

Noted

that there be one schoolmaster procured at the charge of the town by the selectmen for the year ensuing

Noted

to raise by way of Tax Two hundred and fifty pounds for defraying the charge of said town.

Noted

that the Selectmen procure a town stock of Ammunition agreeable to law and draw the money out of the town treasury.

Luther Wood and Timothy Howland field Drivers

Jahy June Tucker June & John Hathaway field Drivers.

Robert Kirby, Eben Davis James Giffelt field Drivers.

Nathl<sup>d</sup> Spooner, Joseph Rixton and Joseph James fence viewers.

John Patten and David Russell fence Viewers  
Benja Brownell son of Tho<sup>s</sup> and Thomas Tripson fence Viewers.

Nathanill Patten James Bushman and Miles Russell chosen Pound keepers.

William Wood sealer of weights and measures

Benj<sup>s</sup> Taber Jun<sup>r</sup>. Shubal Hows James Barnabus King and Stephen Merich chosen Surveyors of Lumber.

Job Anthony Stephen Davis & Pleg Taber chosen Surveyors of Lumber.

John Wood and Maxfield chosen Surveyors of Lumber

Timothy Ingraham Samuel Allen sealers of wood.

Philip Shearman chosen sealer of Wood

Stephen Davis Job Anthony sealers of Wood.

Job Davis Joseph Dix Thomas Russell Tho<sup>s</sup> Patten Jonathan Hathaway 2<sup>d</sup> Henry Wightington and Joseph Drew Hoop Reaver.

Noted

to adjourn to the 25<sup>th</sup> day of this instant May at five of the clock in the forenoon.

May the 25<sup>th</sup> 1775.

The Town meet according to adjournment.

Noted

to excuse Nathl<sup>d</sup> June from serving constable.

John Howland chosen constable in the room of Nathl<sup>d</sup> June.

Noted

to adjourn to the 20<sup>th</sup> of June next at two of the in the afternoon.

June 20<sup>th</sup> 1775

Met and chose Joseph Russell Will<sup>m</sup> Tallman and Caleb Greene overseers of the Workhouse this present year.

Abel Nye was chosen constable in the room of John Howland who refused to serve.

Noted

to adjourn to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August next at one of the clock afternoon.

August the first 1775.

Met and adjourned to 2<sup>d</sup> Tuesday of this instant 3 block afternoon.

third Tuesday of August

Met and Noted

Barnabus King John Howland & Abel Nye's fines for not serving constables to Samual Bryant for his serving constable as it is to be understood that the said Bryant is not excused by the town from serving constable.

Noted William Macomber & Samuel Sissons fines for not serving constables to George Brownell son of Thomas decessed for his serving in said office and it is understood that the 2<sup>d</sup> Sisson is not excused from his turne when the Town shall think it just

Noted to dissolve this meeting.

May 25: 1775

June 20: 1775

Aug. 1: 1775

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At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1776  
 Jabez Parker Jun<sup>r</sup> chosen Moderator  
 Jonathan Winslow Thomas Trip<sup>r</sup> Mason and  
 Samuel Pope were chosen Grand Jurymen for  
 the three next terms to be holden at Taunton  
 for the Court of Briolet.

Feb. 21. 1776

Seal } Go the Constables of the Town of Dartmouth or either of them Meeting:  
 In his Majesty's Name you are forthwith required to notify and warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Dartmouth that are qualified by law to vote in Town meetings to meet together at the Town house in said Town on the eight day of March next at ten of the clock in the forenoon on said day this and there to act on the Particulars hereafter mentioned.

1<sup>ly</sup> To chuse Town officers for the ensuing year as the law directs.

2<sup>ly</sup> To conclude what number of school masters there shall be provided for the year ensuing at the charge of said Town.

3<sup>ly</sup> To chuse a Committee to receive & settle accounts with those that have demands against said Town as also with the Town Treasurer for the year One thousand seven hundred and seventy Five.

4<sup>ly</sup> To receive Returns of Highways laid out or altered by the Selectmen of said Town to allow or disallow the same in order that they may be of Record.

5<sup>ly</sup> To conclude by vote what sum of money should be raised by way of tax for the year ensuing to defray the necessary arising within said Town.

6<sup>ly</sup> To chuse a County Treasurer as the law directs.

7<sup>ly</sup> That the Town chuse a Committee of Correspondance, Inspection & Safty according to a Resolve of the General Court of this Colony, part 13<sup>th</sup> of February instant  
 8<sup>ly</sup> To act & do what is thought proper relative to paying Benjamin Akin Esq. for his serving as Delegate for said Town.

And make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Clerk of said Town on or before the time appointed for said meeting Given under our hands and seal at Dartmouth this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 1776.

William Davis } Selectmen  
 Jabez Parker Jun<sup>r</sup> } of  
 William Gorman } Dartm<sup>s</sup>

To any or either of the Constables of the Town of Dartmouth

Briolet ss. February the 25<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1776.

Persuant to this Warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of town by putting up Notifications at the usual places to meet at time & place within mentioned.

Per me David Smelt Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth the eight day of March 1776.

Jabez Parker Jun<sup>r</sup> chosen Moderator for said meeting.  
 Valid.

that there be three selectmen for the year ensuing:  
 William Davis Jabez Parker Jun<sup>r</sup> & William Tallman chosen Selectmen for the year ensuing  
 Benjamin Akin Esq. chosen Town Clerk for the year ensuing.  
 Fortunatus Shearman, Abraham Smelt & Richard Kirby chosen Assessors for the year 1776.



