

John Swift Joseph Leach Isaac Smith
 was chosen Surveyors of highways.
 Capt Phillip Taber Thomas Smith
 Thomas Hathaway jr was chosen a
 committee agreeable to ye fifth article
 in the warrant for this meeting.
 This meeting is adjourned till ye second
 Tuesday of April next at 12 of ye clock
 on said day.

Apr 9: 1745 The ninth of April 1745 the Town
 met according to adjournment and
 voted: Othniel Tripp was chosen Constable
 for Acosset.
 Daniel Spooner John Wing Ruben Water
 was chosen Sitching men.
 Nathaniel Jerny Lettis Jerny John Jerny
 ye 2^d: Loeth Howland William Sher-
 man ye 3^d: Loggives.
 John Patter John Russell James Freshman
 Pound keeper.
 Humphry Wady Thomas Briggs Jethro
 Delano was chosen a committee to
 perform the third article in the
 warrant for this meeting.
 Capt Samuell Pope Ichabod Patter and
 Jonathan Ricketson was chosen Leather
 sealers:
 William Taber: Phillip Taber son of
 John Taber George Badcock Thomas Pope
 Stephen Sherman Ichabod Sherman
 was chosen fence viewers was chosen
 at ye annual meeting.
 Othniel Tripp was chosen Constable for
 ye year ensuing.
 Voted that ye Selectmen shall procure
 a grammar school master upon ye Towns
 charge.
 This meeting is adjourned till the last

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Tuesday Tuesday of April April - 1745

Then met and voted that Capt William
 Wood shall have eight pence old tenner
 upon ye pound for receiving in and pay
 out the Towns money.
 It is to be understood the money rec^d into
 the Treasury is in ye old tenner.
 Seth Spooner by his own consent being
 presents accepted of by vote of the Town
 to serve Constable in ye room of Jeremiah
 Bennet:
 William Bennet was chosen in ye room
 of Jethro Delano to serve with Humphry
 Wady and Thomas Briggs in a committee
 agreeable to ye third article in ye
 warrant for this meeting.

Pursuant to a vote of the Town we the sub-
 scribers met and settled accounts with
 Abraham Sherman Town Treasurer and
 find that he has received in since ye
 last settlement
 $£ 451 = 17 = 4$
 we as we find as he hath paid out
 as per order $601 = 19 = 1$
 and his fee for ye money paid out $20 = 1 = 4$
 we and we find there is still due $465 = 3 = 0$
 to ye Town outstanding money
 (all the above said sums are in ye old tenner)
 agreed exclusive of ye last Town rate agreed
 due upon the first Tuesday of April 1744
 which was the sum of 150 pound lawful
 money and there is still due from ye
 Province Treasurer to the said Town for
 wild cats ye sum of $£ 5 = 0 = 0$ old tenner
 Perfected Dartmouth March ye 23^d: 1744⁵
 By us James Howland
 Humphry Smith } Comitt
 Benjamin Akin }

Mch 23: 1745⁵

Apr. 9: 1745 At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth by adjournment on ye: 2^d Tuesday in April 1745:
Capt Samuell Pope account of one pound ten shillings and ten pence new tenor was allowed by vote of the Town it being for sundry persons rates that moved out ye Town before he had his rate bill.

May 17: 1745 Brielol ss
To the Constables of ye: Town of Dartmouth or either of them Greeting:
You are hereby forthwith required to notify and warne all ye freeholders and other inhabitants of sd. Town that are qualified by law to vote in Town meetings that they meet together at ye: Town house in sd. Town on the twenty first day of this instant may at twelve of the clock on said day then and there to act on ye: particulars hereafter mentioned
1. ly whereas there is many Town officers that was chosen at ye annual meeting in March last past and at ye: adjournment since that have neglected to take their respective places:
Now for the Town to proceed and choose sd. Town officers in the rooms and places of them that was so chosen as aforesaid
2. ly to choose a Committee to make up accounts with Abraham Sherman our former Town Treasurer and deliver the books to our present Town Treasurer.
3. ly whereas the Committee that was chosen to settle and adjust accounts with ye: selectmen and others: think their authority doth not extend so far as to call them to account in respect to money

that they have of the Towne in their hands and the poor: thereof
Now for the Town to give them more special or larger authority as the Town may at sd meeting think proper in the above said affaire.

4. ly to appoint men to petition ye: General Court for a County Town when ye Town thinks proper and make return of this warrant and your doings therein unto ye clerk of sd. Town at or before the time of sd meeting. fail not as you will answer the Law.

Given under our hands in Dartmouth this 17th day of May 1745.

By vertue this Warrant I have notified and warne
I have notified and warne
sd ye: freeholders and other inhabitants agreeable to ye within warrant to meet at ye: time and place

for me Thomas Hathaway Jr
Constable of Dartmouth

At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on ye: twenty first day of May at twelve of ye clock on said day:
Stephen West Jr: was chosen Moderator for said meeting.
John Soule was chosen Constable: in ye room of Abnail Tripp
Thomas Smith Humphry Smith and Benjamin Skin are chosen a Committee agreeable to ye 2^d Article in this Warrant for this meeting.
It was concluded that the 3^d and 4th articles shall be omitted by vote of ye: Town: and nothing acted.

John Tinkcom Henry Howland: and
Nathaniel Potter son of John Potter was
chosen standing Grand Jurymen for this
year.

Thomas Nye Benjamin Pierce Ebenezer
Hathaway and Salebury Sherman was
drawn for Pettit Jurymen.

Oct. 19: 1744 Swaney October the 19th day 1744.

Apr 9: 1745 These may certify, whome it may or doth
concern that I James Howland of Dartmouth
within named have received a bond
signed by Abraham Sherman one of the
inhabitants of the Town of Dartmouth on
whom this execution was levied with con-
ditions for the payment of the debt and
cost within mentioned which bond is pay-
able to me the subscriber and bears
date the 17th instant, and I do by virtue
of a Power Attorney from the within nam-
ed Jethro Dilans: & in behalf of the with-
in named John Tripp hereby acknowledge
that I have received full satisfaction
for the debt and cost with mentioned
as fully as if I had received the debt
and cost of Daniel Barry the Coroner
that levied this execution upon the said
Abraham afore said. I say received.

James Howland
The above said account was allowd by
a vote of the Town at a Town meeting
held by adjournment on ye 2^d Tuesday
of April 1745

Mar 4: 1745¹⁶ Bristol: ss: To the Constables of the
Town of Dartmouth or either of them
Greeting:
In his Majestyes name you are hereby
fourth with required to notify and examine

all the freeholders and other inhabitants of
sd Town that are qualified by law to vote
in Town meeting that they meet at together
at the Town house in Dartmouth on the
eighteenth day of this instant march at
ten of the clock in ye forenoon on sd day
then and there to act on the particulare
hereafter mentioned.

1ly To choose Town officers for the ensuing
year as the law directs.

2ly To choose a County Register: and a
County Treasurer.

3ly To pass a vote for the County rate
to be paid out of the Town Treasury

4ly To determine by a vote how many
school mactes there shall be upon the
charge of this Town for the year ensuing

5ly For all those that have demands
upon this Town are desire^d to bring in
theire accounts to sd Town at sd
meeting and the Town to choose a
Committee to receive them and sum
them up so that the Town may know
what the amount of them are wherby
the Town may be better enable^d to
know what sum is proper to be raised
by way of rate: or otherwise for the
Town to act in the affaire as ye: Town
at sd meeting may think proper

6ly For the Town to vote such a sum
as they shall think proper to raised
by way of rate upon sd Town or the
inhabitants thereof for the paying of
such just demands that are against
said Town and the County rate:
and other necessary charge of the Town
for schoolmactes or any other charge
that may justly accrue of what nature
soever.

7ly. whereas there was a request directed to us the subscribers by Elizabeth Macomber of Dartmouth setting forth that she was in a poor helpless condition and desired that we would take her under our care and improve her care estate for her support:

Now for the Town to take the affare into consideration and act as they shall think proper at said meeting: in respect to the person and estate.

8ly. To choose a committee to make up accounts with William Wood Treasurer for the year past.

9ly. For the Town to proceed in such methods as they shall think proper in order for the settling of the line between the Town of Dartmouth and the Town of Rochester.

