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At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the Twelveth
of January: A D: 1746 being the Towns Quarter meeting day

Stephen Hopkins Esqr Moderator and Engaged

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Richard Waterman
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Jeromeah Insl
Amaziah Waterman
Othrah Brown
William Ashton
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John Whipple
John Angel
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George Brown
Daniel Smith
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Benjamin Potter
Edward Trip
Samuel Chase
John Anderson
Edward Sheldon
William Force
Nas Hood

Here followeth the names of those
that took the oath of fidelity to an
Act of the General Assembly held at
Newport on the third Tuesday in August
being the Nineteenth day of said month
A D: 1746 entitled a new doctrine the
manner of admitting freemen and pro-
tecting Liberty and Corruption in the electing
publick officers in this colony viz

Jeromeah Smith
Isaac White
Thomas Harris
Joseph Waterman
Nathaniel Bay
John Waterman
Nathan Angel
Thomas Fienner
Joseph Borden
Joseph Potter
Heaton Packard
Daniel Fenner
Joseph Sheldon
William Stone
Thomas Olney
Phillip Sheldon
Joseph Olney
Peter Burlingame
Edward Riant
Eliophor Harris
William Westcott
Daniel Sprague

proposed for freemen
Eliozer Westcott
Daniel Sprague
Ezekiel Whipple

Joseph Sheldon and Joseph Waterman are
to review the Lands and sell such as shall be proposed
admitted freemen of the Colony of such that hath already
admitted and are to sell such that hath already
admitted and are to sell such that hath already

Joseph Dextor Esqr Grand Jurymen
and Mr Charles Olney Esqr Justice of the Peace
To serve at the next Superior Court of Judicature East
and General Court to be holden at
within and for the Colony of Rhode Island
on the last Tuesday of said month

The meeting is adjourned to the third munday of march next
to the County Court house

At a town meeting held by a government on y^e 16th day of
march A.D. 1740 Stephen Hopkins continued Moderator -
A List of the names of those persons that take the
oath according to y^e act intitled an act to prevent bribery and
and corruption in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~election~~ ^{election} of publick officers in
this Colony.

Moses Bellingham jun ^r	Samuel Boyles	Jonathan Randall
Henry Paget	John Angel jun ^r	Joseph Olney jun ^r
Samuel Ladd	Daniel Mathewson	Jonathan Whipple jun ^r
John Wanton	Elisha Green	Samuel Westcott
William Rhoads	Edward Hennen	Thomas Honner y ^e 3 ^d
Joseph Honner	Edward Thurber	Jonathan Stone
Henry Harris	John Dextor jun ^r	Elisha Tillinghast
John Olney	Jacob Bowon	Jacob Westcott
Samuel Currie	Joseph Field	David Watorman
Simon Smith	Stephen Kemington	Benjamin Gorham
Dea William	Benjamin Fishring	Joshua Kemington
Christopher Watorman	Benjamin Whipple	Joseph Brown
Jonathan Hammond	Abiah Sheldon	Joseph
Amos Westcott	General Gibbs	William Hopkins
Charles Olney	Joseph Angel	Jonathan Olney
Joseph Thornton	Uriah Holden	Richard Watorman y ^e 3 ^d
Benjamin Hunt	Nathaniel Williams	Elisha Brown
Allen Brown	Isiah Hawkings	

Ben^t Jacob Bowon Esq^r Jonathan Randall and Mr. Jeremiah Field
are chosen to appraise the freehold or value the real estate
of such persons who shall present themselves to be admitted
to the vote or to give their votes or present their votes
and object against being qualified.

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the 15th day of
Wednesday in April being the fifteenth day of said month
A.D. 1747 Stephen Hopkins Esq^r chosen Moderator

+ Robert Gibbs	the names of those that take the oath	
Richard Hennen	Bribery and Corruption in voting	
Daniel Abbat	Jonathan Hawkings	the names of
+ William Rhoads jun ^r	David Dyer	of those that are
John Wanton jun^r	David Harris	proposed to be
Samuel Ladd jun^r	Wm Tillinghast	admitted freemen
John Dextor	Richard Young	Samuel Ladd jun ^r
Richard Mathewson	John Randall	John Wanton jun ^r
Philip Tillinghast	Elonzer Bates	Benjamin Whipple
Gideon Crawford	John Gorton	Richard Brown
Daniel Zonck	Henry General	Samuel Aborn
- Elijah Doan	John Corpe	
John Mason	Isaac Mathewson	
Christopher Knole	Ezekiel Warner	
Benjamin Bol Knap	William Randall	
Joseph Kemington	William Brown jun ^r	William Burton
Thomas Edmonds	Wm Brown	John Comstock
Benonoy Gator	Joseph Randall	Thomas Olney
James Goen	Robert Torrey	Joseph Gual
Benj ^m Westcott son of Guey	Thomas Honner	Thomas Kincaid
Richard Brown jun ^r	Joseph Williams jun ^r	Obadiah Brown
Phineas Brown	Jonathan Knight jun ^r	Richard Thornton jun ^r
Joseph High	Roger Bellingham	Elisha Baker
Samuel Aborn	John Stone	John Clarke
Elzer Westcott	Daniel Dye	John Paine
Hope Corpe	Joseph William son of James	Jeremiah more than
John Birkit	John Whipple	Elonzer
Statoy Westcott	Thomas Williams	Samuel Comstock
Joshua Ashton	Joseph Knole	Robert Knight jun ^r
Robert Knight	Peter Sprague	John Batts
Peter Newcom	Richard Honner jun ^r	William
Joseph Thornton	Peter Tift	Joseph
General Mathewson	John Warner	William Holden
Thomas Field jun ^r	Peter Tift jun ^r	Wm. Hamon
John Brown	John Potter jun ^r	
John Brewster jun ^r	John Mawney	
Christopher Lippat	Christopher Bellingham	
Joseph Roman	James Hayle	
Jeremiah Zonck	Simon	
John Boyles jun ^r		
Mathew Mathewson		

George Brown ~~Eng~~ M^r Eliza Brown
Stephen Hopkins ~~Eng~~ and Ezekiel Wainor
are chosen Deputies to serve at the next Gen^l Assembly
to be held at Weymouth within and from the Colony of
Rhode Island &c on the first Wednesday of May next
being the General Election and the day before the Election

Eliza Tillinghast John Andrew William Olney
William Brough chosen Grand Jurymen
Nathan Pond Jacob Harts Horn and Polog
William and Gund are chosen Petitioners
to serve at the next General Court of Common Pleas and
General Sessions of the Peace to be held at Providence within
and from the County of Providence on the third Tuesday of
June next

At a Town meeting held at Providence on the first
day of June: A.D. 1747 it being the Town Election
for Town officers

Daniel Jonckes ~~Eng~~ chosen Moderator

the names of those that have took the oath against Bribing
and Corruption in voting

Arthur Fennor William Olney Jonathan Whipple
Benjamin Eddy Solomon Deane ~~Jonathan Potter~~
William Harris Nathaniel Waterman Roger Kinscut
Richard Knight

Richard Waterman and chosen Town Clerk Engaged

Alexander Fraizer chosen Town Scribe Eng

M^r George Brown } Juried waterman
Daniel Smith } John Whipple Jun^r Refused
Thomas Harris } Thomas Olney Jun^r
Benjamin Potter Jun^r chosen
in the room of John Whipple
Refusing all Engaged

Joseph Sheldon chosen Town Treasurer

Eliza Tillinghast John Hoyle ~~Eng~~ Benjamin
Polog Williams ~~Eng~~ Mathew Matheson Thomas
Vick Hains ~~Eng~~ chosen Constables

John Whipple Jun^r chosen Pound Keeper

John Angel Jun^r chosen Vintner master

Robert Gibbs George Brown ~~Eng~~ Archibald Young
chosen the audit

George Brown Daniel Smith Juried waterman & John Wainor
and Henry Harris chosen Ratemakers

Joseph Crawford Edward Hipp and Peter Newcom chosen wood

Benjamin Whipple ~~Eng~~ Richard Knight and Samuel Longstock
chosen Overseers of the poor

Thomas Kinnicut and Peter Newcom chosen viewers of Woods
Plank Splitwork and Timber and viewers of Shingles & Boards

Lept Stephen Dexter Joseph Harris Jonathan Jonckes Cornelius Epton
Edward Fennor Daniel Mathewson Jersal Mathewson and
Josephariah Dock chosen fence viewers

William Ashton and Fearnot Dockard chosen scavengers

Thomas Hilton & Eliza Tillinghast chosen gaolers of the

Joseph Sheldon Alexander Fraizer & Peter Newcom chosen
Gagers of Lark Gallons of Cooper stuff gaolers and packers
of Boofs and Pork

Daniel Smith George Brown & Juried waterman chosen
Ratemarkers Rato Strangers and Eliza Tillinghast
chosen Constables to gather said Ratos

Edward Thurber William Perce Henry Swearing Wm Brown
Charles Olney ~~Eng~~ Joseph Olney Jun^r ~~Eng~~ Joseph Brown Benjamin

Bol Knap ~~Eng~~ James Hoyle ~~Eng~~ Joseph Thornton Jacob Wainor
Borden Robert Williams Richard Mathewson John Wainor

John Potter Jun^r Robert Knight Jun^r Bononi Potter
Stono and Richard Knight chosen scavengers of the
ways

6 This voter and ordered that John Whipple Junr do in the
behalf of this Town defend an action brought against him by
Noah Whipple to Eject him out of the Possession of the Point called
the Grate Point in Providence and the said John Whipple is
hereby fully empowered to answer Pleas and defend the same
with full power to substitute one or more attorneys under him in
his promises with full power to revoke the same

Galor Bowon Jonathan Randall and Jeremiah Trid Esq
Chosen to value the Estates of those persons that shall be
challenged or objected against as being admitted freemen and
qualifying themselves to vote for Publick officers

The meeting is adjourned to the second Monday in July next

At a Town meeting of election held by adjournment
on y^e 13th day of July AD 1747
Daniel gonks Continues moderator

The meeting is adjourned

At a Town Quarter meeting held at Providence
on y^e 13th day of July being the second Monday in 3rd month
and also being called by warrant

Daniel gonks Chosen moderator

The Rate makers which were chosen at the Town Election in
June last neglecting and refusing to take their places
and since there being an act of Assembly requiring each Town
in the Colony to choose three Rate makers and immediately to
proceed on Business in that office whereupon the Town
now com. to a new choice

(Stephen Hopkins) Chosen Rate makers
Miss John Angel
(Daniel Smith) and Engaged
The meeting is adjourned

At a Town meeting held at Providence y^e 25th day of August
being y^e Last Tuesday in 3rd month AD 1747

Daniel gonks Chosen moderator

Daniel gonks Esq Coll^r Wm Hopkins John Potter Junr and
Polog Williams Junr Chosen Deputies to go in y^e Gen^l Assembly
to be held at South Kings Town within and for the Colony of
Rhode Island &c on the Last Wednesday in October next

Grand Jurymen { Capt. Jeremiah Clarke } Benth Sprague }
M^r Samuel Winfield } }
M^r John Smith } }
M^r Jeremiah Williams } }
Benth Arnold }
William Brown Jun^r }

to serve at the superior Court of judicature Court of assize
and General Goal delivery to be held at Providence within and
for the County of Providence on the second Tuesday of September next

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on y^e 12th day of
October 1747 being the Towns quarter day and also called by warrant

Stephen Hopkins Chosen moderator

John Mathewson } Samuel Abborn } Chosen
Thomas Wallis } Richard Borden & } }
and Phillip Tillinghast } Bononi Potter } }
Chosen Grand Jurymen

To serve at the next inferior Court of Common Pleas
and General sessions of the Peace to be held at Providence
within and for the County of Providence on the third
Tuesday of December next The meeting is adjourned

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on y^e 11th day
of January AD 1748 being the Towns Quarter day

John Knight } Chosen Grand } Benjamin West } Chosen
Sam^l Currier } Jurymen } Abraham Rhodes } Jurymen
Archabald Young } } Joseph Waterman } Jurymen

To serve at y^e next superior Court of judicature Court of assize
and General Goal delivery to be held at Providence within and
for the County of Providence on the Third Tuesday of March
next The meeting is adjourned

Proposed for freemen Noah Whipple Esq Jonathan Randall
David Willington Thomas Arnold Jonathan Randall

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the
Third Wednesday in April being y^e 20th day of 4th month 1748

Stephen Hopkins Moderator
Daniel Joncks Esq^r John Angol Esq^r & Honey
Harris Esq^r and Mr John Potter gun^r
Chosen deputies to serve in the General Assembly to be
held at Newport within and for the Colony of Rhode Island
on the first Wednesday in May next and the day before the
Election

Settled Jurors } Grand Jurors
Peter Burlingame } Christopher Lippitt
Daniel Burlingame } Stephen Oliver
Robert Knight Jr. } Gideon Crawford

The Names of those that Took the Oath against

and Corruption in Voting
Edward Knoll Jonathan Bucklin
Joseph Crawford Daniel Burlingame
Charles Dyer Charles Atwood
John Dyer Stephen Olney
Joseph Randall Arthur Honnor gun^r
William Dyer John Manion
Samuel Westcott gun^r Paul Tue
John Hoyle
John Knight
Jacob Harris Horn
John Hawkins
David Roberts
Stukely westcott gun^r
Nathaniel Field

Proposed for freemen
Ezra Potter
Rufus Hopkins
James Clarke
Wm. Gougeon gun^r of Wm
William Dean
Wm. Randall gun^r
Richard Bowen
Amos Page
Thomas Bickel
George Laws
Anthony Barton
Joseph Waterman gun^r
Obadiah Brown the 3^d
John Brown gun^r
Nathan Willard
Wm. Smith
Jacob Whitman
Benjamin Cuthbert
Wm. Antram gun^r

At a Town meeting held at Providence on y^e 6th day
of June being the first Monday in said month 1748
and the Towns Election for choosing Town officers

Stephen Hopkins Esq^r Chosen Moderator
Richard Waterman Chosen Town Clerk Eng^r
John Hoyle gun^r Chosen Town Sergeant Eng^r

George Brown } Daniel Waterman } Chosen Town Council
Daniel Smith refused } Thomas Olney gun^r } men
Thomas Harris } Benjamin Potter gun^r }
Capt Obadiah Brown Chosen in y^e Room of Daniel
Smith refusing

Joseph Sheldon Chosen Town Treasurer Eng^r

Elisha Tillinghast Benjamin Gorham Stukely westcott gun^r
Josiah Thornton and Capt Nathaniel Field Chosen Constables

John Whipple gun^r Chosen Pound Keeper
John Angol gun^r Chosen Vanduomaster
George Brown Robert Gibbs & Archabald young Chosen audit to
audit accounts of y^e Treasurer & others

Joseph Crawford Edward Trip & Peter Newcom Chosen Corders of wood

Benjamin Whipple L^{ft} Richard Knight & Samuel Comstock
Chosen Overseers of the Poore
Thomas Kendrick & Peter Newcom Chosen Surveyors of Lumber

L^{ft} Stephen Doctor William Harris Esq^r Cornelius Easton Jonathan
Joncks Edward Fienner Daniel Mathewson Israel Mathewson
Ephoniah Poock Chosen fence viewers

William Pearce Joseph Doctor Phillip Sheldon Henry Harris
Edward manton Robert Knight gun^r L^{ft} Richard Knight Esq^r Daniel
Burlingame & Charles Olney Chosen Surveyors of the highways
Thomas Kilton & Elisha Tillinghast Chosen Sealers of Leather

Joseph Sheldon Alexander Traizer & Peter Newcom Chosen Gaugers
of Lark Packors of Poark & Boof

Stephen Hopkins John Angol and Daniel Smith Chosen Kate
makers

Jabez Bowen Jonathan Randall & Jeremiah Field Chosen to value
Estates of Persons Challenged

Elisha Tillinghast Chosen Collector of Rates
and to Collect of the Rates taxed on strangers

1748 The Town of Providence with Mr Joseph Sheldon Treasurer
 To Cash paid to sundry persons on
 the Towns account £ 1092:1:8
 To Commissions for collecting £ 135:11:8
 @ 2 1/2 % £ 25:15:9
 To Comiss for paying £ 1092:1:8 @ 2 1/2 % £ 27:6:0
 To Cash paid for which there
 appears no receipts 1145:3:5
 20:2:-
 1165:5:5

By Cash received of the
 Town at sundry times £ 1031:11:8
 Cash due from the Town to
 Joseph Sheldon £ 133:13:9
 £ 1165:5:5

We the subscribers having carefully examined the several Articles
 of the above account and have seen the proper vouchers for the same
 to find the Balance as stated above to be due from the Town to the
 above Mr Joseph Sheldon and also their appears orders in his office
 for £ 61:12 not paid this 3^d of June 1748

The above Report was voted and
 accepted
 It is voted and ordered that if Blake Grant a warrant to notify
 the freemen to appear at the next meeting in order to consider of
 of a proper method for discharging of the Towns debts by Rate
 or other ways the meeting is dissolved

At a Town meeting held at Providence on the Last Tuesday
 in August being the 30th day of said month: Amos Combs
 Stephen Hopkins chosen Moderator and George Brown Esq.
 Daniel Jonckes Esq. Jonathan Randall Esq. Stephen
 Hopkins Esq. and George Brown Esq. chosen deputies
 to sit in the General assembly to be held at Providence on
 the last Wednesday in October next within and for the colony
 of Rhode Island &c.
 Jonathan Hamond chosen Obadiah Brown
 John Pain chosen Eliza Brown
 John Hoyle chosen Ebenezer Knight

To serve at the next Superior Court of assize and
 General Goals delivery to be held at Providence within
 and for the County of Providence on the second Tuesday
 in September next

* The names of those that took the oath against bribery and
 in voating
 Jonathan Sheldon
 David Wilkinson
 Joshua Turner
 The names of those that are proposed for persons
 * Esqr Hopkins, Richard Holcomb, Thomas Potter
 James Brown merchant, John Field Esq.
 Esqr Wm Andromagun
 It is voted and ordered that Thomas Olney Esq. shall
 have the sum of Thirty shillings paid out of the Towns
 Treasurers for the hire of his horse to newport in the
 Towns service

It is voted and ordered that Richard Waterman Town Clerk
 do let and lease out the Towns Lands at the place sold
 the Crato point in Providence to the highest Bidder for the
 space of seven years and that he sign and execute a
 Lease to such persons he shall agree with and that he
 sign the said Lease in behalf of the Town

it is voted that the Towns audit get up notification
 to notify all persons that have any demands on the Town
 that they bring in their accounts to it and that they may
 be settled: And that the audit make Report to the next
 Town meeting of the same.
 Joseph Olney chosen Town Council man in the Room of
 Obadiah Brown who refused

At a Town meeting held at Providence on the 30th day of
 October 1748 being the second Monday in said month
 George Brown chosen Moderator

Grand Jurors (Edward Forde, Thomas Westcott, Josiah Gury
 Jury (John Set Jun, Richard Smith
 men (William Page, Richard Knight Jun) men
 chosen
 To serve at the next Superior Court of Pleas and General
 Sessions of the peace to be held at Providence in and for the
 County of Providence on the third Tuesday in December next

It is Voted and ordered that all the business now being before
 this meeting is referred to the next Town meeting and that
 the Towns audit still continue to get what accounts they
 can and settle them and make Report to the next meeting
 and that the Clerk Grant a warrant to notify the
 freemen of the Town to meet together on the second
 in January next in order to settle their accounts
 or to make a Rate to be made to defray the

George Law chosen Constable to the same the remaining part
of the year in the Room of Eliza Tillinghast. Refusing

At a Town meeting held at Providence on y^e 9th day of January
A.D. 1748 being y^e second Monday in 8th month
Col. W^m Hopkins chosen Moderator
Nathaniel Williams Thomas Honnorson of Joseph
Grand jurymen; 3 Trial Matherson Richard Gire Arthur Jenner
of Quaker

To serve at the next Superior Court Court of Assize and Gen^l
Gold delivery to be held at Providence within and for y^e
County of Providence on y^e third Tuesday in March next
~~The following persons to the same in April next to the~~
~~County of Providence on y^e third Tuesday in March next~~

Upon consideration of the ~~County~~ of the Gold and that there is
but few people present at this meeting; and the necessity of an
order to be made to discharge the Towns debts and defray their
necessary charges. The meeting is adjourned to the second
Monday in April next to the County Court house at 12 o'clock
in fore Day and ordered that the Clerk set up notifications in
some public place to notify the inhabitants of said meeting
in order to settle that affair and at many other business as
may be proposed

At a Town meeting being held by adjournment on y^e 10th day
of April being the second Monday in 8th month; 1749
Col. W^m Hopkins continues Moderator

It is voted and ordered that there shall be a rate made to
defray the Towns just debts and that the Towns audit
do take the best care they can to get in all the accounts
that are against the Town and that said accounts
be brought in and laid before the Town before the
same be settled what the rate should be and the further
proceeding in that affair is continued to the next
adjournment of this meeting
the meeting is adjourned to y^e first Monday in June next

Whereas by the petition of sundry of the Free inhabitants of
the Town it is represented to this meeting that there is an old high
way lying in the place called the neck in this Town of Providence
beginning at a highway leading to the forty loted Barstons forty or the
narrow passage thence extending northward as far as the north
East corner of Georges Lot which was formerly Thomas Pattons down
is now become useless to the Town and his majestys subjects and praying
that said highway may be sold by order of the Town to the highest bidder
and the money deposited in the Towns Treasurers for defraying the Towns
charges in paying for other highways
Upon consideration whereof it is voted and ordered by this present
meeting that the said Highway it lying between the lands of John
Samuel Winsor and the lands that formerly belonged to Thomas
Patton on the west and the lands of John Morrell on the east
lands belonging to the heirs of Joseph Brown deceased on the east
shall be sold to the highest bidder or bidders and that Christopher
Harris Henry Paget Esq^r and Richard Waterman Esq^r and they
are hereby appointed a Committee to sell Grant and convey
the said old Highway and that the deed or deeds by them given
shall make to the purchaser or purchasers a good and perfect
estate in fee simple and that the money produced by the
sale shall by the said Committee be put into the Towns
treasurers to defray the charges of paying for other Highways

At a Town meeting held at Providence on y^e 19th day of
April 1749: it is voted and ordered that the sale of the
above mentioned highway till further order from the Town
and that the Committee appointed to sell the same do
sell till further order and the dissatisfied parties fairly
The meeting is adjourned to the first Monday in June next
and all business now lying before this meeting is referred to that
time

At a Town meeting held at Providence on the nineteenth day of April being the third Wednesday in the month 1749
 Coll William Hopkins chosen moderator
 Jonathan Randall Stephen Hopkins Esqrs Mr Eliza Brown
 and Daniel Joncks Esqrs
 are chosen deputies to sit in the General Assembly to be held
 at Newport on the first Wednesday in May next and the day before
 the Election

Eliza Arnold Thomas Honnor gun Joseph Henry
 Junr Grand Jurymen Saml Ladd Joseph
 Brown & Christopher Bullingame Patite Jurymen
 Chosen to serve at the next Inferiour Court of Common
 Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace to be held at Providence
 within and for the County of Providence on the third Tuesday
 in June next
 Here follows the names of them that the here follows the
 oath against Bribe and Corruption in voting names of them
 that stand proper
 and for freedom
 Richard Brown Jacob Whitman
 Nicholas Cook Joshua Turner gun
 Saml Congdon Benj: Whipple gun
 Benjamin Cary Gideon manchofter
 Ezechiel Potter Oliver Angel
 Edward Arnold Asaph Brown
 Richard Brown Gibson Smith
 John Hold gun Wm Colpenter son of Wm
 William Doan
 Rufus Hopkins
 Wm Antram gun
 Jonathan Joncks
 Peter Bullingame gun
 Ephraim Cook
 Wm Smith
 George Laws
 Daniel Alnoy
 Joseph Hawkings
 Joseph Waterman gun
 Richard Smith
 Thomas Birkitt
 John Bullingame gun

Joseph Turpin
 Wm Whipple
 Charles Smith
 Thomas Angel
 Jeremiah Hawkings
 Gideon Brown
 John Graham
 Nathaniel Angel
 Thomas Stacey
 Stephen Smith
 Abel Pouoy
 Wm Westcott gun
 Elizer Harding
 Benjamin Brown
 David Tipt
 Stephen Rawson

At a Town meeting of election for Town officers
 on the first Monday in June being the 15th day of said
 month 1749

Coll William Hopkins chosen moderator
 Richard Waterman chosen Town clerk Eng
 John Hoyle gun chosen Town scribe Eng
 George Brown } Daniel Waterman } chosen
 Joseph Alnoy } Thomas Alnoy } Town
 Thomas Harris } Benjamin Potter gun } Council men

Joseph Sheldon chosen Town Treasurer
 Nicholas Cook Phineas Brown } chosen
 Stuk Coy Westcott gun Nathaniel Field Eng } Constables
 & Thomas Honnor gun & Joseph

Joseph Sheldon Alexander Fraizer
 and Peter Newcom chosen Gaugers of Bask Parkers
 of Beef and pork

Joseph Sheldon chosen dealer of wrights and measures
 Stephen Hopkins John Angel and Daniel Smith chosen
 Ratemakers

Joseph Sheldon & Alexander Fraizer chosen voters of
 Cooper stuff

George Brown & Christopher Arnold chosen surveyors
 off of cords plabboards & shingles

George Brown } chosen appt Towns
 Archibald young } audit
 William Trillingham

Joseph Crawford Edward Trupp Peter Newcom chosen

Peter Bullingame } chosen over sears
 Benjamin Hunt } of the Poor
 Richard Waterman gun

TIGHT BINDING

Daniel Mathewson William Harris and Zephaniah Poole
chose four voters

Wm Hopkins Thomas Whipple jun Joseph Doctor
Nathaniel Frost Joseph Brown Richard Knight
Richard Honnor jun Robert Knight jun
Moiethon Edward Holden chosen surveyors of highway
John Angel jun - vnder master

John Hoyle jun - chosen collector to collect the Town
Rates

Eliza Tillinghast - chosen collector to collect the Rates
Levied on Strangers

Jabez Bowser Jonathan Randall and Zephaniah Frost
chosen to value the estate of persons challenged
John Hoyle chosen scavenger

The meeting of Election is adjourned to 19th of this
instant at 12 o'clock to Court House

At a Town meeting held at Providence
of June 1749 from 10th day of April last
Eoll William Hopkins continued moderator
it is voted and ordered that there be forth with a rate
assessed on the poles and estates of the inhabitants
of this Town; of fifteen hundred pounds and that
the Rate makers Levy the same as follows may be
and that said Rate be gathered in within three months
from the date by the collector and delivered
in to the Towns Treasury to defray the Towns charges
and that the Treasurer take bond with sureties
of the collector for his faithful performance
in said office.