Jabez Barker Jun. Chosen Town Treasurer  
and agreed with to receive in and pay out  
the Towns money at four pence per pound  
Benjamin Terry William Anthony and Peleg  
White chosen Constables.  
Peleg White present and refused to serve and  
Philip Tripp was chosen Constable in the room  
of Peleg White who had refused to serve.  
David Smiths Jethro Hathaway and Christopher  
Bifford was chosen a committee to settle  
accounts with all persons that have demands  
against sd Town and also, to settle accounts  
with the Town Treasurer for the year 1775.  
Philip Shearman Butler Shearman John Smith  
Nathaniel Fance Richard Collins John Mayfield  
William Hart Jun. Thomas Allen Jr 2<sup>d</sup> Benj<sup>e</sup>  
Smith Jun. Thomas Hicks Jr 2<sup>d</sup> Josiah Wood  
Siles Gowin. Joseph Allen Ebenezer Andros  
Paul Pratt. Bial Bifford Joseph Russell Jun  
Barnabas Russell. Mason Tallman Nathaniel  
Tpoonin Isaac Pope Ignatius Dillingham  
Peleg Delano. Seth Moten James Rempton  
Luen Pope. Benj<sup>e</sup> Blossom. John Tinkcom  
Samuel Church & Joseph Pope  
Samuel Manchester James Soil (Mason) Kirby  
William Earl. Stokes Patten. Pardon Brownell  
Elijah Bifford Thomas Cornell Job Anthony  
Stephen Patten & Reuben Shearman chosen  
Surveyors of highways.

Noted

That Jabez Barker Jun Town Treasurer  
has the sum of Forty two pound seventeen  
shillings & eight pence on the credit of the Town  
to and for the use of Benj<sup>e</sup> Akin Esq in full  
for his services and attendance heretofore, given  
as a member of several Congresses heretofore  
held for the publick safety he being chosen for  
and authorized by said Town for that purpose  
then the meeting adjourned to the third Tues-  
day of May next at ten of the clock in the forenoon

At a Town meeting held by adjournment May 20. 1776  
at the Town house in Portsmouth the third Tuesday  
of May being the twenty<sup>th</sup> day of the month 1776  
and chose Samuel Mosher Surveyor of highways.  
Seth Moten Samual Church John Tinkcom  
Joseph Pope. Benj<sup>e</sup> Blossom Barnabas Russell  
Joseph Russell Jun. Siles Swift Seth Hathaway  
Jr 2<sup>d</sup> & Stephen Taber chosen Surveyors of high  
ways.  
chose Robert Shearman Jeremiah Wate  
Tything men.  
chose Jonathan Hathaway Jr 2<sup>d</sup> & Isaac Trow  
Tything men and  
chose John Wood & Timothy Howland  
Tythingmen.  
Jonathan Taber William Wood John Shepherd  
& William Sanford Silvanus Allen Jun. &  
Ephraim Rempton June Viewers.  
William Case Daniel Allen Jonathan Shearman  
Jr 2<sup>d</sup> David Russell. Joseph Rempton Abner  
Howard field Drivers  
Peleg Shearman Jr 2<sup>d</sup> Josiah Hathaway  
Samuel Allen Joseph Hicks & Job Davis  
Log reaver.  
Nathaniel Patten Siles Russell James Carlman  
Porind keepers.  
Leapt William Wood Sealers of Waits and  
Measures.  
Stephen Davis Job Anthony Jonathan Taber Jr 2<sup>d</sup>  
Joshua Lowrain John Akin Jr 2<sup>d</sup> & John May  
field Surveyors of all sorts of Lumber.  
Stephen Davis Benjamin Church & Timothy  
Ingraham Sealers of board wood.  
Samual Church Seth Pope Abraham Shearman  
Abisha Delano Griffen Barney Benj<sup>e</sup> Akin  
Ferdinando Shearman Philip Shearman James  
Soil Nathaniel Richmond Philip Taber Pardon  
Brownell & William Wood was chosen a committee  
of correspondance & Safety.

Feb. 16. 1779. Bristol ss To the Constable or Constables of  
Said } the Town of Dartmouth or either of them  
Greeting:

In the Name of the Government & People of  
the State of the Massachusetts Bay, you are  
forthwith required to notify and warn all  
the freeholders & other inhabitants of a<sup>d</sup> Town  
that are qualified by Law to vote in Town  
meetings to meet together at the Town house in  
said Town on Thursday the fourth day of March  
next at ten of the clock in the forenoon on sd  
day then and there to act on the Particulars  
hereafter mentioned.

- 1ly To choose Town officers for the year  
ensuing as the directs.
- 2ly To conclude by vote what number of school  
masters there shall be procured for the year  
ensuing at the charge of said Town.
- 3ly To choose a Committee to receive and settle  
accounts with those that have demands  
against said Town as also with the Town  
Treasurer for the year One thousand seven  
hundred seventy eight.
- 4ly to receive Returns of highways laid out or  
altered by the Selectmen of sd. Town & allow  
or disallow in order they may be of Record.
- 5ly to conclude by vote what sum of money  
shall be raised by way of tax the ensuing  
year for paying of schoolmasters and other  
charges arising within said Town.
- 6ly for said Town at said meeting to act & do  
what they shall think most proper in  
respect to the firebery in said Town.
- 7ly to choose a County Treasurer for the year  
ensuing.
- 8ly to conclude by vote whether the highways  
in said Town shall be kept in repair by  
way of Tax or as usual.
- 9ly To choose a Committee of Safety, Correspondance  
and Inspection.