And make return of this warrant and return your doing there in unto the Clerk of sd Town at or before the Time of sd meeting. Fail not as you will answer the law.

Given under our hands in Dartmouth this fourth day of March 1745¹⁶.

Humphry Smith } Selectmen of
Moses Mindell } Dartmouth

Ordealss: Pursuant to the within written warrant I have notified and warned all ye free holders and other inhabitants of sd Town to meet at ye time and place place within mentioned for me Seth Spooner Constable.

At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on the 18th day of March 1745¹⁶.

Humphry Smith was chosen Moderator for said meeting:

Humphry Smith Jedediah Wood and Jonathan Taber were chosen selectmen:

Benjamin Akin was chosen Town clerk:

Ebenezer Locum Capt Philip Taber and Thomas Hathaway jr. was chosen assessors:

Capt William Wood was chosen Town Treasurer:

Humphry Wadly Ruben Peckcom and Joseph Cook was chosen Constables:

Capt Samuel Pope Caleb Russell John Bennet Jereh Swift George Smith Adam Hunt William Sanford Abraham Sherman Richard Hathaway William Rider Samuel Howland Stephen Wilcocks Timothy Soule John Lawton Nathaniel Potter son of Stokes Potter Jonathan Taber Edward Cornell James Russell John Russell mill:

chosen Surveyors of highways

William Taber Aaron Jenney and Increase Allen was chosen Tything men:

Capt Henry Tucker James Allen and Phillip Taber son of John Taber William Taber son of John: John Jenney and Nathan Davis was chosen Fence viewers:

Deit Lieut. Jonathan Soule Ichabod Sherman and Thomas Pope was chosen clerks of of the Market:

Ichabod Potter Jonathan Ricketson and Thomas Pope jr. was chosen Leather dealers:

Daniel Russell John Potter Stephen West jr. was chosen Pound keepers:

Henry Hedley William Halladay James Mosher Timothy Tripp Isaiah Peckcom

and Thomas Handy were chosen Hog reaps:

William Cornell Stephen Peckcom and George Wood was chosen Field drivers:

Voted that the County rate of ten pound nine shillings shall be paid out of the Town Treasury:

Voted that there shall be one school-master upon the Towns charge:

Humphrey Smith John Shepherd and Abraham Sherman was chosen a Committee to make up accounts with Capt William Wood Town Treasure for the year past:

John Shepherd Abraham Sherman and Humphrey Smith was chosen a Committee to receive the accounts that are against said Town of Dartmouth and in ye:

Town behalf to except or disexcept them and sum them up and see what the amount of them are and make return to the adjournment of this meeting:

This meeting is adjourned to the fourth Tuesday of April next ensuing at twelve of the clock on said day.

Apr. 22: 1746: April the 20th day 1746:

Then met according to adjournment and Voted:

William White ~~was~~ was chosen Fence viewer in the room of William Talbot who moved out of Town before he was warned to take his place:

William Rider was chosen Surveyor of highways:

John Briggs and George Lawton was chosen Deer reaps:

John Shepherd was excepted Constable in the room of Humphrey Wady by a vote of

the Town:

Voted by the Town that George Loadman shall serve the Town as schoolmaster for this year for seventy five pounds old tenor and the Town to find him his board washing and lodging for said year:

Voted that the Selectmen shall place and replace said schoolmaster from time to time as they shall think proper.

Voted that the sum of fifty pounds shall be raised by way of rate to defray Town charges for this present year.

At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on the 19th: day of May 1746:

Humphrey Smith was chosen Moderator for said meeting:

Wages John King William Wood Blagier and Williams Wood son of George Wood was chosen standing Grand Jurors for the year ensuing.

Whereas ye: Town at a Town meeting held at ye: Town house in Dartmouth on May: ye: 19th: 1746:

James Allen was chosen to represent said Town at the Great and General Court to be holden at Boston on: ye: 28th: of this instant and it was agreed and voted that ye: said James Allen should have so much for day as with his lawfull wages will make up 10^s for day old tenor when he attends that service.

and Thomas Handy were chosen Hog reaps:

William Cornell Stephen Peckcom and George Wood was chosen Field drivers. Noted that the country rate of ten pound nine shillings shall be paid out of the Town Treasury.

Noted that there shall be one schoolmaster upon the Towns charge:

Humphrey Smith John Shepherd and Abraham Sherman were chosen a committee to make up accounts with Capt William Wood Town Treasure for the year past:

John Shepherd Abraham Sherman and Humphrey Smith was chosen a committee to receive the accounts that are against said Town of Dartmouth and in ye: Town behalf to except or disexcept them and sum them up and see what the amount of them are and make return to the adjournment of this meeting:

This meeting is adjourned to the fourth Tuesday of April next ensuing at twelve of the clock on said day.

Apr. 22: 1746 April the 20th day 1746:

Then met according to adjournment and Noted:

William White Jr was chosen Fence viewer in the room of William Taber who mov^d out of Town before he was warned to take his place.

William Ricker was chosen Surveyor of highways:

John Briggs and George Lawton was chosen Deer reaps.

John Shepherd was excepted Constable in the room of Humphrey Wady by a vote of

the Town:

Noted by the Town that George Leadman shall serve the Town as schoolmaster for this year for seventy five pounds old tenor and the Town to find him his board washing and lodging for said year:

Noted that the Selectmen shall place and replace said schoolmaster from time to time as they shall think proper.

Noted that the sum of fifty pounds shall be raised by way of rate to defray Town charges for this present year.

At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on the 19th: day of May 1746:

Humphrey Smith was chosen Moderator for said meeting:

Blazer John Wing William Wood Glasgow and William Wood son of George Wood was chosen standing Grand Jurors for the year ensuing.

Whereas ye: Town at a Town meeting held at ye: Town house in Dartmouth on May: ye: 19th: 1746:

Jamie Allen was chosen to represent said Town at the Great and General Court to be holden at Boston on: ye: 28th: of this instant and it was agreed and noted that ye: said Jamie Allen should have so much for day as with his lawfull wages will make up 10^s for day old tenor when he attends that service.

Aug 26: 1746. Bristol: ss. To the Constables of the Town of Dartmouth or either of them Greeting: In his Majesty's name you are hereby forthwith required to notify and warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of sd Town that are qualified according to law to vote in Town meetings that they meet together at the Town in said Town on the second of September next at eleven of the clock in the forenoon on said day then and there to act on the particulars hereafter mentioned:

1ly to regulate the law in respect to Pettit Jurys as the law directs.

2ly for the Town to act and do what they shall think proper in order for a settlement of ye: line between this Town and the Town of Rochester: either by petitioning the General Court for what they at sd meeting shall think proper in the affaire: or by giving the Selectmen such instructions as the Town may think best upon the affaire: the Selectmen of Rochester insists upon the Selectmen of Dartmouth appointing of a time for the preambulating of the said line upon the penalty of the law in that case.

3ly whereas we have receivd a request signed by ten freeholders that we would insert in this warrant the word following (viz) to know the minds of the inhabitants of sd Town whether they will be pleased to releas Phillip Maccumber of the fine imposed on him for not serving Constable being chosen in the year 1744 but not being able of body being under the doctor's hands did refuse to serve.

Now for the Town at sd meeting to act upon the affare as that shall think proper.

4ly whereas Sarah Manchester is deceased and left a child about a year old and there is no one to take care of it and there hath been complaint made to us to take care of it the mother of it hath left som small matter of money and other goods.

Now for the Town to act what they shall think proper at sd meeting in respect to the child and procuring the goods and money for the use of said child.

And make return of this warrant and your doing thereof unto the Clerk of said Town at or before the time of sd meeting.

Given under our hands in Dartmouth the 26th day of August 1746.

Edisiah Wood } Selectmen of
 Humphry Smith } Dartmouth
 Lieutenant to the within writen warrant. I have notified the inhabitants to meet at the time and place within mentioned.

By me John Shepherd Constable.

At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on the 2th day of September 1746:

Thomas Smith Chosen Moderator for said meeting.

The third article in this warrant respecting Phillip Maccumber's request was first to vote and it passed in the negative.