The oath in relation was presented to the Court
on this 21st day of May 1739
by Alexander Small.

John Waterman of Providence and Richard Waterman late
of Providence comes into this Honorable Council
and Pray Leave to stand & say to this Council
that the said John desires to answer to & withdraw from
serving to himself any advantage of the said
contradictions &c.

Wm Hopkins att John Waterman

and in New Service I advantage of John Waterman
The within Land have already been sold of
to the Petitioners by mutual agreement and
Quit Clomes given on each side (viz)
all legal representatives of the said Richard Waterman
Under their each of their Hand & Seal against
which by Law they cannot aver

Wm Hopkins att John Waterman

The opinion of this Council is that if there be any thing
due to the said it is Rightly asked for
upon a further hearing
it is the opinion of this Council that there have acquired
them from any further proceedings on the petition of the
said Waterman &c. by accepting of an agreement made
by all the legal representatives of the said Richard Waterman
made on the 25th day of February 1733
Signed per order Richard Waterman Clerk of Council

Letter all productions may 8 21st 1737

Alexander Lovell
Mary Lovell

William Burton Esq^r freely offers to find and allow to the Town a sufficient piece of Land for to set a pound on near the meeting of the roads near his House and the neighbors near in that part of the Town offers to be at the cost of a pound: where upon it voted and ordered that their be a pound built at said place according to the desire of the Petition of that part of the Town called a market at the best and William Burton is chosen pound keeper.

It is Voated and ordered that there shall be a pound built
And Richard Hoyle offered a piece of Land for the use of getting a
pound on on the hill westward of the Buring Peale that is on
the west side of the salt river so long as the Town should see cause
to keep a pound there: Whereupon it is voated and ordered that
the pound be set on said Hoyle's Land; and that said Richard
Hoyle be and he is hereby appointed to build a pound there
not exceeding Thirty six feet square: and that said
Hoyle remove the remains of the old pound both iron and
wood and improve the same towards building the new pound
and that said Hoyle finish said pound as soon as may be
and said Richard Hoyle is Chosen the Keeper of S^c Pauls
when finished ✓

Upon the Petition of Ep'ram Bowen setting forth that whereas Jonathan Gunkles deceased who was charged to the Town for sundry years was valiantly seized with the Pneumatism: and that the petitioner was employed as a physician and was at long & abominable charge in attendance and medicines and presented his account which amounted to the sum of ten pounds six shillings and six pence the which was voted and ordered that the petitioner should have the said sum paid out of the Towns Treasury for his services and medicines administered to said Gunkles

Upon the petition of sundry persons vizt Roger Hinnebut
Jacob Whitman Ezra Dean Thomas Sprague David Brown and
sundry others praying that they might have Liberty to clear
out an old well which is in the high way near the East End
of waybush Bridge on consideration it is granted on con-
dition that they lower said well with good strong plank and
put a pump in s^d well and keep it at all times in good order
that then they and all other of the inhabitants of the
Town shall have the privilege of s^d well until further
order from the Town and to have the well filled up as the Town shall order it

At a Town meeting held at providence on the 1st day of
October being the 1st Monday in 8th month 1749
William Perry chosen moderator
John Gordon chosen } Benjamin Cary } petit
Richard Gordon chosen } Stephen Angell } jury
Joseph Williams chosen } Ebenezer Tylor } men
to serve at the next inferior Court of Common Pleas to
be held in the County of Providence on the 3rd Tuesday
next

At a Town meeting hold at Providence on the second day
of January 1749 being the 8th day of 8th month ~
Waltham Poore moderator ~

Henry Harris	Grand	Gideon Manchopter	Deputie
John Manton	Jury	Isaiah Manchopter	Jury
Peter Tipt	Men	James Briggs Jun ^r	Jury

Chosen Jurymen to serve at the next Superior Court of
Judicature Court of Oyer and General Goal Delivery to be held
at Providence within and for the County of Providence on
the third Tuesday in March next

here follows the names of them that stand propounded for poemen
 Thomas alnoy son of Thomas — Gideon alnoy
 John Ruttingbarger — Anthony Denev
 Joseph Nash — Henry Eston
 Eneas Dennis — Nicholas Brown
 Joseph Whipple —

At a Town meeting held at Providence on the third
Wednesday in April being the 18th day of said month 1750
George Brown Esq^r Chosen moderator
Mr. Jonathan Randal Elisha Brown; Christopher
Harrist John Andrews — was
Chosen Deputies to serve at the General Assembly to be
held at Newport within and for the Colony of Rhode Island
&c on the first Wednesday in May next next day before God
Nicholas Cook } Grand } Labor westcot } Polle
Dance Mathewson } Jury } William force } Jury
Joshua & Thon } men } John Whipple } men

Chosen Jurymen To serve at the next Injourn Court of Common
Peace and General Sessions of the Peace to be hold at
Providence, within and for the County of Providence on the
Third Tuesday in June Next.

Stephen Hopkins Obadiah Brown, and John Hayes
and George Law appeared in open meeting and agreed
to leave the affair and accounts concerning the clearing
the snow Reptical and clearing the men and goods
came in for; and agreed with the Town to settle the
said accounts The Town chose Honey Duggan
Hayes & Law chose Jonathan Randall
William that the owners of the snow should

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on that behalf to audit and settle the same.

Here follows the names of them that took the oath against bribery and corruption in voting:

Nathan Pearce	James Clark	Charles Higginbottom
Joseph Turpin	Thos: Olney son of Thos:	John Olson
Barzillai Richmond	John ^{Putnam} Putnam	John Scott junr
Bonnie Williams	Joseph Nash	Stephen Angel
Polog Doctor	Joseph Whipple	Wm Carpenter son of Tim
Phillip Roberts	Henry Easton	Stukely Westcott & 3
Jon Barlinggamo	Nicholas Brown	William Hammond
Samuel Winsor junr	Charles Smith	Jeremiah Westcott
Vincent Arnold	Gideon Brown	Stephen Rawson
Thomas Angel	Jobson Gorham	
Edward Manton	Abel Peavy	
Jonathan Pike	Daniel Tipt	
Henry Randal son of Joseph	Joseph Wilton	
Joseph Randal son of Wm	Timothy Williams	
	Elonah or Tyler	

Here follows the names that are propounded for freemen

Benjamin Man	Peter Bateman	Obadiah Brown & 3
William Field	Samuel Thurler	Joseph Stone
John Thornton	Zachariah Eddy	John Comstock
Polog Arnold	Polog Rhoades	William Clark

Upon the petition of Daniel Smith Charles Smith and Robert Gibbs praying that they may have liberty to make bars or gates between the land of Charles Smith and Daniel Smith at one end of a lane laid out in year 1724 on y^e mill plain and at y^e other end between y^e land of S^r Charles Smith and Robert Gibbs: for one year upon consideration whereof it is voted and ordered that the partitioners shall have liberty to fence in said lane for one year they making suitable gates or bars for people to pass through as there may be occasion

The meeting is adjourned to the first munday in June next and all business lying before this meeting is continued that time

At a Town meeting held at Providence Rhode Island on the fourth day of June being the first munday in 1750: and the Town Inspection day

George Brown Chosen Moderator
Richard Waterman Chosen Town Clerk Engaged
John Hoyle junr Chosen Town Joynt & Engaged
George Brown Eng
John Dorton - Eng
John Burton
Richard Waterman Eng
Thomas Olney
and John Randal

Joseph Sheldon Chosen Town Treasurer
George Brown
Archibald Young
and William Sillinghast

Chosen the Towns audit to audit the Towns accounts
George Laws
Stukely Westcott
Joseph Waterman junr
John Gonickes
Elihu Athaniel Field Eng

Chosen
Constables
Joseph Sheldon Alexander Traizer Chosen Carvers of
and Peter Nowe on Chosen
Joseph Sheldon Chosen Gaoler of waits and measures
Stephen Hopkins
Daniel Smith
of John Burton

Chosen Kate makers
Joseph Sheldon & Alexander Traizer Chosen Cullors of Coopering
George Brown & Christopher Arnold Chosen Viewors of Boards
Timber splitwork shinglers elabed & shinglers
Joseph Crawford & Edwards Trip Chosen Borders of wood
Robert Gibbs
Daniel Gonickes
Gideon Comstock

Chosen over
Joars of y^e Poore
Daniel Mathewson William Harris & Zephaniah Pack
Chosen for a viewors
Gideon Comstock Eliza Brown Joseph Brown Thos
Field junr Content Potter Edward Sheldon Honey
William Stone Joseph Waterman Jonathan Whipple
Olney Phillip Roberts Jonathan Gonickes
Chosen Jurymen of the High Court

John Angel Junr^r Chosen Vardus master
 Richard Hoyle Darius Hooper
 David Wilkinson Chosen Collector to Collect to Go thro the Town
 Rates and Taxes:
 and also to Collect and Collect the taxes agree on strangers
 It is voted and ordered by this present meeting that Joseph
 Sheldon shall pay to the directors of the Lottery of
 Wayboys and Bridge the balance that is due to them for the
 trip the Town took: out of the Rate that was levied
 last year; as soon as the collector pays it in
 Capt Stephen Dexter Stephen Hopkins Esq^r & m^r Eliza
 Brown is appointed a Committee in sport in to what Land
 belongs to the Town and so what there is that any
 person have got in possession and make report to the
 next meeting

John Andrew Esq^r is appointed on the Towns behalf
 to treat with the Neighbouring Towns in this County
 of Providence concerning the Building a workhouse
 for the use of the County and upon what terms it may
 be done and make report to the Town of his proceedings
 the affair

Here follows the names of those that Took the oath
 against bribery in voaling
 Benjamin Carpenter
 George Potter
 Potter Randall
 Galeb Potter
 The meeting of Election is adjourned to Last Tuesday
 in August next

~~At a Town meeting held at Providence~~
~~August 18th 1750~~
 At a Town Meeting of the freemen of the Town of Providence
 hold on y^e 18th day of August A.D. 1750 being called by warrant
 of the General Assembly the Town being informed that a Resolue passed the Gen^l Assembly
 at their last session for dividing the County of Providence into
 two Counties which Resolue being exceedingly hastily obtained so
 that any proper opposition to so very injurious vote could
 not be then made and as this Town think themselves deeply
 interested in that matter therefore they have Unanimously voted
 that Jonathan Randall Esq^r and Capt George Brown be hereby
 appointed to be and appear in behalf of s^d Town of Providence
 before the Gen^l Assembly at their next sitting and by them
 solus and such Council as they think proper to employ to
 make all reasonable and just opposition to the said County
 of Providence being divided and the Town do hereby also
 give their representative who are members of the Gen^l
 Assembly instructions to use their utmost interest
 and Endeavour to prevent the Division of said County
 and expect them to govern themselves accordingly and
 that every of this Towns deputies be provided with a copy
 of this vote

At a Town meeting of the freemen of the Town of Providence
 hold on the Last Tuesday in August being y^e 28th day of said
 month Anno Domini 1750 Chosen moderator
 Capt Jonathan Randall m^r Eliza Brown m^r John Dexter m^r
 Chosen Deputies to go to the General Assembly at Providence in
 October fallens next: for the Colony of Rhode Islands &c

Indicature
 Chosen jury men to serve at the next Superior Court of
 Court of Assize & Gen^l Hold delivery to be held at Providence in an
 for y^e County of Providence on the second Tuesday in September next
 Wm Smith } Grand } Jonathan Holmby } pol^t
 Richard Knight } jury men } Wm Roberts }
 Joseph Thorston } } }
 The names of those that Took the oath } The names of those
 against bribery and corruption in voaling } are proposed as
 Benjamin Bowen } John Freeman } James Angel
 John Comstock } Henry Sweeting } Stephen Archer
 Benjamin Mann } Timothy Zabin } Joseph Adams
 Richard Loman } James M. Sweeting } Richard Smith
 } } John Lyman }
 } } Thomas }
 } } }
 } } }

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 Richard Hoyle Pauns Cooper
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 for the use of the County and upon what terms it may
 be don and make report to the Town of his proceedings
 the affair

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 against Libory in voaling

Benjamin Carpenter
 George Potter
 Potter Randal
 Zalgob Potter

The meeting of Election is adjorned to y^e Last Tuesday
 in August next

~~At a Town meeting held at Providence August 18th 1750~~
~~At a Town meeting of the freemen of the Town of Providence~~
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 hold on y^e 18th day of August A.D. 1750 being called by warrant
 of the Town being informed that a Resolue passed the Gen^l Assembly
 at their last session for dividing the County of Providence into
 two Counties which Resolue being exceedingly hastily obtained so
 that any proper opposition to so very injurious a vote could
 not be then made and as this Town think themselves deeply
 interested in that matter therefore they have Unanimously voted
 that Jonathan Randal Esq^r and Capt George Brown be hereby
 appointed to be and appear in behalf of 3^d Town of Providence
 before the Gen^l Assembly at their next sitting and by them
 solues and such Council as they think proper to employ to
 make all reasonable and just opposition to the said County
 of Providence being divided and the Town do hereby also
 give their representative who are members of the Gen^l
 Assembly instructions to use their utmost interest
 and Endeavours to prevent the Division of said County
 and Expect them to Govern themselves accordingly and
 that every of this Towns deputies be joined with a copy
 of this vote

At a Town meeting of the freemen of the Town of Providence
 hold on the Last Tuesday in August being y^e 28th day of said
 month Anno Domini 1750 Chosen Moderator
 Capt Jonathan Randal m^r Eliza Brown m^r John Doctor
 Chosen Deputies to go to the General Assembly at Providence in
 October following next: for the Colony of Rhode Islands

Chosen jury men to serve at the next Superior Court of
 Court of Assize & Gen^l Court delivery to be holden at Providence in an
 for y^e County of Providence on the second Tuesday in September next
 Wm Smith } Grand } Jonathan Holbrook pot &
 Richard Knightly 3^d } jury men } Wm Roberts }
 Joseph Thornton } } Polacy doctor }
 the names of those that Took the oath } the names of those
 against Libory and graption in voaling } are proposed for
 Benjamin Bowler } John Freeman } James Angel
 John Comstock } Henry Sweeting } Stephen Smith
 Benjamin Man } Timothy Jabin } Joseph Smith
 Richard Loman } James M. Colquhoun } John Smith
 } } Thomas Smith

It is voted and ordered that the same instructions that the
 was given to the Deputies at a meeting held on 18th instant
 be continued to the meeting on 19th instant

at a Town meeting of Election held by adjournment
 George Brown Continues Moderator
 Jonathan Jones Chosen Town Clerk in
 the Room of Thomas Olney gun Refusing Engage
 James Angel Chosen Vane master in the Room of John Angel
 Refusing Engage

A Town meeting held at Providence on the eighth day of Oct.
 being the second Monday in said month 1750
 Joseph Wanton Chosen Moderator
 Archabald Angel Grand Juror
 Thomas Olney gun Jurymen
 Henry Easton Jurymen
 Joseph Patter Capenter Chosen
 Jonathan Knight gun Petito
 And Cornelius Easton Jurymen
 To serve at the next inferior Court of Common Pleas and
 General Sessions of the Peace to be held at Providence within
 and for the County of Providence on the third Tuesday of December
 next

A Town meeting held at Providence on the second Monday
 of January 14th of 5th month AD: 1750 being held by adjournment
 and also the Towns Quarter day
 Jonathan Randal Esq^r Chosen Moderator
 Consider Luther Thomas whipple gun Josephiah Pock
 and John Hawking
 Chosen Jurymen
 James Joseph Cooper and John Waterman Esq^r Edward Honnor
 Petito Jurymen to serve at the next superior Court of
 Judicature Court of assize and General Hold delivery
 to be held at Providence on the third Tuesday in March next

It is voted and resolved that there be a rate of fifteen Hundred
 pounds assessed on the poles and estates of the Inhabitance of
 the Town to discharge their debts and defray the Towns Charge
 and that the Rate makers assess the same as soon as may be
 and it is further voted and resolved that when the assessors for
 assessing the said rate on the Town have finished their estate
 of the same that they deliver the said estate to the Town
 Treasurer who gives it fully upon the Receipt of the same get
 up notifications in the several parts of this Town requesting
 the same to pay each one his rate to the said Treasurer and
 that the said estate shall lie in his hands for one

Month after such notifications are set up; and such part of the same
 as remain unpaid at the end of said month shall be collected by the Towns
 Collector in manner as here to fore

Voted and resolved that the representatives of this Town be desired
 to move the next Genl Assembly and use their utmost Endeavors to procure
 an act of the General Assembly to be made to Empower the General
 Treasurer and all Town Treasurers of the several Towns in this colony
 to receive all Rates Taxes and Publick Monies out of the hands of
 hands who may detain the same in some more speedy and effectual
 method than any already provided

The Town upon consideration of a copy of a petition of the
 inhabitants of Pawtuxet for a division of the Town
 voted and resolved that Elisha Wainwright Esq^r and Mr John
 Apple be appointed in behalf of this Town to appear before the
 next General Assembly and there to oppose any division of the
 Town according to the prayer of said petition and the Town also
 recommends it to their representatives in the Genl Assembly to
 use their Endeavors to oppose any such division

Upon the petition of John Anthony Angel praying that
 the Town would be pleased to grant him the liberty of having
 or half of one Acre of Towns Land near the burying place
 Ground next adjoining to his own Land there in order to be his
 Garden on such conditions and for such time as the Town shall
 think proper upon consideration where of it is voted and ordered
 by this present meeting that the prayer of said petition be granted
 and that Cap Stephen Doctor Stephen Hopkins Esq^r
 and Mr Elisha Brown be and they are here by appointed to
 inspect into bounds out and Lease unto the said John Anthony
 Angel so much Land that belongs to the Town not exceeding one
 Acre at such terms as they think proper and for any term not
 exceeding four years and that sd Angel is bound at the expiration
 to deliver the said possession to the Town or their order

* The names of them that took the oath against Bribery in voting	The names of Ezra Dean David Brown Joseph Owens Joseph Allen George Curllis John Harding James Gurnea Jonathan Longstock Joseph Owens Ezra Olney Ezra Woodward William Sprague Ezra Woodward	Thom that was provided Archabald Wood James Wood John Thomas John Thomas gun Benjamin Catborth Stephen Sweet gun Noah Major James Mitcheol gun John Hopkins John Waterman John Morris William Hamden Joseph Phelps
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have follows the names of those that are preppared for freedom

Robert Gibbs Jun ^r	Solomon Jacobs
Samuel Foxworth	William Cumpton
Christopher Hopkins	John Flaitz home
Theophilus Williams	Nathaniel Packard
Grindal Pawson	Robert Young
Thomas Garriat	John Manly Jun ^r
Joseph Alnold	of adiah Brown Jun ^r
Stephen Night	Abraham Bell
	John Harris

Here follows the names of men that was sworn in another List
which was omitted in setting down at first

Robert Williams
Benjamin Westcott son of Benj^m
Richard Knight of 3rd
Rufus Hawkings
John Knight son of Rich^d
Richard Brown
Benjamin Watorman
Job Watorman
Stephen Dexter
Daniel Gholson
John Burlingame
Joseph Stone

* Upon the petition of Gideon Comstock Alexander Thayer Joseph
Potter Thomas Angel James Field Barzillai Richmond and Nonsiat Prayers
going forth the necessity of having a school house built in this town
on the west side of the river and that they with the inhabitants
thereabout have agreed and subscribed money for that purpose and
prayed that the town would be pleased to grant liberty to build a school
house at the sandy hill called Fowlers hill by Joseph Prangers
dwelling house they going forth that there is sufficient room and
not damage the highway upon consideration whereof it is voted and
resolved that the petitioners with such others as is free to contribute
to that use shall have liberty to build a school house in the highway
at said place called Fowlers hill so as that they do not damage the
highway but shall leave the said way full fifty foot wide on each side
the house

At a Town Meeting it being the Town Election day hold at Providence on
the third day of June being the first Monday in said month AD: 1751
Ball, Jabez Bowden Chosen Moderator
Richard Waterman Chosen Town Clerk Eng
Alexander Fraizer Chosen Town Sajt Eng
Goo Brown } Daniel Waterman } Chosen Town
John Dexter } Jonathan Jonker }
John Burton } John Randall } Council men
Joseph Holden Chosen Town Treasurer
George Brown - }
Archibald Young } Chosen if Towns Audit to audit the Towns
Wm Tillinghast }
David Brown Eng } Nathaniel Field } Chosen
Juthly Westcott } Benjamin Gorham sworn }
Joseph Waterman Junr } Edward Tripp }
John Jonker } Richard Fennor Junr }
Abel Poauing - }