10ly Whereas there is a difficulty now subsisting  
and concerning the raising men for the  
Roads Island expedition last summer  
and the men at the fort in Acosmet.  
Now for said Town to choose a Committee  
and empower them to settle sd difficulty  
or other ways & do what they think proper  
And make return of this Warrant and your  
doings thereon unto the Clerk of said Town at  
or before the time of sd meeting.  
Given under our hands and Seal at Dart-  
mouth this sixteenth day of February A. D.  
1779.

Audler Spooner	} Selectmen of Dartmouth.
Thomas Kempton	
Benj <sup>r</sup> Russell Jun.	
Job Almy	

Dartmouth February 22<sup>d</sup> day 1779.  
by virtue of this warrant to me directed and  
by order of the Selectmen have notified and  
warned all the freeholders and other inhabi-  
tants of this Town by posting up notifications in  
several places to meet at the time & place  
within mentioned.

Richard Collins. Constable of Dartmouth

At a legal Town meeting of the freeholders  
& other inhabitants of the Town of Dartmouth  
assembled assembled at the Town house the  
fourth day of March 1779:  
Benj<sup>r</sup> Almy Esq. chosen Moderator for said  
meeting.  
William Davis Richard Kirby Benj<sup>r</sup> Russell Jun  
Mabiah Hathaway Thomas Kempton Audler  
Spooner and Benj<sup>r</sup> Church chosen Selectmen for  
said year.



Leah Russell William Tallman & Barnabas Russell  
chosen Overseers of the Poor.

Benj<sup>a</sup> Akin Esq. chosen Town Clerk

Benj<sup>a</sup> Russell Jun. Richard Kerby Christopher  
Bifford John Smith Benjamin Cornish Auden  
Spooner & Abraham Smith chosen Assessors for  
the year ensuing.

Benj<sup>a</sup> Akin Esq. chosen Town Treasurer. and  
agreed with to receive in and payout the Towns  
money for three pence on the pound.

Job Almy Christopher Bifford & Seth Spooner Jun  
chosen a committee to examine the accounts of  
all persons that have demands against said  
Town and to allow what they judge reasonable  
and also to settle accounts with the Town Treasurer  
for the year 1778.

Jonathan Taber Benj<sup>a</sup> Brownell Robert Carl  
Jehiel Willis Samual Bryant Obad Key  
John Taber Paul Ingraham Lelihu Bifford  
Benj<sup>a</sup> Badcock & Lelihu Russell be a committee  
of Saffty Correspondence & Inspection for the  
year ensuing.

This meeting is adjourned to the first Tuesday  
of April next at ten of the clock in the forenoon

Apr. 6. 1779.

At a Town meeting held by adjournment  
the sixth day of April A. D. 1779.

and chose Nathaniel Richmond in the committee  
of Saffty &c. in the room of Benj<sup>a</sup> Brownell who  
refused to serve and also added to said committee  
Henry Soul & Stephen Davis.

John Chaffee Richard Collier & John Carl Jr.  
chosen Constables and agreed with to collect all  
the rates for the year 1779. for four per cent.

Valid

that there shall be seven thousand pound  
raised on the inhabitants of sd Town by a tax  
for the paying of schoolmasters and other necessary  
charges of sd Town for the year one thousand  
seven hundred and seventy nine.

Valid

that there shall be one grammar schoolmaster  
provided for the Town by the selectmen

Surveyors of highways for Acosset village are

Obad Hathaway Abraham Shearman Seth June

George Brownell Stephen Taber Lemuel Mendall

John Williams Leah Russell Jehiel Willis

Jehaziel June Lemuel Pope Benja Gleason

Noah Allen Jr. Nathaniel June Obad Key

Bartholomew Taber Peleg Huddleston

Stephen Bennet John Hathaway field drivers

Isaac Vincent & Galey June Hogreave

James Leishman Pound keeper

Shubal Hows Joshua Corain & Benja Taber

Surveyors of all sorts of Lumber

James Davis Leather dealer

Surveyors of highways of Acosset village

for the year 1779. are

William Carl Job Davis Mason Kerby

Lemuel Munchester Stokes Potter George Lawton

George Tibbets Ruben Shearman Job Almy

Thomas Cornett Job Anthony Nathaniel Richmond

Warton Case & Robert Sherman chosen Saffty

men. William Maccumber & Joshua Cornell chosen

June viewers

Thomas Tripp & John Mosher Field Drivers

Nathaniel Potter Pound keeper

Stephen Davis & Job Anthony chosen Surveyors

of all sorts of Lumber.

Stokes Potter chosen Leather Dealer

Leah Carl & Constant Maccumber chosen

Hogreave

Surveyors of highways for Acosset village

are Nicholas Lapham Benja Woodland (saddler)

Thomas Russell Peleg Bifford John Leace

Isaac Lawrence Giles Shocum Abraham Allen

Constant Mosher Edward Winslow William

Hart Job Cook John Maxfield Saffty men

Barnabas Mosher & William Wood. Field Drivers

James Tucker & Benj<sup>r</sup> Tucker Fence Viewers.  
 John Smith Philip Shearman Surveyors of all  
 sorts of Lumber.  
 Leazer William Wood Dealer of Wts & Measures.  
 William Bart Leather Dealer.  
 William Mosher & Benj<sup>r</sup> Allen Jun. Hog Reeves.  
 Giles Russell Chosen Pound keeper.