Voted upon the second article in this warrant that Stephen West jr. and Christopher Turner be a Committee to prefer a petition to the General Court in order for a final settlement of the line between the Town of Dartmouth and the Town of Rochester.

Sept 2: 1746

Noted upon the 11th article that the present Selectmen shall take care of the child Sarah Manchester left when she de ceased and procure and recover the estate that the Sarah Manchester died cease of of what name or nature so ever for the use of said child and and that the Town Asses the male administration of the Selectmen in the whole affairs above said.

The Selectmen regulated the Jury Box according to law.

Oct. 13: 1746 At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on ye: 13th day of October 1746:
 Humphrey Smith chosen Moderator for said meeting:
 William Taler son of Phillip Taler was chosen Grand Jurymen for the Superior Court of Judicature.

Dec. 13: 1746 Bristol ss: To the Constables of the Town of Dartmouth or either of them Greeting:
 In his Majestys name you are hereby forth with required to notify and warn all the free holders and other inhabitants of said Town that are qualified to vote in Town meetings that meet together at the Town house in Dartmouth on the sixteenth day of this instant December at ten of the clock on sd day then and there to act on the particulars hereafter mentioned.
 Firstly To consult and vote something with respect to petitioning the General Court that we may have a County taken off or made on this side Acconet river

otherwise we must unavoidably be expected speed to go and our children after us for what we know to Tandon which will be upwards of thirty five miles distance for many of said inhabitants which will be in the journey extreme tedious and expensive it being to far to set out from our homes to get there before the Court sits or likewise the largeness of the County aggravates the cost by reason that one case must wait for another and is oft times the occasion of adjournments in the whole it will be tedious and expensive to Plaintiffs Defendants and evidences but more especially to poor widows who are oft times oblig'd to go several times before an estate can be settled with the Judge of Probate.

2ly To choose a suitable person or persons in behalf of said Town as an agent or agents to perfer said petition and forward the same in said Court with the agents of the neighbouring Towns or other inhabitants and make return of this warrant and your doings therein unto the Selectmen of sd Town at or before the time of sd meeting.

Fail not as you will answer your default Given under our hands in Dartmouth this 13th Day of December 1746.

Humphrey Smith } Selectmen of
 Jonathan Taler } Dartmouth.
 Perwant to a warrant to me directed I have notified the free holders and other inhabitants of Dartmouth to meet at the time and place with in mentioned.

Per me John Shepherd Constable

Dec. 16: 1746 At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on the 16th day of December 1746:

Richard Pierce chosen Moderator for said meeting:

Voted upon the first article in the warrant for this meeting that a petition be carried into the Great and General Court of this Province at the next sitting of sd Court praying that a County may be taken off or made on this side of Account river:

Voted that there be two agents chosen to prefer said petition to the Great and General Court:

Richard Pierce and James Allen are chosen agents to prefer a petition to the Great and General Court in behalf of this Town: and to improve such counsel to forward the same as they shall think proper.

Jan 30: 1746 Directed: ss. To the Constables of the Town of Dartmouth or either of them directing:

In his Majesty's name you are hereby fourth with required to notify and warn all the free holders and other inhabitants of said Town that are qualified to vote in Town meetings that they meet to gather at the Town house in sd Town on the fourth day of February next then and there to act on the particulars hereafter mentioned.

Firstly. for that whereas at the annual meeting in March last past for the choosing of Town officers for the year then ensuing Phillip Taber Junr Ebenezer Slocum and Thomas Hathaway Junr was chosen Assessors and before the

assessments were perfected it so happened that by the Kings order the line between the County of Rhode Island and the Province of the Massachusetts Bay was run and the said Phillip Taber happens to be within the jurisdiction of the sd County which puts said Taber out of a capacity of further serving in that office and leaves the other two incapable of going forward with that work Now for the Town to proceed and choose some one suitable person for to serve as an Assessor in the room of the said Phillip Taber or otherwise do at said meeting as the Town may think proper in that affair. By whereas there was a request directed to us signed by a number of the freeholders that we would that we would insert the following words in this Warrant (viz)

To choose an agent or agents to represent said Town in preferring a petition to the Great and General Court of Assembly of this Province praying them that two of the terms of this County in a year may be holden at Dartmouth: or that all ye terms of this County in a year may be holden at Freeton near Account river or that one half of the terms for this County in a year may be holden at Freeton near Account river and the other half at Dighton on the westerly side of Taunton Great river or otherwise for the Town for the Town to act at said meeting as they may think proper in that affair. And make return of this Warrant and your doing there of unto the Clerk of said Town at or before the time of said meeting Fail not as you will answer the law: Given under our hands at Dartmouth this thirtieth day of January 1746

Jonathan Taber } Selectman of
Humphrey Smith } Dartmouth.

Persuant to the within written Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Dartmouth to meet at the time and place within mentioned.

John Shepherd Constable.

Feb. 4: 1746⁷ At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on the 4th day of February 1746⁷

Richard Pierce chosen Moderator for said meeting.

Jonathan Lissor chosen Assessor in the room of Phillip Taber ~~for~~ who was taken into Rhode Island Government.

Voted upon the second article in the Warrant that a petition be preferred to the Great and General Court or Assembly of this Province praying that all the termes for the County of Bristol may be holden at Freeton near Assonet river.

Valid upon the second article in the Warrant that a petition be preferred to the Great and General Court or Assembly of this Province praying that one half of the termes for the County of Bristol in a year may be holden at Freeton near Assonet river; and the other half at Dighton on the westerly side of Taunton Great river.

Voted upon the second article in the Warrant that a petition be preferred to the Great and General Court or Assembly of this Province praying that two of the termes of the County of Bristol in a year may be holden at Dartmouth.

Voted upon the second article in the Warrant that there be two Agents chosen to prefer said petition or petitions to the Great

and General Court of this Province.

Richard Pierce and James Allen are chosen Agents in behalf of this Town jointly and severally to prefer said petition or petitions to the Great and General Court of this Province and to improve such Council as they shall think proper to forward the same and to consult the neighbouring Towns to joyn with them in the affair

Bristol: ss. To the Constables of the Town of Dartmouth or either of them greeting: Feb. 16: 1746

In his Majesty's you are hereby forthwith required to notify and warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town that are qualified by law to vote in Town meetings that they meet to gather at the Town house in Dartmouth on the twenty third day of this instant February at ten of the clock on said day there and there to act on the on the petition or

(hereafter mentioned).

Firstly for that whereas at the Annual meeting in March last past for the choosing of Town officers the Town by their choice chose three Assessors: and in running the line between the Colony of Rhode Island and this Province one of them happened to be in the Colony jurisdiction which puts him out of a capacity of further serving in that office: and at a Town meeting held at the Town house on the fourth day of this instant February Jonathan Lissor was chosen Assessor to supply that vacancy or make up that number that was agreed upon in the Annual meeting in March as aforesaid and the Constable neglecting to warn him to take his place as the law directs he hath not taken it:

Now for the Town to proceed and choose a suitable person for an Assessor to supply the vacancy or make up the number above said:

And make returns of this Warrant and your doings therein unto the Selectmen of said Town at or before the time of next meeting.

Given under our hands in Dartmouth this sixteenth day of February 1746.

Jonathan Taber } Selectmen of
Humphry Smith } Dartmouth.

Persuant to the within written Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said Town of Dartmouth to meet at the time and place within mentioned.

Or me John Shepherd Constable.

Feb. 23: 1746 At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on the 23: day of February 1746:

Humphry Smith chosen Moderator for said meeting:

Jedediah Wood was chosen Assessor in the room of Jonathan Lison who was chosen and was not warned to take his place.

Mich. 14: 1747 Bristol: ss: To the Constables of the Town of Dartmouth or either of them Greeting: In his Majesty's name you are hereby forth with required to notify and warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town that are qualified by law to vote in Town meetings that they meet together at the Town house in said Town on the thirtieth day of this instant March at ten of the clock in the forenoon on said day then and there

to act on the Particulars hereafter mentioned Firstly to choose Town officers for the ensuing year as the law directs.

2ly to conclude by a vote how many schoolmasters there shall be for the ensuing year upon the Towns charge.

3ly To choose a Com^{tt} to make up accounts with our Town Treasurer for the last year past and return an account thereof to said Town.

