
Ordered alsoe that James Hayes Esq^r be added to the Committee
appoynted to consider of the matter of fact in Gammons busines
& that they or any three of them shall be a Quorum.

[King Charles II died on February 6, 1685.]

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