May 18: 1779 At a Town meeting held by adjournment  
 at the Town house in Dartmouth on Tuesday the  
 eighteenth day of May 1779.  
 it being the adjournment of the annual Town  
 meeting in March last. the Town meet: and  
 chose Lealeb Bart & Constant Maccumber Hog  
 reeves in the room of William Wilson & Prince  
 King who was chosen at the adjournment before  
 and not warned to take their places.  
 Avery Parker chosen one of the Committees of  
 Safety &c. in the room of Paul Ingraham who  
 refused to serve.  
 and then the Town dissolved said meeting.

Apr. 17: 1779 Bristol ss. We either of the Constables of the  
 Town of Dartmouth Meeting:  
 In the name of the Government and People of  
 the Massachusetts Bay you are hereby required  
 to notify and warn the freeholders and other in-  
 habitants of the Town of Dartmouth qualified  
 by law to vote in Town meetings to meet together  
 at the Town house in said Town on the eighteenth  
 day of May at ten of the clock in the forenoon  
 on said day then and there to act on the Petiti-  
 on hereafter mentioned.

1 by Agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court  
 whether they chuse at this time to have a  
 new Constitution or form of Government made

2 by Whether they will empower their Represent-  
 atives for the next year, to vote for calling a  
 State Convention for the sole purpose of  
 forming a New Constitution

3 by For the Town at said meeting to vote  
 wheather or not they will raise at the  
 Towns expence men for the defence of this  
 State, or any of the United States if called  
 for, by lawfull authority this present year,  
 and to choose one or more persons to hire  
 said men, on as reasonable Terms as  
 they can agreeable to a petition of ten or  
 more of the freeholders of said Town.

And make Return of this Warrant & your doings  
 thereon to the Clerk of sd. Town at or before the  
 time of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal at Dartmouth  
 this seventeenth day of April Anno Dom. 1779

Richard Kerby	} Selectmen of Dartmouth.
Richard Spooner	
William Davis	
Benj <sup>r</sup> Russell Jun	

Dartmouth May 17<sup>th</sup> day 1779.  
 by virtue of this Warrant to me directed I  
 have notified and warned all the freeholders  
 and other inhabitants of the Town of Dartmouth  
 qualified by law to vote in Town meetings to  
 meet at time and place within mentioned  
 Per me John Bart.  
 Constable of Dartmouth.



May 18: 1779

At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Dartmouth on Tuesday the eighteenth day of May 1779.

Benj<sup>r</sup> Akin Esq<sup>r</sup> chosen Moderator.

The Town voted on the first article in the Warrant for calling this meeting that this Town at this time dont chuse to have a new Constitution or Form of Government the numbers of Voters present was seventy and all voted in the affirmative.

Voted on the third article in the Warrant for calling this meeting: that all the men in this Town who shall be called for the defence of this state or any of the United States for the present year, shall be raised at the expence or charge of said Town that shall be raised in consequence of order or orders from the General Court or Council of this State; and

Robert Carl, Elisha Sifford or John Schaffee are chosen a committee when any men are sent for or required to be raised as aforesaid they are empowered, to procure said men, at the expence of said Town in the best way and manner they can; and said committee are to be reasonably paid for their services.

State of the Massachusetts (Bay.)

In the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy (Seven)

An Act

To prevent Monopoly and Oppression.

Whereas the avaritious conduct of many persons by daily adding to the now exorbitant prices of every necessary and convenient articles of life; and increasing the price of labour in general, unless a speedy and effectual stop be put thereto will be attended with the most fatal and pernicious consequences as it not only disheartens and disaffects the Soldiers, who have nobly entered into the service of their Country for the support of the best of causes, and distresses the poorer part of the Community, by obliging them to give an unreasonable price for those things that are absolutely necessary to their very existence, but will be also very injurious to the State in general. - And, whereas the committee empowered by this State to proceed to Providence in Rhode Island and in behalf of this State there to meet with committees for the other New England States; and among other things to confer upon measures necessary to prevent Monopoly and the high price of goods, and the necessaries of life, and for regulation of vaudues, have in conjunction with said committee recommended that rates and prices be settled and affixed by an Act of the State, to the articles hereinafter enumerated.

Be it therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, that from and after the Seventy eighth day of January One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy -

Seven the price of farming labour in the summer season shall not exceed 3<sup>7</sup>/<sub>10</sub> by the day and found as usual, and so in usual proportion at other seasons of the year, and the labour mechanics and tradesmen and other labour beside, what is herein hereafter especially enumerated in proportion thereunto according to the usages and customs which have here to fore been adopted, and practised in this State, when compared with farming labour. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the following articles shall not be sold for a higher price than is herein after settled and affirmed to them respectively, viz: Wheat good merchantable wheat at 7s. 6d. per bushel. Rye, good merchantable Rye Rye meal at 5s a bushel.

Indian meal good indian meal or corn at 4s. a bushel.

Sheeps wool good merchantable sheeps wool 2 s. lb.

Pork fresh pork well fattid and of a good quality at 11d 1/2 a lb and salt pork in usual proportion according to the price of salt.

Beef good well fattid grass fed beef at 3d. a lb. and stall fed beef well fattid at 4d a lb. and beef of an inferior quality in equal proportions.