4ly to receive the accounts of those that have demands against said Town or otherwise to choose a Com^{tt} to act and do in the Towns behalf respecting the affair as the Town shall think proper to empower them as also to call them to account that hath any of the Towns money in their hand or the Pools thereof.

5ly Whereas our present Town Selectmen informs us that there is want of a new book to record marriages and entries of the Intentions of Marriages for he hath a grate many upon file and cant enter them for want of a book

Now for the Town to act in the affair as they at said meeting shall think proper

And make return of this Warrant and your doings therein unto us at either of us at or before the time of said meeting Fail not as you will answer the law in that case.

Given under our hands in Dartmouth the 14th day of March one thousand seven hundred and forty seven 1747:

Jonathan Taber } Selectmen
Jedediah Wood } of
Humphry Smith } Dartmouth

Persuant to this within written Warrant

I have notified the inhabitants of Dartmouth to meet at time and place within mentioned.

For me John Shephard Constable
of Dartmouth.

Feb 30: 1747 At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on the thirtieth day of March 1747:

Stephen West junior was chosen Moderator for said meeting.

Jabez Barker was chosen Town clerk.

Humphrey Smith John Soul Jonathan Taber chosen Selectmen.

Ebenezer Slocom John Soul Thomas Hathaway junior chosen Assessors.

Capt. William Wood was chosen Town Treasurer and agreed with for eight pence for pound old tenor.

Ebenezer Hathaway Isaac Isaac Coyne Tallman chosen Tything men.

Jethro Hathaway Benjamin Shearman was chosen constables.

Benjamin Shearman was excused by a vote of the Town for being constable.

Henry Tucker junior and John Cornell was chosen constables.

Abraham Shearman Jonathan Hathaway junr Jobe Almy William Wood son of William Wood William Spooner

Gabriel His James Russell George Smith John Lawton Jr. Russell Timothy Sifford Stephen Willcox Richard Sanford Phillip Taber son of John Taber

William Shearman son of William Shearman John Cannon Caleb Russell William Bennett Capt. William Wood Cornelius Jenny Henry Healy chosen Surveyors

of Highways.

Nathanial Potter son of Stokes Williams Taber Isaac Howland Oleg Smith John Jenny Samuell Spooner was chosen fence viewers.

Edward Cornell Jonathan Rickiton Capt. Lemuel Pope chosen Leather sealers.

Joseph Davell Jonathan Davell Israel Shearman Leizer Smith chosen Logreaves.

James Cushman Daniel Russell John Potter chosen Pound keepers:

John Jenny junr. John Briggs Jonathan Lison chosen Deer reaves.

John Shephard Ebenezer Slocom Abraham Shearman are chosen a comitto to make up accounts with the Town Treasurer and to receive and consider allow or disallow any accounts that is now ready to be brought against the Town in behalf of said Town.

Voted that there shall be three school masters hired upon the Towns charge this year.

This meeting is adjourned to the 19th of May next at 12 of the clock.

May 19th of ye month called May 1747 May 19: 1747

The Town mett according to adjournment and William David Mackmilk was presented to the Town for a constable in the room of John Cornell and was accepted by a vote.

Henry Tucker junior was excused from that choice by a vote of the Town.

Henry Bidley was chosen constable in the room of Henry Tucker junior who was excused by a vote of the Town.

Jonathan Taber and Litta Jenny was chosen Logreaves.

Lieutenant George Brownell was chosen Surveyor of highways for that part of Little Compton.

that was annexed to Dartmouth.

Noted that the Committee chose to receive the accounts which any person has against the Town are empowered to examine said acc^{ts} and to make report to the Town for the approbation of said Town likewise to call all those persons to acc^{ts} which have any of the Towns money in their hands or the poor thereof and to prosecute them in the law for the recovery of the same.

Noted that the Town Clerk shall have power to draw so much money out of the Treasury as will purchase a book for the Town to record Marriages and the Intentions of Marriages in.

Apr. 3. 1747 To the Constables of Dartmouth or either of them Greeting:

In his Majesty's name you are hereby required forthwith to notify ye freeholders & other inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs that they meet to gather at the Town house in said Town house in said Town upon Fryday the tenth day of this instant April at two of the clock in the afternoon on said day then and there to act on the particulars hereafter mentioned (viz)

Directly to chose an agent or agents to represent said Town in preferring a petition to the Great and General Court or Assembly at Boston with the agents of the respective Towns who are for the removing of the Courts from its present establishment at Tanton near the middle of the County
2ly to empower said agent or agents or give them such instructions as the Town at said meeting shall think fit relating to the premises: and make return of this

Your Warrant to ye Town Clerk at or before ye day appointed for said meeting with your doings therein.

Given under our hands at Dartmouth

April ye 3^d. 1747:

Bumphry Smith } Selectmen of
Jonathan Taber } Dartmouth.
Pursuant to a Warrant from the Selectmen I have notified the inhabitants of Dartmouth to meet at time and place within mentioned for me John Shephard Constable.

At a Town meeting held at the town house in Dartmouth on the tenth of the month called April 1747:

Bumphry Smith was chosen Moderator for said meeting:

Noted that there shall be an agent chosen to represent said Town in preferring a petition to the Great and General Court or Assembly at Boston for the removing the Courts from the present establishment at Tanton nearer the middle of the County:

Noted that James Allen shall be agent in behalf of said Town of Dartmouth to prefer a petition to the Great and General Court or Assembly at Boston for the removing of the Courts as aforesaid.

Noted that the said Agent shall have the privilege of improving of Council as he may have occasion respecting the premises.

Directly: To the Constables of ye Town of May 13. 1747 Dartmouth or either of them Greeting:

In his Majesty's name you are hereby forth with required to notify and warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town that are qualified by law to vote in Town meetings that they meet together

at the Town house in sd. Town on the nineteenth day of this instant May at twelve o'clock on sd. day then and there to act on the particulars hereafter mentioned (viz)

ly to act and do as the Town at said meeting may think proper in applying to the General Court or Assembly next to be holden at Boston for the removing of the several Courts from Taunton to Dighton and make return of this Warrant and your doing therein unto us or either of us at or before the time of said meeting. Fail not as you will answer your default.

Given under our hand in Dartmouth this 13th day of May 17th 7.

Jonathan Taber } Selectmen of
Humphrey Smith } Dartmouth
Pursuant to this within written Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Dartmouth to meet at the time and place within mentioned.

for me John Shepherd Constable.

May 19: 17th 7 At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on the 19th of the month called May 17th 7:
Stephen West junior was chosen Moderator for sd. meeting.
Voted that nothing shall be don upon what was mentioned in the Warrant for calling this meeting.

May 28: 17th 7 At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on the 28th of the month called May 17th 7:
Humphrey Smith was chosen Moderator for said meeting.

Thomas Pope son of John Pope Isaac Lehave Joseph Allen was chosen standing Grand jurymen for the year ensuing.

Voted that Isaac Lehave shall be excused of that vote for a Grand jurymen... Henry Wilber was chosen standing Grand jurymen in the room of Isaac Lehave who was chosen and excused from being Grand jurymen by a vote of the Town.

Bristol ss. To the Constables of the Town May 29: 17th 7 of Dartmouth or either of them Greeting:
In his Majesties name you are hereby forth with required to notify and warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town that are qualified by law to vote in Town meetings that they meet together at the Town house in said Town on the second day of June next at one a clock on said day then and there to act on the particulars hereafter mentioned &c.

Firstly whereas there was a request directed to us the subscribers signed by more than ten freeholders and inhabitants of said Town that we would call a meeting of the inhabitants of sd. Town on the second day of June next and insert in the Warrant for the calling of said meeting as followeth.

1 To choose an agent to represent said Town in preferring a petition to the Grate and General Court now assembled at Boston with the rest of the respective Towns for the removing of the several Courts from Taunton where it may be thought nearer to middle or center of the County or otherwise for the Town to act and do anything as sd. meeting may think proper.

in the affair.

2ly to give sd agent such instructions as the Town at said meeting may think suitable respecting the removing of the several bounds as aforesaid and make return of this Warrant and your doings therein unto the Clerk of said Town at or before the time of said meeting fail not as you will answer the law. Given under our hands in Dartmouth this 28th day of May 1747.

