

money that shall be judg'd sufficient, to Defray the Just Demands against said Town and make Return of this Warrant unto the Town Clerk at or before the Time of said meeting.

Given under our hands & seals at Dartmouth this Seventh Day of December A.D. 1781.

Benj^{rs} Russell } Selectmen
William Davis } of
Parson Cook } Dartmouth

Priscol. ss: Dartmouth 10th December 1781.

I have Notified the Inhabitants of the Time & place of the meeting as within ordered John behaffe Const.

Dec. 17: 1781

At a Town Meeting Legall held at the Town House, in Dartmouth on Monday the Seventeenth Day of December 1781. -
Benj^{rs} Thim. Esq^r Chosen Moderator.
Noted.

to Raise by way of Tax on the Inhabitants of the Town of Dartmouth for the Defraying the Necessary charges arising in said Town this present year the sum of six hundred pound.

Feb. 21: 1782

Priscol. ss: To all of the Constables of the Town of Dartmouth in sd County: Greeting. In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachussetts.

Seal } You are hereby forthwith Required to Notife and Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town that are Qualified by Law to Vote in Town Meetings to Meet together at the Town House in said Town on Tuesday the Nineteenth Day of March Next att Ten o'clock in the forenoon on said Day, then and there to act on the Particulars hereafter

Mentioned.

- 1ly To choose Town officers for the year ensuing, as the Law Directs
- 2ly To choose a Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer for the year One thousand Seven Hundred and eighty one and all Persons having Demands against the sd Town and to Meet Quarterly for the year ensuing.
- 3ly for the Town to Vote what Number of Schoolmasters shall be Procured by the Selectmen, for the year ensuing at the Charge of said Town.
- 4ly to choose a County Treasurer.
- 5ly to Receive Returns of highways Laid out or altered by the Selectmen in order they may be of Record.
- 6ly to Vote a sum of Money by way of Tax as shall be thought Necessary to Defray the charges arising in said Town, for the year ensuing
- 7ly to choose a Committee to Petition the General Court, for Redress of Grievances in said Town in being Taxed more than said Towns Proportion.

And make Return of this Warrant, with your Doings thereon unto the Town Clerk at or Before the Time of said Meeting.

Given under our hands and seal at Dartmouth this twenty first Day of February Anno Dom. 1782.

Benj^{rs} Russell } Selectmen
William Davis } of
Parson Cook } Dartmouth

Priscol. ss: Dartmouth March 19th 1782.

Persuant to the within warrant I have Notified and Warned the Qualified Voters of said Town to Meet at Time and place Within Mentioned, by Posting up Notifications in the three Villages

agreeable to Law for me
 Christopher Almy. Constable.

Feb. 19: 1782. At a Town Meeting legally Warn'd and held at the Town house in Dartmouth on Tuesday the Nineteenth Day of March one Thousand Seven Hundred and eighty Two. Edward Pope Esq. was chose Moderator for said Meeting: Benj. Akin Esq. was chosen Town Clerk. Edward Pope Esq. Jabez Barker & Stephen Peckcom was chosen Selectmen: Benj. Russell Esq. Leazer Bathaway & John Anthony was chosen Assessors: Benj. Russell Esq. Refused to serve Assessor and the Town chose John Smith in his room. John Smith was chose Town Treasurer. and agreed with to Receive in and pay out the Town Money for three Pence on the Pound. John West Job Anthony and Melatiah Bathaway was chose a Committee To settle accounts with the Town Treasurer for year 1781. and all other accounts against sd Town. The Vote was Reconsidered: Respecting the choice of Job Anthony, and chose Christopher Bifford a Committee man in his Room. The Town made choice of the Honorable Walter Spooner Esq. Edward Pope Esq. and Benj. Russell Esq. to prefer a Petition to the General Court setting forth the Grievance of said Town in being Taxed more than their proportion. Said Committee are Requested by said Town, to Lay before sd Town the Draft of said Petition at the Adjournment of this Meeting. This Meeting is Adjourn'd to the first Monday of April next at Ten o'clock in the fore noon.

The Town Met, according to Adjournment Apr. 1: 1782 the first Monday of April, 1782. the Committee appointed to Draw up a Petition of the Town Grievance Respecting their being Taxed more than their proportion, with other Towns in the Commonwealth, Read the same & Laid it on the Table, and after a Debate thereon it was Read paragraph by paragraph, and then Recommitted to said Committee, for some Amendments, and to Lay the same before said Town again at their Adjournment, of this Meeting, for the Towns concurrence. David Wilcox chosen Assessor, in the Room of John Anthony. Elisha Bifford chosen Assessor in the Room of John Smith who Refused to serve. Caleb Russell Ephraim Kempton Samuel West Jonathan Northaway, Noah Allen Jr. Bartholomew Akin Nathaniel June Isaac Spooner, John Lehadwick Robert Bennett, Blacksmith Jeth Swift Abel Key Seth Bathaway, son of Seth Bathaway, and William Andrews, Surveyors of Highways for Coahmet Village. Obelisk Shearman, John Tucker, Benj. Badcock Thomas Mott John chose Humphrey Sherman, Samuel Smith, Logyas Taber, David Briggs Benj. Winslow, Allen Russell, Edward Thurber. Thomas Reid, Richard Collier and Limeson chose Surveyors of highway for Foragancett Village. George Tibbets, George Lawton, Thomas Cornell, Job Anthony, Benj. Wilcox, Stokes Potter, John Carl (son of Wm Carl) Lovet Jireh Job Davis, Benj. Brownell, & Benj. Brownell Taylor, chosen Surveyors of highway for Coaxsett Village. Benj. Brownell Taylor chosen Pound keeper, John Tripp and Limeson Manchester chose Fence Viewers. Seth Cornell & Charles Cornell chose Dog Reaver.

agreeable to Law for me
Lehrisophus Almy. Constable.

Feb. 19. 1782.

At a Town Meeting Legally Warn'd and held
at the Town house in Dartmouth on Tuesday
the Nineteenth Day of March one Thousand
Seven Hundred and eighty Two.

Colonel. Pope Esq^r. was chosen Moderator for
said Meeting:

Benj^r. Akin Esq^r was chosen Town Clerk.

Edward Pope Esq^r. Jabez Rankin & Stephen
Peckham was chosen Selectmen:

Benj^r. Russell Esq^r Deagen Hathaway &
John Anthony was chosen Assessors:

Benj^r. Russell Esq^r Refused to serve Assessor
and the Town chose John Smith in his room.

John Smith was chosen Town Treasurer.

and agreed with, to Receive in and pay out
the Town Money for three Pence on the Pound.
John West Job Anthony and Melatiah Hath-
away was chosen a Committee to settle accounts
with the Town Treasurer for year 1781. and
all other accounts against sd. Town.

The Vote was Reconsidered: Respecting the
choice of Job Anthony, and choose Lehrisophus
Sifford a Committee man in his Room.

The Town made choice of the Honorable Wallis
Spooners Esq^r. Edward Pope Esq^r. and Benj^r.
Russell Esq^r to prefer a Petition to the General
Court setting forth the Grievances of said Town
in being Taxed more than their proportion.
Said Committee are Requested by said Town, to
Lay before sd. Town the Draft of said Petition
at the Adjournment of this Meeting.