Kids raw kids at (8d.) a lb. Raw calf skins at 6d. a lb.

Salt good merchantable imported salt at 10s a bushel.

Salt manufactured from sea water within this state at 12s. a bushel.

Rum good merchantable West India rum at 6. 8d. a gallon by the hoghead including the cask and 6s. 10d by the barrel, exclusive of the barrel, and 7s 8d. by the single

gallon, and 2s by the quart and in proportion for a less quantity according to the former customs and usages in retailing smaller quantities and saving an allowance of one penny a (quart) for every ten miles the same shall be carried by land carriage from the (place) of delivery.

Newfoundland rum 3s. 10d. a gallon by the hoghead or barrel exclusive 13s. for the hoghead or 11s for the barrel, and 4s 6d by the gallon at the Town where the same is distilled and so in like proportion for smaller quantities according to the old and approved customs for retailing smaller quantities allowing one penny each ten miles for every gallon that has been or shall be transported by land from the place of distilling.

Sugar best muscovado sugar 54s a hundred by the hoghead, and £ 3. by the single hundred and 8d a lb by the single pound, at the place where it is first landed and allowing 7d. for the transporting of every cut ten miles by land carriage, and Rhugars of an inferior quality in the usual proportion Malacca of the best quality at 3s 11d, a gallon by the hoghead, including the cask, and 3s and 8d. by the barrel exclusive of 3s for the barrel 4s by the single gallon, at the place where it is first landed from the West Indies; - and so in proportion in the country or from the place where it is so landed. Cocoa, best cocoa, at £ 6-10s a cwt, American manufactured chocolate 1s 8d per pound, lebes manufactured in America 6 per lb Butter at 10d a lb by the single lb and 7d by the firkin;

Peas 8s a bushel. Beans 6s a bushel. Potatoes, Potatoes commonly called Spanish potatoes of the best quality 1s 4d. a bushel in



the fall of the year; and not more than 2 s. in any other season, and other potatoes in usual proportion.

Stockings men's best yarn stockings at 6 s a pair and in that proportion for an inferior quality.

Shoes, men's shoes made of neat's leather of the best common sort, 8 s a pair, and for others the like price according to their size and quality.

Salted pork by the barrel 220 lb in a barrel 24 s 12 s.

Beef, beef by the barrel 700 lb in a barrel 23 lb 14 s 6 d.

Cotton, cotton 3 s a lb the bag and 3 and 8 d and 3 s 8 d by the single lb, at the port where it is first landed, from the West Indies, and the like allowance for transportation as for other articles.

Cats, cats 2 s a bushel.

Glass, good well dressed merchantable glass, 13 s a lb.

Coffee, good coffee 1 s 4 d a lb by the single lb  
Good Tread Tallow 7 d 1/2 a lb and rough tallow 5 d lb.

Low cloth, good yard wide low cloth 2 s 3 d a yard, and other low cloth in proportion, according to its width, and quality, and the price of course linen to be computed after the same rate.

Flannel, good yard wide striped flannel 3 s 6 d a yard, and other flannels in proportion according to their widths and qualities; and other woolen cloth manufactured in America according to their widths and qualities.

Wood, green oak wood brought from the country and delivered at the door of the buyer in Boston 28 s. Good walnut wood so delivered 30 s a cord. Good walnut wood brought from the south shore and delivered at a wharf in Boston 28 s.

Good oak wood brought from the south shore and so delivered, 24 s.

Chestnut wood in consideration of the diego in bringing the same, 22 s delivered at the wharfe in Boston.

Charcoal, good charcoal, 1 s a basket.

Tanned, Tanned hides at 1 s 3 d a lb and cured leather in usual proportion.

Hornespun yard wide cotton and linen cloth of the common sort 3 s 6 d and other widths and qualities of cotton and linen in like proportion.

Mutton, Tanned and Neal, at 4 d a lb.

Flower imported from the southern states, at 30 s cwt. Flower manufactured in this state 25 s.

Horse keeping in Boston for a night or twenty four hours with english hay, 2 s and in other places in proportion.

For keeping one yoke of oxen the same as a horse.

Seaming work 10 6 d for every ten weight for a mile, excepting from North Hampton to the Northern Armory, for same 12 s a mile for every ten weight.

Turkeys, turkeys, fowls & ducks to be sold only by the pound, at 5 d a lb.

Ghee at 4 d a lb. Milk at 2 d 1/2 a quart.

Good refined iron at 50 s cwt. Blooming iron at 30 s cwt at the place of manufactory, and the same allowance to be made for transportation of iron by land as is allowed for other articles.

Liver oyle by the barrel 14 s a gallon.

Blubber refined, 30 s a barrel.

English hay of the best quality at 5 s cwt and so in proportion for a meaner quality or sort of hay.