Alexander Traizer }
 Nicholas Brown } Chosen Gaugers of Cash
 Abiahm Sheldon }

Alexander Traizer }
 John Thomas gun } Chosen Packers of Boofe and pork
 Joseph Whipple }
 Abiahm Sheldon } and
 Bullers of Supper stuff

Joseph Sheldon } Chosen Gauger of Waits & measures
 Stephen Hopkins }
 Daniel Smith } Chosen Kato makers
 John Burton } and also to Kato strangers

George Brown }
 Christopher Arnold } Surveyors of Boares & shingles & blabors
 Peter Newcom }
 Joseph Crawford } Chosen Carvers
 Edward Tripp } of wood

Robert Gibbs }
 Daniel Jonckes } Chosen over seers of the poore
 Edward Sheldon Eng }
 Wm Burton Eng }

Jeremiah Sheldon }
 William Harris Eng } Chosen Honorarys
 Zephaniah Rock }

Eldon Comstock }
 Eliza Brown } Chosen
 Edward Arnold }
 Joseph Brown }
 Thomas Fiddle gun }
 Christopher Lippit }
 Edward Sheldon Eng }
 Gabe westcott }
 Wm Stone. sworn }
 Joseph waterman }
 Benjamin Bol knap }
 Thomas Olney gun }

Jonathan Whipple }
 Charles Olney }
 Joseph Knight }
 Nathaniel Jonckes }
 Henry Kandal }
 John Warner }
 William Ashton }
 John Potter gun }
 Benjamin Bol knap }
 Thomas Olney gun }

James Angel } Chosen Vando Master
 Richard Hays }
 Jonathan Olney } Chosen Collector of Rates and Taxes
 Gabe Brown }
 Jonathan Kandal }
 Jeremiah Frole } Chosen to value the Estates of them that are despoiled
 in voting at the election
 of any officer

Now follows the names of them that Took the oath against Bribery and Corruption in voting

James Juana
 James Jenner
 John Hopkins
 Jeremiah Hawkins
 William Lupton } sworn

The names of them that was prepared for freemen

Samuel Nightingale	Nemiah Allen	Joseph Buckin
Nathaniel Swoberting	Joseph Laurant	Nathaniel
Dorcas Sessions	William Page gun	
Alexander Traizer gun	Thomas Kilton	
Richard Knight y	Stephen Kilton	
John willie misgun	Benjamin Smith	
Benjamin Waterman gun	Gilbert Semons	
William Waterman	Ezra Olney	
William Edmonds	Joseph Wheaton	
Joseph Barpenter	Nemiah Smith	
George Boverly	Daniel Whipple	
Eliza Wauder	Ephraim Whipple	
Daniel Snow	Joseph Kandal Blair	
James Snow	Samuel Smith	
Thomas Waterman		

Alla Town meeting hold at Providence on the last Tuesday of August being the 27th day of 8th month 1811

Capt Wm Rhoads Chosen Moderator

Stephen Hopkins Eliza Brown Jonathan Kandal and Arthur Thompson Chosen Deputies to serve on the General Assembly to be holden at South Kingston on the last Wednesday in October next within and for the Colony of Rhode Island &c

John Dyer Wm Harris Grand Jurymen

Samuel Westcott gun Joseph Knight to

Chosen Jurymen to serve at the next Superior Court of Judicature Court of assize and General hold delivery to be hold at Providence within and for the County of Providence on the second Tuesday of September next

Now follows the names of them that Took the oath against Bribery and Corruption in voting

Theophilus Williams	Nathaniel Swoberting	Thomas Kilton
John Thomas	Thomas Waterman	Obadiah Brown
Stephen Wright	Robert Young	William Page gun
Robert Gibbs gun	Gilbert Semons	Stephen Kilton
Benjamin Smith	William Edmonds	
Abiahm Bol knap		

The names of them that was prepared

John Jonckes } William Henry
 John Anthony Angel }
 John Why Milles }
 William Kilton }

At a Town meeting held at Providence on y^e second Monday
of October 1751 being y^e 14th day of said month

John Mawney moderator
Charles Dyer } Grand } Jeromiah Field } Peates jury
John Field } } William Tillinghast }
William Whipple } } William Clark } men
Hops Angel } }
Chosen To serve at the Next inferior Court of Common
Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace to be hold at
Providence in and for the County of Providence on the third
Tuesday of November Next

At a Town meeting held at Providence on y^e 23rd day of
Oct 1751 being called by warrant

Stephen Hopkins Chosen moderator

It is voted and resolved that there shall be a proper place
house built or prepared for to put people or persons in that shall
be taken with the small pox in order to be nursed and
looked after at the charge of the Town

Voted that Jeromiah Field Nathan Pearce William
Smith and David Harris be appointed a committee to inspect in
to some proper place to set a pest house on and upon
terms the Land may be procured upon and draw a plan of the
said house or houses the cost thereof: and that they
make report of their doings to the adjournment of this
meeting

And the meeting is adjourned to Monday next to the
Court house at 2 of the Clock in the after noon

At a Town meeting held at Providence by adjournment
of October 1751 being y^e 27th day

Stephen Hopkins Continues moderator

Jeromiah Field Nathan Pearce William Smith and David
Harris who was appointed a committee at the last meeting to
inspect into some proper place to build a pest house and
to put them in that shall be taken with the small pox and
they made report that they found the rock of Land belonging
to William Carpenter to be the most convenient place
that they knew of and that they had agreed with

Carpenter for the Liberty of building two houses upon said
rock one for them that shall be sick with the small pox and
another for to put such persons in that shall be suspected to
have taken the infection for the consideration
that the Town to pay to the said William Carpenter the sum
of One Hundred and Twenty pounds and ditch or fence
the said rock to keepo them that are enforced from rambl
ing about and that in consideration thereof The Town to have
the privilege of two houses standing on said rock for the so
aforesaid for ever

the which report is by the Town Voted and accepted

Voted and resolved that a pest house for the reception of persons
that are taken with the small pox be built of the dimensions of
Twenty four foot Long and Twenty two foot wide one story high
with three fire places; and a house for them that are suspected
to have taken the infection of Twenty eight foot Long and
fourteen foot wide one story high with two fire places

By a estimate it is concluded that the purchasing of the Land
to set said houses on and building the Houses will cost about
Twelve Hundred pounds

and the Town recommends it to their representatives to petition
the next General Assembly that they will be pleased to grant
such a reasonable sum of money out of the General Treasury
as they shall think proper to and for the purposes aforesaid
and it is voted and resolved that William Smith be and he is
here by appointed to procure all manner of materials to build
the said houses as soone as may be and that S. Smith be
and he is appointed to keep an account of the same

The meeting is adjourned to Wednesday the sixth day of
November next to the Court house at 2 of the Clock
after noon

At a Town meeting held at Providence by adjournment
on the sixth day of November AD: 1751

Stephen Hopkins Continues moderator

It is voted and resolved that there be forthwith a rate levied on the
Estate and Estates of the inhabitants of this Town of Six Hundred
pounds old tenor and that the present Rate makers assess and levy
the same as soone as may be for the use and building of two
houses according to the vote passed at the last Town meeting
the General Assembly having granted Six Hundred pounds
of the General Treasury for that purpose that being one
of the estimates and the Six Hundred pounds be
collected

Collected by the Collector of Rates to be paid in to the hands of
Mr William Smith his accounting to the Town for the same
When Collected there to

It is voted and resolved that the Town Treasurer of this Town of
Providence give bond to the General Treasurer to perform the condition
Which the General Assembly hath enjoined on this Town for their
Granting the aforesaid six hundred pounds towards building the
post houses

It is voted and resolved that Mr ¹⁸⁰³ Jeromiah Field Nathan ¹⁸⁰³ William Smith and David Harris or the major part of them be a
Committee to make a tender of purchase money and demand a deed
of William Carpenter of the Land for which they have already
agreed for the purposes aforesaid and the Town Treasurer of this
Town be hereby directed immediately to pay the aforesaid Carpenter
for the Land aforesaid

It is voted and resolved that the vote or act of this Town
directing the Town Treasurer not to pay any accounts drawn
by the overseers of the poor without the Towns audit
allowance for the same be and it is hereby repealed made
null and void

Voted and ordered that whereas James Dillebar's family
is now sick with the small pox and represented not of ability
to support them selves; that the overseers or any one of them
supply said Dillebar's family by orders or otherwise and that
the same be paid at of the Towns Treasury

at a Town meeting held at Providence on the second morn of
January being the 13th day of 5th month 1752
Daniel Gouges Esq^r Chosen moderator

William Tennyson
Henry Paggot
Thomas Field jun^r
Nathaniel Waterman
Arthur Tennyson jun^r
Joshua Building
Benjamin Whipple
Benjamin Lushion

Chosen to serve at the next Superior Court of Judicature Court
of Assizes and General Goal Delivery to be held at Providence
within and for the County of Providence on the Third Tuesday
in March next

The meeting is adjourned to the first Monday in January
next at Twelve a clocking day to act in the following
to get the post houses upon and what other business
and order that applications to set up in publick places
relating the same

A Town meeting held at Providence by adjournment on the
third day of February 1752 being the first Monday in February
Daniel Gouges Esq^r continues moderator

It is voted and ordered that the account of Benjamin
Machal for two only six days attendance in mow
green cleaning and airing the cloaths on account
of the small pox at ¹⁰ shillings per day
amounting to £52 ¹⁰ shillings be paid out of the Towns Treasury
Elisha Brown protests against the above vote for that
it is contrary to Law to grant any money out of the Town
Treasury without the Town being notified of the
same by warrant; and for that the owners of the said
Land ought to pay the same
Whereby that by Law the Town Council is to settle and
adjust all such accounts

at the request of Robert Storrey it was put to vote whether or not
the Town would allow him any thing of his account ^{amounting to four pounds} that he had
drawn for them the Lord of Joshua on many beant and Benjamin
Machal while they was tending on the small pox where upon due
consideration had of the promises it is voted and ordered the said
Robert Storrey should have allowed six pounds of said account and
that the same should be paid him out of the Towns Treasury

Propounded for freemen Richard Olney
Timothy Miles
Jeromiah Olney
Daniel Whipple
William Brownson
Eloizer Green
Thomas Field Jun^r
Joseph Randal

Whereas the General Assembly have granted six hundred pounds
and the Town of Providence have by rate raised six hundred pounds
more all to be applied towards building proper post houses in the
most convenient place for that purpose there not being any person who
has Land in any convenient place that will let the Town have it on any
terms

Therefore it is voted that the deputies of said Town petition the
General Assembly in said Towns behalf to empower them to take
any piece of Land that may be sufficient and most convenient for the
purpose they paying to the owner of such Land the full value thereof

~~At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the~~
~~30th day of March 1752~~ Jonathan Randall Esq. Moderator
At a meeting of the freemen of the Town of Providence held
at the County House in Providence upon the request of sundry of
the freemen of said Town who obtained a warrant for the same
importing that the laws of this Colony for preventing the
spreading of the small pox in this Colony are not effectual for
hindring travelers and others come from the Town of Boston from
coming into this Town whilst infected and the Town upon long
viewing the present state of said distemper in the Town of
Boston and the great danger thereof of the said distemper
being brought into this Town by such persons as may come from Boston
or other infected places hither; do enact and order in manner as
followeth But enacted by the moderator and freemen of this Town that
no person what soever coming from Boston or other place infected
with the small pox shall enter in to the limits of this Town within
the space of twenty days from the time of their coming from Boston
or other infected place except such person hath had the small
pox heretofore but that such persons as shall be appointed to examine
travelers on the borders or any other inhabitant of this Town
may and do here by empowered to stop such persons and convey them
out of this Town by the same way that they entered in to the same
And be it further enacted that if any person what so ever shall
violate take to conduct or convey either by Land or water any person
coming from Boston or other place infected with the small pox
in to this Town before such person shall be brought to one or more
of those persons who are or shall be appointed for the examining
of travelers upon the frontiers of this Town and licence
obtained for such persons so conducting or conveying conveying
such person coming from any infected place as aforesaid being
breakers of the Law of this Colony may be arrested by any
inhabitant of this Town shall be punished hereby entitled to
receive out of the Town Treasury of this Town the sum of
Twenty Pounds for every such person as he shall so arrest upon
his being convicted of the breach of this Colony Law as aforesaid
mentioned and it is also further enacted that all and each
of the holders and licensed Taverns in this Town shall lawfully
examine and ask all persons coming for entertainment
to their Houses from whence they came and if such Traveler
can give no satisfactory account of their coming from
places not infected with the small pox that then such
person shall immediately apply to some Assistant Justice

of peace and inform him of the same on the penalty of such
penholder losing his licence at the next Town Council for his neglect
neglect of the proof
provided always that this act remain in force for the space
of six months from this time and no longer
it is also ordered that this act be published as soon as may be
in the Town by Beat of Drum
and that each person appointed to examine have a copy of this act
published in Providence y^e 31st day of March A^d 1752
according to order per Richard Waterman Town Clerk
Ordered by this Meeting that the Clerk in his warrant to Notify
the Town for their meeting on y^e 3rd Wednesday in April next
notify the freemen to consider of and order and enact whether
or not they will receive the six hundred pounds granted by the
General Assembly for building the post houses on terms or pay
the same out of the Town Treasury and act any other
business as may be proper

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the third Wednesday
in April being y^e 15th day of said month A^d 1752
Jonathan Randall Esq. Chosen Moderator
Stephen Hopkins Elisha Brown Jonathan Randall
and George Brown Esq. S^{rs}
Deputies
Chosen to sit in the General assembly to be held at Newport within and
for the Colony of Rhode Island &c. on the first Wednesday in May next and
the day before the Election

Chosen to serve at the next inferior Court of common pleas and
General sessions of the Peace to be held at Providence within and for
the County of Providence on the third Tuesday of June next
Amos westcott } Grand } John Stone }
Thomas Burt } Jury } Elisha Smith }
John Mow } } Benjamin Patton }
Eliozor Harding } } }
Deputy

Whereas at y^e Town Meeting February: 1752 they granted and
ordered fifty two pounds to be paid out of y^e Town Treasury
the Town was not at that time legally notified for the
of money as the Law directs Therefore the said act is
repealed and Mr. Marshal to take his account and lay it
the Council as the Law directs in such cases

Here followeth the Names of those that took the oath
 of Fidelity and Corruption in voating
 m^r Samuel High
 Josiah King
 Nathaniel Watermangus
 Richard Knight of M^{ts}
 Nathaniel Packard
 John Briggs
 Archibald Hoar
 Timothy Miles
 William Melton
 Richard Olney
 Elezer Green
 Ezra Olney
 Josiah Burlingame
 Bonney Pearce
 Samuel Westcott son of Gabor
 John Williams son of Thomas
 Elias Davis
 Holog Rhoads
 John Anthony Angel
 Samuel Burlingame
 John Manton Jun^r
 Joss Bonney
 Gibson Olney
 Nathaniel Jacobs

At A Town Meeting hold at Providence on the first
Munday of June. A.D. 1752. being the Election of Town Officers
Stephen Hopkins moderator.
Richard Waterman Clerk Eng by Election, ward Chosen
Alexander Fraizer Town for 5 & refused
John Hayes Junr - Chosen in his home Eng -
George Brown Eng -
Jonathan Olney
John Burton Town Council
Eunice Waterman Eng
Jonathan Jonckes Sworn
John Randall Eng
Joseph Sheldon Town Treasurer.
George Brown
William Tillinghast } Town audit
Archibald young
Ezekiel Hopkins Sworn
Stephen Westcott
John Knight Junr - Sworn
Nathan Jonckes
John Arnold
Anthony Angel Sworn
Stephen Westcott Junr of stable Sworn

Nicholas Brown } sworn
Alexander Fraizer } sworn
Abraham Sheldon } sworn of Lask
Samuel Angel }
Alexander Fraizer } sworn
John Thomas Junr } sworn
Abraham Sheldon } sworn
Joseph Whipple } sworn
Joseph Sheldon } sworn
Watts & measures }
Stephen Hopkins } sworn
Daniel Smith } sworn
John Burton } sworn
George Brown } sworn
Ezekiel Arnold } sworn
Stephen Arnold } sworn
John Arnold } sworn

Joseph Crawford } Lords
Edward Trip — } of wood
Robert Gibbs } our seers
Daniel Gunkles } of y^e spoore
Edward Gholson }
Wm Burton — }
Jeremiah Gholson } former
Wm Harris } Groove
Wm Whipple — }
• Jacob Whitman
• Wm Whipple
• Jeremiah Williams }
Joseph Brown }
Thomas Frodgunt — }
Christopher Lippett }
Josiah Thornton } E. of
Wm Stone }
Joseph Fish }
Jonathan Whipple }
• Richard Coman }
Matthew Mantcheter }
• John Comstock }
• Henry Randal }
John Warner }
• Wm Ashton }
• John Pottergun }
Benj^a Bolknap }
Thomas Alvordgunt }

At a Town meeting hold at Providence on the Last Tuesday in
August being y^e 25th day of 8 month and notified by warrant. 1774
Stephen Hopkins Esqr. Chosen moderator
Stephen Hopkins Jonathan Handall Esqr.
m^r Eliza Brown & doct^r Ephraim Brown
Chosen deputies to serve at the next Gen^l. Assembly to be
at Providence on y^e Last Wednesday in October next for the
of Rhode Island &c
Joseph Field Esqr. Chosen for
&c and

James Angel Vandenmaster
Richard Hoyle pound Keeper
Edward Tripp Collector of Rates
Gabor Bowon } to value Estates of
Jonathan Randall } persons disputed
Jeremiah Field } in voating
John Applin } Chosen to examine into
Gideon Comstock } the circumstances of
Jonathan Randall } the Lands that formerly
} belonged to Thomas Potter
} and report thereon to
} the adjournment of this
} meeting
Gideon Comstock } Chosen to examine in
Robert Gibbs } to the circumstances of
} the school House and report
} to the adjournment of this meet-
} ing
Took the oath against Bribery and
Corruption in voating is
John Jones }
Christopher Hopkins }
The meeting is adjourned to the
third Tuesday of this instant June
and that the Clerk notify the Town
of the same

John Gholson Joseph Kilton Christopher Angel
 & Josiah Westcott & Christopher Waterman Junr
 Chosen to serve at the next Superior Court of Judicature Court
 of Assize and General Goals Delivery to be hold at Providence
 the 25th of November next in the County of Providence
 Waterman Junr Dan Smith & Christopher
 Waterman Junr Junymen

The names of them that took the oath against Bribery and Corruption
 in voting vizt
 Joseph Dexter Ezra Hutchins Noah Whipple
 John Lawrance Alexander Farver Junr Bonja B. Town
 Grindal Rawson Ephraim Wheaton John Hartsorn
 Isaac Corey Jeromiah Brown Ephraim Carpenter
 Joseph Lawrance

The Names of them that was propounded for freemen vizt
 Anthony Field Richard Gerlsmaier Israel Gorton Junr
 Thomas Manchester James Thurber Thomas Porrey
 John Power Junr Mallahiah Mason Eleazar Allsop
 Barnos Eddy Joseph Furseting John Harris Junr
 Limcon Hunt Eli Gholson John Randal meritt
 Thomas Semons Eliak Bacon Stephen Spaulding
 Job Gholson George Downing Benja Lee
 Isaac Bolknap Elihu Bowen Benja Congdon
 Eligha Groene Junr Josiah Westcott Junr

Voted that the making of a Rate be referred to the next Town meeting
 on the second Monday in October next and that the Clerk notify
 the Town to meet at 5 o'clock to consider and act on the premises

An motion being made in this meeting that the Town appoint a
 Committee to have care and oversight of the Town School House with
 power to choose and appoint a proper Schoolmaster to have the care
 of teaching in said school house and the motion being now it is voted
 and resolved that the determination of that affair be referred to the
 Towns Meeting in October next and that the Clerk give publick
 notice thereof before said meeting
 said meeting is adjourned to the second Monday in October next

At a Town meeting held at Providence on y^e 9th day
 of October being the Towns quarter day and also by
 adjournment for sundry things

Stephen Hopkins moderator
 George Law Daniel Sprague } Petits
 Joseph Randal Robert Sturrey } Jury
 Joseph Olney Thomas Angel } men
 Noah Kimble

Chosen to serve at the next Superior Court of Common Pleas and
 Sessions of the Peace to be hold at Providence within and
 for the County of Providence on the Third Tuesday in December next

It is Voted and Resolved that Stephen Hopkins Eligha Brown and
 John Mawney be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to exam-
 ine into and see what lands there is that belongs to the Town and
 the circumstances said lands is Under and make report thereof
 to the next meeting

It is ordered and resolved that all those persons to whom the
 Town is indebted carry their accounts to the Town Treasurer
 and the said Treasurer take an account thereof and carry
 the same to the Clerk of the Town that so the Clerk may mention
 the same in his warrant a reasonable time before the next
 meeting that so the Town may know what they are indebted and
 consider some method to pay the same

Nicholas Cook Joseph Olney Esq^r Stephen Hopkins Eligha Brown
 and John Mawney be and they are hereby by Chosen and appointed
 a Committee to have the care of the Town School House and of
 appointing a school master to teach in said house

~~At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the second Monday in~~
~~January being y^e 8th of said month A.D. 1753 being the Towns quarter~~
~~day and Charles Natheis by warrant by order of the Town~~
~~Jonathan Randal Esq^r Moderator (Jeromiah Gholson) Petits~~
~~Joseph Waterman Junr (Jeromiah Gholson) Jury~~
~~William Brown Junr (Nicholas Gholson) men~~
~~Edward Manton Junr Oliver Angel~~
~~Chosen to serve at the next Superior Court of Judicature Court of Assize~~
~~and General Goals Delivery to be hold at Providence within and for~~
~~the County of Providence on the Third Tuesday in March next~~

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the second Monday in
 January being y^e 8th of said month A.D. 1753 being the Towns quarter
 day and Charles Natheis by warrant by order of the Town
 Jonathan Randal Esq^r Moderator (Jeromiah Gholson) Petits
 Joseph Waterman Junr (Jeromiah Gholson) Jury
 William Brown Junr (Nicholas Gholson) men
 Edward Manton Junr Oliver Angel
 Chosen to serve at the next Superior Court of Judicature Court of Assize
 and General Goals Delivery to be hold at Providence within and for
 the County of Providence on the Third Tuesday in March next

Stephen Hopkins Eligha Brown and John Mawney being
 appointed a Committee to Enquire into the Towns Land
 and report to this meeting the which they have not
 fully perfected: it is therefore Voted that they be
 and are so by continuing a Committee for that purpose
 and make return to the Town at the next meeting

The names of those that is propounded for freemen
 Samuel Angel Joseph Smith James Simons Thomas Manich
 Abraham Smith Nathaniel May John Simons John Coust
 John Galt John Waterman Junr James Road Stephen Jackson
 Amos Hopkins Abraham Whipple Samuel Road George Jackson
 Amos Hopkins Junr Lazar Whipple Elihu Bowen
 Edward Smith Stephen Brown Wm Donison
 Stephen Angel Junr John Doctors on poles Horakha Carpenter
 Nathaniel Hawkings James Hammon Robert Magill
 Eliah Whipple Daniel Putnam Daniel Putnam
 Daniel Putnam