This Meeting is Adjourn'd to the first Monday
of April next at Ten o'clock in the forenoon

The Town Meet. according to Adjournment Apr. 1. 1782.
the first Monday of April, 1782.

the Committee appointed to Draw up a Petition of
the Town Grievances Respecting their being Taxed
more than their proportion, with other Towns in
the Commonwealth, Read the same & Laid it on
the Table, and after a Debate thereon it was
Read paragraff by paragraff, and then
Recommitted to said Committee, for some
amendments, and to Lay the same before
said Town again at their Adjournment. of this
Meeting, for the Towns concurrence.

David Wilcox chosen Assessor, in the Room of
John Anthony.

Edith Sifford chosen Assessor in the Room of
John Smith who Refused to serve.

Caleb Russell Ephraim Kempton Samuel West
Jonathan Hathaway, Noah Allen Jr. Bartholomew
Akin Nathaniel June Isaac Spooner, John
Chadwick Robert Bennett, Blacksmith Jereh
Swift Abel May Seth Hathaway, son of
Seth Hathaway, and William Andrews,

Surveyors of highways for Coaknet Village
Philip Therman, John Tucker, Benj^r. Badcock
Thomas Mott John chose Humphrey Therman
Samuel Smith, Caspar Taber, David Briggs
Benj^r. Winslow, Allen Russell, Edward Thurber.
Thomas Reed, Richard Collier and Simeon
chose choose Surveyors of highway for
Pouganett Village:

George Tibbitts, George Lawton, Thomas Cornell,
Job Anthony, Benj^r. Wilcox, Stokes Potter, John
Carl (son of W^m. Carl) Lovet Jereh Job Davis,
Benj^r. Brownell, & Benj^r. Brownell Taylor. chosen
Surveyors of highway for Coaxett Village.
Benj^r. Brownell Taylor chosen Pound Keeper.
John Tripp and Samuel Manchester chose
Five Viewers.

Seth Cornell & Charles Cornell chose Hog Rovers.

Job Anthony & Stephen Davis choose Surveyors
of all sorts of Lumber.

Stoker Patten, choose Sealer of Leather.

Paul Shearman and Isaac Lawrence choose

Tything men.

Jonathan Shearman age 27 choose Hog reave.

Thomas Russell and Peleg Shearman choose
field Driven or Haywards.

George Handy choose Leather sealer.

John Masfield & John Wood choose Surveyors of
Lumber.

Isabel. William Wood choose Sealer of W^{ts} &
Mercuries.

Simon Nash and Elijah Crisshman choose
Tything men.

Simon Spooner & David Deval choose Hog Reave.

John Hathaway & John Midden choose field
Graves,

Timothy Davis & James Quinn choose Sealers
of Leather.

James Crisshman choose Pound keeper.

Benjaⁿ Dillingham & Simon Nash choose Survey-
ors of Lumber.

William Tallman & Seth Pope fence Viewers.

This meeting is further Adjourned to Wednesday
the eight day of May next at Ten of o'clock
in the fore noon.

May 8: 1782

At a Town Meeting held by a^d Adjournment
at the Town house in Dartmouth May eight
Day 1782

All the officers chosen at the first Adjournment
of the Annual Town Meeting for this year, and
not Warn^d by the Constables are now chosen
again.

John Clarke and Elijah Allen chosen Constables,
and agreed with to collect all the Rates in the
Town this year for four p^{ts} cent and to

Procure sufficient Bondsmen to the Satisfaction
of the Selectmen of said Town, for their faith-
full performance of their Duty in said offices.
Voted.

that there be Raised by way of Tax on the
Inhabitants of the Town this year the sum of
Five Hundred pound for the Defraying the
necessary charges, of said Town this year.
Nathaniel Spooner and Gedeon Cornell was
choose Surveyors of highways, and then the
Annual Meeting was Dissolv^d and the Vote
was Reconsidered, for Dissolving the said
Annual Meeting, and further Adjourn^d to the
Twenty fifth of this Instant May at Two of
the clock in the afternoon.

- Seal Oriol 28: To Gamaliel Bryant Constable March 3: 1783
of the Town of Dartmouth, you are hereby Required
in the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts
to Notify and warn all the Free holders and other
Inhabitants of the Town of Dartmouth Quali-
fied by Law to Vote in Town Meetings to meet
together at the Town house in said Town on
Tuesday the Twenty fifth day of this Instant
March at Ten of the clock in the forenoon, on
said Day then and there to act on the Partic-
ulars hereinafter mentioned; -
- 1^{ly} To choose Town officers for the year ensuing
as the Law directs.
 - 2^{ly} To choose a Committee to Receive and allow
or disallow all accounts Brought against
said Town and to meet Quarterly, and
also to settle accounts with our Town
Treasurer for the year One thousand
Seven Hundred & Eighty Two.
 - 3^{ly} for the Town to agree & Vote how many
School masters there shall be Procured by
the Selectmen at the charge of the Town.

this present year.

11ly for the Town at said Meeting to take into consideration a Request signed by a number of Freeholders to mend and Repair the Highways in said Town agreeable to a plan to be laid before said Town at said Meeting, or in any other way as they shall agree to.

12ly for the Town to agree and vote what sum of money shall be raised by way of Rates or tax on the Inhabitants of said Town for the present year for the paying of School-masters and necessary charges arising within said Town.

13ly for the Town to allow or Disallow all Returns of Highways Laid out by the Select men or their orders or ways altered.

14ly For the Town at said meeting to choose Two discreet persons in Bedford, and empower them in Behalf of said Town to take care of all persons coming into said Town with the Small Pox or other contagious Diseases, and Provide for them for the safety of said Town.

15ly Where as the monthly meeting of Friends by their Committee have Decreed that there may be no more Publications set up at their meeting house &c.

and Make Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Town Clerk at or before the Time of said meeting.

Given under our hands and Seal this third day of March A. D. 1783.

Jabez Barker } Selectmen of
Stephen Peckcom } Dartmouth

Bristol ss: Dartmouth March 4th 7th day 1783. agreeable to the within written warrant I have Notified a Town Meeting, by posting up Notifications in the Three Villages for the

omitted.

people to meet at the time & place within mentioned

for me Samual Bryant Constable.

At a Town meeting Legally Warn'd and held at the Town house in Dartmouth on Tuesday the 25th day of March A. D. 1783 -

Jabez Barker chosen Moderator for said Meeting
Benj^r Akin Esq^r chosen Town Clerk, -
Ebeneger Willis Stephen Peckcom and Jabez Barker chosen Selectmen, -

John Smith chosen Town Treasurer and agreed with, to Receive in the Towns money and pay it ought again for three pence on the pound.

John Smith Elisha Leitchman & David Wilcox chosen Assessors.

signed and the Moderator, Recind, and Left the meeting and the Town proceeded, and choose Benj^r Russell Esq^r Moderator, in Jabez Barkers stead and opened the meeting at the Beginning Read the Warrant, &c and chose William Davin Selectman for Acarsset Village. Ebeneger Willis was chosen Selectman for a buichment Village.

Benj^r Russell Esq^r chosen Selectman for Ponaganset Village.

John Smith chosen Assesor for ponaganset Village.

Elisha Leitchman chosen Assesor for buichment Village, and

Benj^r Akin chosen Town Clerk.