Good merchantable white pine boards not

to exceed 48s a thousand in Boston and other  
 lumber in proportion and the price in other  
 parts of the state to be in proportion thereto  
 according to ancient custom and usage  
 and it be enacted by the authority aforesaid  
 that the prices of all the articles produced in  
 America here in before enumerated excepting  
 those to which the prices of transportation  
 are affixed shall be taken and deemed to be  
 the prices of such goods and articles in the  
 Town of Boston and that the selectmen and  
 committees of the several Towns in this state,  
 shall be and hereby are empowered to affix and  
 settle in their respective Towns what such arti-  
 cles and goods shall be sold for in their Towns  
 respectively according to the proportion the price  
 such goods have borne in such Towns, with  
 the price they have been at in the Town of  
 Boston according to the ancient usage and cus-  
 tom of such Towns, and the Selectmen and Com-  
 mittees are in like manner empowered and di-  
 rected to set and establish the prices of goods  
 herein not enumerated according to the propor-  
 tion the price of them have usually borne in  
 their respective Towns, to those herein enumerated  
 and the said said Selectmen and committees are  
 also required to make out a fair list of all the  
 articles to which they shall affix prices and  
 to post the same with their affixing the prices  
 by them so affixed up in some public place  
 or places in the Town where they live and also  
 to return a list of such prices, to the clerk of  
 such Town there to remain on record and such  
 prices by them affixed pursuant to the date  
 herein enjoined and power hereby given them  
 shall be taken and deemed to be the prices set  
 and affixed by this act in such Towns.  
 And be it also enacted that in plantations where  
 there are no selectmen the committee shall have

such power, and required to perform the same  
 duties as Selectmen and Committees within  
 their Towns respectively.

And be it further enacted by the Authority  
 aforesaid, that the price of all European and  
 East India goods and merchandise of all  
 kinds which have been, or shall be imported  
 into this State, or any of all such goods which  
 have been, or shall be brought into this State  
 in any price vessel shall not exceed the follow-  
 ing rates, viz Woolen Goods coarse Linens  
 Duck Cordage Tichenburge Ozemburge,  
 shall not be sold by wholesale at a higher  
 rate than in the proportion £ 2 75 sterling for  
 what usually cost £ 100 in that part of Europe  
 from whence they were imported; and any other  
 goods, wares or merchandise excepting hemp,  
 war like and military stores imported from  
 thence or brought or which shall be brought  
 into any Port, in this State in any price  
 vessel, shall not be sold at a higher rate  
 from the primary cost, as aforesaid, than in  
 proportion of £ 2 50 sterling for what cost £ 100  
 sterling in Europe; and the seller by whole-  
 sale shall make out a bill of parcels, at  
 the sterling of the articles sold with his ad-  
 vance thereupon and deliver the same to the  
 buyer under penalty of the sum at which such  
 articles are so sold, by him; and the retailers  
 of such goods, wares and merchandise shall  
 not sell them at a higher advance than 20  
 per cent. upon the wholesale price and if re-  
 quired by the buyer give a bill of parcels with  
 the sterling cost, and the advance.  
 And be it further enacted by the Authority  
 aforesaid, that if any person having any article  
 or articles necessary for the use of the American  
 Army or Navy shall withhold or refuse to sell  
 the same for a reasonable reward in such case



upon complaint thereof made upon oath to the Council or Board of War, of this State, or they knowing or suspecting the same or either of them are hereby authorized and empowered to issue their warrant to any Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff or Constable to impress the same, and for that purpose in the daytime between sunrise and sunset, to break and enter any warehouse store or other places where such goods are deposited or suspected to be deposited and to take and apply the same to the use aforesaid, the owner, the owner thereof being paid, the price at which such goods are fixed in this Act, and in case the price of the goods so taken is not herein settled and fixed the owner the owner shall be paid for the same at a reasonable appraisement to be made of such goods by three indifferent judicious men under oath for that purpose appointed one of them by those who issued the said warrant and one by the owner of the said goods and one by the officer directed to execute said warrant, but if the owner shall decline to make such appraisement two of the said appraisers shall be appointed one the persons who shall execute such warrant and the sum at which the said goods shall be appraised shall be immediately paid as aforesaid. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any vendue master, or any one for or under him shall at any vendue or public sale sell any article for a greater or higher price than by this Act is limited he shall forfeit a sum equal to that for which such article shall be sold and is hereby disqualified from acting at any time as an auctioneer or vendue master, and in case he, or anyone in his behalf, should presume to act in that capacity he shall forfeit the sum of £50 for every offence. And be it further enacted by the authority

aforesaid that every person who shall sell any of the articles above mentioned at a greater price than is herein settled and fixed for the same or others not enumerated, in a manifest disproportion thereto, upon conviction shall be fined, for every article so sold of the price of twenty shillings or under the sum of twenty shillings for every article of a price above twenty shillings equal to that for which such article shall be sold.

And every person who shall take or receive for his service and labour a greater sum of money than is settled and fixed for the same in and by this Act shall forfeit and pay a like sum of money to that which he shall take and receive for such service and labour.

And be it further enacted, that whosoever shall sell any goods wares or merchandize, or shall do any service of labour at a greater price than is settled and fixed thereto: in and by this Act upon credit, shall not have, or maintain any action for the recovery thereof but shall be barred therefrom, and the person against whom any action shall be brought for the recovery of such money may plead the general issue thereto and give the special matter in evidence to the jury.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that all the fines and forfeitures mentioned in this Act shall and may be recovered in any Court proper to try the same, within the County, in which the offence shall have been committed by Action, Presentments, Indictments one half thereof to the use of this State and the residue to the prosecutor together with the costs of prosecution and all grand juries are hereby strictly enjoined to take cognizance of and to make due presentment, of all offences, against this Act which shall come