Jonathan Toller } Selectmen of
Humphry Smith } Dartmouth
Peruent to this Warrant I have warned the inhabitants of the Town of Dartmouth to meet at the time and place within mentioned.

Jethro Hathaway Constable.

June 2. 1747 At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on the second day of the month called June 1747:

Stephen West junior was chosen Moderator for sd meeting:

With respect to the first article in the warrant for calling sd meeting,

Noted that Nathaniel Soul of Dartmouth yt be chosen Agent to represent said Town of Dartmouth in preferring a petition to the Great and General and General Court now assembled at Boston with the rest of the neighbour Towns who are for petitioning for the several Courts to be holden for the County of Bristol to be removed from Taunton to Dighton or else where nearer the center of said County

Bristol ss. To the Constables of the Town of Dartmouth or either of them you are hereby required forthwith to notify all the free holders and other inhabitants of said Town that are qualified to vote in Town meetings that they meet together at the Town house in said Town on the twenty second day of this instant September at eleven o'clock in the forenoon on said day then and there to act on the particulars hereafter mentioned &c. 1ly Whereas by order of the General Court at Boston on the twenty fifth day of August 1747 the Town of Dartmouth hath been served with a copy of a petition that said Town may shew cause if any they have on the first Tuesday of the next sitting of the Court why the prayer thereof should not be granted. The said petition being signed by a small number of the inhabitants of Accushanet village and consists of the words as followeth &c. The petition of us the subscribers inhabitants of Accushanet village in Dartmouth in behalf of ourselves and ^{others} humbly sheweth that the Presbyterian Church & congregation in said village being now destitute of a settled minister of the Gospel and finding ourselves unable to proceed to proceed in calling and settling one either as a Town precinct and methods in which we settled in times past now failing and being desirous of a speedy settlement having been without a pastor for more than a year past. Therefore humbly pray your Excellency and Honour to consider our case and form us into a precinct by the known bounds of Accushanet village and invest us with the privilege of a precinct or in any other way cloath us with power regularly to proceed under the protection of the law to call and

settle an orthodox minister among us which as in duty bound your petitioners shall ever pray:
And now for the Town to act and do as they shall think proper respecting the above said affair.

2ly For the Town to accept of John Shepherd in the room of Henry Kidley in the office of a Constable if the Town thinks proper and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereof to the Clerk of said Town at or before the time of sd meeting. Fail not as you will answer the law.
Given under our hands in Dartmouth the eighth day of August 1747

Humphry Smith } Selectmen of
Jonathan Taber } Dartmouth
Pursuant to the within written warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Dartmouth to meet at time and place within mentioned.

Jethro Hathaway Constable.

Sept. 20. 1747 At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on the 22nd day of September 1747:
Humphrey Smith was chosen Moderator for sd meeting.
Directly voted by dividing the House it being a full meeting whether the Town was willing that Accusment should be taken off said Town by the known bounds of Accusment village agreeable to the petition of a small number of the inhabitants of sd village put into the General Court at Boston for that and it past in the negative by a unanimous vote except Samuel Willis Esq. who was present and declared himself to stand neutral

2ly It was put to vote whether the Town would choose agents in behalf of said Town to shew reason why the abovesaid petition should not be granted and it past in the affirmative.

3ly It was put to vote whether Capt Lewis Pope & Christopher Turner or either of them should be agents in behalf of said Town to make answer to the abovesaid petition and it past in the affirmative.

4ly It was put to vote whether there should be a Comtee to assist the said agent in the preparing an answer to the above said petition and it passed in the affirmative.

5ly It was put to vote whether Jethro Taber Jonathan Taber & Stephen West just be the Comtee and it past in the affirmative

At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on the 20th of the month called October 1747:

Humphrey Smith was chosen Moderator for said meeting.
Israel Tupper Jonathan Blocker William Wood son of George Wood was chosen Grand Jurymen for the Superior Court.
Joseph Leeland Isaac Howland Jonathan Soul hatter Peleg Shearman was drawn for petit Jurymen for the Superior Court.

Dristol ss. To the Constable of the Town of Dartmouth or either of them:
You are hereby forthwith required to notify all the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town that are qualified to vote in Town meeting that they meet together at the Town house in said Town on the first day of December next at eleven a clock in the

forenoon on said day then and there to act on the particulars hereafter mentioned.

1ly That whereas by order of Court we are hereby required to proceed to the choice of some meet person to be the register for deeds in said County of Bristol in the stead of Thomas Throop Junr that he is removed from said office.

2ly That where any person or persons have any demands on said Town of Dartmouth that they may lay their accounts before said meeting in order for settlement.

3ly That this Town may pass a vote if they think proper that they will at any time be obliged to receive Phelbe Negroe and her daughter from Middletown on Rhoad Island when they may see cause to send her to this Town of Dartmouth or where she may see cause to return herself with her daughter and make return of this warrant with your doings thereof unto the clerk of said Town at or before the time of said meeting: Fail not as you will answer the law.

Given under our hands in Dartmouth this sixteenth day of November seven been hundred and forty seven.

Jonathan Taber } Selectmen of
Humphry Smith } Dartmouth

Dartmouth November 18th. 1747:

Persent to the within written I have notified the inhabitation to meet att the time and place.

Jethro Hathaway Constable. x

At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on the first day of the month called December 1747.

Stephen West Junior was chosen Moderator for said meeting.

Voted that Phelbe Negroe and her daughter Rose Negroe shall be rec^d as inhabitants of ye Town of Dartmouth if they or either of them see cause to return before they become lawfull inhabitants elsewhere.

Voted that Humphry Smith shall have six pound 19 shillings old tenor for service don for the Town.

Voted that Mary Soul shall have fifty eight pound and four shillings old tenor for keeping teligabeth Macomber 64 weeks.

Voted that Elnathan Pope shall have four pound and fourteen shillings in the old tenor for things he let Rebekah Logg have.

Voted that George Tripp shall have twelve shillings a week old tenor for keeping James Manchester a child from the fourteenth of May last to this day.

Voted that Jonathan Taber shall have four pound and fifteen shillings old tenor for service don for the Town.

At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on the first day of the month called March 1748.

Humphry Smith was chosen Moderator for said meeting.

Captain Samuel Pope Humphry Smith and Jedediah Wood was chosen Selectmen.

Jaby Barker was chosen Town clerk and took his place.

Thomas Hathaway Bolder Slocom and Gabriel Hois was chosen Overseers of the Poor.

Bolder Slocom refused to serve.

John Shepherd was chosen Overseer of the Poor in the room of Helder Slocom.

George White Ebenezer Slocom and Thomas Hathaway was chosen Assessors.

Isaiah Peckham William Rickitson Junior and Samuel Howland was chosen Constables. Samuel Howland refused to serve Constable.

Richard Lison was chosen Constable in the room of Samuel Howland who refused to serve Constable.

Jonathan Rickitson Jonathan Hathaway Ichabud Pottiv was chosen Leather Sealers. Captain William Wood was chosen Town Treasurer and agreed with for eight pence per pound for taking in and paying out the Towns money.

At the aforesaid Town meeting held on the first day of the month called March 1748:

Stephen Taber William Spooner Thomas Nye Caleb Russell Jamie Russell Job Howland Helder Slocom George Smith William Rider Nicholas Howland Jamie Barker Jabez Shearman William Bennett John Lawton Edward Cornell Christopher Kifford Stephen Wilcocks Perez Richmond was chosen Surveyors of highways.

Thomas Briggs Pleg Smith Samaliel Hathaway Seth Pope William Taber Nathaniel Potter son of Stokes was chosen Fence Viewers.

Nathaniel Spooner Robert Shearman was chosen Hog reeves.

John Briggs William Bennett Pleg Shearman was chosen Deer reeves.

William White Timothy Shearman Tything men.

Voted that there shall be three school-

masters hired upon the Towns charge.

Voted that the Overseers of the Poor of the Town take into consideration the whole affair relating to Seth Buddletons distressed condition and make report to the Town at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted that this meeting shall be adjourned to the 18th day of May next.

The eighteenth day of the month called May 18: 1748:
May 1748:

The Town mett according to adjournment. John Shepherd was accepted of for a Constable in the room of William Rickitson Junior by a vote of the Town.