David Wilcox chosen Assesor for boarsset Village.

John Smith chosen Town Treasurer and agreed with as above.

This meeting is Adjourned to the first Monday in April at one of the clock in the afternoon.

May 12: 1783.

At the Annual Town Meeting held by
Adjournment at the Town house in Dartmouth
the 12th day May 1783
the Town met according to Adjournment and
chose Pardon Brownell, Joshua Cornell,
Williams Almy, Wilson Kirby, Jonathan Davis
Thomas Tripp Mason, George Lawton, Job
Anthony, Abraham Cornell, Cornelius Brownell,
Philip Sanford, George Tibbitts & Shivers, Wood
chosen Surveyors of highways for Acosset Village
Philip Shearman, Thomas Russell, Joseph Wilbourn
Pelig Gifford Jee Benjamin Outcock, Abraham
Allen, David Gifford, Benjamin Winelow,
John Mosher Allen Russell Adam Mutt,
Abner Devol, John Devol, Edward Stadi,
Lincoln chose, James Tucker, and Thomas
Wicks chosen Surveyors of highways for
Aponagasset Village.
Walter Spooner Esq, Mica Spooner, William Tobey
(son of Jonathan Tobey), Ephraim Kimpton, Edmund
Pope, David Mitchell, Benjamin Wacoom,
Darius Akin, John Alden, Obed Nye, Griffen
Barney, and John Chaffee, chosen Surveyors of
highways for Acosset Village.
Samuel Manchester and Benjamin Brownell,
Taylor, was chosen fence Viewers.
Lout Tripp & Stephen Cornell: chosen, field
Drivers.
Jehabod Paltin chosen Hog reave.
Job Anthony and Jonathan Taber jee chosen
Surveyors of all sorts of Lumber.
Nathaniel Kirby chosen Pound keeper.
Hylland Mayhew chosen Warden.
Capt William Wood chosen Sealer of wts and
Measures.
Giles Russell chosen Pound keeper.
Pelig Cornell & Josiah Shearman chosen
fence Viewers.
Abigail Sanford & George Sanford chosen, field
Drivers.

William Hart chosen Leather Sealer.
Job Almy & Josiah Russell chosen Sighting
men.
Nicholas Lapham chosen Warden.
John Pottier jr 2^d and Pelig Shearman chosen
Hog reaves,
John Wood & Timothy Howland chosen
Surveyors of all sorts of Lumber.
Lincoln Nash and Joseph Kimpton chosen
Surveyors of all sorts of Lumber.
James Crissham chosen Pound Keeper.
John Hathaway and Wilson Tallman chosen
field Drivers.
Bartholomew Meet & William Allen chosen
field Drivers.
John Blackwell & Josiah Drew chosen Hogreaves.
Lincoln Nash & Silas Swift chosen Sighting men.
Joseph Dammors & Isaac Shearman chosen
Wardens.
Voted.

that there be Three hundred Pound
Raised in said Town for the sole purpose
of supporting the poor of said Town, also
Voted.

Three hundred, for the Defraying the
necessary charges arising in said Town for
the current year.

This meeting is Adjourn'd to the first Monday
in June next at one of the clock in the after-
noon.

At the Annual Town Meeting held by June: 1783
Adjournment, the first Monday in June 1783.
the Town met according to adjournment, and
chose Russell Elniger Hathaway Jere Swift
Nathaniel Jennie, & John Nye Surveyors of highways
This meeting is further adjourn'd to the second Mon-
day in July next at one of the clock in the afternoon

July 1783

At the Annual Town meeting held by Adjournment at the Town house in Dartmouth on the second Monday of July 1783. the Town met. and Received, the monthly meetings Reasons for having no more Publications set up at their meeting houses. and

Noted that they be Entered in the Town Book of Records, & also

Noted that there be for the future a post or tree prepared, and erected in the Road, near or against said meeting houses. for the purpose of setting up all kind of Publications, as may be thought best.

Benj^r. Tucker chosen Surveyor of highways in the Room of Poley Difford. Just who is excused by a vote of the Town.

Isaac Spooner, Nathan Nye, and Joseph Demons chosen Surveyors of highways for Acciunct Village.

Major Ebenezer Willis & William Tallman chosen overseers of the poor. for the ensuing year. and then this meeting Adjourn'd to the first Monday in August next.

Benjamin Russell Esq. Moderator.

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x Benj^r
R. N. N. N.
S. Spooner

June 2: 1783

Whereas the Monthly Meeting in Aponaganett Village in Dartmouth some Time past signified by a Committee chosen by said meeting to one of the Selectmen and Town clerk of said Dartmouth their Desire that no more Publications be posted up at their meeting Houses: the present Selectmen and Town clerk are at a loss to know, the Reasons for such a Request, when they apprehend the meeting houses are the only proper places to give a General Notice of all things by Law Required Publickly to be

made known in order, that every Individual may be Informed of his Right as well as Duty to act in all affairs of a Publick Nature in the Town. Whereof the Laws give every Individual under certain Circumstances equal right to act for the good of the whole Town. - a Doubt, hath arisen whether the posting up Notifications in any other places in the Town. will be Look'd upon consistent with the Laws and common usage as heretofore in said Town. Therefore we Desire the aforesd. Monthly meeting to Inform the Town at their Adjournment of their Annual Town meeting, which stands Adjourn'd, to the second Monday of July next, at one of the block in the afternoon, their Reasons for having no more Publications, set up at their meeting houses, and move they be considered by the Town Whether as Independent, or Government, or Whether they mean to be subject to our Common Wealth and the Laws thereof, and to take an active part, in the Presidential affairs of the Town or not, as the Town is very Desirous to know, how the People of the aforesd. Meeting be considered by the other Inhabitants. being willing that all should enjoy full Liberty of conscience, agreeable to our Constitution. the above

Noted by the Town at the Adjournment of their Annual Town meeting the second day of June A.D. 1783.

And the Town gave order to the Town clerk to send an Attested Copy of the above Request to the clerk of the aforesd. meeting: to be lay him Laid before their next monthly meeting for their consideration thereon.

William Davis	} Selectmen of Dartmouth
Benj ^r . Russell	
Ebenez ^r . Willis	

June 4: 1783

From a Monthly meeting of the People called Quakers, held in Dartmouth by adjournment the 4th day of Jun^r 1783.

To the Selectmen Town lelak and others concerned in the Annual Town meeting of Dartmouth.

Friends We having received a vote from you expressing a desire that we would at your next meeting, give our reasons of our request to have no more Publications set up at our meeting houses, &c and having taken the same under consideration, do return the following answer thereto viz^t—

Our Quarterly and Yearly meetings, to which we are in subordination, recommend to us to Inform those that sign and set up Publications at our meeting houses of the disagreeableness thereof: which recommendation, meet our solid attention and approbation for the same reasons which induced them thereto, and which no Doubt are justly Grounded, for although there is a variety of Publications commonly set up many of which (we believe) the far greater part that our Religious principals enjoin us (as is well known) to have no concern with: and as our Meeting houses are our own Property if we assent to and countenance those Publications being set up there, we act counter to our professed principals, particularly those Respecting military matters, as well as those of Marriages, which of Marriages, we are not to countenance nor join with, as by express words of Our Discipline may appear; and as the manner of our Whorekips, Demands the most inward and awful attention of mind, to which recollection is a necessary preparative, all kinds of Notifications set up at our doors, are found by experience to disturb our meetings.