Joseph Lusk, John Hunt, Richard Perle, James Darnley,
 John P. Angel, Eliza Angel, Eliza Hales, Peter Potham, Nehemiah Allen

Whereas the place where the present Prison and Prison house now stands in this Town is very inconvenient on many accounts and much out of repair and the General Assembly of this Colony of Rhode Island having voted and ordered that there should be a new Prison and Prison house built in the Town of Providence at the charge of the Colony: Provided the said Town will find a suitable and convenient place for the same without cost to the Government Upon consideration whereof had by the freemen of this Town of Providence in meeting duly convened: It is voted and resolved by the freemen of said Town that one part of the lot called the School house lot be and is hereby granted for the use and purpose of building of a Prison and Prison house on as aforesaid that is to say to begin eighty feet westward from the town street leaving eighty feet for the school house and from the said eighty feet to extend westward to the channel in Providence river and bounded southerly on a highway leading from the Town street into the salt water river and northerly on a lot of Land belonging to Joseph Hilton the said lot being fifty feet wide north and south: To be and remain to and for the use of building of a Prison house Prison yard and improvements of them for the use of said Town for ever

The Consideration of a rate being made on the Town is continued to the next meeting
 The meeting is adjourned to y^e fourth munday in this present January being y^e 22nd day of 3rd month

At a Town meeting held at Providence by adjournment on y^e 22nd day of January Ad 1753 being y^e forth munday in 3rd month Jonathan Dandal Esq^r continues moderator

It is voted and resolved by the freemen of this Town that it is hereby voted and ordered that there be fourth with by the assessors of rates the sum of Twenty five Hundred pounds & assessed on the poles and Estates of the inhabitants of the Town in order to defray the Towns just debts and charges and that the clerk signs and order to the assessors to levy the same: and that the collector gather and collect the said rate by the third Wednesday in April next

Voted that Nicholas Cook Esq^r Joseph Snow Esq^r Capt Archibald Young Esq^r and David Brown Esq^r be a Committee in behalf of the Town to enquire into the state of the Towns assessed on holders in this Town and to enquire what money is due to the Town concerning the same and also on any other account and make report to the next Town meeting
 Resolved for the freemen Thomas Williams Jun^r William Glee Jun^r David Brown

It is voted that the Town Council and overseers of the poor and Town Council for this Town be desired in two months after this day to deliver into the Town Clerk office an exact list of the names of such persons as are maintained at the expense of this Town as poor thereof together with the place of their residence at their weekly expense to the Town and that the Town Clerk notify the said Council and overseers of the poor of this the Town request and that the Town Clerk lay the same before the Town at their next meeting

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the 11th day of February Ad: 1753 - being called by warrant
 Jonathan Dandal Chosen moderator

It is voted and ordered and it is hereby voted and resolved that the vote past at the last Town meeting held on the 20th day of January last be and hereby be repealed made null and void

It is voted and ordered and it is hereby voted and ordered that there be immediately assessed and levied on the poles and Estates of the inhabitants of this Town of Providence and that the same be levied for the sum of seven hundred pounds and that when the same is gathered shall be paid and delivered into the hands of the Town Treasurer

Grand Jurman
 Eliza Baker Chosen a Justice of the Peace in the room of Joseph Wanton who is removed out of this Town and County

James Angel Chosen Rate maker in the room of Stephen Hopkins who hath resigned

At a Town meeting held at Providence on y^e 18th of April being the Third Wednesday of 3rd month 1753
 Mr John Potham Chosen moderator
 Jonathan Dandal Esq^r - Mr Eliza Brown
 Daniel Jones Esq^r - and George Brown Esq^r
 Chosen Deputies to settle the General Assembly to be holden at Narragansett in and for the Colony of Rhode Island &c on y^e first Wednesday in May next

Grand jury
 Extra Jury
 Stephen Spaulding
 John Potham
 Daniel Jones
 George Brown

44. Richard Knight son of Capt. Knight
 Chosen to attend at the next inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Providence within and for the County of Providence on the Third Tuesday in June next

John Hayles Junr Chosen Poole Keeper in the Rooms of Richard Hayles Junr

The names of them that Took the oath Against Bribery and Corruption in voting

Sheldon	Anthony	Israel Gorton Junr
Thomas Leamons	Louise	Robert Magill
Abraham Allen	King	Stephen Jackson
Eliza Green Junr	Thomas Manchester Junr	George Jackson
Joseph Sweeting	Josiah Westcott	Daniel Snow
John Sweet	Abijah Bacon	James Snow
John Scott	George Bowdley	Ezekiel Will
Samuel Angel	Joseph Thornton Junr	Giles Poekha
Isaac Smith	David Burr	Isaac Bolke
Abraham Smith	Joseph Carpenter	Colonius Eg
Job Harkings	Ephraim Carpenter	Peter Stone
James Thurber	Job Sheldon	

Whereas a Bill was presented to the General Assembly in March 1753 intitled an act to prevent keeping disorderly Houses &c. was ordered by said Assembly to be put in print that the opinion of the General Assembly may be known

In the Town meeting voted that the said act is in the opinion of this Town unprofitable to this Colony and that the Deputies now Chosen do represent the Towns said opinion to the next General Assembly by a certificate of this vote from under the Hand of the Town Clerk

voted that this Town will join with the other Towns in this County in building a publick building for a work house to be used in common with other Towns aforesaid and the expenses of building to be defrayed by a rate to be assessed on the whole County and that application be made to the next session of Assembly

Upon the petition of Isaac Olney and Gilbert Simons praying that the Town would grant them a certain piece of Ground leading to the water where there has been Vessels built on the west side of Moshusuck River beginning at Doctor Gilezes Land on the south and to extend northwards along the River one Hundred feet and holding that breadth to extend westward so far as shall be convenient for a shipyard all the front of which is now in the water your petitioners propose to wharf out

as far as the first channel above the trees can be made and leave wharves at the end of their term to be upon consideration whereof it is voted and resolved that the said petition be granted and that Isaac Olney and Gilbert Simons and Daniel Smith be a committee to treat with and lease the premises to said Isaac Olney and Gilbert Simons for such time and terms as they shall judge best for the Towns interest

voted that Ezekiel Warner Esq John Appleby Esq Samuel Burro Esq be appointed a committee to commence an action at Law for the recovery of the Land Commonly called Beezer place the property whereof being in this Town and they are hereby empowered to prosecute the same as attorneys to the Town accordingly

At a Town Meeting of the Moderator and freemen of the Town of Providence on the first Monday in June y^e 4th day of said month 1753 being the Towns Election for choosing Town Officers - 1753

Jonathan Nival Esq Moderator
 Richard Waterman Chosen Town Clerk - Eng
 John Hayles Junr Chosen Town Sajt - Eng
 George Brown Junr (Turiel Waterman) Chosen Town
 Jonathan Olney Esq Obediah Brown Junr
 John Potter Junr John Gorton Junr Council

Joseph Sheldon Chosen Town Treasurer

George Brown Archibald young & Eliza Brown Chosen auditors to audit the Accounts of the Treasurer, others

Joshua Ashton Thomas Kinnicut Israel Gorton Junr
 John Knight Junr Nathan Jenkins Joseph Rhoads
 Joseph Nash Josiah Thornton Joseph Carpenter
 Chosen Constables

Joseph Sheldon Chosen Goalor of weights & measures

Daniel Smith Ezekiel Warner & James Angel Chosen

Christopher Arnold Samuel Angel Benjamin Man & Peter Newcom Chosen Viewers of Estates

Joseph Crawford & Edward Tripp Chosen Overseers of the poor

Barizilai Richman Edward Sheldon Eliza Brown & Ezekiel Warner Chosen Overseers of the poor

Daniel Smith Chosen to act in the Towns relief of the poor in conjunction with the Committee of the Town

Jeremiah Sheldon William Harris & Wm Whipple Chosen
 forso Vowors -
 Jacob Whitman William Whipple Jeremiah Williams
 Joseph Brown Richard Knight the 4th Christopher
 Rippet & tukly westcott Josiah Thornton Joseph Stone
 Daniel Abbot for plain field Road on y west side of packet
 Joseph Hawkins Richard Coman Matthew Manchester
 John Comstock Henry Kandal Samuel westcott junr - William
 Ashton John Potter junr & Samuel Winsor junr Chosen
 forso of the highways -
 James Angel Chosen Wanduo master -
 John Hoyle junr Chosen Pound keeper Eng -
 Tripp Chosen Collector of Rates & Taxes -
 Gabor Brown Jonathan Kandal & Jeremiah Field Chosen
 to value the Estates of such as are disputed in being returned
 forso -
 Nicholas Look Elisha Brown John Mawney Daniel Abbot
 and Joseph Olney Chosen to Lease out the Town schoolhouse
 and appoint a schoolmaster to teach in said house and at
 their discretion in the best manner that they can for the Towns
 advantage -
 Capt John Hoyle Chosen scavenger -
 Capt Obadiah Brown is appointed to have the over sight of
 the post houses for the year ensuing to hire them out to any
 person he shall think proper for the use of the Town Likewise
 to take in to his custody sundry things that was purchased
 by the Town at the time of the small pox being in this Town
 Nicholas Brown Alexander Trairor Abraham Sheldon &
 Samuel Angel Chosen Gaugers of Lake -
 Alexander Trairor John Thomas junr Abraham Sheldon Joseph
 Whipple Samuel Jackson & Joseph Field Chosen packers of
 Beef & pork and Bullers of Copper stuff -
 Nicholas Look Archibald young & Joseph Snow appointed a
 Committee to examine into the Lianes money and fines in
 the hands of the Justices -

Whereas the floope Halls plone or Hill master arrived in this
 port of providence in October 1753 with the small pox on board
 and by charges thereby orde Voted that the Town pay the charge
 of the small pox and that the Towns Auditors be and are
 to pay the owners of the said vessel that brought

the small pox here and such other persons that they judge
 to pay any part thereof and are caused to settle the matter with them
 and if they cannot settle the same amicably that then they the said
 auditors are hereby empowered to bring proper actions to next December
 Court to recover such charges to the Town allowed by the arrival
 of said vessel and the said auditors are hereby empowered to prosecute
 the said actions as attorneys to the Town accordingly -

At a Town Meeting of the Moderator and Freemen of providence held on the
 Last Tuesday in August being the 28th day of said month 1753 -
 Ezraiel Warner Chosen Moderator
 Jonathan Kandal Esqr Elisha Brown Daniel Jones Esqr
 and George Brown Esqr
 Chosen Deputies to sit in the General assembly to be held at South Kingstown
 in and for the colony of Rhode Island &c on the Last Wednesday in October
 next -
 Jonathan Kandal Esqr Grand Obadiah Brown Esqr
 Joseph Sheldon Esqr
 Wm Knight Esqr Jurymen Richard Olney Esqr
 Wm Waterman Esqr
 Chosen to serve at the next Superior Court of Judicature Court of assize and General Hold
 delivery to be held at providence in and for the County of providence on the second
 Tuesday in September next -

Nathaniel Sweeting Chosen Townevidman in the room of
 Obadiah Brown resigning and Engaged -
 Nicholas Brown Chosen a Committeeman to look after and manage
 the Town school house in the room of Elisha Brown resigning -
 Elisha Tillinghast in the room of Joseph Olney resigning

At a Town meeting held at providence on the second munday
 of October being the eighth day of said month 1753
 Richard Waterman Chosen moderator
 Isaac Olney Esqr
 James Thurber Esqr
 Samuel westcott Esqr
 Silas Field Esqr
 Chosen to serve at the next inferior Court of Common Pleas
 and General sessions of the peace to be held at providence
 within the County of providence on the Third Tuesday of
 December next

Proposed for freemen
 William Biggel
 Samuel Jackson
 Josiah Burrill & James

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the second Monday in January being the 34th of the month 1754 ~

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the Third Wednesday
in April 1754 Stephen Hopkins Moderator
W^m Thomas of New

Voated that M^r Daniel Smith be and he is hereby chosen and appointed to have the full power and sole right of the work house and to act and manage the whole affair thereof in this Town to half according to the act of assembly for regulating the same.

have followeth the names of them that took the oath against bribery & corruption in Wm Jones Esq Thomas Whipple Peiphild Philbrook Moses Smith Eliza Arnold John Randall Jeromiah Brown Peter Cook Jam^r Dolph Benjamin Sprague Waterin Beane John Gonskyson Nathaniel Waterman Edward Fayler Alexander Gray John Hutton Benjamin David Burn	Joseph Manchostor Josiah Westcott Joseph Laarance Daniel Abbott John Smith John Kinnicut Solomon Foster George Luther Martin Galt Jeremiah Smith Daniel Smith Ephraim Whipple Edward Smith Gabriel Perce Daniel Whipple Stephen Wright William Johnson Jeromiah Westcott Benjamin Corson David Burn	Josiah Burlingame James Leamon John Leamon John Leamon Simson Reed Samuel Reed John Lovell Nathaniel Lucey Thomas Perry Amos Hopkins John Adams Ephraim Longson Thomas Fiske Joshua Burlingame Joseph Smith Simon Smith George Curtis Samuel Jackson	John Faxon Thomas Williams John Cole Amos Hopkins John Smith Jonathan Mowrey
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At a Town meeting held at Providence on the first Monday
in June AD 1754 being the 3rd day of the month and the

Johns Election day
by Election was chosen - Stephen Hopkins Esq - Moderator
Richard Watorman Town Clerk - Engd
John Hoyle Junr - Town font - Engd
Dan^l Jonikes Esq } as Treasurer
Jonathan Olney Esq } as Clerk
Barthilai Richmond }
Isaiah Hawkings Esq } Town
John Gorton } Council men

Joseph Sheldon Town Treasurer —
George Brown Robert Gibbs & Eliza Brown Towns And it is ordered
Thomas Porrey sworn } Jabez Gorham Eng — } Constables
Thomas Kinnicut sworn } Josiah Thornton — }
John Knight Jun^r — } Joseph Carpenter — }
Nathan Gonikos — } Abraham Belknap sworn }
Pelag Arnold — }
to —

David Brown Joalor of W^m & measurers
Robert Gibbs Henry Harris James Angel Esq^r & Esq^r John Clark Patent makers
and also to Patent Strangers what come who trade in the Town - measurers
Christopher Arnold Samuel Angel Patent Newcom^r & James Snow Veners
of Bonds timber, Split work, Clapboards, Shingles &c -
all - Thomas & Solomon Brown David Sheldon & John Clark our Sers of the poore

Daniel Smith to take the Care and Order direct Concerning the work house
 Col^d Wmth Abbot (Palog) Doctor Geroniah Williams Daniel O'Neary
 Richard Knight 3rd Christopher Lippit Johnly Westcott Josiah Thornton
 John F. Allen Isaac Williams Clark

Joseph Stone Joseph Risk Oliver Rogers
Joseph Smith Richard Loman Mathew Manchester John Comstock
Henry Randal Saml^l Westcott Jun^r Georg Low Calob Patter
Robert Williams Gilbert Loamons

and Grindal Hawson Surveyors of the Highway's —
Grindal Hawson is also appointed to have the oversight and care of the
place where the hill called Fowler's hill was that it be not dug in holes so
th^t it may not obstruct the common use of the highway —

Nicholas Brown Alexander Traizer Abraham Sheldon & Samuel
Angel Gaugors of Laske
James Angel Vandus master
John Koylo Jun - pound keeper
Sheldon M. Koylo

Voted that Daniel
Smith is appointed
to have the care of
the work house and the
Town.

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— 11-4
— 2-2
— 5-6
— 9-4
Total 1000

Angel Gangers of Lash
James Angel Vanden

Alexander Frazer John Thomas Junr - Joseph Whipple Samuel Jackson & Joseph Fish makers of Bees-park &c & Bellors of Loopers flax & hoops &c - Joseph Crawford & Edward Trip ^{junr} Cordors of wood - John Louatt Collector of Rates - John Comstock Jonathan Randall & Joniah Twid to value & rates of persons proposed for free men - Voted and ordered that Joseph should on take the care of the post houses and Land belonging to them and Rent and Lease out the same for the Towns use and behalf

~~At a Town Council held at Providence by adjournment on the 5th day of~~
~~to just John Dominici 1754~~
~~present Daniel Jonckes~~
~~Jonathan Olney~~

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the Last Tuesday in August the 27th day of 8th month AD 1754
Elected Daniel Abbot Chosen Moderator
Daniel Jonckes Esq^r - Mr Thomas Olney - Nicholas Brown
High and Waterman
Chosen Deputies to sit in the General Assembly to be holden at Providence on the Last Wednesday in October next within and for the Colony of Rhode Island &c - Mr Thomas Harris
Grandal Rawson & Henry Randall - Grand Jurymen
and James Somers petit Jurymen
Chosen Jurymen to serve at the next superior Court of Judicature Court of Assize and General Gole Delivery to be hold at Providence within and for the County of Providence on the second Tuesday in September next
Ept John Andrew ^{Sworn} Chosen Town Councilman in the Room of curial waterman and Ept John Waterman ^{Sworn} Chosen in the Room of John Corton: 6th Councilmen taken into Banister since the Town Election

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the second Monday in October being the 14th day of 8th month 1754
Ept John Andrew Chosen Moderator
Elijah Bacon } Grand } Thomas Somers } petit Jurymen
Amos Hopkins } Jurymen }
Chosen to serve at the next superior Court of Common pleas and General Session of the peace to be hold at Providence in and for the County of Providence on the third Tuesday in December next

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the second Monday in January 1755 being the thirteenth day of 8th month
Ept John Lawrence Chosen Moderator
Alexander M^r ^{Sworn} Jurymen } Anthony Field }
David Burr ^{Sworn} Jurymen }
to serve at the next superior Court of Judicature Court of Assize and General Gole Delivery to be hold at Providence on the third Tuesday in March next

It is voted by the present meeting that the Collector of Rates for the Town for the time being before the receiving the Rate bills or Lists shall Respectively Give bond to the Town Treasurer in Double the sum in said Bill contained with sufficient Sureties for his faithful performance and payment of the Rates when collect to the Treasurer where the same of right ought to be paid and belongs

At a Town meeting held at Providence on the 25th day of January AD 1754 being hold by warrant
George Brown Chosen Moderator

Ept John Hoyle Chosen Collector of Rates in the Room of John Louatt who refuses ~~is~~ not being capable for that he can not Right or Road wrighting

It being moved by James Angelone of the Ratemakers for the Town Requested that the Town wold Give them opporion in what manner to proportion the Rate to be assessed on the Town for the finishing the work house on Consideration whereof this meeting do advise that the Ratemakers in making 8th Rate that the pole Tax is to be four shillings up pole

John Jonckes is Chosen Surveyor of the highways in the Room of John Comstock Refusing

At a Town meeting June 3rd 1754 was sworn for free
David Underlight John Lash and Joseph Buckton
and Tobooy Ekongaco

At a Town meeting August 27th 1754
Samuel Butler Joseph Owens Daniel Kuting Buge
took the oath against bribery and corruption in voting

a List of freemen proposed to be sworn in April 1754
Volatins Foster Brooks

Charles Leamons
Benjamin Robertson
John Wollman
Charles Foster Brooks
Joseph Hows
James Hilton
Ezra Bowen

John Brown son Joseph
Abraham Olney
Joseph Field gun
Luther Hawkings
John Foster
John Foster gun
Benjamin Walkent
Eidoon young
Samuel Tucker
Edward Doctor

John Bass
Henry Johnsons
William Lockwood
William Morris gun
William Tompkins
James Atgole gun
John Smith son of William
Abraham Whipple
John Nash
Anthony Stripp

proposed at a Town meeting
June 3rd 1754 for freemen
John Bassot
Stephen Spaulding
Daniel Thornton
John Burgess
Barred Eddy

proposed for freemen January
25th 1755

Joseph Brown son James
Joseph Crawford gun
Abraham Whipple
Luther Hawkings
Christopher Doctor
Nathan Storoy
Jabor Whipple
Joseph Whipple gun
Jesse Smith
Nathan Brown
James Gonikos
Aron Dorr
James Comstock
John Lovat gun
Jeremiah Doctor

At a Town Meeting of the freemen of the Town of Providence
on the Third Wednesday in April 1755 - by 16th of 3rd month
Stephen Hopkins Esq^r chosen Moderator

Daniel Gonikos Esq^r Mr Nicholas Brown
Mr George Brown & Henry Harris Esq^r
Chosen Deputies to sit in the General Assembly to be held at
at Newport within and for the Colony of Rhode Island &c on the
first Wednesday in May next and the day before the Election
Eidoon young } Grand } Ambrose page }
John Gonikos gun } Jurymen } Gilbert Leamons }
John Gonikos gun } Jurymen }

Chosen Jurymen to serve at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas
to be held at Providence within and for the County of Providence on the
Third Monday in June next

At a Town meeting held in Providence the 26 Day
of April 1755 being specially called by Warrant
from under the Hand and Seal of George Taylor Esq^r
a Justice of the Peace agreeable to Law for the
electing a Town Clerk in the room of Richard
Watson Esq^r Deceased.

Stephen Hopkins Esq^r chosen Moderator

The following persons appearing in this meeting and
appearing to be duly qualified were admitted to and
did take the Freeman's Oath by Law prescribed
Hope Atgell John Brown son Jos.