to their knowledge, or whereof they shall receive due information.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid if any person shall engross, or have in his possession by purchase or otherwise more of any article in this Act enumerated, or any other necessary of life than is necessary for the consumption of his own family and immediate dependants and which he holds with an apparent design in the judgment of the major part of the Selectmen of the Town where he lives, or where such article, shall be to sell, trade upon, and not for his own consumption, as aforesaid, and shall refuse to sell and dispose of the same for the common currency of this State or the United States of America and at the prices appointed, and settled by this Act or by the Selectmen and Committees in pursuance of it, and complaint being thereof made to the major part of said Selectmen, by or in the behalf of any person who is in want of such article, or articles for his own immediate support, the support of his family or immediate dependants; and the said Selectmen or the major part of them believing the same to be true, shall demand of such person so refusing to sell such article or articles for such price as is appointed by this Act or by the Selectmen and Committees in pursuance of it; and if such persons shall refuse to comply therewith, or cannot be found to have such demand of him the major part of said Selectmen shall apply to some Justice of the Peace, within the same County, for a Warrant to open any shop, warehouse or granary in which such article or articles may be or otherwise to take possession of the same; and the Justice shall without delay make out his warrant directed

to some Justice, Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff or Constable in form following:

Suffolk ss. To \_\_\_\_\_ Greeting  
(And) Whereas, complaint this day made to me by A. B. C. and C. a major part of the Selectmen of T. in the said County of S. that J. K. of said S. (petitioner) hath now in his possession, with design to sell and trade upon the same and which is not by him designed for the consumption of his family or immediate dependants; and that the sd. J. K. does though requested thereto by the Selectmen, refuse to sell thereof to A. C. of R. within this State, who is in great necessity thereof for the support of his family and immediate dependants; for the price set; and affirmed by a law of this State entitled An Act to prevent Monopoly and Oppression you are therefore hereby required in the name of the Government and People of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, taking with you, taking with you the major part of the Selectmen of said T. in the daytime between the rising and setting of the sun to open the store of the said J. K. or in the case may be to take possession of the said and the same to deliver to the said Selectmen to the intent that the Selectmen may sell and deliver to the said A. C. the aforesaid or as much of the article as the said A. C. has absolute necessity for;

and you are to make true return of this Warrant to me as soon as may be with your doings therein.

Given under my hand & Seal \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
in the year of Our Lord 1777.  
and the said Selectmen or the major part of these having possession of such article or articles in manner aforesaid shall sell and deliver to such necessary persons named in such Warrant



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to their knowledge, or whereof they shall receive information.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, if any person shall acquire, or have in his possession by purchase or otherwise more of any article in this act, enumerated, or any other necessary of life, than is necessary for the consumption of his own family and immediate dependants and which he holds with an apparent design in the judgment of the major part of the Selectmen of the town where he lives, or where such article, shall be to sell, trade upon, and not for his own consumption, as aforesaid, and shall refuse to sell and dispose of the same for the common currency of this State or the United States of America and at the prices appointed, and settled by this act or by the Selectmen and Committee in consequence of the report contained therein made to the major part of said Selectmen, or of the refusal of any person who is in want of such article, or articles for his own immediate support, the support of his family or immediate dependants; and the said Selectmen or the major part of them believing the same to be true, shall demand of each person so refusing, to sell such article or articles for such price as is appointed by this act or by the Selectmen and Committee in pursuance of it; and if such persons shall refuse to comply therewith, or cannot be found to have such demand of him, the major part of said Selectmen shall apply to some justice of the Peace within the same County, in a Warrant to them signed, directed, and returned, to cause such article or articles so refused to be taken possession of the same, and the justice shall without delay make out his warrant directed

to some Justice, Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff or Constable in form following:

Shelbourn So Greeting  
(Seal) Whereas complaint was made to me by A. S. C. P. and E. a major part of the Selectmen of T. in the said County of S. that J. K. of said S. (inclusion) hath now in his possession, with desire to sell and trade upon the same and which is not by him designed for the consumption of his family or immediate dependants; and that the sd. J. K. does though requested thereto by the Selectmen, refuse to sell thereof to A. C. of S. within this State; who is in great necessity thereof for the support of his family and immediate dependants; for the said act, and applied by a law of this State entitled An Act to prevent Hoop-pole and Oppression you are therefore hereby required in the name of the Government and People of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, taking with you taking with you the major part of the Selectmen of said T. in the County of S. to search the rising and setting of the sun to show the state of the said J. K. or in the case may be to take possession of the said and the same to deliver to the said Selectmen to the intent that the Selectmen may sell and deliver to the said A. C. the aforesaid or so much of the article or the said A. C. have absolute necessity for.

and you are to make true return of this Warrant to me as soon as may be with your doings thereon.

Given under my hand & Seal . . . day of . . . in the year of Our Lord 1777.

and the said Selectmen or the major part of them having possession of such article or articles in manner aforesaid shall sell and deliver to such successful persons, named in such Warrant



so much of the article therein mentioned, as he stands in need of, for the support of his family and immediate dependants, at the times aforesaid as aforesaid, and after deducting out of the money received therefor the fees for their said services at the rate of four shillings a day, the officers fees, and two shillings for the justices warrant, shall pay the surplus if any there be, to the person who owned or possessed such goods. Provided nevertheless that the said selectmen shall not be obliged or impowered in performance of this act to supply any person as aforesaid who has by him the knowledge any of the articles in this act enumerated, or any other necessary of life more than he stands in need of for his own consumption, and refuses to expose them to sale for the prices set and affixed in this act, or that neglects or refuses to bring them to market according to his usual custom.

and be it further enacted that when any action shall be brought against any officer who has a duty assigned him by this act he may plead the general issue, and give the special matter in evidence for his justification.