Yet it is with sorrow we express it that we should be thought to be a means of Discommoding the business of the Town, and have as long Deferred to request as we could with safety, But we do not apprehend that this our just and reasonable request give any ground for a suspicion, that we mean to be Independent of the Government we live under, our known principals, long ago Published by several well approved authors of our Society manifest our duty ^{being} peaceable subjects, either active or passive under Government from which we hope not to depart in our lives and practices.

Signed in and on behalf of said ^{Mo} meeting
by William Anthony Jun^r lelak.

Honble. Walter Spooner Esq^r Benj^m Russell Esq^r and Stephen Peckcom chosen a Committee to inspect into the lease Rates, and prefer a petition to the General Court for Redress of Grievance in the Late Tax act made at the General Court. July: 1783.

The following paragraph was acted at the Adjournment of the Annual Town meeting.

The first Monday in April, 1783.

The Town met and Reconsidered their Vote Respecting the choice of Selectmen, and agreed to choose two more, so as to have five in the Town and made choice of Stephen Peckcom & Jabez Parker, for Selectmen for sd. year. Peter White Thomas Allen & John West are chosen a Committee and to meet Quarterly, in order to Kille and allow or Disallow, all Accounts brought against said Town.

The Annual Town meeting held by adjournment Aug. 4: 1783 at the Town house in Dartmouth the fourth day of August 1783.

the Town met and further adjourn'd to the 29th day of said August.

Aug. 29. 1783

then met and choose Gamaleal Bryant Constable and the Town Voted him four per cent. for all the moneys he collects and pay into the several Treasurers according to the Directions of his Warrants, and also choose Robert Earl Constable to serve under the Like conditions as the said Bryant is agreed with, and then adjourn'd to the first Saturday of September next at one of the clock in the afternoon.

Sept. 1. 1783

The Town met according to adjournment the first Saturday of September, and further adjourn'd to the last Monday in November next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

Nov. 1783

the Town met accordingly, the last Monday of November, 1783.

and chose Capt Robert Earl, Constable, for the year 1782 to collect all Rates and Taxes made for that year, except the Rate already committed to the Sheriff of the County of Bristol, and the Town agree that the said Robert Earl shall have four per cent. for collecting said Rates, - and adjourn'd said meeting to the 22 day of December next, to ten of the clock in the forenoon, and

Dec. 22. 1783

then met and choose Benjamin Hin Esqr. collector for the year 1783, to collect all Rates and Taxes except the Rate already committed to the Sheriff of the County of Bristol and agreed with to collect said Rates for four per cent. and also choose Barnabas Mosher & William Sifford, son of Adam Sifford Tying men, chose Thomas Wilcox Warden, chose Stephen Davis Isaac Shearman, Silas Swift & Simeon Nash Tying men, and then

adjourn'd the meeting to the 20th day of January 1784.

The Town met on the 20th day of said Jan. 20. 1784 January, 1784, and it was put to Vote Whether the Town would accept of Daniel Howland J^r Constable, and it pass in the negative; then it was put to Vote, Whether the Town would except of Philip Shearman Constable and it pass in the Negative, then the Town made choice of Daniel Howland J^r Constable, and choose him on conditions he would Procure sufficient Bondsmen for his faithfull performance, and upon the above conditions the Town agreed. ✓

Voted

that the said Daniel Howland, J^r should be allowed and paid out of the Town Treasury four per cent. for collecting in all the Taxes for the year 1782 and 1783, except the Tax already committed to the Sheriff of the County of Bristol, he paying all the money into the Treasurers according to the Directions of his Warrants. Robert Earl choose Constable for the year 1783, and to have 4 per cent for collecting said Taxes and pay it into the Treasurers agreeable to his Warrants.

Surveyors of all sorts of Lumber for the year 1783, are Anthony Wilbour, Capt Benjamin Tillingham, Capt Benjⁿ Leech, John Smith, Butler Shearman, Job Anthony & Stephen Davis

seal Bristol ss: To Gamaleal Bryant, one of the Justs. 17. 1783 Constables of the Town of Dartmouth in the said County of Bristol - Greeting: You are hereby Required in the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts, to notify and Warn all the Freeholdere and other Inhabitants

of said Town, that are qualified by Law to Vote in Town Meetings, to meet together at the Town house in said Town on Monday the fourth day of August next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the particulars hereafter mentioned. (viz.)

Whereas there is a Warrant, borne to the Assessors of said Town to make a County Tax, which is so small a sum, that it is thought to be a saving, to the Town, for said Tax to be made and collected with the present Town Rate, and for the Town Treasurer of said Town, to pay the Money to the County Treasurer, at said meeting may vote and order.

2ly. For to choose a Committee to Petition to the General Court, for to give the said Town, power, to choose collectors, for the Years A. D. 1782. for Aponaganet and Acowick Villages or to act and do what they shall be judged, most for the Advantage of the Town Relative to there being more chosen in and said year.

3ly. Whereas there is no person to take the office of Constable or collector for Taxes for the present year, for the Town at said meeting to act and do, what shall be thought best for the Town, in regard to choosing of Constables or collectors.

And make Return of this Warrant, with copies thereof unto the Town Clerk of said Town at or before the Time of said meeting;

Given under our hands & seal at Dartmouth, this nineteenth day of July A. D. 1783.

William Harris } Selectmen
 Ebenezer Willis } of
 Benjamin Russell } Dartmouth

Bristol ss. Dartmouth July 27th 1783.
 I have Waired a Town Meeting by posting up Notifications in the several villages as usual for me Gamaliel Bryant Constable.

At a Town meeting held at the Town house in Aug. 4th 1783
 Dartmouth the 4th day of August: 1783.

Noted that the Assessors add the County Tax sent for - to the Town Tax for the present year, and when collected and paid, into the Town Treasury; also Noted,

that the Town Treasurer, pay the County Treasurers, said sum sent for to be Taxed, on said Town for the year 1783.
 the Town Noted

that there should be a Committee to Petition to the General Court, (if need be) to prefer a Petition to the General Court, for the Town to be enabled to choose Constables or collectors for Aponaganet and Acowick Villages, for the year 1782.

Walter Spooner & Benjamin Russell Esquires, are chosen for the above purpose.

This meeting is adjourned to the 29th day of this Instant August 1783.

The Town met, and adjourned to the first Tuesday of September next at one o'clock in the afternoon. Aug. 1, 1783

The Town met, according to the Adjournment, and adjourned to the last Monday of said September, next and adjourned to the last Monday in November next. Sept: 1783

The Town met according to the Adjournment in November 1783. Nov: 1783

and choose Capt Robert Carl, Constable and collector for this year 1782. to collect all Rates and Taxes made for the year 1782, except the Rate already committed to the Sheriff of the County of Bristol, and the Town agree that the said Robert Carl shall have four per cent for collecting said Rates.

This meeting is Adjourn'd to the 22^d day of December next.