Daniel Tillinghast William Earl
Thomas Blaylock wain Samuel Smith
John Burgess

Mr Nicholas Tillinghast was chosen Town Clerk
and Engo gun

Voted That
Col^l Daniel Abbott Mr Eliza Brown and George Taylor Esq^r
be appointed a Committee to examine the Records & papers in
office & deliver them to the proper Town Clerk & take his care
the same

The following persons proposed as Freeman viz April 26 1755

John Simms
James Olney Son of Joseph
Benjⁿ Shuben Ladler
John Bunt
John Bish

Whereas, by the sudden death of Richard Waterman Esq^r the former Town Clerk, the following List of Persons, who were admitted as Freeman, and took the Oath prescribed by Law, ~~on~~ ^{viz} April 16th 1755. was not registered in this book before his death, and there being a necessity to summon the Freeman of the Town together to chuse a ~~new~~ ^{new} Town Clerk, in the Room of said Waterman deceased; which, being accordingly done, and the proceedings thereof Entered in the foregoing Page, on the 26th April 1755. is the Occasion that this List was not Entered in its proper place, which ought to have been Antecedent to the proceedings of the last mentioned Town Meeting

a List of Freeman admitted, and Engaged as by Law. April 16th 1755. viz

James Jenckes	Daniel Marsh	Daniel Thornton
James Comstock	John Tripp	Joseph Brown
James Lovett	John Merrett	Abraham Whipple
Jeremiah Dexter	Joseph Snow Jun ^r	Christopher Dexter
Hezekiah Carpenter	Daniel Williams	
John Colwell	Joseph News	
Stephen Beech	James Olney	
Abraham Waterman	John Sadwin	
William Cowin	Daniel Zadey	
John Waterman	John Rhodes	
Daniel Thornton son of John	William Henry	
William Chase	Thomas Bennett	
Andrew Hawkins	Voluntine Zasterbrooks	
Nicholas Sillinghast	Charles Simmons	
Stephaniah Hawkins	Benj ⁿ Robinson	
John Urdike	Charles Zasterbrooks	
John Dexter	Abraham Olney	
John Jones	Gideon Young	
John Jones Jun ^r	Samuel Tucker	
	John Bass	
	William Harris	

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the 1st of Monday in June being the 2nd of the month and the Town Election Day 1755

The Hon^{ble} Stephen Hopkins Esq^r Chosen Moderator

The following persons appearing at this meeting, and being duly qualified were admitted to, and Did take the Freeman's Oath, as by Law prescribed

viz	John Foster	John Beech
	Edward Dexter	Dean Kimball
	John Foster Jun ^r	James Henry
	Samuel Tucker Jun ^r	

Nicholas Sillinghast Chosen Town Clerk and Engaged

Mr. John Hoyle Chosen Town Sergeant and Engaged

Mr. George Brown	Mr. Isaiah Hawkins	Chosen Town Council men
Mr. Jonathan Olney	Mr. Nathaniel Sweeting	
Mr. Barzilai Richmond	Mr. John Waterman	

Mr. Joseph Sheldon Chosen Town Treasurer

Mess^{rs} George Brown, Robert Gibbs, and Ephraim Brown

Chosen to Audit the Town's Accounts

Mr. Isaac Cory

Mr. Benjⁿ Robinson

Mr. Josiah Thornton

Mr. Abraham Wilbraham

Mr. Noah Mason

Mr. Ichabod Jenckes

Mr. David Brown, Sealer of Freight & Packages

Mr. Eleazar Harden

Mr. Henry Harris

Mr. Benjⁿ Whipple

Capt. Allen Brown

Mr. David Burr

Mr. James Snow

Constables

Assessors of Rates

Surveyors of Lumber, viz. Town, & Shingles, & Clapboards

Mr. Benjⁿ Cushing
Mr. Benjamin Whipple
Capt. Archibald Young

Overseers of the Poor

Mr. Daniel Smith Overseer of the Work house

Col ^d . Daniel Abbott	Mr. Nath ^l . Day	Surveyors of the Highway
Mr. Thomas Field	Mr. John Comstock	
+ Mr. Anthony Olney	Mr. George Law	
Capt. Daniel Sprague	Mr. Obadiah Brown Jun ^r	
Mr. Jonathan Stone	Mr. Robert Williams	
Mr. Oliver Angell	Mr. Uriah Arnold	
Mr. William Clark	Mr. Benj ⁿ . Belknap	
Mr. Edward Smith	Mr. Abraham Smith	
	Mr. Amos Hopkins	

Mr. Nick^l. Brown
Mr. Alexander Thaxter
Mr. George Taylor

Gaugers of Casks

Mr. James Angell Vendue Master
Mr. John Hoyle Jun^r. Bound Sheperd

Mr. William Whipple
+ Mr. Arthur Fenner
Mr. Edward Tripp

Fence Viewers

Mr. Alexander Thaxter
Mr. John Thomas Jun^r
Mr. Samuel Jackson
Mr. Joseph Field
Mr. Joseph Fiske
Mr. Joseph Whipple

Barbers of Beef, Pork &c
and Cyllers of Cooper's Stuff
Hoops &c

Mr. Joseph Crawford & Mr. Edward Tripp Corders of Wood
Mr. John Hoyle, Kate Gatherer

Col^d. Jabez Bowen
Mr. Henry Harris
Mr. Obadiah Brown

Chosen to Value the Estates of such,
against whom there is a Dispute, for
Being Admitted Freeman

Noted, that Every Person maintained by the Town, shall be put
into the Workhouse, in order to be there maintained

The following persons proposed for Freeman. viz:

James Olney Jun ^r	Ezekiel Fiske Jun ^r
Benjamin Walcott	William Alverson Jun ^r
Elisha Brown Tanner	William Edmonds
John Wellman	Nathaniel Wheeler
	Samuel Fiske

At a Town Meeting held at Providence, on the Last Tuesday
being the 26th Day of August A D 1755

The Hon^{ble}. Stephen Hopkins Esq^r. Chosen Moderator

The following persons appearing to be duly qualified, were Admitted
to, and did take the Freeman's Oath, as prescribed by Law

Benjⁿ. Thumber, Knight. Deater. Jabez Whipple, and William
Alverson Jun^r.

Mr. Elisha Brown 1st Dep^y. George Brown 3rd Dep^y.
Mr. Nicholas Brown 2nd Dep^y. Dan^l. Jenckes 4th Dep^y.

Chosen to serve at the ~~next~~ General Assembly to sit at
South Kingston, on the Last Wednesday in October Next,
within and for the Colony of Rhode-Island &c

Elisha Angell	Grand Jurors	Chosen for the Superior Court to sit at Providence and for said County
Benj ⁿ . Smith		
Ephraim Wheaton	Petit Jurors	Chosen to sit at Providence and for said County
George Jackson		

Nathan Sweeting	Grand Jurors	Chosen to sit at Providence and for said County
George Beverly		
Giles Peckham	Petit Jurors	Chosen to sit at Providence and for said County
Abraham Belknap		

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Saturday the 29th day of November A.D. 1755. being Specially Called by Warrant

George Brown Esq. Chosen Moderator

There being but few of the Freeman present at this Meeting. It is therefore Voted & Resolved that the same be Adjourned to Saturday the 6th day of December next

At a Town Meeting held at Providence by Adjournment. on Saturday the 6th day of December 1755 -

Whereas Capt John Hoyle exhibited unto this Meeting an Acc^t by him charged against the Town for Collecting this Town's proportion of a Colony Rate. Levied in consequence of an Act of the General Assembly made and pass^d in Octo^r 1754. and the same being duly examined. it is Voted and Resolved that the said Acc^t be accepted and that One Hundred and Twenty Two pounds Ten Shillings the amount thereof be paid him out of the Town Treasury.

At a Towns Quarterly Meeting held at Providence on Monday the 1st day of January A.D. 1756

George Brown Esq. Chosen Moderator

Joshua Ashton } Grand Jurors
Benjamin Whipple Jun^r }

Joseph Dexters } Petit Jurors
Amos Hopkins Jun^r }

Chosen to serve at the Next Superior Court to be held in Providence and for said County

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Wednesday the 28th day of April A.D. 1756. being the Town Election Day

The Hon^{ble} Stephen Hopkins Esq. Chosen Moderator

The following persons appearing to be duly qualified, were admitted to and did take the Freeman's Oath as by Law prescribed

Nathaniel Wheaton, Richard Borden, Luther Haushings,
Barack McDonald, Levi Whipple, Nathan Merry,

W^m Elisha Brown 1st } Deputy Henry Harris Esq. 3^d } Deputy
W^m Nicholas Brown 2nd } Deputy George Brown Esq. 4th }

Chosen to serve at the General Assembly, to be held at Newport, on the first Wednesday in May next. and the day before the General Election within the Colony of Rhode Island

Allen Brown } Grand Jurors } Ezekeil Woodward } Petit Jurors
Edward Smith } Stephen Jenckes }

Chosen to serve at the Next Inferior Court, to be held on the third Monday in June. for the County of Providence

Voted that the Clerk Grant a Warrant to Notify the Freeman of the Town that a Rate is proposed to be ^{ordered} ~~made~~ at the Towns Meeting on the first Monday in June next. in order to Discharge the Towns Debts

Voted that Mr. Nich^l Cook be appointed to take Charge of the Proxy Votes, and Carry the same to the General Election

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Monday the 7th day of June A.D. 1756. being the Towns Election Day

Daniel Jenckes Esq. Chosen Moderator

The following persons appearing to be duly qualified, were admitted to and did take the Freeman's Oath. as by Law prescribed

W^m Wheaton. John Knox

Nich^l Tillinghast Chosen Town Clerk

John Hoyle Town Sergeant

George Brown Esq.
Mr. Jonathan Olney
Mr. Barzillai Pickmond } Town Council men
Mr. Isaac Hawkins
Mr. Nathl. Swearing
Mr. John Waterman

Mr. Joseph Sheldon Town Treasurer

George Brown Esq.
Robert Gibbs Esq.
Mr. Eliza Brown } Town's Audit

Mr. Isaac Cory
Mr. Benj. Robinson
Mr. Josiah Thornton
Mr. Abraham Belknap } Constables
Mr. Timothy Sabin
Mr. Noah Mason
Mr. James Jencks

Mr. David Brown, Sealer of Weights and Measures

Mr. Benjamin Mann
Henry Harris Esq.
Mr. Benj. Whipple } Assessors of Rates

Mr. Allen Brown
Mr. David Burr
Mr. James Snow } Surveyors of Board. Timber, Sitework &c.

Mr. Benj. Whipple
George Brown Esq.
Samuel Nightingale Esq. } Overseers of the Poor

Mr. Daniel Smith, Overseer of the Workhouse

The Following persons, were chosen Surveyors of the Highways
viz. Mr. Daniel Abbot, Mr. Thomas Field, Mr. Amos Westgate,
Mr. Jonathan Stone, Mr. Oliver Angell, Mr. William Clark, Mr.
Edward Smith, Mr. Nathl. Day, Mr. John Comstock, Mr. George
Law, Mr. Lechariah Eddy, Mr. James Shuber, Mr. Benjamin
Belknap, Mr. Daniel Smith, Mr. Amos Hopkins, Mr. Robert

Mr. Nicholas Brown
Mr. Alex. Frazier
George Taylor Esq. } Gaugers of Laff

James Angell Esq. Chosen Vendue Master
Mr. Alexander Frazier }
Mr. John Thomas Junr }
Mr. Samuel Jacobson }
Mr. Joseph Field }
Mr. Joseph Fitch }
Mr. Joseph Whipple }
Ladders of Roof
Laths & Shingles
of Cooper Stuff

Mr. Joseph Crawford
Mr. Edward Trapp } Ladders of Wood

Mr. Edward Trapp, Collector of Rates Engaged

Coln. Jabez Bowers
Henry Harris Esq.
Obadiah Brown Esq. } Chosen to value the Estates of Persons
proposed for Freeman, if Disputed

Mr. George Law, Overseer of the Left Houses

Mr. John Aplin, Mr. Benjamin Cushing, and Mr. Nick. Brown, are
Chosen to have the General Oversight and Care of the Town School-
House, as well for repairing the House, appointing and contracting with
a Master, or doing what else may be needful about the same, provided
that the Town be put to no expence thereabout

Voted that this meeting be Adjourned to the first Monday in July and
the mean time, the Audit are desired to Close the Treasurer's Accounts
that the ballance due from the Town may be fully known: and that the
Town Clerk deliver the Sargent five Notifications to Notifie the In-
habitants of the Time of the Adjournment, and the Cause thereof, and also
to insert in the Notifications the sum due from the Town to the several
Creditors

Voted that Capt. Charles Olney be paid out of the Town Treasury the sum of Eight
pounds for his trouble in Numbering the people in his Company

Voted that Capt. Josiah Thornton be paid out of the Town Treasury the sum
of Eight pounds for his Service in the aforesaid business in his Company

Voted that Capt. Joseph Whipple be paid out of the Town Treasury the
sum of Six pounds for Numbering as aforesaid in his Company

Voted that Mr. Benj. West be paid out of the Treasury Eight pounds for
the people in the first Company of this Town

Resolved as above

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Monday 25th day of July.
1756. by Adjournment

Daniel Tenckes Esq. Moderator

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the next Tuesday in August at 12 o'clock.

At a Town Meeting held at Providence by Adjournment on Tuesday the 31st August A.D. 1756

Daniel Tenckes Esq. Moderator

The Town Audit having audited the Treasurers Account do make the following Report -

Town of Providence Acc^t. Currents with Joseph Mellon - £
To sundry Orders and other Charges paid for and in behalf
of the Town from June 16. 1752 to July 5th 1756 - £3877.8.6
By Cash Rec^d as per Acc^t Exhibited. 3803.18.7
due to Balance £73.9.11

On Consideration whereof it is Voted that the said Report be accepted and the above Balance of Seventy Three pounds Nine Shillings & Eleven pence old Tena Exclusive of Commissions be allowed

Voted that the Town Treasurer be allowed the sum of Ninety Six pounds Eighteen Shillings and Six pence for paying out of above sum of Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Seven pounds Eight Shillings and Eight pence being 2¹/₂ per cent. and the sum of Ninety five pounds one Shilling and Ten pence for receiving the above sum which is 2¹/₂ per cent Commissions

Whereas Doct^r Joseph Hewes Exhibited to this Meeting an Acc^t.

By him charged for Attendance and Medicines for one Dorothy Dugan -

it is Voted that the said Acc^t be referred for Settlement to Doct^r Ephraim Bowen that he may allow what he may think reasonable thereon

Voted that a Rate for the sum of Two Thousand Six Hundred pounds be levied on the Tolls and Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town and that the same be collected and returned in the Town Treasury within three months from this Time

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Tuesday 31st of August ad. 1756

The Hon^{ble} Stephen Hopkins Esq. Moderator

Mr. Joseph Whipple, hath taken the Oath against Bribery in Voting

Mr. Elepha Brown 1st Deputy Henry Harris Esq. 3rd Deputy
Mr. Nich^l Brown 2nd Deputy George Brown Esq. 4th Deputy

Chosen to serve at the General Assembly to be held in Providence within and for the Colony of Rhode Island on the Last Wednesday in October next

Thomas Seaman } Grand Jurors. Charles Eastabrooks } Petit Jurors
Jabez Whipple } Daniel Lillinghast }

Chosen to serve at the Superior Court to be held in Providence within and for said County on the Second Tuesday in September

Voted that the Town Clerk Lease out Great points for one year commencing on the first day of June next to the Highest Bidder

The following persons were proposed for freemen viz^t

William Douglass, Joseph Minnick, Job Smith, Jehadod Turner, Richard Thornton (son of Richard), Urian Davis, Robert Brown, Joseph Arnold, Richard Jackson, Amos Atwell, James Allman, John Brown

At a Town Meeting, held at Providence on the 1st day of December Anno Domini 1756. Being Specially called

Samuel Chace Esq. Moderator

David Harris } Grand Jurors, John Collwell } Petit Jurors
Ambrose Lage } Thomas Bennet }

Chosen to serve at the Inferior Court to be held in Providence within and for the County of Providence on the Third Tuesday in December Instant

Proposed for a Freeman
Barnard Eddy

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Monday
the 10th Day of Jan^r. 1757. being Towns Quarterly Meeting Day
George Brown Esq^r Chosen Moderator

Giles Leckham } Grand Jurors Zephaniah Hawkins } Petit
Joseph Smith } John Merrett } Jurors

Chosen to serve at & next Superior Court to be held in March next
in Providence within and for County of Providence

Voted that the Acct. of Doct^r Joseph Hew. referred to Doct^r William
Bowen to allow what he should see fit thereon, he accepted, and that
Sixty Two pounds Ten shilling, & amount thereof be paid out
of the Town Treasury

Voted that Nicholas Tellinghast Town Clerk be paid out of y^e
Town Treasury y^e amount of his Acct. for sundry services done
for the Town: being Thirteen pounds and Six pence

Voted that an order be given to Cap^t John Hoyle to draw
his fees for collecting the last Colony Rate out of y^e Town
Treasury, y^e sum of which is Two Hundred and Forty five pounds

Voted that the Town Treasury be improved to furnish ~~one~~ ^{one} of y^e Pest
Houses, viz^t the Southwast House, called the Sick House, so that
it may be fit to receive any persons sick of the small Pox
and that window shutters be made to each window

Voted that Mr. George Saw who was improved to set out y^e Pest
Houses, be directed to see both y^e said Houses immediately cleaned

Voted that Mr. Paul Saw be Chosen the 3rd Town Council
man in y^e Room of Cap^t Nath^l Sweeting. Gone to Sea

Proposed for Freeman -- Nathan Comstock. Ephraim Whipple
The Bill, ordered to be printed, and transmitted to each Town to be made

publicly, Entitled "An Act to regulate the manner of making up judg-
ments in the several Courts, and also to Ascertain y^e Value of the Bills of
Paper Law of this Colony" was publicly read this Day in Town Meeting
This Meeting is Dissolved

At a Town Meeting held in Providence on the
28th Day of March A.D. 1757 being called by
Warrant W^m John Apter Chosen Moderator
or

Voted and ordered by the Town of Providence in Open Meeting
that the several Sums of Money now owing and due, or that shall
hereafter be due to the Town of Providence, as the fines of such Persons
as were impressed as Soldiers to go under the Earl of London in the next
Campaign, shall, by the Persons, in whose Hands the same now is, be
paid into y^e Hands of the Military Officers in Commission that are over
that Company, where the several Persons belonged that paid the said Fines
respectively; and that the Commission Officers aforesaid be requested to make
Use of said Money for Hiring and Enlisting the several men that may be
wanting to compleat the Quota to be furnished by every Company, as far as
the same may be sufficient; and that such Commission Officers shall
report their Doings to the next Town Meeting: And if the Commission
Officers of each Company can compleat their several Quota's of Men,
without using all the said money: that the Commission Officers aforesaid
shall dispose of the said Money as the major part of their several
Companies shall direct

Voted that this Meeting be Dissolved

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Wednesday the 25th Day of April 1757

The Hon^{ble}. Stephen Hopkins Esq^r. Moderator

the following persons being duly qualified were admitted to and did take the freemen's Oath according to Law viz^t

William Douglass, Joseph Hinnecutt, John M^c.Creary, Bernard Eddy, Amos Atwell, Benjⁿ. Cushing Jun^r, John Smith, William Tyler, William Doud, Comfort Wheaton, Phineas Potter, Ezra Whipple, Job Sweeting, John Brown, Darius Sessions, Eleazar Whipple, Samuel Aborn, Nathan Comstock, James Comstock, Nathan Brown, Hesteriah Mitchell, Richard Thornton Jun^r, Henry Stephens, Jesse Smith, Simeon Stevons, James Edmonds, Aaron Dorr, James Olney Jun^r, Josiah Seaman, Peleg Seaman, John Nash, Seth Luther, Joseph Thwiber, & David Thayer

The following persons were chosen as Deputies for the Town of Providence to sit in the General Assembly to be held in Newport within and for the Colony of Rhode Island, on the first Wednesday in May next

M^r. William Smith 1st Deputy Daniel Jenckes Esq^r 2^d Deputy
Coln^l. Christopher Harris 2nd Deputy M^r. James Olney 4th Deputy

The following persons were chosen Jurors to serve at the Inferior Court to be held in Providence within and for the County of Providence on 4th. Third Tuesday of June Next ensuing viz^t

M^r. James Comstock Grand Juror M^r. John Jenckes Petit Juror
M^r. Joseph Brown M^r. Hesteriah Carpenter Juror

Voted that Nicholas Cook Esq^r be appointed to receive the Proxy Notes and carry them to the General Election at Newport and there deliver them

the following persons were proposed for freemen at a Town Meeting April 20th 1757

* Thomas Mitchell, * John Neely, ~~Charles~~ Keen, George Larpson, * Joseph Whipple son of Benjⁿ Jonathan Knowls, Benjamin Olney, Jonathan Allen, Levi Burr, Amos Allen, Benjamin Shepard, Nathaniel Finney, Aaron Mason, John Fitton, Abiel Smith, James Verry, * Samuel Henry, ~~Nathaniel Finney~~, Richard Seavers, * Nathaniel Sales, John Andrew, Seduthun Belnap, * John Smith, Woodbury Morris, Simeon Flint, Charles Hawkings, James Thomas, Joseph Bellnap.

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Monday the 6th Day of June A D. 1757

The Hon^{ble}. Stephen Hopkins Esq^r. Moderator

the following persons appearing to be duly qualified were admitted to and did take the freemen's Oath as by Law prescribed viz^t

M^r. Simeon Flint John Applin Jun^r

This being the Anniversary Election of Town Officers for the Year ensuing, the persons whose names hereafter follows, were chosen to the Offices ascribed to their respective Names viz^t

Nicholas Tillinghast Chosen Town Clerk

M^r. John Hoyle Chosen Sergeant

George Brown Esq^r 1st M^r. Isaac Hawthins 4th Council Men
M^r. Jonathan Olney 2nd M^r. Paul Leno 5th
M^r. Barthillai Richmond 3^d M^r. John Waterman 6th

Taken up in Damage Seizant by Capt John Hoyle of Providence on 4th 20th instant, a black Horse about thirteen hands and an half high, with a small white streak on his nose shod only on his fore feet, about six year old Providence April 27. 1758

Lef Nick. Tillinghast Affable

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Wednesday the 25th
Day of April 1757

The Hon^{ble}. Stephen Hopkins Esq^r. Moderator

the following persons being duly qualified were admitted to and
did take the freemen's Oath according to Law viz^t

William Douglass, Joseph Minnicutt, John M^cCreary, Bernard
Eddy, Amos Atwell, Benjⁿ Cushing Jun^r, John Smith, William
Tyler, William Doud, Comfort Wheaton, Phineas Potter,
Ezra Whipple, Job Sweeting, John Brown, Darius Sessions,
Eliasar Whipple, Samuel Aborn, Nathan Comstock, James
Comstock, Nathan Brown, Hezekiah Mitchell, Richard
Thornton Jun^r, Henry Stephens, Jesse Smith, Simeon Steers,
James Edmonds, Aaron Dorr, James Olney Jun^r, Josiah Seaman,
Deleg Seaman, John Nash, Seth Luther, Joseph Thimber, &
David Thayer

The following persons were chosen as Deputies for the Town of
Providence to sit in the General Assembly, to be held in Newport
within and for the Colony of Rhode-Island, on the first Wednesday
in May next

Mr William Smith 1st Deputy Daniel Jenckes Esq^r 2^d Deputy
Coln^l Christopher Harris 2nd Deputy Mr James Olney 1st Deputy

The following persons were chosen Jurors to serve at the Inferior Court
to be held in Providence within and for the County of Providence
on y^e. Third Tuesday of June Next ensuing viz^t

Mr James Comstock Grand Juror Mr John Jenckes 1st Juror
Mr Joseph Brown 2^d Juror

Notes that
Notes and
Deliver the

the following persons were proposed for freeman at a Town Meeting
April 20th 1757

* Thomas Mitchell, * John Heely, ~~Charles~~ ^{Charles} Freen, George Larpson,
* Joseph Whipple (son of Benjⁿ) Jonathan Knowls, Benjamin Olney,
Jonathan Allen, Levi Burr, Amos Allen, Benjamin Shepard,
Nathaniel Finney, Aaron Mason, John Pitton, Abiel Smith, James
Verry, * Samuel Henry, Nathaniel Finney, Richard Seavers,
* Nathaniel Sales, John Andrew, Jeduthun Belnap, ~~John~~ ^{John} Smith,
Woodbury Morris, Simeon Hunt, Charles Hawkrings, James Thomas,
Joseph Bellnap.

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Monday the 6th
Day of June A.D. 1757

The Hon^{ble}. Stephen Hopkins Esq^r. Moderator

the following persons appearing to be duly qualified were admitted to and
did take the freemen's Oath as by Law prescribed viz^t

Mr Simeon Hunt John Apple Jun^r

This being the Anniversary Election of Town Officers for the Year
Ensuing, the persons whose names hereafter follow, were chosen to the
Offices ascribed to their respective Names viz^t

Nicholas Tillinghast Chosen Town Clerk

Mr John Hoyle Chosen Town Seargant

George Brown Esq^r 1st Mr Josiah Hawthins 1st Council Men
Mr Jonathan Olney 2nd Mr Paul Leno 2nd
Mr Benjⁿ Pickmond 3rd Mr John Waterman 3rd

Mr Joseph Sheldon Town Treasurer

George Brown Esq^r 1st Town Audit

Robert Gibbs Esq^r 2nd
Mr Eliza Brown

Mr Isaac Corey } Mr Thomas Bennet } Constables
Mr Benjⁿ Robinson } Mr Gideon Young }
Mr Daniel Thornton } Mr James Jenckes }
Mr Abraham Belnap }

Mr David Brown, Sealer of Weights and Measures

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Mr. John Tenches
Henry Harris Esq.
Mr. Barzillai Richmond } Assessors of Rates ~

Allen Brown Esq.
Mr. David Burr
Mr. James Snow } Surveyors of Roads, Timber & Sitewoods

George Brown Esq.
Samuel Nightingale Esq.
Capt. Charles Olney } Overseers of the Poor ~

George Brown Esq. Overseer of the Workhouse ~

The following persons Surveyors of Highways viz.