Bunwell Hathaway was chosen Constable in the room of Isaiah Peckham who has paid his fine.

Edward Cornell was chosen Overseer in the room of Gabriel Six who refused to serve.

Samuel Macomber William Brightman Seth Haman was chosen Hogreaves.

John Pottiv Daniel Russell Jereh Swift was chosen Pound keepers.

Israel Tupper was chosen Surveyor of highways.

At the aforesaid meeting held by adjournment:

Voted that it be left at the discretion of the Overseers of the poor to manage Seth Buddleton and his family to the best advantage to the Town.

Voted that there shall be six hundred pounds old teners raised by way of rate to pay schoolmasters and other necessary charges arising in this Town.

Voted that John Shepherd shall take the old weights and measure that belongs to the Town and make the best of them for the

Towns use and to provide new weights and waite measures as the law direct.

Stephen Wilcox Peter Tinkham John Russell Junr was chosen standing grand jury men for the year ensuing.

Voted that Henry Wilbor shall have twelve pounds old tenor for keeping a child by order of the Selectmen.

Voted that Humphrey Smith shall have five pound old tenor for service don for the Town.

Voted that John Shepherd shall have twenty nine pound and three shillings and three pence in the old tenor for things he let Seth Buddlestone have.

Voted that Jabez Barker shall have four shillings and a penny old tenor for killing birds and squirrels.

Voted that Jabez Barker shall have twenty eight shillings old tenor on Abraham Shearman's account.

Voted that Henry Sidly shall have thirty shillings old tenor for service don for the Town.

Voted that Daniel Russell shall have 05=00=00 old tenor for service don for the Town.

Bristol ss. To the Comtable of the Town of Dartmouth or either of them Greeting: In his Majesty's name you are hereby forthwith required to notifie and warn all the free holders and other inhabitants of said Town that are qualified to vote in Town meetings that they meet together at the Town house in said Town on the sixth day of September next at ten of

was sent. is repeated and continued the following one

Bristol ss. To the Comtable of the Town of Dartmouth or either of them Greeting: In his Majesty's name you are hereby forthwith required to notifie all the free holders and other inhabitants of said Town that are qualified by law to vote in Town meetings that they meet together at the Town house in said Town on the first day of March next after date at ten of the clock in the forenoon on said day then and there to act on the particulers hereafter mentioned.

1ly. To choose Town officers for the year then ensuing as the law direct.

2ly. To choose a Register of Deeds for the County of Bristol in the room of Thomas Throop Junr late Register as aforesaid who is removed from said office.

3ly. For the Town to conclude by their vote how many school masters there shall be in the service of the Town the year ensuing.

4ly Whereas Seth Buddlestone is in a suffering circumstance and we have advanced to him for his present necessity now for the Town to order in the affair as they at said meeting may think proper: without help of the Town he must unavoidably suffer.

5ly To conclude by a vote what sum of money there shall be raised by way of rate upon the inhabitants of said Town for the paying of school masters and defraying other necessary charges of said Town.

6ly Whereas the said Town is destitute of waite weights and measures tryed by the Province Standard and approved we are apprehensive yt that there is grats need of sum: Now for the Town to order in the affair as they at sd meeting may think proper.

7ly. To except or disexcept of the return of way or ways laid out by the Selectmen or order.

8ly. For those that have demands against said Town to bring in their accounts for said meeting in order for settlement in such way and method as the Town may think best in the affair and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the clerk of said Town at or before the time of said meeting.

Fail not as you will answer your default Given under our hands in Dartmouth this tenth day of February 1747/8.

Humphrey Smith } Selectmen of
Jonathan Taber } Dartmouth
Dartmouth February ye 16th 1747/8

By order of this Warrant I have notified the several villages in said Town that they meet together at time and place appointed in this Warrant.

for me Henry Kidley Constable.

Aug. 24: 1748 Bristol ss. To the Constables of the Town of Dartmouth or either of them Greeting. In his majesties name you are hereby forthwith required to notify and warn all the free holders and other inhabitants of said Town that are qualified to vote in Town meetings that they meet together at the Town house in said Town on the sixth day of September next at ten of the clock in forenoon on sd day then and there to act on the particulars hereafter mentioned.

1ly. Whereas Josiah Peckham at our annual meeting in March last past was chosen Constable and refused to serve and at the adjournment of sd meeting Humwell Hathaway

was chosen Constable and refused to serve in that office now for the Town to proceed and choose Constable in the room of sd Hathaway.

2ly. To choose a Surveyor of highways in the room of Stephen Wilcocke who was chosen Surveyor of highways at our annual meeting last and refused to serve.

bigg 3ly. Whereas the bridge by Phillip Tabers mill is very much impaired so that it renders it very dangerous for travelers to pass over and we judge it necessary.

bigg that that bridge be repaired to prevent accidents that may hapen by its being neglected and it is uncertain where it is taken into Rhod Island Colony by the Comteees running the line or not: Now for the Town to act and give such instructions as the Town at sd meeting may think proper in the affair.

4ly. To pass a vote for ye obtaining a work house in said Town to employ the idle and indigent and make return of this Warrant and your doings therein unto us or either of us or unto the Town clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 24th day August 1748:

Samuel Pope } Selectmen of
Humphrey Smith } Dartmouth
Percuant to this within written Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Dartmouth to meet at time and place within mentioned.

John Shepherd Constable.

Sept. 6: 1748

At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on the sixth day of the month called September 1748. Stephen West was chosen Moderator for said meeting.

Peleo Cornell was chosen Surveyors of Highways in the room of Stephen Wilcock who refused to serve.

Seth Hathaway was chosen Constable and by reason he was in Comission he was excused by a vote of the Town.

Isaac Spooner was chosen Constable in the room of Seth Hathaway who was excused by a vote of the Town.

Voted that the Town hire a house to keep the poor and indigent persons in for the present.

Voted that John Shepherd shall be the person to hire a house.

Voted that Humphrey Smith Jeddiah Wood and Bartholomew Taber be a committee to treat with the Town Council in Council Little Comtons to come into some method in order that said Town of Comton and Dartmouth may know where the line runs between the Province of the Massachusetts Bay and Colony of Rhode Island between said Towns that it may be known to which of said Towns it proper belongs to repair the bridge by Phillip Tabers mill which stood in grate need there of as like wise with Tiverton.

Voted that Christopher Turner shall have forty two pounds eleven shillings and eight pence old tenor for time and expenses about the Towns service.

Voted that Jabez Barker shall have one pound and eighties shillings and six pence old tenor for service don for the Town.

Voted that George Tripp shall have twelve shillings a week old tenor for keeping of James Manchester from the first day of December last till now.

At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on the fifth day of the month called December 1748:

Humphrey Smith was chosen Moderator for sd meeting.

It was put to vote whether the Town would act upon the mater relating to Abraham Brownell as is set forth in the Warrant for calling this meeting.

The mater seems to be very difficult and it put in the negative.

Bristol ss. To the Constables of the Town of Dartmouth or either of them Greeting. In his Majesty's name you are hereby forthwith required to notifie all the free holdes and other inhabitants of sd Town that are qualified by law to vote in Town meetings that they meet together at the Town house in sd Town on the fifth day of December next after date then & there to act on the particulars hereafter mentioned.

My Whereas information hath been made unto us the subscribers by Richard Lison Constable that one Abraham Brownell was brought and left with him by George Waatgate Town Serjant with a copy of his warrant.

Now for the Town to consider upon the affair and own the said Abraham to have a lawfull right of residence in sd Town of Dartmouth or reject him and if the Town think proper to own the said Abraham

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as above said then to consider if it is proper to give sd Abraham a certificate that sd Town will receive him provided he returns within such a time as the Town shall determine.

Now for the Town to act & direct in and upon the whole of the above said affair as the Town at sd meeting shall or may think proper &c and make return of this warrant and your doings thereof unto the clerk of said Town at or before said meeting. Fail not Given under our hands in Dartmouth this 26 day of November 1748

Jedediah Wood } Selectmen of
Kumpshy Smith } Dartmouth

Peruant to a Warrant from the Selectmen I have notified the inhabitants of Dartmouth to meet at the time and place within mentioned.