Feb 24. 1784

Seal **Briol ss.** To either of the Constables of the Town of Dartmouth in said County Greeting: in the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby forthwith Required to Notify and Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town (Qualified by Law to Vote in Town meetings to meet together, at the Town house in said Town on Monday the Twenty second day of March next at ten O'clock in the forenoon, on said day then and there to act on the several laws hereafter mentioned. -

1^{ly} To chuse Town Officers for the year ensuing as the Law Directs -

2^{ly} To chuse a Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer for the year One Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty three, and all persons having Demands against said Town, and to meet for that purpose Quarterly in the year ensuing if the Town shall Vote the same or otherwise to Vote what shall be thought proper, Relative to said Committee.

3^{ly} For the Town to Vote what number of Town School maisters shall be Procured by the Selectmen, for the year ensuing, at the charge of said Town.

4^{ly} To chuse a County Treasurer.

5^{ly} To Receive Returns of highways Laid out or altered by the Selectmen in order that they may be Record.

6^{ly} To Vote a sum of money to be Raised by way of Tax as shall be thought Necessary to Defray the charges arising in said Town for the year ensuing.

7^{ly} Whereas David Shepherd hath an account against the Town that was allowed by the Committee, with an order, by the Selectmen which been due

a number of years. then for the Town to Vote that he the said Shepherd should be allowed Interest on the same or not

8^{ly} For the Town, by Vote, to give such orders, Relative to the privileges of the several Town Landings as shall be thought proper

And make Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Town clerk of said Town at or before the time of said Meeting.

Given under our hands and seals in Dartmouth, this Twenty fourth day of February, A.D. 1784.

William Davis	}	Selectmen
Benjamin Willis		of
Benj ^r Russell	}	Dartmouth.

Briol ss: Dartmouth February the 28th 1784
by Vertue of this Warrant. I have Warned the Town by posting up Notificacions in several public places in said Town.

for me Daniel Howland Jun. Constable

At a Town meeting legally Warned and held Mch. 22. 1784
at the Town house in Dartmouth on Monday the 22^d day of March A.D. 1784

Jabiz Barker chosen Moderator for said Meeting.
Benjamin Akin chosen Town clerk.

Benjamin Willis - Stephen Peckcom & Jabiz Barker
chosen Selectmen: Eleazer Southway Prince
Thearman & David Wilcox chosen Assessors:

the Town Voted John Akin Liberty to build a Vessel at Sporangant Landing, and also
Voted Benjamin Davis, Liberty to build a Vessel at Pachachuck Landing, he allowing the people to Land their wood on his wharf without cost.
this meeting is Adjourn'd to the first Monday in April next at ten off o'clock in the forenoon.

This meeting is Adjourn'd to the 22^d day of December next.

Feb 24: 1784

Seal Bristol ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Dartmouth in said County. Greeting in the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby forthwith Required to Notify and Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Qualified by Law to Vote in Town meetings to meet together, at the Town house in said Town on Monday the Twenty second day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, on said day then and there to act on the petition hereafter mentioned.

1ly To choose Town Officers for the year ensuing as the Law Directs.

2ly To choose a Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer for the year One Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty Three, and all persons having Demands against said Town, and to meet for that purpose Quarterly in the year ensuing if the Town shall Vote the same or otherwise to Vote what shall be thought proper Relative to said Committee.

3ly For the Town to Vote what number of Town School masters shall be Procured by the Selectmen, for the year ensuing, at the charge of said Town.

4ly To choose a County Treasurer.

5ly To Receive Returns of highways Laid out or altered, by the Selectmen in order that they may be Record.

6ly To Vote a sum of money to be Raised by way of Tax as shall be thought Necessary to Defray the charges arising in said Town for the year ensuing.

7ly Whereas David Shepherd hath an account against the Town that was allowed by the Committee, with an order, by the Selectmen which been due

a number of years. then for the Town to Vote that he the said Shepherd should be allowed Interest on the same or not.

8ly for the Town, by Vote, to give such orders Relative to the privileges of the several Town Landings as shall be thought proper.

and make Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Town clerk of said Town at or before the time of said Meeting.

Given under our hands and seals in Dartmouth, this Twenty fourth day of February, A.D. 1784.

William Davis } Selectmen
Benjamin Willie } of
Benj^r Russell } Dartmouth.

Bristol ss: Dartmouth February the 28th 1784.

by Vertue of this Warrant I have Warned the Town by posting up Notifications in several public places in said Town.

for me Daniel Howland Jun. Constable.

At a Town meeting legally Warned and held at the Town house in Dartmouth on Monday the 22^d day of March A.D. 1784.

Jabez Barker chosen Moderator for said Meeting.
Benjamin Akin chosen Town clerk.
Benjamin Willie - Stephen Peckcom & Jabez Barker chosen Selectmen: Leazer Hathaway Prince Thearman & David Wilcox chosen Assessors:
The Town Voted John Akin Liberty to build a Vessel at Spouganant Landing, and also Voted Benjamin Davis, Liberty to build a Vessel at Pachachuck Landing, he allowing the people to Land their wood on his wharf without cost.
this meeting is Adjourn'd to the first Monday in April next at ten off o'clock in the forenoon.

Mch. 22: 1784

April: 1784

At a Town meeting held by Adjournment at the Town house in Dartmouth the first Monday in April 1784. the Town met and choose William Tallman. Ephraim Tripp & George Lawton a committee to settle accounts with our Town Treasurer for the year 1783. also to settle accounts with all persons that have Demands against said Town. and to meet Quarterly.

Surveyors of highways chosen for Acosaganset Village. are. Ruben Wals. Benjamin Cummings. Benjamin Babcock. Barnabas Mosher Junr. Stephen Buffinton. John Akin. Michel Russell. John Derol. Samuel Smith. James Tucker. Nathaniel Fance Amos Cornell. William Sanford Junr. Pelig Shearman. Joseph Almy. Pelig Hocum. Josias Wood. David Gifford. John Mosher. William Hart. Thomas Reed Junr. & Adam Holt.

Surveyors for Acoschnit Village chosen. Isaac Spooner. William Tobey (son of Jonathan Tobey) Obed Nye. Joseph Demore. Edmund Pope. John Alder. Nathaniel June. Edward Pope Esqr. William Tallman. David Mitchell. Nathaniel Nye. Micah Spooner. John Schaffee. William Borden. William West. William Allen. and Noah Allen Junr. & Obed Hathaway.

Surveyors for Acosaget Village. chose Job Davis. Jonathan Davis Justice Kerby. William White. Benjamin Brownell. George Tibbells. Phineas Wode. Lemuel Milk. Abraham Cornell. Elijah Gifford. Will^m Almy. Pardon Brownell & George Lawton. Benjamin Dillingham. Anthony Wilbour. Joshua Lounain. Elisha Gifford. John Smith. Job Anthony & Stephen Davis. chosen Surveyors of all sorts of Lumber.

James Cushman. Nathaniel Kerby and Benjamin Howland the third chosen Pound keepers. George Handy. Charles Church & William Wood

chosen. Sealers of Leather. John Hathaway. Meron Tallman. Thomas Tripp. Stokes Tripp. John Shephard & Judiah Shearman. chosen since Newure. Elias Sweet. Elisha Parker. Moses Greenel. George Brownell. John Cornell. John Davis Jr. 2^d. Jethro Badcock and Elisha Sanford. chosen Tithingmen. William Robeson. Benjamin Spooner. Robert Crocker. George Pattin. Josias Russell. & Philip Shearman. chosen Hoog reeves. Bartholomew West. Samuel Throacher. John Pattin. Thomas Russell. Eben Davis. & Daniel Allen. chosen. field Drivers or haywards. John Smith chosen Town Treasurer. and agreed with to Receive in and pay out the Towns Money for three pence on the pound:

Noted.

that Capt Thomas Brandon have Liberty to fyre a Dam on the Landing at the head of Acoschnit River. if in the Judgment of David. Shepherd. Ebenezer Willis & Jerk Swift it will not Discommode the people in Laying their Lumber on said Landing. and Taking it off again.