Coln. Daniel Abbot, Mr. Deley Dexter, Mr. Amos Westcott,
Mr. Jonathan Stone, Mr. Oliver Angell, Mr. Luther Hawthorne,
Mr. Edward Smith, Mr. Nathaniel Day, Mr. John Comstock,
Mr. George Law, Mr. Lechariah Rddy, Mr. James Thurber,
Mr. Benjamin Bolnap, Mr. Edward Thurber, Mr. Daniel Williams
Mr. Anthony Olney and Capt. John Waterman ~

Mr. Nick. Brown
Mr. Alasd. Thaxter
George Taylor Esq. } Gaugers of Casks ~

Mr. James Angell Esq. Vendor Master
Mr. Alasd. Thaxter } Mr. Joseph Field } Lackey of Court
Mr. John Thomas Junr. } Mr. Joseph Field } Lackey of Court
Mr. Samuel Jackson } Mr. Joseph Whipple } of Cooper Staff

Mr. Joseph Crawford
Mr. Edward Tripp } Corders of Wood ~

Mr. Nathan Tenches Collector of Taxes ~

Coln. Jabez Bowen.
Henry Harris Esq.
Obadiah Brown Esq. } to value & settle of such Freeman
against whom any dispute arise ~

Mr. George Law Overseers of the Left House ~

Mr. John Hoyle Pound Keeper

Mr. William Whipple
Mr. Arthur Fenner } Fence Viewers ~
Mr. John Tripp

Mr. Thomas Shinnicut Scavenger. ~

Noted that the Town Clerk be empowered to Lease out Great Point
to the Highest Bidder, for One Year Commencing from this Date ~

Whereas ~~proposed~~ proposed to this Town Meeting, that Application be
made to the General Assembly of this Colony to procure a Law pre-
venting Sheep and Horses, owned by those that live within the Bound
hereafter mentioned, from going at Large upon that part of the High-
ways and unfenced Lands of the Town of Providence lying within
the following Bound; beginning at Pawtucket River, where the North
Boundary of Obadiah Browns Farm, which was late his brother James,
meets that River, thence Westward according to the Direction of the
North Boundary of said Farm, and according to the North Boundary of
Stephen Deatons Farm, until it meet the River, called the Mill River
thence Crossing said River Westward and Northward, so that it
may include all that Tract of Land, known by the Name of the
Stated Common, and then a Straight Line from the South west part
of said Stated Common, until it come to Narragansett River,
where James Edmunds lives, and from thence South to Cranston line.
It is therefore Voted, in the Affirmative; And the Representatives
for this Town, are also ordered to use their Influence to procure such
an act from the General Assembly as is agreeable to the above propo-

Whereas Dennis Montaigne exhibited an acct. to this Meeting, which had before
past the Town Audit, who allowed but part of the sum therein charged, and
the Balance that remains, he ~~may~~ might be allowed him being 25:10:0
on consideration whereof it is Voted and Resolved, that the Towns
Audit, further examine the said acct. and allow as much of the remain-
ing Balance as they shall think reasonable ~

This Meeting is Dissolved

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Tuesday the 30th August
1757

Mr. John Apelin Moderator

Hon^{ble} Stephen Hopkins Esq^r 1st } Daniel Jenckes Esq^r 3^d Deputy
Mr. Elipha Brown 2nd } John Andrews Esq^r 4th

Chosen to serve at the General Assembly to be held at South Kingstown
within and for the Colony of Rhode Island, on the Last Wednesday of
October Next

Mr. William Pearce Chosen 5th Town Councilman in the Room of
Mr. Paul Lewis. Gone to Sea

The following persons were Chosen Jurors to serve at the Superior Courts
to be held in Providence within and for the County of Providence, on y^e
Second Tuesday of September next

Mr. Benjⁿ Cushing Jun^r } Grand Jurors Mr. Benjⁿ Whipple } Petit Jurors
Mr. Deley Williams Jun^r } Mr. James Thurber }

Noted that Mr. Edward Trigg has an order on the Town Treasury, for the Law
Fees due to him for collecting this Towns proportion of the Last Colony Rate

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Monday the 29th day
of November 1757 being Especially called by Warrant

Doct^r Ephraim Bowen Chosen Moderator

Noted that the Town Treasurer of this Town be Appointed to sue the
Heirs of Lurial Waterman late of Cranston Deceased, to a Settlement
of the accts relating to this Town, ^{at the next General Court in this County} as it appears that there is a balance
due from the said Estate to this Town, before y^e Division of Cranston, he being
then Treasurer to the Council

Noted that the Mortgage given to this Town by George Stead be Sued to next
December Court in the County of Providence, and that the Town Treasurer
be appointed to manage the said Suit

Noted that a Tax be levied on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of
this Town, for the sum of Three Thousand Pounds old Tenor, and that
the said Tax be assessed, collected and returned into the Town Treasury
within three months from this Date

The following persons were Chosen Jurors to serve at the next Inferior
Court to be held in Providence, within and for said County, on y^e
Third Tuesday in December next

Mr. Joshua Aylton } Grand Jurors Mr. John Lower } Petit Jurors
Mr. Seth Luther } Mr. Ephraim Wheaton }

This Meeting is Dissolved

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Monday y^e
9th day of January A.D. 1758

John Apelin Esq^r Moderator

The following persons were drawn Jurors, to serve at the
next Superior Court to be held in Providence, within and for
the County of Providence, to wit on y^e Third Tuesday in March

Mr. John Seaman } Grand Jurors Mr. George Corlis } Petit Jurors
Mr. Rufus Hawkins } Mr. William Ashton Jun^r }

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Wednesday the 19th
day of April 1758

The Hon^{ble} Stephen Hopkins Chosen Moderator

The following persons were chosen to serve ^{as Deputies} at the General Assembly
to be held at Newport, within and for y^e Colony of Rhode Island, on
the first Wednesday in May Next, viz

Obadiah Brown Esq^r 1st } Mr. William Smith 3^d }
Mr. Charles Olney 2nd } Col^l Barzillai Richmond 4th }

The following persons were drawn Jurors for y^e Inferior
Court to be held in Providence within and for the County of
Providence, on the third Tuesday in June Next, viz

Mr. John Brown son of Jas. } Grand Jurors Mr. James Olney }
Mr. Nathaniel Wheaton } Mr. Baruch M. }

72.
Voted that the Pound erected by several Private Persons on the Land of Edward Thurber at the upper End of this Town be adopted and received as a Publick Pound; Mr. Edward Thurber having consented that it shall stand on his Land for the Term of Fifteen Years from this Date

Voted that John Orms be Poundkeeper to the said Pound

Voted that Mr. David Bucklen be allowed the Liberty to erect a Publick Market House on the Town's Land near the Bridge, and that the Town Clerk give a Lease thereof to the said Bucklen for the Term of Seven Years provided the said Market do not incommode the Hayward

Voted that Obadiah Brown Esq. be appointed to receive and carry the Proxy Votes of this Town to the General Assembly at Newport on y^e Day of the General Election

Whereas Mr. Nathan Jenckes Collector of Rates for the Town of Providence, preferred his Petition to the Freeman in Town Meeting this day met, praying that he the said Petitioner might retain so much of the Town Rate last gathered, as would satisfy and pay him the Lawful Fees for Collecting the same, and Account with the Town Treasurer for the Balance thereof

on Consideration whereof it is Voted and Resolved that the Prayers of the said Petitioner be granted

a List of the Persons, who took the Oath against Bribery &c. this day. viz^t

Charles Thren, George Layson, Jonathan Allen, Levi Burr, Amos Allen, Benjamin Shepard, Nathaniel Finney, Richard Seavers, John Andrews, Woodbury Morris, Joseph Bellnap, Job Smith, John Olney Jun^r, Noah Matthews, Joseph Arnold, William Linn, Itamar Olney, Abiel Smith

Proposed for Freeman April 19th 1758

John Hawkins Son of Joseph, Nehemiah Ward, Israel Carpenter, Joseph Russell, Maryllai Fishers

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Monday the 5th day of June A.D. 1758

Hon^{ble} Stephen Hopkins Esq. Chosen Moderator

The following persons being duly qualified were admitted to and did take the Freeman's Oath as by Law prescribed

Joseph Crawford Jonathan Arnold, James Nerry

This being the Anniversary Election of Town Officers for the Year ensuing, the persons whose Names hereafter follow were chosen to the Offices respectively ascribed to their Names viz^t

James Angell Esq. Chosen Town Clerk

Mr. John Abyle Town Sergeant

Mr. Paul Lewis 1st } Council Mr. Isaac Hawkins 1st
Mr. Jonathan Olney 2^d } Man Mr. William Pearce 5th
Mr. Maryllai Richmond 3^d } Man John Waterman 4th

Mr. Joseph Sheldon Town Treasurer

Mr. Robert Gibbs

Mr. Elipha Brown

Nich^l Tillinghaff

Town Audit

Mr. Isaac Corey

Mr. Fearns Packard

Mr. Daniel Thomson

Mr. Abraham Bellnap

Mr. Samuel Westcott

Mr. Daniel Kuttlenberg

Mr. James Jenckes

Mr. James Seaman

Constable

Mr. David Brown, Sealer of Weights and Measures

Henry Harris Esq.

Obadiah Brown Esq.

Mr. Joseph Nash

Assessors of Rates

N.B. the above named Assessors have generously offered to assess the Rates for the Year ensuing without Fees

Mr. Allen Brown

Mr. William Walcott

Mr. James Snow

} Surveyors of Timber & Soil

Nich. Cook Esq.

Major Samuel Currie

Capt. James Olney

} Overseers of the Poor

Mr. Benjamin Hunt, overseer of the Workhouse

the following persons were chosen Surveyors of Highways

Colt. Daniel Abbott, Mr. David Burr, Mr. Jonathan

Allen, Mr. John Thornton, Mr. John Waterman son of Joseph,

Mr. Oliver Angell, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Edward Smith,

Mr. Daniel Whipple, Mr. John Comstock, Mr. George Law,

Mr. Rufus Hawkins, Mr. John Hoyle, Mr. Benjamin

Wellman, Mr. Edward Shurber, Mr. Daniel Williams,

Mr. Valentine Eastabrook, Capt. John Waterman, Mr.

Phineas Brown,

Mr. Nich. Brown

Mr. Alexander Seazier

George Taylor Esq.

} Gaugers of Cask

Mr. Isaac Olney Vendue Master

Mr. Alexander Seazier

Mr. John Thomas Junr.

Mr. Samuel Jackson

Mr. Joseph Field

Mr. Joseph Fish

Mr. Joseph Whipple

} Packers of

Tree Pork

and Cullers of

Cooper Stuff

Mr. Joseph Crawford

Mr. Edward Tripp

} Corders of Wood

Mr. Joseph Waterman Junr. Collector of Taxes

N-B the said Waterman engages to collect all the Taxes Levied

on this Town for the Year ensuing, at and after the Rate of

2 1/2 pcent. or six pence on a pound, and is to run the Office

of said Office, as former Collectors usually have done

Colt. Sabez Bowen

Henry Harris Esq.

Obadiah Brown Esq.

} Chosen to value the Estates of Freeman,

whose Freeholds are Disputed

Mr. George Law, overseer of the Pest House

Mr. James Hoyle Poundkeeper over the River

Mr. William Whipple

Mr. William Alverson Junr.

Mr. John Tripp

} Fence Viewers

Mr. Thomas Kinnicut Scavenger

Mr. John Orms poundkeeper to the pound over the mill Bridge

Voted that Colt. Daniel Abbott Mr. Elisha Brown and George

Taylor Esq. be appointed a Committee to receive all the books

and papers of the Late Town Clerk, belonging to the Town, and

Deliver them to the present Town Clerk giving and taking

Receipts for the same

Voted that the Town Clerk Lease Great Point to the Highest bidder

for one year Commencing from this Date

Whereas Joseph Snow Esq. of Providence put a petition into this

meeting representing that is Needful for this Town to petition the

General Assembly for a Lottery in order to raise a sum of

money to pave some part of the Town Street, and Likewise that

he should have Liberty to put into said Lottery a certain

Farmer belonging to him lying in the Province of the Massachusetts

Bay — Whereupon the Town Granted the prayer of said Petition

and Voted that the Deputies for this Town Enforce said Town

Petition for said purpose at the General Assembly

Voted that M^r John Thomas be paid out of the Town Treasury the sum of forty eight pounds nine shillings the amount of his account — it being of Keeping nursing and Doting one Mary Gardner —

Voted that M^r Amos Atwell be paid out of the Town Treasury the sum of six pounds ^{ten shillings} it being for mending the Engine —

Whereas John M^c Keale presented a petition to this meeting Representing that the allowance made him for Keeping of one Philip Bonner, was by no means a sufficient Satisfaction for his Trouble — Upon Consideration thereof it is —

Voted that Doct^r Ephraim Bowen and M^r Samuel Currie be a Committee to here and Examine into the matters contained in said petition and make what allowance they shall think Reasonable and to give an Order on the Town Treasury for the Same

Whereas it being moved in this meeting by a number of the principle Freemen of the Town, to have a publick market House built near the east end of the Great Bridge in the center of the Town of Providence, upon Land of the Towns being reserved for such uses — Whereupon the Town appointed Daniel Abbot Daniel Tenches Esq^r and Doct^r Ephraim Bowen to be a Committee to build said Market House, on said Land, and to raise the money by Contribution or any other ways as they may think most expedient to accomplish said House, provided they put the Town to no expence thereabout

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Wednesday 5th Day of July 1758 being especially called by Warrant

Maj^r Samuel Currie Chosen Moderator

Maj^r Samuel Currie Chosen Assessor of Rates in the Room of Joseph Nash, & said Currie serves without fees

M^r Daniel Smith Chosen Overseer of the work House, in the room of Maj^r Hunt

This Meeting is Dissolved

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Tuesday the 26th Day of August 1758

Ja^{co} Bowen Esq^r Moderator

The following Persons was chosen to serve as Deputies at the Generall Assembly to be held at Providence within and for the Colony of Rhode Island on the Last Wednesday of October Next viz^t

Obadiah Brown Esq^r 1th } Col^l Christopher Harris 3th
M^r Charles Olney 2th } Col^l Barthillia Richmond 4th

Col^l John Andrews Chosen first Town Councilmen in room of M^r Paul Tew

Voted that a Tax be Levied on the Poles and Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town for the sum of one Thousand Pounds Old Tenor, and that the said Tax be applied Collected and Returned into the Town Treasury within Two months from this Date

~~Voted that M^r Joseph Sheldon receive of James Angell the money that said Angell has in his~~

Voted that M^r Joseph Sheldon receive the money that is in the hands of James Angell, which said Angell rec^d of the Colony for Quarters provided for the Kings Troops in the work House School House ^{in March and April Last} ~~which~~

Voted that M^r Joseph Sheldon ^{Town Treasurer} sell that he has recovered for this Town of George Steed, at privit. Sale or other ways as he shall think best

Voted that M^r Joseph Sheldon be and is hereby Impowred to Receive of Samuel Grace Esq^r what ever moneys he may have in his hands belonging to George Steed Late of Providence Deceased, in Order to be applied to the Maintenance of said Steeds Children, if the said Samuel Grace shall Refuse to pay the Same, then said Sheldon is hereby Impowred to sue the said Samuel Grace for the Same at the Next Inferiour Court to be held at Providence

M^r Thomas Whipple

M^r Ephraim Whipple

} Grand Jurors

M^r Mathew Ballus

Capt John Field Esq^r

} Justices

The afore said Person was Chosen Jurors to serve at the Superior Court to be held in Providence within and for said County of Providence on ye second Tuesday of September Next

For as much as it appears to this Town from the continual Increase of
Expences that the publick concerns of the Town as far as relates to their
Debts Credits and Disbursements, may be more frugally managed for
the future if under another Regulation, So that And it is Voted by
This Town in their present meeting that Mr. Benj^m Man Mr. Obadiah
Sprague and James Angell be chosen by this Meeting to Inspect
Such accounts of this Town as have been presented to them for one
Year last past as also to make a List of the Towns Debts and
Credits, as also of all such poor persons now maintained at the
Towns Expence with an account of their age and abilities and the
Weekly or monthly expence the Town are now at for their maintain-
ance and to report the same to the Town at their next meeting
and the said Inspectors are also desired to Inrap in their said
Report any Method for the future Management of such poor
Persons as may save future expences to the Town

A List of the persons who Took the Oath against Bribery &c
This Day viz^t

Nehemiah Ward Joshua Green Barzillia Fisher ^{John} Hawkins
Son of Joseph Nathan Sterry Samuel Shurber Shipwright

Persons To wit. Proposed for freemen August 29th 1758 The following
Joseph Bennet William Warner Ephraim Pearce
George Hopkins Jeremiah Smith David Smith Michael Cushing
Silas Cooke Stephen Whipple Thomas Green Nathaniel Green
Morris Fern Robert Foster Gideon Deater John Malen Jeremiah
Smith William Lockwood Gomer Hale Martin Seamans John
Brown Sons James Allman George Beverly Henry Bacon
Ebenezer Thompson Jacob Shomaker and Andrew Harris

Voted that Mr. Isaac Cory be paid out of the Town Treasury
The Sum of £40 by two pounds it being for the removing of
Trails wife and Children from this Town to the Town of Norridg
Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the Second Monday
October which is the Quarter meeting Day

at a Town Meeting held at Providence December ye 4th 1758 being especially
called Mr. Gideon Young Moderator

The following Persons were Drawn Jurors to serve at ye Inferior Court to be
held in Providence within and for the County of Providence on the Third Tudday of
December next Viz^t

Isreal Mathewson } Grand Jurors } John Mathewson } Petter Jurors
Edward Sheldon } Josiah Thornton }

The following Persons proposed for freemen Silas Downer John Carey
this meeting Defolved

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on ye 24th Day of February
1759 being especially called by Warrant Gideon Comstock Esqr
Moderator
The following persons were Drawn Jurors to serve at ye Next Superior
Court to be held in march Next at Providence within and for the
County of Providence to wit on ye third Tudday of march

Petter } Arthur Fenner Junr } Grand Jurors Joseph Whipple Junr
Jurors } Joseph Olney } Jeremiah Dexter

Voted and Resolved that the Rate now Lived by Obadiah Brown and
James Angell Amounting to to purchas a Water Engine be collected
And paid Into the hands of the said Brown and Angell by the third
Wednesday in Aprile Next for the purpos aforesaid, and that the said Brown
And Angell be hereby Impowered to Grant a Warrant to the collector of the
Towns Taxes Impowering said collector to collect the aforesaid Rate and to
Return said money in

Voted and Resolved that Obadiah Brown George Taylor and James
Angell Esqrs be and are hereby Appointed a Committee to Draw a
Propper Act for Regulations at Fires and for the more Speedy Latinguishing
of the same in the Town of Providence and to Lay the same before
the Next Generall Assembly, In Order to be passed into a Law for the
Town of Providence
this Meeting Defolved

At a Town meeting held at Providence on Wednesday the
Eighteenth Day of April 1759

The Hon^{ble}. Stephen Hopkins Esq^r - Chosen Moderator

The following persons were chosen to serve as Deputys at the
General Assembly to be held at Newport within and for ye Colony
of Rhode Island on the first Wednesday In May Next viz^t.

M^r John Bels --- 1st Daniel Jencks Esq^r --- 3rd
Cap^t Isaac Hawkins --- 2nd Obadiah Brown Esq^r --- 4th

The following persons were chosen Jurors to serve at the Inferior Court
to be held in Providence within and for the County of Providence on the
Third Tuesday in June Next viz^t.

Grand Jurors. --- Petit Jurors. ---

The following Persons being duly Qualified were admitted to and
did Take the Freeman's Oath as by Law prescribed

Robert Foster --- Morris Hearn --- John Carey
Joseph Russel --- Gideon Dexter --- Caleb Green
Jeremiah Smith --- Henry Bacon --- Stephen Hartshorn
Michael Lushing --- Silas Downer --- David Smith
John Fitten --- Joseph Tillinghast --- Ebenezer Brown
Samuel Brown --- James Comstock --- Anthony Tripp
Rowland Sprague --- Jonathan Olney Jr --- William Lockwood
Urian Davis --- Gideon Young Jr

Vot M^r Daniel Smith Chosen Oversee^r of the Work House for the year

M^r Samuel Currie Chosen to serve as a Town Council man

In the Room of John Waterman Esq^r
Voted that M^r John Hoyle be appointed to collect the Rate that is -
is now Liwed for to purchase a Water Engine and to Return the same
into the Hands of Obadiah Brown and James Angell On or before
the 20th of June Next

The following Persons Proposed for freemen viz^t

+ George Rounds --- Eph Laddy --- Enos Smith
Alexander Black --- Barnabas Carey --- James Black
Christopher Whipple --- Joshua Spooner --- John Salberry
John Pitcher --- Joseph Whipple son Benj^m --- Robert Patten

Voted that Daniel Jencks Esq^r be appointed to carry the Town
to the General Assembly held at Newport on the first
Day of May Next

at a Town meeting held at Providence on Munday the 4th Day
of June AD 1759

Daniel Jencks Esq^r Moderator

This being the Anniversary Election of Town Officers for the Year ensuing
the persons whose names hereafter follow, were Chosen to the Offices ---
Respectively ascribed to there names viz^t -

James Angell Town Clerk

M^r John Hoyle Town Serjent

M^r Joseph Sheldon Town Treasurer

M^r John Andrew --- 1st } Town } M^r Isaac Hawkins
M^r Jonathan Olney --- 2nd } Council } M^r William Pearce
M^r Barzillia Richmond --- 3rd } M^r Samuel Currie

M^r Robert Gibbs M^r Elisha Brown and M^r Nicholas Tillinghast } Town Audit

M^r Isaac Lory } Constables } M^r Fearnot Packard
M^r Samuel Westcott } M^r Daniel Rottingbur
M^r James Jencks } M^r William Ashbo^r Jr

M^r David Brown Sealer of weights and Measures

M^r Obadiah Brown M^r Samuel Currie and M^r Charles Olney
Assessors of Rates

M^r Albin Brown M^r William Walcut and M^r James Snow Surveyors of
Timber Dist. &c

M^r Obadiah Brown
M^r Samuel Currie } Overseers of the poor
M^r Charles Olney }

The following persons were Chosen Surveyors of the Highways

Daniel Abbot, David Burr, Joseph Olney Oliver Angell, William Clark
Thomas Olney Jr Nathaniel Day, John Comstock George Laws, John Hoyle
Elyzer Green Volintine Lasterbrocks, Phinas Brown, Obadiah Angell
Daniel Smith, and Joseph Brown,