John Shepherd Constable

Mich. 7: 1748 Bristol ss. To the Constables of the Town of Dartmouth or either of them Greeting: In his Majesties name you are hereby forthwith required to notify all the free holders and other inhabitants of said Town that are qualified to vote in Town meetings that they meet together at the Town house in sd Town on the 21 day of this instant at ten o'clock in the fore none on sd day then and there to act on the particulars hereafter mentioned. &c

1ly To choose Town officers for the year ensuing as the law directs.

2ly To conclude by a vote how many schoolmasters there shall be employed in yr service of yr Town yr year ensuing & otherwise do in yr affair as the Town at

sd meeting may think proper.

3ly To conclude by a vote what sum of money there shall be raised by way of tax upon the inhabitants of said Town for the paying schoolmasters & other necessary charges of said Town.

except 4ly To except or disexcept of the accounts that may be brought against said Town & other wise do as the Town at sd meeting may think proper in yr affair.

5ly To receive the return of ways laid out by the Selectmen & except or disexcept of them.

6ly To choose a Committee to make up account in behalf of sd Town with the present Town Treasurer and others that have accounts against sd Town. Also to call the Selectmen to account money respecting the poor money in their hands & settle with them.

7ly To act what may be thought proper respecting the building a work house or otherwise do what may be thought proper in the affair.

And make return of this Warrant and your doings therein unto the clerk of sd Town at or before the time of sd meeting hereof fail not.

Given under our hands in Dartmouth this 7 day of March 1748⁹

Kumpshy Smith } Selectmen
Jedediah Wood } of
Samuel Pope } Dartmouth

Peruant to this within written Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Dartmouth to meet at time and place within mentioned.

for me John Shepherd Constable

At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on the 21 day of the month called March 17th 48⁹ Humphry Smith was chosen Moderator for sd meeting.

John King Jedediah Wood Richard Peirce was chosen Selectmen.

Dartmouth March the 21st 1748⁹:

John King promised to serve as Selectmen Assessors & overseer of ye poor for the Town of Dartmouth without any charge to the Town. John King Benjamin Akin.

Edward Cornell Witnesses: Jedediah Wood refused to serve as selectman:

Pelig Hudlestone was chosen Selectman in his room.

Jabez Barker was chosen Town clerk.

Ebenezer Slocum Edward Cornell Stephen Taber was chosen Constables.

Ebenezer Slocum and Edward Cornell declared their refusal to serve as Constables. Thomas Briggs and William Taber was chosen Constables in the room of Ebenezer Slocum and Edward Cornell.

William Bowditch Junior Abraham Shearman Joseph Tucker James Russell Edward Briggs William Wood Nicholas Howland Simon Gifford Benjamin Akin William Rider Jonathan Hathaway Junior Benjamin Allen late of Martins Nursery William Spooner Joseph Cook Joseph Russell Samuel Hows William Tavel blacksmith John Lawton Stephen Wilcox was chosen Surveyors of highways:

Pelig Smith John Russell Jr Francis Tripp Nathaniel Potter son of Stokes Nathaniel Jenne Seth Pope were chosen Fence Viewers:

Ichabud Potter Jonathan Rickiton James

Crushman was chosen Leather scales:

Ichabud Potter Daniel Russell Daniel Sumner was chosen Pound keepers:

George Lawton John Briggs William Bennett was chosen Deer reeves:

Israel Shearman Benjamin Tripp Junior Isalib Jenne was chosen Hog reeves:

Jonathan Shearman John Lellis Samuel Howland was chosen Fything men.

Jonathan Toul Ichabud Shearman Nathaniel Blackwell were chosen clerks of the market:

Voted that there shall be six hundred pound old tenor raised by way of rate in addition to what was voted last year as a tax on the Town Dartmouth for the paying of schoolmasters and other necessary charges of sd Town.

At the aforesd meeting held on the 21st of the month called March 1748⁹

Voted to Abraham Shearman twenty five pound seven shillings and four pence old tenor in addition to what was voted him April 22: 1746.

Voted that the way laid out by Jedediah Wood and Humphry Smith the 17th of March 1748⁹ shall be recorded.

Voted that Stephen West Benjamin Akin and Edward Cornell shall be a Committee to perform what is expressed in the sixth article in the Warrant for calling this meeting.

To the Constables of the Town of Dartmouth May 4: 1749 or either of them Greeting:

In his Majesties name you are required forthwith to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of sdid Town qualified to vote in Town affairs that

they meet together at the Town house in
sd Town on Monday the 15th day of this
instant May at 12 of the clock on sd day
then and there to act on the particulars
hereafter mentioned viz:

1st To choose Town officers in the room
of those persons that were chosen at the
Annual Town Meeting in March last past
for choosing Town officers who neglect or
refuse to take their respective offices whereto
they were chosen.

2^dly That whereas Phoebe Negeue has
cast her daughter Rose Negeue being an
idiot upon the charge of the Town for the
Town to consult and vote at sd meeting
what they shall then think proper respect
ing sd Rose.

3^dly Whereas there are diverse idle and
negligent persons in the Town who are
careless of their own support and maintain
ance and by that means the Town in
danger of charge of their support for the
Town to consult and vote in sd meeting
the settling a part one end of the Town
house as a proper place in the room of a
work house and to appoint a master or
overseer of sd house and

make return of this your Warrant unto us
the subscribers or the Town Clerk
with your doings thereon at or before the
time of sd meeting.

Given under our hands at Dartmouth
this fourth day of May anno domini 1749.

John Wing } Selectmen of
Richard Peirce } Dartmouth

Persuant to the within written I have notifi
fied the inhabitants of our Town to meet
at the time and place within mentioned

for me John Shephard Constable.

At a Town meeting held at the Town house
in Dartmouth on the 15th of the month
called May 1749.

Humphry Smith was chosen Moderator for
sd meeting.
Job Almy William Wood Abagiel George
Brownel Junr was chosen Constables in
the room of William Taber Stephen Taber
and Thomas Briggs who refused to serve.
Ebenzer Briggs was chosen Tything man in
the room of Jonathan Shearman who refused
to serve.

Noted that the matter contained in the
second article of the warrant for calling
this meeting shall be let fall.

Noted that the matter contained in the
third article in the warrant for calling
this meeting shall be let fall.

Noted that Stephen West shall have twelve
pound and five shillings old tenor paid out
of the Town treasury for service done for
the Town.

Bretel vs. To the Constables of Dartmouth May 27. 1749
or either of them Greeting.

In his Majesties name you are hereby required
forthwith to notify and warn all the free hold
ers and other inhabitants of Dartmouth aforesd
qualified to vote as the law directs in Town
yt affairs that they meet together at the Town
house in sd Town on the sixth day of June
next at ten of the clock in ye forenoon then
and there to act on the particulars hereafter
mentioned. (viz)

1stly To choose Town officers in the room
of those which were chosen at the last in
sd Town and refused or neglected to take
their places in ye room or places of those
yt that were chosen at ye annual meeting in

March past and refused to take their places.
2^{ly} To pass a vote whether George badmans request to sd Town shall be allowed or how far it shall be allowed.

3^{ly} To pass a vote whether Elnathans bathaways charge against sd Town for a way through his land or how much thereof.

4^{thly} Whereas Wm. Wood & George Brownell Jr that were chosen Constables in ye room of those which were chosen at the last Town meeting in sd Town and refused or neglected to take their places in ye room or place of those that were chosen at ye annual meeting in March past and refused to take their places for the Town to consider sd Woods and Brownells request to the Town and pass a vote whether sd request shall be allowed or how far it shall be allowed.

Given under our hands this 27th day of May anno domini 1749.

And make return of this Warrant to ye Town Clerk or the Selectmen at or before ye Town meeting.

Richard Pierce } Selectmen
Pelq Huddelstone } of
John King } Dartmouth

Persuant to the within written warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Dartmouth to meet at the time and place within men-
tioned

for me John Shephard Constable

June 6: 1749 At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on the sixth day of the month called June 1749:

John King was chosen Moderator for sd meeting Joseph Tucker refused to serve.
John King was chosen in his room.

James Mosher Daniel Howland Isaac Pope Junior was chosen standing Grand Jurymen for the year.