Noted.

that David Shepherd. have Interest allowed him for Thirty five pound. lightens Rhillings. being a Ballance due to him in the year 1774.

Noted.

that the Selectmen Procure a Grammar Schoolmaster. for said Town. at sd Towns expence this year.

this Meeting is Adjourned to the 14th day of May next. at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

May 14: 1784

At a Town meeting held by Adjournment at the Town house in Dartmouth May the 14th day 1784.

Silas Swift, Silas Sweet, & Elisha Parker chosen Tithing men.

Benjamin Dillingham & Abiel Hathaway chosen Surveyors of highways.

Capt. William Wood chosen Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Isaac Shearman chosen Surveyor of highways.

Voted

that there be Four Hundred Towns Raised by way Tax on the Inhabitants for the year 1784 for the Defraying the Necessary Charges arising within said Town for said year.

this meeting is Adjourn'd to the first Monday in June next at one of the clock in the afternoon.

June: 1784

At a Town meeting held by Adjournment at the Town house in Dartmouth the first Monday in June and choose Philip Spooner, Tithing man and Jonathan Hathaway Warden, and Bartholomew Akin Surveyor of highways.

Isaac Parker, was chosen Surveyor of highways in the Room of Stephen Buffinton.

Maletiah Hathaway chosen Surveyor of highways in the Room of Benjamin Badcock.

Thomas Wilcox chosen, Warden.

This meeting is Adjourn'd to the fourth Tuesday of July next at Two of the clock in the afternoon.

July: 1784

At a Town Meeting held by Adjournment at the Town house in Dartmouth the fourth Tuesday of July 1784.

The Town met and further Adjourn'd to the fourth Tuesday of August next at Two of the clock in the afternoon, on 2^d day.

At a Town meeting held by Adjournment at the Town house in Dartmouth the fourth Tuesday of August, being the Adjournment of the Annual Town meeting, met and choose

Garnael Bryant Constable for Acushnet Village for the year 1784 and agreed to give him four per cent for collecting and paying in all the Money he shall collect into the Treasurers, according to the Directions of his Warrants.

Paul Slocum chosen Constable for Aposagant Village and to have four per cent for collecting in the Money he shall collect, and paying it into the Treasurers according to his Warrants. Providing the said Paul Procure sufficient Bonds to the satisfaction of the Town.

Robert Earl chosen Constable for Acosset Village and to have the same allowance, as Paul Slocum on the same conditions.

Noah Allen Jr. chosen Surveyor of highways

Benjamin Akin chosen Moderator.

Abiel Akin chosen Grand Jurymen.

Nathaniel Richmond chosen Grand Jurymen.

Peter Dufford Jr. chosen Grand Jurymen.

Timothy Howland Cordwainer chosen Warden in the Room of Thomas Wilcox who was chosen and not oblig'd to serve.

this Meeting is Adjourn'd to the third Tuesday of September next at Two of the clock in the afternoon.

The Town met and Adjourn'd to the fourth Tuesday of October next at Two of the clock in the afternoon.

The Town met and accepted of Paul Slocum for a Constable and collector, and he and his father Benⁿ Slocum gave Bond for his Faith full performance, and to secure the Town in case of mal Administration. the Moderator being unable

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Oct: 1784

to attend said meeting. the Town choose
 Capt Lelihu Difford Moderator. Pro tempore.
 Jonathan Shearman was chosen Surveyor, in
 the room of James Tucker Deceased.
 This meeting is Adjourn^d. to the fourth Tuesday
 of November next at Two of the clock in the
 afternoon.
 Lelihu Difford Moderator

Feb. 24. 1784 ^{Seal} Bristol ss. To either the Constables of the
 Town of Dartmouth in said County. you are
 hereby Required in the Name of the Common Wealth
 of Massachusetts 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 for the choice of Town Officers
 To meet together at the Town house in said
 Town of Dartmouth, on Tuesday the Fifteenth
 day of March next at ten of the clock in the
 forenoon then and there to act on the Particu-
 lars here after Mentioned.

1ly to choose Town officers for the year ensuing
 as the Law Directs.

2ly to choose a Committee to settle with the
 Town Treasurer, for the year A. D. 1784.
 and all other Accounts that may be Brought
 against the Town, and to meet Quarterly or
 half yearly as the Town at said Meeting
 shall think proper at said Meeting.

3ly for the Town to Vote what number of School
 masters shall be Employed by the Selectmen
 at the expense of the Town for the year
 ensuing.

4ly to choose a County Treasurer for the year
 ensuing.

5ly to Receive Returns of highways Laid out or
 altered in said Town.

6ly to Vote a sum of Money as shall be thought
 sufficient to be Raised by way of Tax to
 Defray the Charges arising in said Town.

7ly for the Town to choose Constables for the
 year ensuing, and on their Refusal to pay
 their fines, or to agree with them, and then
 made choice of them as hath been of Late
 years, or for the Town to act as they
 think proper

8ly for the Town at said meeting to allow or
 Disallow Benjamin Dillingham
 to build a Platform in order to sett a
 Loopers Shop on at the head of Acosmet
 River, on the Towns Landing.

And make Return of this Warrant, and your
 Doings thereon at or before the time of said
 meeting.

Given under our hands and Seal at Dartmouth
 this Twenty fourth day of February Anno
 Domini 1784.

Stephen Peckham	} Selectmen of Dartmouth
Jabez Parker	
Ebenezer Willis	

Bristol ss. By Virtue the Within Warrant to
 me Directed I have put up Notifications in
 each Village as the Law Directs to call the
 Town together.

for me Paul Hocum Constable.

At the Annual Town Meeting Legally
 Worn and held at the Town house in Dartmouth
 on Tuesday the fifteenth day of March A. D. 1785.
 Benjamin Russell Esq^r was chosen Moderator
 for said Meeting.

Agreable to a Resolve of the General Court,
 Empowering the Town of Dartmouth at their
 Annual Town meeting in March 1785. to choose

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collectors for the year past where they was
 Deficient, the Town Proceeded and made
 choice of William Almy collector for part of
 Acossett Village that is to say all that part of
 said Village to the Southward of the County
 Road (so called) and also chose
 Matthew Bomer collector for all to the Northward
 of said County Road, in said Village. and the
 Town agreed to give the sd Almy and Bomer
 four pr cent for collecting in all Rates or Taxes
 that should be committed to them and paying
 the same into the several Treasuries according
 to their Warrants.

Ebenzer Willis Jabez Barker Stephen Beckcom
 was chosen Selectmen,

Benjamin Akin chosen Town clerk.

Eliazer Hathaway David Wilcox & Ephraim
 Tripp was chosen Assessors.

William Tallman Ephraim Tripp & George
 Lawton was chosen a Committee in Behalf
 of said Town to examine and allow or Disallow
 all accounts brought against sd Town.