M^r Nicholas Brown } Gaugers of Cask
M^r Alexander Tragon }
M^r George Taylor }

82.
m^r John Lawrence Chosen Vendue Master

m^r Alexander Tragon } m^r Samuel Jackson } packer of beef pork
m^r John Thomas Jun^r } m^r Joseph Whipple } Cullers of hoops and
m^r Joseph Field } m^r Ichobad Tenches } staves &c

m^r Joseph Crawford }
m^r Volintine Esterbrooks } Cordons of Wood

m^r Isaac Forey Collector of Taxes

NB the said Isaac Forey engages to collect all Taxes Levied on this Town for the year ensuing, at and after the Rate of 2 1/2 p^{er} cent and is to Run the Resque of Bad Debts as former Collectors usually have Don

m^r Jabez Bowen

m^r Obadiah Brown } To value Estates of Persons Disputed
m^r Edward Trip }

m^r George Lavis Over Seer of the pest house

m^r James Hoyle

m^r John Armes } pound Keepers

m^r Edward Trip

m^r William Whipple } Fence Viewers

m^r Thomas Kinnicut Leavenger

The following persons were Chosen Jurors to Serve at the Inf^r Court to be held at Providence on the Third Tuseday of June Next viz^t

Grand Jurors } m^r Luther Hawkins } Petit Jurors m^r James Seamons
m^r Edward Thurber } Jurors m^r Roast Sterry

m^r Elisha Hopkins

m^r Elisha Brown } Fire Wards

m^r Allin Brown }

m^r Nicholas Brown

m^r John Tenches

m^r Thomas Green

m^r Amos Atwell

m^r Daniel Tillinghast

m^r William Smith

m^r David Burr Junr

m^r Job Smith

} Fire

} Constables

Voted that m^r Nicholas Tillinghast and m^r Angell be appointed a Committee to examine what yet Remains unpaid to the Collectors of the several Rates and make Report thereof to the aforesaid, and that whatever Deficiencies be found be provided for in the Town Rate next aforesaid

The following Persons Chosen Field Drivers viz^t

Joseph Crawford, Samuel Thurber, Phinas Brown, Richard Brown and Joseph Turpin

Voted that his Honour Gov^r Hopkins Elisha Brown Esq^r and Col^l William Brown be a Committee to examine what Lands belongs to this Town and to make a plat or plats thereof and to Lodge the same in the Town Clerks office

Voted that Gideon Comstock and Capt^t Azhabald Young be a Committee to settle the Accounts and to Divide the poor between this Town and the Town of Johnson

Voted that the Town Clerk be appointed to Lease out Great Point to the Highest Bidder for one year from this Date

The Town of Providence acc^t Current with Joseph Sheldon for Sundry Orders and Charges paid for and in behalf of the Town as by account Exhibited this Day

£ 1598 = 18 = 2

£ by Cash Rec^d as by account Exhibited

687 = 13 = 6

Balance Due

£ 911 = 4 = 8

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Tuseday the 28th Day of August AD 1759

Hon^{ble} Stephen Hopkins Esq^r Chosen Moderator

The following Persons were chosen to serve as Deputies at the General Assembly to be held at South Kingstown within and for the Colony of Rhode Island on the Last Wednesday of October Next viz^t

M^r Isaiah Hawkins 1 Daniel Tenches Esq^r 3

M^r Joseph Turpin 2 Gideon Comstock 4th

The following Persons were chosen Jurors to serve at the Superior Court to be held at Providence within and for the County of Providence on the 2 Tuseday of Sept^r Next

Grand Jurors } Nathaniel Day } Petit Jurors } Pileg Deater

David Burr } Jurors } James Comstock

George Rounds being duly Qualified did take the

freemans Oath as by Law prescribed

84.
at a Town meeting held at Providence on ye 7th Day of December
AD 1759 Mr Hon^{ble} Stephen Hopkins Esq^r Moderator

The following persons were chosen to serve as Jurors at the Inferior
Court to be held at Providence within and for the County of Providence on
the third Tuesday of this Instant December

Grand Jurors { ~~John Scott~~ { Petal { Volintine Easterbrooks
William Ashton { Jurors { Jonathan Bucklin

at a Town meeting held at Providence on ye 8th Day of March
AD 1760 David Wilkinfon Moderator

the following persons were chosen to serve Jurors at the Sup^r
Court of Judicature, to be held at Providence within and for the County
of Providence on the third Tuesday of this Instant March

Grand Jurors { Mr Knight Dexter { Petal { m^r David Brown
Jurors { Mr Joseph Olney Jun^r { Jurors { m^r Gideon Young

at a Town meeting held at Providence on Wednesday y^e 16th
Day of April. AD 1760

The Hon^{ble} Stephen Hopkins Esq^r Moderator

The following persons were chosen to serve as Deputies at the General
Assembly to be held at Newport on the first Wednesday of May Next
viz^t. Daniel Jenckes Esq^r 1st { Cap^t. Isarah Hawkins 3rd
Cap^t. Joseph Turpin 2nd { Cap^t. Stephen Rawson 4th

Ala Fish { Thomas Hammon { Arthur Westcott
Moses Brown { Nathan Arnold { Benj^m Harding
Joshua Spooner { Saunder Pitman { Benj^m Brown
Henry Starling { John Sallsbury { Barnabus Lary
Samuel Wall { Nathaniel Balch { Ebenezer Thompson
Ezek Eddy { Abraham Hawkins { Benjamin Olney

The above said persons being duly Qualified were admitted
to and did take the Freeman's Oath as by Law prescribed

M^r. Daniel Smith chosen Overseer of the work House for the
year ensuing

Voted that Daniel Jenckes Esq^r be appointed to receive
the proxy votes and Deliver them the General Assembly
to be held at Newport on the first Wednesday of May Next

at a Town meeting held at Providence on the 19th Day
of April 1760 being called by Warrant. In order for to supply
the To Town Treasurer as p^r. Warrant Dated the 16th Day of April 1760
it is Voted and Resolved by the Town Clerk of the Town Grant
a Warrant to the Town Serjent of said Town. Requiring him
to Warn the Com^{mittee} that was appointed to settle the Accounts
between the Town of Providence and the Town of Cranston
to meet Together at the Town Treasurers of said Providence on
the 28th Day of of this Instant April in Order to settle said Account
and also to Warn the Com^{mittee} that is appointed by the Town of
Johnston to meet With the Com^{mittee} that is appointed by this
Town of Providence to settle the accounts between the said
Towns, at the Time and place aforesaid

it is Voted and Resolved that the Town Treasurer of the
Town of Providence be and is hereby Directed and Impowred
to hire on the Towns Account a Sufficient sum of money
to Discharge the Two Executions that is now against him
on the Towns Account

and the Town Treasurer of the Town of Providence is hereby
ordered to set up Notefications to Desire all persons that
Have any Demands on the Town of Providence, to bring
the same to him on or before the 28th Day of this Instant
April

The following Persons being Duly Qualified as by Law
prescribed were admitted to and did Take the Freeman's Oath
viz^t. Thomas Lindsey and Nathaniel Green

it is Voted and Resolved that this meeting be adjourned
to the first Monday in June Next at 12 o'clock

At a Town meeting held by Adjournment on the
Second Day of June 1760 Daniel Jenckes Moderator
it is voted and resolved that a Rate be Levied and assessed on this
Town and returned into the Town Treasury by the last Day of
October Next - for the Sum of three Thousand five hundred pounds
in any Currency that is current at their several Values -

This being the anniversary Election of Town officers for the year
ensuing the following Persons were chosen to the offices Respected
ascribed to their Names vizt James Angell Town Clerk
John Hoyle Town Serjent Joseph Sheldon Town Treasurer
M^r John Andrews Town Council
M^r Jonathan Olney Town Council
M^r Barzillia Richmond Town Council
Isaiah Hawkins
William Pearce
Samuel Currie
Town Audit Robert Gibbs Elisha Brown and Nicholas Tillinghast
Constables Isaac Corey Benjamin Harding James Jenckes
Fearnot Packard Anthony Field Daniel Rotenburgh and David Burr
Sealer of Weights and Measures David Brown
Assessors of Rates Nicholas Tillinghast Samuel Currie Edward Tripp
Surveyors of Timber Soil &c. Allin Brown William Walcutt James
Snow and Christopher Arnold
Overseers of the poor Nicholas Tillinghast Samuel Currie & Edward Tripp
Surveyors of George Laws David Burr Joseph Olney John Hoyle
of Highways Job Smith Nidebiah Angell Oliver Angell W^m Brown
Gauger Nicholas Brown Alexander Frazor George Taylor
of Ashes Archabald Young & Uriah Arnold
Vendue Master John Lawrence
Packer of beef and pork Alexander Frazor John Thomas Joseph
Cullers of hops and Staves Field Samuel Jackson Jo^l Whipple & Schabod Constable
Corders of Wood Joseph Crawford and Daniel Whipple
Collector of Taxes Isaac Corey N^b the said Isaac Corey engages to
collect all Taxes Levied on this Town for the year ensuing at
and after the Rate of 2 1/2 p^r cent -
To Value Estates Sabez Bowen O. Brown and Edward Tripp
George Laws overseer of the Pest House
Round Keepers James Hoyle and John Armes.
Fence Viewers Edward Tripp and William Whipple
Scavengers Thomas Kinnmont James Hoyle and Charles Allen

Fire Wards Yeh Hopkins Elisha Brown and Allin Brown
Fire Nicholas Brown John Jenckes Thomas Green Amos Atwell
Constables Daniel Tillinghast William Smith David Burr Jo^l & Job Smith
Field Drivers Joseph Crawford David Brown Obadiah Sprague & Levi Whipple
The following persons were chosen to serve Jurors at the Inferiour Court
to be held at Providence within and for the County of Providence on the
Third Tuesday of this Instant June vizt
Oliver Angell Grand Jurors Alexander Frazor Petit
Yeh Hopkins Jurors Gideon Crawford Jurors
Voted and Resolved that the Town Clerk lease out the Towns Land
at the Great Point and against the Bank up the River, for one year
from this Date -

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the Last Tuesday
of August it being the 26th Day of said month AD 1760
The Hon^{ble} Stephen Hopkins Esq^r Moderator
The following Persons were chosen to serve Deputys at the General
Assembly to be held at Providence on the Last Wednesday of
October Next vizt
Daniel Jenckes Esq^r 1th Capt Isaac Hawkins 3th
M^r Abraham Smith 2^d Capt Stephen Ranson 4th
The following Persons were chosen Jurors to serve at the Sup^r Court
to be held at Providence within and for the County of Providence on the
Second Tuesday of September Next vizt
Sabez Gorham Grand Jurors Solomon Brown Petit
Joseph Whipple Jurors ~~Nicholas Tillinghast~~ Jurors
The following persons being duly Qualified were admitted and did take
the Freeman's Oath, as by Law prescribed vizt
George Hopkins, Sabez Bowen Jun^r, Seth Tripp Semion Thayer
And Jonathan Ward

at a Town meeting held at Providence on the 4th Day of December
AD 1760 Called by Warrant —

Gideon Comstock Esq^r Moderator —

Voted and Resolved that George Laws fourthwith Repaire the
Pest house, and that after his accounts for the Repaire of said House
be audited ~~to~~ he the said Laws be paid out of the Town Treasury
and the Town Treasurer is hereby forbid to pay any other Debt of the
Towns, untill said Laws account be paid —

The following persons were Chosen Jurors to Serve at the Inf^r Court
of Common pleas and General sessions of the peace to be held at Providence
within and for the County of Providence on the Third Tuesday of this
Instant December. Viz^t

Grand Jurors } James Olney Jun^r } Petit Jurors } Jonathan Allin
 } Daniel Snow } } George Payson

William Pearce Chosen Surviours of the Highways

At a ~~Town~~ meeting of the Compact part of the Town of
Providence held the 24th Day of December AD 1760 Called by Warrant
In order to provide money to pay the Freight of the Engine and to fix
on some proper place for keeping the same —

Daniel Jenckes Esq^r Moderator

it is Voted and Resolved that Obadiah Brown and James Angell
forth with Send to Boston for the Engine, and pay the Freight of the
same, and they shall be allowed Ten p^{ts} Cent Interest for the money
that they shall advance untill the Compact part of said Town pay
them the same again, and the said Obadiah Brown and James
Angell are hereby appointed to settle with John Hoyle and to receive
what money that is yet Due from said Hoyle on account of the Rate
made for purchasing of a Water Engine, and the said O. Brown
and J. Angell are hereby Impowered to Levie a Rate or Tax on the
Compact part of the Town of Providence of Four Hundred pounds
of the said Obadiah Brown and James Angell within one
month from this Day In Order to pay the Freight and other
Expences

Expences on said Engine and also to pay what the Debtes that has
already accrued on the other Engine, and after all the aforesaid Charges
are paid, what money shall then Remain in their Hands they are
to lay out in Purchasing of Leather Buckets for the Use of the said
Engines —

It is Voted and Resolved that the Largest Engine be Kept at the
House at the Bridge opposit to Judge Jenckes. and the other is to be
Kept on the Gangway to the South of the Baptis meeting House
and to be removed as soon the New one comes to Town from Boston,

At a Town meeting held at Providence ye 10th Day of March 1761.
Especially Called

James Angell Moderator

The Following persons were Drawn Jurors to Serve at the Sup^r Court to be held
at Providence within and for the County of Providence on ye 2^d Tuesday of
this Instant march

Grand Jurors } M^r John Jones } Petit Jurors } Dyre Olney
 } M^r Joseph Field } } William Weston

At a Town Meeting Held at Providence ye 15th Day of April: 1761
The Hon^{ble} Stephen Hopkins Esq^r Moderator

The Following Persons wer Chosen to Serve Deputys at the Gen^l
Assembly to be held at Newport on the First Wednesday of May
Next. Viz^t Daniel Jenckes } Capt. Charles Olney } 3^d
 } M^r Abraham Smith } Capt. George Jackson } 4th

it is Voted and Resolved that M^r Daniel Smith be Chosen Over-
seers of the Work House —

Ephraim Whipple Chosen Overseer of the Highway

~~John~~ Eph Brown. Chosen Gager —

all and Every of the Persons whose Names are Inserted in the Subj^{ct}
Roll, being duly Qualifed, Did Taken the Oath or affirmation
Prescribed by the Law of the Colony, against Bribery

90. Corruption in choosing officers. To Wit. Adam Comstock, Ezekiel Burr,
Amos Horton, Daniel Lagoon, Joseph Brown & S. Edward Thurber Jun.
Daniel Thurber, Solomon Wheat, Ichabod Comstock, Amos Kinnicut,
Amasa Sellem, John Ruffel, Allen Deek, John Fenner, Peter Ritto
Martain Semons, John Field Jun. David Bucklin, James Green
Simcon Lowren, Enoch Hunt. George Taylor Jun. David Chace
~~James~~ Hall, Solomon Searl Jun. Enos Smith, Jacob Woodward.
William Barker, Gideon Jenckes, William Jenckes Jun. Joseph
Arnold

at a Town Meeting held at

At a Town meeting held at Providence on ye 7th Day
of May. 1764. called by Warrant. John Andrews Esq
moderator. In Order to make choice of a Deputy to Represent
said Town. in the Room of m^r. Abraham Smith who is Rejected
by the House of Deputys, as appears by a certificate under the
the Hand of Josias Lyndon Clerk of the House of Deputys. Whereupon
said Town have appointed and Chosen Samuel Chace Esq. to serve
as a Deputy for said Town in the Room of said Abraham Smith
who is Rejected by said House as aforesaid

At a Town meeting held at Providence on y^e First Day of
June. 1764. being the Anniversary Election of Town officers for the
year ensuing - the following personson were Chosen to the offices respectively
ascribed to their Names. The Hon^{ble} Stephen Hopkins. Moderator.
Town Serjent. John Hoyle Jun. Town Clerk James Angell
Town ? John Andrews. ^{Samuel Wright Jun.} ~~Samuel Wright Jun.~~ Joseph Sheldon Town Treasurer
Council Jonathan Olney Isaac Handkins ? Town audit
Constables Isaac Corey. John Jones, James Jenckes. Fearnot Packard
Isabey Goreham. Daniel Brothingburg. Giles Peckham
David Brown Sealers of Weights & Measures
Assessors of Rates Samuel Currie. Edward Tripp. Nicholas Tillinghast
Surveyors of Timber & Loeist the Allin Brown William Walcutt
James Snow and Christopher Arnold
Overseers of the poor Edward Tripp Samuel Currie Nathan Angell

Surveyors of Highways George Laws. David Burr. Joseph Olney
John Hoyle William Jenckes Jun. Jonathan Whipple Richard Bowers
Job Smith. Ephraim Whipple. Thoms Olney Jun. John Brown.
Nicholas Brown Alexander } Gaugers { Archabald young Vriah
Trayson George Taylor } of Casks { Arnold Ehek Brown
Vandue master John Lawran
Alexander Trayson John } Packers Samuel Jackson Joseph Whipple
Thomas Joseph field } of beef pork { Ichabod Jenckes.
& (ullers of boards & Sates)

Order of Wood. Joseph Crawford Daniel Whipple
Collector of Taxes. Isaac Corey - NB. the said Isaac Corey engages
to collect all Taxes Levied on this Town for the year ensuing at and after the
Rate of 2 1/2 p^{ts}. Cent
To Value Estates Obadiah Brown Edward Trip. Obadiah Sprague
Overseer of the Pest House George Laws.
Pound Keepers - James Hoyle John Arnes.
Fence Viewers Edward Trip William Whipple
Fire Wards Allin Brown Ehek Hopkins Elisha Brown
Nicholas Brown John Fire { Daniel Tillinghast Wm. Smith
Jenckes Thomas Green { Unstables { David Burr Jun. Job Smith
Amos Atwell Charles Keen

Scavengers Thomas Kinnicut James Hoyle

Field Drivers Joseph Crawford Obadiah Sprague David Brown ^{Whipple}
Grand ? Charles Keen Petit James Thurber
Jurors { Comfort Wheaton } Jurors Abraham Olney
it is Voted that the Clerk Lease out the Towns Land at the Great
Point. and against the high Bank. for one year

72. At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the Last Tuesday of August it being the 25th Day of said month AD 1764

Daniel Jencks Esq^r Moderator

The following persons were chosen Deputy's to Serve at the General Assembly to be holden at South Kingstown on the Last Wednesday of October Next Viz^t

Daniel Jencks Esq^r 1st Thomas Olney Captⁿ 3
Samuel Chace Esq^r 2nd Capt. George Jackson 4th

The following Persons were chosen to Serve Jurors, at the Sup^r Court to be held at Providence within & for the County of Providence on the Second Tuesday of September Next Viz^t

Grand Jurors { Prindale Rawson { Petit John Updike
Stephen Rawson { Jurors William Dood

M^r. Jonathan Jencks is Chosen a Town Council man in the Room of William Pearce who has removed out of this Town.

M^r. Jacob Whitman is Chosen a Surveyor of the Highway for the Year ensuing

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Saturday y^e 5th Day of September 1764. Called by Warrant in Order to Elect a Deputy to Represent said Town at the General Assembly to be held at Newport by Adjournment on Monday y^e 7th Instant in the

Room Samuel Chace Esq^r who has Declined Serving said Town at said Sessions, and is gone to New York.

George Taylor Esq^r Moderator
Whereupon it is Voted and Resolved that M^r. Nicholas Tillinghast be and is hereby appointed a Deputy to Represent said Town at said Sessions in the Room of Samuel Chace Esq^r

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on y^e 5th Day of September 1764. Called by Warrant To Choose a Deputy to Represent said Town at the General Assembly to be held at South Kingstown on the Last Wednesday of October Next, in the Room of Samuel Chace Esq^r who was absent when Chosen, in August Last and has Declined Serving said Town at said Sessions. George Taylor Esq^r Moderator

Whereupon it is Voted and Resolved that M^r. Nicholas Tillinghast be and is hereby appointed a Deputy to Represent said Town at said Sessions. in the Room of Sam^l. Chace Esq^r who has Refused as aforesaid

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on y^e 24th Day of October 1764, Called by Warrant, in Order to Choose a Deputy in the Room of M^r. Nicholas Tillinghast who has Refused to Serve at the General Assembly to be held at South Kingstown on the Last Wednesday of this Instant

M^r. David Wilkinson Moderator

Whereupon it is Voted that Samuel Chace Esq^r is confirmed

It is Voted that the Deputy's of this Town Represent the Condition of the bridge, at Waybosset to the Assembly at their Next Sessions. and make Application for money to Rebuild the Same

It is Voted that M^r. Job Smith Take care of the plank and Timber of Waybosset Bridg. and collect the same Together in some proper place

It is Voted that John Drunwell and amasa fellem. be appointed to Keep Ferry. Near Waybosset bridg. and to be held to the following Rules. To wit for a foot person. one Shilling. for a man & horse 2/- for a horse and Chair 6/- for a Chaise 8/- and they are to attend. untill Nine in the Evening at Night

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the 27th Day of October 1761 called by Warrant in Order to make a Tax to Supply the Town Treasury

M^r - Ezek Hopkins Moderator

It is Voted. that this meeting be adjourned to the first Monday of Nov^r it being the 2^d Day of said month, at 2^d of the Clock p.M. in order to make said Tax and to Transact any other affairs, and that the Town Serjeant Notifie said Town. of said Adjournment

At a Town Meeting held at Providence by adjournment on the 2. Day of November 1761

M^r Ezek Hopkins Moderator

It is Voted and Resolved that a Tax be Levied and Assessed within Ten Days, on the poles and Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town of four Thousand pounds Old Tenor and to be collected and paid into the Town Treasury on or before the Second Day of February Next, and that the pole Tax be Ten Shillings Old Tenor on each pole

Whereas the General Assembly at their Session in October Last, Granted One Thousand pounds Old Tenor Towards Rebuilding of Weybosset Bridge, and Directed this Town to appoint a person to ~~repair~~^{rebuild} the same.

Whereupon it is Voted and Resolved that M^r Barnard Eddy be appointed to Rebuild said Bridge and to Draw the said Thousand pounds out of the General Treasury

This meeting is Adjourned until the 16. Day of this Instant at 2^d Clock p.m.

At a Town Meeting held at Providence by Adjournment on the 16. Day of November 1761

The Hon^{ble} Stephen Hopkins Esq^r Moderator

Voted that Barnard Eddy go on and Finish the Bridge, and he hires the money to Defray the Charge, that shall be over and above the Sum already Granted by the General Assembly, and that this Town pay him the Interest at Ten p^{er} Cent until the General Assembly shall order the same paid.

The following Persons Chosen Jurors to serve at the Superior Court to be held at Providence in the County of Providence on the Third Tuesday of December Next To Wit

Grand Jurors	{ M ^r Nathan Souffock	{ Petit Jurors	Cap ^t Jonathan Olney
	{ M ^r William Whipple		M ^r Richard Olney

This meeting is Resolved

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on y^e 8th Day of March 1762

John Andrews Moderator

The following Persons Chosen Jurors to serve at the Sup^r Court to be held at Providence in y^e County of Providence on y^e Day of March 1762:

Grand Jurors	{ M ^r Cornelias Easton	{ Cap ^t Joseph Owens	{ Petit Jurors
	{ M ^r Ebenezer Knight		M ^r Nathaniel Jacobs

At a Town Meeting held at Providence the 21st Day of April. 1762. The Hon^{ble} Stephen Hopkins Esq^r Moderator

The Following persons were chosen to Serve Deputys at the General assembly to be held at Newport on the first Wednesday of May Next viz^t.