Jonathan Smith Jonathan Gifford John Junny was chosen Constables.

George badmans account of twenty pound and one shilling old tenor for interest for money the Town neglected to pay him for his wages.

Noted that Elnathan Bathaway shall have fifty pound old tenor for a highway laid through his land:

George Brownell Junior and William Wood blazier was excused of their fines for not serving Constables by a vote of the Town. This meeting is adjourned to the 21st day of this instant June.

The 21st of the month called June 1749:

June 21: 1749

The Town mett according to adjournment: John Junne and Jonathan Smith appeared at this meeting and pleaded indisposition of body to serve Constables and was excused by a vote of the Town.

John Junne the second William Wood George son and Noah Allen was chosen Constables. William Taber was excused by the Court.

Bristol ss. To the Constables of the Town of Dartmouth or either of them Greeting:

Sept. 1: 1749

In his majesties name you are required forth with to notifie and warn all the free holders and altho inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs as the law directs that they meet together at the Town house in sd Town on Monday next the fourth day of this instant September at ten of the clock in the fore noon there and there to act on the following particulers (viz:)

1st. To chuse Town officers in the room of those that were chosen at the last Town meeting in sd Town and refused or neglected to take their places in the room of those that were chosen at the annual Town meeting in March last past and refused their places.

2ly. To pass a vote whether William Palmers request to sd Town shall be allowed or how far.

3ly. Whereas William Wood son of George Wood was chosen Constable at the last Town meeting for Acoveet Village since which time he has met with a grievous wound To vote whether the Town will excuse him from his fine.

4ly. Whereas there has arisen disputes & controversies between this Town and the Town of Rochester concerning a jurisdiction line between sd Towns & whereas Stephen West & Christopher Turner were chosen as a Committee to solicit the Grate & General Court of this Province to fix a jurisdiction line but have hitherto neglected to vote for the establishing sd committee or choose a new one to solicit sd Court & to act in that affair what ever may be for the good of the Town in order to settle sd line and make return hereof and your doings thereon to the Town Clerk or the Selectmen of sd Town of Dartmouth on or before sd meeting. Given under our hands this first day of September ano dom 1749

John King } Selectmen
Richard Pierce } of
Peliz Gooddleton } Dartmouth.

Bristol ss. Pursuant to the within written I have warned the inhabitants to meet at the time and place within mentioned

Richard Lison Constable

At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on the fourth day of the month called September 1749:

John Shepherd was chosen Moderator for sd meeting.

William Taber Henry Tucker Junior John Jimmy Junr. was chosen Constables.

William Bowdick Junior was chosen Surveyor of highways.

William Taber declared his refusal to serve Constable.

Jonathan Gifford was chosen Constable in the room of William Taber who refused to serve Constable.

Noted that William Palmer shall have interest for the money that the Town owed him from the time of his receiving order for the payment of it till the time of payment.

William Wood son of George Wood was excused from his fine for not serving Constable by a vote of the Town by reason of his lameness.

Stephen West and Richard Pierce was chosen a Committee to solicit the Grate and General Court at Boston for a settled jurisdiction line between the Town of Dartmouth and the Town of Rochester and to improve such counsel as they shall find necessary.

Noted that Jabez Barker shall have two pound and twelve shillings and six pence old tenor out of the Treasury for service don for the Town.

This meeting is adjourned to the 22nd day of this instant the 22nd of ye month called September 1749.

The Moderator was gone and so the meeting fell

Sept. 22: 1749

Nov. 13. 1749. At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on the 13th of the month called November 1749:

John Shepherd was chosen Moderator for said meeting.

George Wood and Adam Mott was chosen Constables.

Henry Wilbor was chosen Surveyor of highways in the room of Limeon Bifford deceased. This meeting is adjourned to the fourth of December next.

Dec. 21. 1749. The fourth of the month called December 1749:

The Town met according to adjournment. The vote for Adam Mott being Constable is reconsidered and voted that he shall be released.

The vote for George Wood being Constable is reconsidered.

William White Junior Ebenezer Fitch Thomas Kempton was chosen Constables.

Voted the second article shall be let fall.

Nov. 21. 1749. Brielol ss. To the Constables of the Town of Dartmouth or either of them greeting: In his Majesty's name you are required forthwith to notify and warn all the free holders and other inhabitants of said Dartmouth qualified to vote in Town affairs as the law directs that they meet together at the Town house in sd Town on the thirteenth day of this instant November at ten of the clock in the fore noon then and there to act on the following particulars (viz) Vtely to choose Town officers in the room of those that was chosen at and since the Annual Town meeting in March last past and have refused or neglected to take their places or have been removed by death:

2. ly To consider the request of Freegift Bowditch concerning his having a certificate to be received into this Town again after his residing in Tiverton.

And make return of this warrant with your doing thereon to the Town clerk or the Selectmen on or before the Town meeting.

Given under our hands this fourth day of November anno domini 1749.

Richard Pierce }
Pelez Housdeletone } Selectmen of
Dartmouth

Persuant to the within written warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Dartmouth to meet at the time and place w^{ch} mentioned.

John Shepherd Constable.

At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on the 21st of the month called December 1749:

Henry Tucker was chosen Moderator for sd meeting.

William Kempton Timothy Macomber William Anthony was chosen Constables.

Voted that the third article in the warrant for calling this meeting shall be let fall.

This meeting is adjourned to the 29th of this month.

The 29th of the month called December 1749 Dec. 29. 1749

The Town met according to adjournment I Timothy Macomber appeared at this meeting and declared his refusal to serve Constable.

Daniel Sumerton John Lawton John King was chosen Constables in the room of William Kempton Timothy Macomber William Anthony who refused to serve.

Daniel Sumerton and John King declared their refusal to serve Constables.

John Lawton declared his refusal to serve Constable.

Henry Howland William Shaw Jonathan Taber Junior was chosen Constables in the room of John King Daniel Sumerton John Lawton who refused to serve.

Noted that Henry Howland shall have five and twenty pound old tenor for serving Constable.

This meeting is adjourned to the sixth day of the month called January next.

Jan. 30: 1749 At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on the thirtieth day of the month called January 1749:

Holden Slocum was chosen Moderator for said meeting.

Nathaniel Pottis son of John Pottis and Samuel Mendal was chosen Constables.

Noted that Nathaniel Pottis son of John Pottis shall have twenty five pounds old tenor for his serving Constable.

Noted that Samuel Mendal shall have twenty five pounds old tenor for serving Constable if he will serve.

Noted that the Town and County rates shall be all in one bill.

Noted that this meeting shall be adjourned to the 8th day of February next at twelve of the clock.

Jan. 22: 1749 Dartmouth Jan. 22. 1749:

Bristol ss. To the Constables of Dartmouth or either of them Greeting:

In his Majesty's name you are required forthwith to notify and warn all ye freeholders & other inhabitants of Dartmouth aforesaid qualified to vote as the law direct in Town affairs that they meet together at the Town house in sd. Town on ye thirtieth day of this instant at ten of ye clock in ye forenoon then and there

to act on the particulers hereafter mentioned. viz. 1stly To choose Town officers in the room of those that were chosen at ye annual meeting in March last past & since & refused or neglected to take their places.

2ly. And as much as the Town is destitute of Constables or collectors as usual in time past for the Town to consider whether it be proper to hire collectors.

3ly For the Town to consider whether it will be profitable for ye Town to make ye County & Town taxes all to be in one bill.

Richard Pearce } Selectmen of
John King } Dartmouth

And make return of this Warrant to the Town clerk or one of the subscribers or either of us at or before the day above sd.

Bristol ss. Pursuant to this Warrant I have notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Dartmouth that are qualified to vote in Town meetings to meet at time and place within mentioned.

For me Henry Howland Constable.

Bristol ss. To the Constables of Dartmouth Dec. 7: 1749 or either of them Greeting:

In his Majesty's name you are required to notify & warn all the freeholders & other inhabitants of sd. Town qualified to vote in Town affairs that they meet together in Town house in sd. Dartmouth on the twenty first day of this instant December at ten of the clock of sd. day then and there to act on the following particulers viz:

1. To choose Town officers in the room of those that were chosen at & since the annual Town meeting in March last past who have refused or neglected to take their places.

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