John Smith was chosen Town Treasurer, and
 agreed with to Receive in and pay out the
 Towns Money at three pr cent.

and then Adjourned said Meeting to the first
 Monday in April next at one of o'clock in
 the afternoon.

April 21. 1785 At the Annual Town Meeting held by
 Adjournment on Wednesday the fourth day of
 April 1785.

The Town met accordingly: and choose
 Surveyors of highways for aponagassett Village
 Sideon Cornell, Thomas Allen (Prince son),
 Eliazer Smith, Nicholas Lapham, Humphrey
 Russell, Stephen Gifford, Isiah Howland, King
 Howland, Helder Stoum, Peleg Gifford jr.

Hideon Howland, George Borskins, Jethro Russell,
 William Gifford, (Adams son) John Devel, Allen
 Russell, David Chase, Jery Worshburn, Amos
 Cornell, Thomas Woodmaney, and Prince Potter
 Surveyors of highways for Acossett Village
 are Josiah Sunden, Philip Sanford, George
 Tibbets, George Lawton, John Tripp, (son of
 George Tripp) Jonathan Davis, Daniel Allen,
 Nathaniel Richmond, Elijah Gifford, Job Anthony,
 Abner Wilcox, John Carl, & Thomas Tripp.
 Surveyors for Acossett Village are,
 Obed Hathaway, William White jr., Samuel
 Tobey, Henry June, William Spooner, Philip
 Spooner, Michel Spooner, Benjamin Church,
 Stephen Hathaway, Samuel Hathaway, David
 Spooner, Laddock Masfield, Stephen Nye,
 Joseph Demons, Seth June, William Allen,
 and John Tobey.

Nothing men for Acossett Village are
 Samuel Procter & Paul Ingraham.

Jethro Allen, Benjamin Dillingham & Hazy
 Parker chosen Surveyors of Lumber.

Benjamin Church & Benjamin Moker chosen
 Surveyors of Staves and hoops.

James buckman chosen Pound Keeper.

Jonathan Hathaway and Wesson Tallman,
 chosen fence Viewers.

William Spooner & Elijah Allen chosen field
 Drivers.

Joseph Auster and Josiah Drew chosen Hogsmees.
 Charles Church chosen Leather dealer.

Paul Swift chosen Warden.

John Smith and Philip Sherman chosen
 Surveyors of Lumber.

Elisha Russell and Michel Russell chosen fence
 Viewers.

Benjamin Shearman and William Shearman,
 chosen Hogsmees.

George Handy & Cyrus Taber chosen Leather dealer.

John Wood & John Masfield chosen Tithing men,
Capt. William Wood chosen Dealer of Lots and
Measure
Benjamin Howland (son of Benj^r Howland)
chosen Pound Keeper.
Jesiah Wood chosen Warden.

May 12: 1755

At a Town Meeting held by Adjournment
at the Town house in Dartmouth the 12th day
of May 1755:
and choose overseers for the work house & almshouse
(viz) Isaac Howland, Joseph Axtell, Seth
Russell, William Blaghorn, & William Russell.
Barnabas Russell chosen Surveyor of high
ways in the Room of David Shepherd, John
Aulden chosen Surveyor of highways.
John Masfield excused by the Town from
serving Tithing man.
Barnabas Mosher jr. chosen Tithing man.
this Meeting is Adjourn'd to the third Tuesday
in June next.

June: 1755

The Town meet according to Adjournment,
and agreed and Voted to Raise Four hundred
Pound to Defray the Servant charges of the
Present year.
Voted

That the Selectmen Procure a Schoolmaster
or teacher, as the Law Directs at the Charge of
the Town.

William Almy chosen Constable for Acushnet
Village, and to collect all the Taxes to the
southward of the County Road, and to leave
four per cent for receiving in and paying out
the money, and also agreed with to collect all
above the sd. County Road, if there was no
other chosen.

and then this Meeting was Adjourn'd to the
fourth Tuesday of July next a Two of the
clock in the Afternoon.

and the Town meet according to the Town July: 1755
ment and choose Samual Briant
Surveyor of highways, in the Room of Samuel
Tobey.

Daniel Smith chosen Pound keeper for the Pound
in Bedford.

Capt. Joseph Demore chosen Constable for
Acushnet Village, and agreed with to collect all
the Rates for said year and pay out the money
again for four per cent.

This meeting is further Adjourn'd to the fourth
Tuesday of August next and

then Met. and chose Daniel Howland Jun^r August: 1755
Constable for Acushnet Village and to
collect all the Taxes for the present year for
four per cent, for receiving in and pay out
the Money and choose
Isaac Drew, Culler of Fish.
and then the Annual Town meeting was
Dissolved.

Town off.

We the Subscribers, being Committees,
appointed by the Towns of Dartmouth (and
Freetown) to settle the Boundary Lines Between
said Towns have this nineteenth day of
A. D. 1770, met and settled the same as followeth
(viz) we began, at a heap of (stones) for a corner,
where the Colony Line crosses Between said Towns,
from thence easterly -- southerly line of said
Freetown by a range of marked trees, until we
came to a heap of stones the Southeast corner
of old Freetown, from thence we agree to Run
south Twenty three Degree and a half East till

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it comes to Dartmouth Line, (that leads to the Peaked Rock) where we erected a heap of stones, and so on said Line, where it hath been Cream belated, untill it come to sd Peaked Rock, which is the easterly bound Between said Dartmouth & Freetown. In confirmation whereof we have hereunto set our hands the day and Date above said.

Walter Spooner, Giles Stocum Daniel Wood
Dartmouth.

Thomas Gilbert, Thomas Duffee, Jale Hathaway,
Freetown.

Recorded by me - Benjⁿ Akin. Town Clerk.

- Feb. 27. 1786 Bristol ss: To either of the Constables of the Town of Dartmouth. Greeting: -
In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts. You are Fourthly Required to Notify and Warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town that are qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings, to meet together at the Town house in sd Town on Thursday the Twenty first day of March next, at Ten of the clock in the noon on said Day, then and there to act on the Particulars hereafter mentioned.
- 1ly. To chuse all Town officers for the ensuing year as the Law Directs.
 - 2ly. To conclude by a Vote what number of School masters there shall be provided for the year ensuing at the charge of sd Town.
 - 3ly. To chuse a Committee to Receive and settle Accounts, with those that have Demands against said Town also to settle with the Town Treasurer for the year one thousand seven hundred & eighty five.
 - 4ly. To Receive Returns of highways and Town Landings Laid out or altered by the Selectmen for said Town. to allow or Disallow, in order

they may be of record.

- 5ly. to conclude by a Vote what sum of Money shall be Raised by way of Tax for the ensuing year within said Town.
- 6ly. to chuse a County Treasurer as the Law Directs.
- 7ly. to see if the Town Will vote to mend and keep in Repair the Publick Roads in sd Town. by way of Tax for the year ensuing: it being a Request of a number of the Free holders in said Town.
- 8ly. for the Town to do what they think proper, with Respect of Raising a Town stock of Ammunition, for said Town as the Law Directs.

And make returns of this Warrant with your doings thereon, unto the Town Clerk of said Town, on or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this Twenty seventh day of February A. D. 1786.