Feb. 22: 1777

Whereas by an Act of the State of the Massachusetts Bay in New England made in the Year of our Lord A. D. 1777, for preventing

Monopoly and Oppression

and by the power and authority therein do given to the Selectmen and Committee of Supts of the Town of Dartmouth pursuant to said act have affixed the several prices on the following articles (viz)

Good merchantable imported wheat at 7/6 per bushel. Good merchantable Rye at 4/6 per bushel. Good Indian Corn at 4/1 per bushel. Good fresh pork well fattened at 4/2 a lb. and

other pork in proportion to its goodness:

Good well fattened grass fed Beef, 3<sup>d</sup> for lb.  
Good well fattened stall fed Beef at 4<sup>d</sup> for lb.  
and Beef of an inferior quality in proportion.  
Good Barrel<sup>d</sup> Pork 220 wt to a bb at 4<sup>s</sup> 12<sup>d</sup>.  
for barrel.

Good barrel<sup>d</sup> Beef 240 wt to a bb at 4<sup>s</sup> 14<sup>d</sup> 6<sup>d</sup> for barrel.

Fattened pork the best pieces, in the summer & fall at 7<sup>d</sup> for pound. & good sweet hogs fatt 7<sup>d</sup> for lb. and other fatt in at 6<sup>d</sup> for lb.

Good tanned leather 1/3 per lb. dressed leather in proportion.

Good back bark for the Tanner in civil proportion to the price of leather.

For curing a common side of leather in the best manner 3%.

Tanning and curing a calf skin 3%.

No Tanner shall have more than 1/5<sup>d</sup> per lb for tanning or one third of the leather as he and his customer shall agree.

The best shoes made of good neat leather at 8/ per pair and for others the like price according to their size and quality.

Women's leather shoes at 6/ per pair and smaller shoes in proportion to men's and women's shoes.

Making men's common shoes 5/8 per pair at the shops. Making men's shoes in proportion. Good shoe boots proportion to shoes.

Making men's and women's shoes at the house of the employer 1/8 per pair and other shoes in proportion.

Good merchantable imported salt at 10/ per bushel.

Good merchantable salt manufactured from sea water at 12<sup>d</sup> per bushel.

Good full profit West India Rum at 6/8 per gallon in the hogheads including the hoghead and 6/10<sup>d</sup> by the barrel, exclusive of

so much of the article therein mentioned, as he stands in need of, for the support of his family and immediate dependants, at the prices aforesaid, and after deducting out of the money received therefor the sum for their own services at the rate of four shillings a day, the officers fees, and two shillings for the justices warrant, shall pay the surplus, if any there be, to the person who owned or possessed such goods. Provided nevertheless that the said selectmen shall not be obliged or impowered in pursuance of this act to supply any person as aforesaid who has by him so there knowledge any of the articles in this act enumerated, or any other necessary of life more than he stands in need of for his own consumption, and refuses to expose them to sale for the prices set and affixed in this act or that neglect or refuse to bring them to market according to his usual custom.

and be it further enacted, that when any action shall be brought against any officer who has a duty assigned him by this act he may plead the general issue, and give the special matter in evidence for his justification.

Feb. 23: 1777

Whereas by an act of the State of the Massachusetts Bay in New England made in the year of our Lord A.D. 1774 for preventing monopoly and oppression

and by the power and authority therein do given to the selectmen and committee of safety of the Town of Dartmouth pursuant to said act have affixed the several prices on the following articles (viz)

Good merchantable imported wheat at  $7/6$  per bushel  
 Good merchantable Rye at  $4/6$  per bushel  
 Good Indian corn at  $4/1$  per bushel  
 Good fresh pork well fattid, at  $11/2$  a lb. and

other pork in proportion to its goodness:  
 Good well fattid grass fed Beef  $1/3$  for lb.  
 Good well fattid stall fed Beef at  $1/4$  for lb. and Beef of an inferior quality in proportion  
 Good barrel<sup>d</sup> Pork 220 wt to a bb. at  $4/8$  12 s  
 for barrel  
 Good barrel<sup>d</sup> Beef 240 wt to a bb. at  $5/2$  14 s  
 6 d for barrel.  
 Fattid pork the best pieces, in the summer & fall at  $7/7$  per pound & good sweet Hogs fatts  $7/1$  per lb. and other fatts in at  $1/6$  for lb.  
 Good tanned leather  $1/5$  per lb. leasred leather in proportion.  
 Good bark bark for the Tanner in usual proportion to the price of leather.  
 For curing a common side of leather in the best manner  $3/1$ .  
 Tanning and curing a calf skin  $3/1$ .  
 A Tanner shall have more than  $1/5$  per piece for tanning or one third of the leather as he and his customer shall agree.  
 The best shoe made of good neat leather at  $8/1$  per pair and for others the like prices according to their size and quality.  
 Womens leather shoes at  $6/1$  per pair and smaller shoes in proportion to mens and womens shoes.  
 Making mens & womens shoes  $2/8$  per pair at the shops. Making mens shoes in proportion.  
 Good shoe boots proportion to shoes.  
 Making mens and womens shoes at the house of the employer  $1/8$  per pair and other shoes in proportion.  
 Good merchantable imported salt at  $10/1$  per bushel.  
 Good merchantable salt manufactured from sea water at  $12/1$  per bushel.  
 Good full proof West India Rum at  $6/8$  per gallon as the hoghead including the hoghead and  $6/10$  per the barrel, exclusive of