Stephen Beckcom } Selectmen
Jabez Barker & }
Ebenezer Willis } of
Dartmouth

Bristol ss. March 20th day 1786.
by Virtue of the within Precept I have Warn'd the Inhabitants by Posting up Notifications in the several Districts
For me Daniel Howland J^{re} Constable

At a Town Meeting Legally Warn'd and held at the Town house in Dartmouth on Thursday the 21st day of March 1786.
Benjamin Russell Esq^r chosen Moderator for said Meeting.
Benjⁿ Akin Esq^r chosen Town Clerk.
Ebenezer Willis Henry Smith and William)

Mch. 21. 1786

Almy chosen Selectmen.
 Elisha Leitchman, Ephraim Tripp and David
 Wilcox chosen Assessors.
 John Smith chosen Town Treasurer and
 agreed with to receive in and pay out the
 Towne money for three pence on the pound.
 William Tallman, George Lawton and
 Samuel Smith, was chosen a Committee
 to examine and allow or Disallow all
 Accounts Brought against said Town.
 This meeting is Adjourn'd to the first Monday
 of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon.

April: 1786 The Town met according to the Adjourn
 ment and chose Benjamin Howland, ye 2^d
 David Russell, Peliz Shearman, Paul Slocum,
 John Howland, Golder Slocum, Joshua Howland,
 Timothy Howland, Stephen Kifford, Giles Slocum,
 Edward Wang, Benjamin Badcock, Jehro Russell,
 Benj^m Maccumbis, Ebenezer Baker, Adam Mott,
 William Russell, Benj^m Rider and Peliz Kifford
 Surveyors of highways for Aponaganset Village.
 Humphrey Russell chosen Wardens.
 Elisha Russell chosen Tithingman.
 John Smith, John Akin, Cyrus Taber and
 Richard Collins chosen Surveyors of all sorts of
 Lumber.
 Benj^m Howland ye 3^d chosen Pound keeper.
 Capt. William chosen Dealer of Hts and Measurs.
 William Hart chosen Leather dealer.
 Cyrus Taber chosen boorder of Wood.
 Philip Shearman chosen seller of Fish and
 Surveyor of Flaxseed.
 John Chase & Abner Nelson chosen Viewers of
 fence.
 Benjamin Shearman and Barnabas Shaw chosen
 Hoopreave.
 Benjamin Shearman & John Sanford and William
 Sanford ye 2^d chosen Field Drivers or haywards.

Surveyors of highways for Lewishet Village are
 Barnabas Russell, Abraham Russell, Wicah
 Spooner, Philip Spooner, Seth Hathaway, John
 Summerton, Obed Hathaway, Berry Junr,
 Joseph Demore, Samuel Hathaway, Richard
 Delano, Bartholomew Akin, Stephen Hathaway,
 Benjamin Dillingham, William Tallman and
 Amos Bennett.
 Daniel Smith & Samuel Spooner chosen
 Hoopreave.
 James Leitchman chosen Pound Keeper.
 Jonathan Hathaway and John Hathaway cho-
 sen Viewers of Fence.
 William Spooner and Bartholomew West chosen
 Field Drivers or haywards.
 Isaac Drew chosen Wardens,
 Benjamin Dillingham, Benj^m Leitch chosen
 Surveyors of all sorts of Lumber and seller
 of Slaves.
 George East chosen Tithingman.
 Benjamin Mosher chosen seller of Slaves.
 Surveyors of highways for Aponaganset Village, are,
 as followeth, (viz)
 chosen Silvester Brownell, Job Almy, Job Anthony,
 John Davis, Israel Brightman, Jonathan Davis,
 Aaron Davis, Obed White, George Lawton,
 Benjamin Brownell, Phineas Wood, & George Tibbets
 James Lovel chose Wardens.
 Caleb Carl & Stephen Cornell chose Tithing men
 Job Anthony & Stephen Davis chosen Surveyors
 of all sorts of Lumber.
 Nathaniel Kirby chose Pound keeper.
 William Wood Dealer of Leathers.
 Stephen Davis and Job Anthony chosen
 boorder of Wood.
 Thomas Tripp and Stephen Cornell chosen
 fence viewers, Field Drivers John Potter and
 Ichabod Potter was chosen.
 William Maccumber (son of Timothy Maccumber)

and Thomas Brightman chosen Hogreves.
This meeting is Adjourn'd to the 18th day of
May next at Two o'clock in the afternoon.

May 18: 1786

At a Town Meeting held by Adjournment
the eighteenth day of May 1786.
being the Adjournment of the Last Annual
Meeting. then met and

Noted

the sum of Five Hundred Pound to be
Raised by way of a Tax on the Inhabitants
of said Town, for the Defraying of the necessary
charges for the current year.

and chose Benj^m. Howland jr. 2^d David Russell,
Paley Shearman, Paul Stocum, John Howland,
Hobler Stocum, John Devol, Joshua Howland,
Timothy Howland, Stephen Gifford, Giles Stocum,
Edward Wing, Benjamin Badcock, Jethro Russell,
William Gifford, Adam Mott, William Russell,
Benjamin Rider, and Paley Gifford. Chosen
Surveyors of highways.

Humphrey Russell. Chosen Warden
Elisha Russell chosen Tything man.
John Smith John Abin, & George Taber Chosen
Surveyors of Lumber.

Benjamin Howland Pound keeper.
Capt William Wood chosen Sealer of wts and
Measures.

William Hart chosen Leather dealer.
George Taber. chosen border of wood.
Philip Shearman chosen cutter of fish.
John Leace & Abner Nelson. chosen fence viewers.
Benj^m Shearman, & Barnabas Shearman chosen
Hog Reeves.

Job Anthony, Silvestis Brownell, Israel Brightman,
Sam Davis Jonathan Davis, Obed White, John Howland
Benjamin Brownell, Stephen Potter, Phineas Model.
Abraham Cornell, Benj^m Davis, was chosen

Surveyors of highways.
Stephen Davis chosen Surveyor of Lumber and
border of wood.
James Soul chosen Warden.
Abiel Maccumber & Stephen Potter chosen Tything
men.

Thomas Tripp & Stephen Cornell chosen fence
viewers.

Nathaniel Kirby chosen pound keeper.
John Potter & Schabod Potter chosen field Drivers.
William Maccumber, son of Tim^m Maccumber, &
Thomas Brightman. chosen Hogreves.

William Wood chosen Leather Sealer.
Paley Huddellstone & Linnson Nash was chosen
Surveyors of Lumber. for Adickshel village.

Joseph Sameon chosen fence viewer.
Seth Martin chosen Surveyor of highway. in
the Room of Henry Junie, who was chosen and
Refused to serve.

Leaac Drew was chosen cutter of Fish.
William Robeson was chosen border of wood.
this meeting is Adjourn'd to the Last Monday
in June next, at Two of the clock in the after
noon.

Common Wealth of Massachusetts.

May 3: 1786

Bristol ss. To either of the Constables of the Town
of Dartmouth.

Greeting.

You are required to Notify and Warn all the
freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
Town of Dartmouth that are Qualified by
Law to vote in Town meetings to meet Together
at the Town house in said Town on Thursday
the eighteenth day of May Instant, at a
Eleven of the o'clock in the forenoon on said
day to act on a Request of a number of free
holders of said Town. if said Town thinks
proper. Which Request is as followeth (viz)