Daniel Jencks Esq^r 1st } Mr Joseph Olney Jun^r 3rd
 Mr Joseph Nash 2nd } Capt George Jackson 4th
 Mr Job Smith Over seer of the Work House

The following Persons being Duly Qualified where admitted to Take the Oath. Prescribed by Law against Bribery and Corruption in choosing publick officers viz

James Sabins	Joseph Tillinghast son of Joh.	
Joseph Olney son of Jos.	Elihu Robinson	Job Olney
Nathan Giles	Richard Bacon	James Arnold
Deater Brown	William Field	Zepheniah Brown
Zacharia Rody	Joshua Smith	Samuel Low
Ichabod Ward	Isreal Angell	James Searles
Silas Cook	Mason Wheaton	Simon Smith Jun ^r
Hazabiah Hawkins	Joseph Jencks	Sam ^l Mayse
	Philip Sweet	Ezekiel Carpenter

Daniel Jencks Esq^r chosen to carry the Proxys. to the General assembly

At a Town Meeting held in Providence on Monday y^e 7th Day of June 1762 it being the Day for Electing of Town officers for the year ensuing. the following Persons were chosen to the offices respectively ascribed to their Names

Daniel Jencks Esq^r Moderator
 James Angell Town Clerk } Joseph Sheldon Town Treasurer
 John Hoyle Town Serjent.

Town Council
 John Cole 1st } Jonathan Jencks 4th } Town Audit -
 Isaiah Hawkins 2nd } Samuel Currie - 5 } Nicholas Tillinghast
 John Jencks 3rd } Amos Atwell - 6 } Robert Gibbs
 Nicholas Brown

Constables Isaac Corey, Joseph Crawford, Gideon Jencks, John Russell, Nathaniel Balch & John Brown son of Joseph

David Brown Sealer of weights and Measures
 Assessors of Rates. Eph Hopkins Samuel Currie & Edward Tripp
 Surveyors of Timber Joist & Allin Brown William Wallcut Ben^m Man and Christopher Arnold

Over Seers of the Poore. Eph Hopkins Samuel Currie & Edward Tripp

Surveyors of } George Law. Obadiah Sprague John Hoyle. Jonathan Olney
 Highways } William Jencks Jun^r Thomas Whipple Jun^r John Brown. Joseph
 Job Smith. Ezra Olney Edward Smith & John Jencks son of Dan.

James of } Nicholas Brown Alexander Traysor, Job Smith
 Cases } Archabald Young Vriah Arnold and Eph Brown

Vandue Master John Lawrence

Packers of Beef Pork and } Alexander Traysor, John Thomas, Joseph
 Cullers of Boards and Staves } Field. Samuel Jackson Joseph Whipple & Ichabod Jencks

Corders of Wood Joseph Crawford and Daniel Whipple

Collector of Taxes James Hoyle. N^o 13. the said James Hoyle is chosen upon the following conditions To wit, he is to collect all Taxes Levied on said Town for the year ensuing at the Rate of Two and half per cent -

To Valuo Estates. Obadiah Brown Eph Hopkins & Obadiah Sprague

Over Seer of the Debt House George Law

Town Keepers James Hoyle & John Armes
Fence Viewers Edward Tripp and William Whipple

Fire Wards, Allin Brown Nicholas Cook and William Smith

Fire Constables, Nicholas Brown. John Tenches, Thomas Green, Amos
Atwell Charles Keen, Daniel Tillinghast Abraham Smith. David
Burr Jun^r and Job Smith

Scavengers Knight Dexter. Charles Keen, and James Hoyle

Field Drivers Joseph Crawford Obadiah Sprague David Burr & Levi Whipple

The following Persons were Chosen to serve Jurors at the Inferior Court
of Common Pleas to be held at Providence on the third Monday of June 1762

To wit - Robert Magell Grand Jurors } Jonathan Whipple Petit
Gilbert Sedmans Jurors } Obadiah Angell Jurors

It is voted that the Clerk Leas out the Towns Land to the Highest
Bidder for the year ensuing

It is Voted and Resolved that Obadiah Brown and James Angell
Prosecute John Hoyle for the money that is in his hands Due to
the Town for the ~~Town~~ Engine Rates, at June Term Next.

It is Voted and Resolved by this Meeting that Joseph Bucklin and his Associates
shall have Liberty to Dig a Well on the Towns Land Joining to the West end of the
Bridge and to fix a pump in the same, Under the following Conditions To wit
Said Well to be free for all persons to Drink at as they Pass and Repass. with
Liberty for all persons to use water when Graving their Vessels on said Land
but Not to water their Vessels at said Well

Noted that James Hoyle Take Down the Dorend on Waybofet Dore and
Save the Timber untill Further Orders from the Town

The following Persons being Qualified according to Law were admitted
To take the Oath Prescribed by Law in Choosing of General Officers
To wit Paul Woodward. Benjamin Nicholas, Christopher Sheldon
John Traylor. Joseph Martin Samuel Freeman & Benjamin Allen

Whereas there is a Quantity of flambes on the bead above the Bridge, which flambes
are and still would be of Great Service to the Inhabitants of this Town, and whereas
some Persons have Dugg and carried away some of said flambes together with the
bead to fill up wharfs ~~with~~ to the Damage of the Inhabitants, for the Preventing
of which Be it enacted by the Moderator and freemen of this Town, that from
And after the Publication of this act no person whatsoever shall presume to
carry away any Dirt off said bead, on the Penalty of Twelve Pounds old
Tennor for each offence so committed To be Recovered by the Town Clerk of this
Town for the Time being by an Action of the Case before any Two Justices of
the Peace for said Town, To and for the use of said Town

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on ye 19th Day of July 1762 Especially
called by Warrant at the Request of a Number of the Freemen of said Town,
Daniel Tenches Esq^r Moderator

It is Voted and Resolved that the Deputys of this Town Make application
To the General Assembly at their next Session, To have an act made for suppressing
all Kind of Stage plays or Theatrical Shews within this Colony

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the Last Tuesday of August
1762: Stephen Hopkins Esq^r Moderator

The following Persons were Chosen to serve Deputys for this Town at
the General Assembly to be holden at Providence on the Last Wednesday of
October Next Viz^t

Daniel Tenches Esq^r 1. } James Angell Esq^r 3
Cap^t George Jackson 2. } Cap^t Ezek Hopkins 4

The following Persons were Chosen to serve Jurors at the Superior
Court to be held at Providence on the Third Monday of September Next
To wit Grand Jurors Jacob Pierce } Petit John Andrew
Benjⁿ Robinson } Jurors Abraham Smith

Whereas the Cows that Run on the Common in this Town

Night Season broken into Several Gardens and Done considerable Damage
for want of being Yearded During the Night - - - - -

Beit therefore enacted by the Moderator and Freemen of this Town and by
the Authority of the same it is enacted that from and after the Publication
of this act, if any Cow or Cows are found, on the Commons or Streets after nine
of the Clock at Night within the Compact Part of this Town as Settled by act
of Assembly, the owner, or Owners of such Cow or Cows shall forfeit and pay
for each Cow Two Shillings Lawful money, to be recovered by an action of
the Case before a Court of Justices, one half thereof to and for the Use of him or them
that shall sue for the same, and the other half thereof to and for the Use of
this Town.

Voted and Resolved that the meeting be adjourned to the 3. Monday
of October Next.

At a Town Meeting held by adjournment on Monday
the 18. Day of October 1762

Stephen Hopkins Esq. Moderator

Voted and Resolved that Moses Brown be appointed in the Room
of Obadiah Brown Deceased, to Joyn with James Angell in the
Prosecution of John Hoyle for the money in his hands Due to the
Town for the Engine Rates and to appropriate the money according
to the former Vot of the Town.

Voted and Resolved that John Dexter son of John be and
is hereby appointed to Value the Estates of Persons proposed to be
Freemen, in the Room of Obadiah Brown Esq. Deceased.

Voted and Resolved that the Representatives of this Town be requested to
move the General Assembly to appoint a Committee to settle the accounts
of Barnard Eddy who was appointed to Rebuild, Weybosset Bridge
and, use their best Endeavours to procure an Order for Paying the
Balance of said Eddys account and also such further sum as may
be sufficient to compleat the said Weybosset Bridge.

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned unto Saturday the 18.
Day of December Next.

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the 18. Day of Dec. 1762 by
Adjournment - Stephen Hopkins Esq. Moderator -

The following Persons were ~~chosen~~ Jurors to serve at the Inferiour Court
to be held at Providence on the 20. Day of this Present Instant Vry -

Grand Nathan Angell & Petit William Clark
Jurors Ichabod Leuchs & Jurors Joseph Bucklin.

Whereas M^r. Barnard Eddy hath applyed to this Town for the Interest money
that is Due to him for money advanced by him Towards rebuilding of Wey
bosset Bridge agreeable to a former Vote of this Town -

Whereupon it is Voted and Resolved that the Town Treasurer of this Town hire
three hundred and Twenty Pounds Old Tenor and pay the same to Barnard Eddy
for one years Interest of the money by him advanced Towards said Weybosset
Bridge.

Resolved that the Representatives of this Town further move the Gen^l. Assembly
to settle the accounts of rebuilding Weybosset Bridge and in a Body apply to every
Branch of the Legislature Personally where the said Business may Labor, and
use their utmost endeavours to Obtain a Grant of money sufficient for that Purpose.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned untill Monday the 17. of January Next
at the Court House.

At a Town Meeting held by adjournment on Monday
the 17. of January 1763. Stephen Hopkins Esq. Moderator

The following Persons were propounded to be freemen of the
Colony. To Wit John Lawrance Joseph Lawrance Joseph Larion
John Laffar Oliver Bowen, Jesse Brown, John Peck, Gideon
+ Angell. Joseph Hawkins Richard Jackson Bartholomew Lutton
+ Charles Brown, Samuel Jacobs + Silas Bunday John Godfrey
+ Samuel Carew, David Kennedy Jacob Hill + Nicholas Pomer Hoyle
+ Hacker Caleb Carpenter, John Snow, John Hoyle S. Robert
John Totten Jun^r. Samuel Tillinghast. Joseph Potter Jun^r, Joseph
Pardon Sheldon. Obadiah Brown, Daniel Tost, John Wall
+ Samuel Warner, Ephraim Starkweather William
Lewis Thomas, James Pike Amos Horton, John
+ Elisha Nathan Waterman.

These names were read and were that produced no Certificate of their having
any Estate. These names were read and were that produced no Certificate of their having

John Atwood, Joseph Hart, Ezechiel Burr, John Healey,
Nehemiah Angell Junr James Brown, George Brown Junr
George Potter, Ezra Healy, Sylvanus Shuttles, Job Pray and David
Purshes

These marked + thus are such as produced no sufficient of their having any title and those marked @ are Deacons

Voted and resolved that the Town audit Audith Isaac Coffey
as ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~collectors of taxes~~ accounts. and make report to the Town ~~on Wednesday~~
to which time this Meeting is adjourned. at 2. P.M.

At a Town Meeting Held at Providence Jan^y. 19. 1768 by
Adjournment. Stephen Hopkins Esq^r Moderator
The following Persons Produced their Deeds In Town meeting sufficient
To Qualify them to be propounded agreeable to Law to Wit. Comfort
Wheaton Enoch Hunt Richard Everit. Nathaniel Olney.
Stephen Hammond son of Jonathan Hammond Samuel Nightingale
Junr.... Benjamin Lindsey

Voted and resolved that James Angell Silas Downer and George
Jackson be and are hereby appointed to Waite on Patience ^{Comitt} Tide
and to receive such papers that are in her hands that belong to the
Town clerks office. which was Not Recd. from her Grandfather John
Whipple when he was Town Clerk of the Town of Providence and to put them
Into the Town clerks office and to take the Town clerks receipt therefor
and also to receive of Jeremiah Deater ~~and take~~ all such papers as are
now in his hands that belong to said office

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the 14th Day of March
1763 Stephen Hopkins Esq^r Moderator

The following Persons were Drawn Jurious to Serve at the Sup^r Court
to be held at Providence on the 3rd Monday of March 1763
To Wit

Grand Jurious	James Comstock	Petit Jurious	M ^r Edward Thurber.
	M ^r Nathaniel Jacobs		M ^r Edward Smith

M^r Jacob Whitman Chosen Sealer of Weights and measures in the Room of
of David Brown who hath removed out of this Town

M^r Benjamin man Chosen appraisers of Estates in the Room of John
Deater Junr. Deceased

At a Town Meeting Held at Providence the 26th of
April 1763 - John Cole Esq^r Moderator

The following Persons were Chosen Deputys to Serve at the General assembly
to be holden at Newport within the Colony of Rhode Island on the first
Wednesday of May Next Vizt

Daniel Fenches Esq ^r	James Angell	3
George Jackson	Eph Hopkins	4

The following Persons being Duly Qualified according to Law were
admitted to take the ^{oath} Prescribed by Law for Choosing of General officers

To Wit Charles Brown	Silas Bundy	Samuel Carew
Nicholas Dower	Samuel Warner	Joseph Carver
Joseph Hawkins	Bartholomew Sutton	Hoise Hacker
Joseph Potter Junr	Joseph Carey	Parson Sheldon
John Ball	Ephraim Starkweather	John Brown son of Elisha
Nathan Waterman	Emor Olney	John Healy
Nathaniel Olney	Samuel Nightingale Junr	Benj ^r Lindsey
Richard Jackson	Robert Bell	Nathaniel Day Junr
Nath ^l Stevens	Daniel Clark	Enoch Angell
James Angell Junr	Joseph Hart	John Hoyle son of James

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Monday the 6th of June 1763
being the Anniversary Election of Town Officers for the Year ensuing the
Following Persons were Chosen to the office Respectively ascribed to their
Names Viz^t Capt Ezek Hopkins Moderator

James Angell Town Clerk
John Hoyle Town Sergeant M. Joseph Sheldon Town Treasurer
Town Council } John Cole 1st } Jonathan Denches 4th
 } Isaiah Hawkins 2nd } Samuel Currier 5th
 } John Denches 3rd } Amos Atwell 6th

Town Audit Nicholas Tillinghast Nich^l. Brown and Robert Gibbs.
Constables Isaac Forey James Vary, Gideon Tenckes Seth Eddy
Daniel Cahoon, and Seth Tripp.

Sealer of Weights and Measures Jacob Whitman

Assessors of the Plates Ephraim Bowen, Joseph Nash, & Edw. Toipp

Surveyors of Timber & Allin Brown, Christopher Arnold. William
Loist & Sons &c. Wallcutt, Barnard Eddy Thomas Hinnecutt
Jonathan Hammond & Ben^m Man

overseers of the Poor Ephraim Bowen, Joseph Nash, & Edw. Tripp

Surveyours of
Highways

George Laws, Obadiah Sprague, John Hoyle, Philip Potter
^{Moses Whipple Junr John Brown son of Joseph Laws}
Jonathan Olney William Tenches Junr ^{And the said Philip}
^{Daniel Whipple & John Tenches sons of Daniel}
Potter is chosen agreeable to the Vote of the Town, Voted that
Philip Potter be a Surveyour of the Highway for the year ensuing
and that the Council give said Potter his Districts from the
Bridg taking in on the South side, Dunwells and
Whitmans, and all persons beside that dwell in this
Town that own Land on the New Street that Leads from
said Bridg Westward untill it meets the Highway by the
Pound

Pages of { Nicholas Barton, Alexander Grayson, Job Smith Archibald Young
Cash { Brian Arnold Esch Brown and Samuel Jackson

Packers of Bus park } Alexander Frayser John Thomas Joseph Reed
 Cullers of Hoops & Naves } Sam^l Jackson John Wiggins & Co. & Co.

orders of Wood, Joseph Crawford & Daniel Whipple

James Hoyle Collector of Taxes on the following Condition N^o to the said James Hoyle is chosen in case he will collect all Taxes Levied on this Town for the year ensuing at and after the rate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ p^{er} cent —————

To Value Estates. Disputed ⁱⁿ Voting Obadiah Sprague Ezek Hopkins & Ben^m Man-
over fear of the Pest House George Laws - - - - -

Sound Keepers. James Hoge & Howland Sprague

James Oliver Esq. Brig. William Whipple and George Lawson

Fire & Allin Brown Nicholas Cook & William Smith
Wards

Wards / Nicholas Brown John Incho Thomas Green Amos Shovel
Fire } Charles Keen Daniel Tillinghast Abraham Smith David
Inflables } Burr Juⁿ and Job Smith

Scavengers Knight Deater Charles Keen William Wheaton

Field Drivers Joseph Crawford & Obadiah Sprague

The following Persons were chosen to serve Jurors at the ^{Supr} Court of
Common Pleas & General Sessions of the Peace to be held at Providence
on the Second Monday of June. 1763 viz^t

Grand Edward Deitter 2 Petit ~~for~~ Jacob Whitman
Jurors Nehemiah Smith 1 Jurors John Foster Jun^r

It is voted that the ^{Town} Clerk Lease out the Towns Land at the Great Point
and against the High Bank for the year ensuing to the Highest Bidder.

The following Persons being chosen by the Town to have the fear of the
up Town Engine viz. ^{Wm} Smith. Obadiah Sprague. Job Smith Charles Keen
Saber Whipple James Lovit. Nathaniel Balch Eph Brown Benj. Lushington
Jehew Smith David Burdett. John Smith. John Hawkins & Sanders Pitman.
For the Engine Down Town. viz. Nicholas Brown. Nathan Angell James
Angell Joseph Bucklin. Joseph Lawrence. Nicholas Tillinghast. Daniel
Tillinghast Benj. Marshall. Richard Olney Gershem Carpenter. Eph
Brown Ebenezer Thompson Thomas Green John Brown Thos. Smith
Richard Jackson Moses Brown and William Barber.

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Voted and Resolved that the Act made In June 1762. by this Town
for preventing the carrying the Lamb head away. be and is hereby
Repealed.

Voted that the Town Clerk assign over the Notes that are in his hands
for Licences to the Town Treasurer to the amount of £ 292: 4: 8

Voted and resolved that George Jackson Samuel Currie and James
Angell ^{or any two of them} be a committee to revise the bounds of the Land Granted by the
Proprietors for a Burying place, and the Lands ~~up~~ ^{near} the river against
the High Bank. together with a true representation of the Grant of said
Burying Place, and of all persons that are on the said Lands. and to
make report to the Next Town Meeting.

Voted that the Town Clerk Lease out the Town School House to the
Highest Bidder for the year ensuing. and that Nicholas Brown
Ezek Hopkins and James Angell be a committee to wait on the
Proprietors with in the line. to Obtain of them Liberty to sell the Lot
Granted for a School, and the money arising therefrom to be
appropriated for the building a Town School House in some proper place.

Voted that James Hoyle sell the Timber that belongs to the pound to the
Highest bidder. and that he account for the money arising therefrom
at the Next Town Meeting.

Voted that the Town Clerk Grant a Warrant to Notifie the Town to meet at the
Court House on the Last Tuesday of August Next, in order to make a
Town Tax, and to provide some method to raise money to purchase
Another Water Engine.

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the Last Tuedy of
August 1763 John Cole Esq^r Moderator

The following Person were Chosen Deputys to serve at the Genl.
Assembly at South Kingston on the Last Wednesday of October

Next. Daniel Jenckes Esq^r Benjamin Man Esq^r 3.
James Angell Esq^r 2. Capt. Ezek Hopkins 4.
Voted.

Voted that M^r. Nicholas Brown and John Jenckes be added to the
former Committee appointed to revise the bounds of the Lands Granted
for a burying Place, and that any three of said Committee be hereby
ordered to make a report agreeable to the former Vote of the Town.
at the Next Town Meeting.

Voted that a Tax of One Hundred and eighty pounds Lawfull money
be Levied on the Poles and Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town to
be Levied by the 25th Day of September Next. and that the same be
collected and paid into the Town Treasury on or before the 25th November
Next and that the Pole Tax one Shilling and six pence ^{per pole} and that the
same be paid in Lawfull money bills emitted by this Colony or old
Tenor at Twenty three and one third for one,

Voted that Ephraim Bowen and Joseph Nash Levied a Tax of Twenty
Pounds Lawfull money on the ~~Inhabitant~~ compact part of the
Town and that the same be Levied and collected and Paid into the
Hands of Nicholas Tillinghast in order to pay the Charges of the
Several Engines on or before the 25th Day of November Next.

Voted that M^rs. George Jackson Henry Pagget and Joseph
Nash be a committee to audit the accounts against the several
Engines, and more Especially the accounts of Moses Boston
and James Angell who was appointed to purchase an Engine.

The following Persons were Chosen Jurours to serve at the Hon^{ble}
Sup^r. Court to be holden at Providence on the third monday
of September Nat. Voy^t. William Tylor & Nathaniel Jacobs
Grand. Jurours. and Charles Olney & James Fild Lett Jurours.

Voted that the Present Deputys for this Town enforce the payment of the ballance
that may be found due to m^r. Bernard Eddy and Joseph Sheldon on account of
wyboset bridge (when their accounts are audited) agreeable to the former act of the
Town and that they also endeavour to procure the payment of the
that the Town now stands engaged for ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~same~~ ^{same}.

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the 3. Day of December
AD 1763 Called by Warrant

Jabez Bowen Esq. Moderator

The following Persons were Drawn Jurors to serve at Hon^{ble} Inferiour Court
of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace to be held for the County
of Providence on the Third Monday of this Present Instant Year
Grand Jurors John Waterman & Petit Archibald Young
Jurors Joseph Field Jurors Christopher Dexter

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Monday the 16. Day
of January AD 1764: Called by Warrant
Mr Ephraim Bowen Moderator

The following Persons Produced their Oaths in Town Meeting Sufficient
to Qualify them to be propounded agreeable to Law viz^t Andrew
Oliphant, Ephraim Walker Robert Perez, James Black, Samuel
Ingram, John Hutcherson, Joseph Apelin, Thomas Field Son of Jeremiah
Jesse Broton, John Broton Son of Obadiah, Richard Carder, Samuel
Storrey, John Mathewson, Stephen Hammond John Snow Son of Joseph
Daniel Gorton

Voted and Resolved that the Clerk give an order on the Town
Treasurer for the Sum of three pounds Six Shillings Lawfull money
In favor of William Godard it being of for Books &c

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the 13. Day of
of March AD 1764 John Cole Esq. Moderator

The following Persons were Drawn Jurors to serve at the Hon^{ble}
Sap^t Court of Judicature Court of assize and General Goal Delivery
within & for the County of Providence on the Third Monday of this Instat.
viz^t James Mitchell & Petit Mr Amos Atwell
Jurors Mr Richard Somers

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Wednesday the 18. Day of
April AD 1764 John Cole Esq. Moderator

The following Persons were Chosen Deputies to serve at the General Assembly
to be holden at Newport within the Colony of Rhode Island on the First
Wednesday of May Next viz^t

Daniel Tenches Esq. 1st Jacob Whitman 3rd
Mr Moses Broton 2nd Eph^{raim} Hopkins 4th

The following Persons being duly Qualified according to Law were
admitted to take the Oath Prescribed by Law for Choosing of General Officers

To wit Thomas Field son of Jeremiah, Joseph Apelin, Andrew Oliphant,
Andrew Comstock, James Black, John Hutcherson, John Snow
Eph^{raim} Olney, John Young, Stephen Thurber, Eph^{raim} Walker
Stephen Hammond, Samuel Ingraham and General Carpenter

It is Voted and Resolved that this Meeting be adjourned to Friday the
20. Instant to consider of the repairing of the Desk House &c

The Meeting met according to adjournment, and but a small
Number present. it was Voted and Resolved the said Meeting be
adjourned to Wednesday Next at 3. o'Clock

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Monday the 4. Day
of June 1764: being the Anniversary Election of Town officers for
the Year ensuing. The following Persons were Chosen to the
office respectively ascribed to their Names

John Cole Esq. Moderator
James Angell Town Clerk: John Hoyle Town Sergeant
Mr Joseph Sheldon Town Treasurer

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Town Council: John Cole Esq^r 1st Jonathan Tenches 4th
Isaiah Hawkins 2nd Samuel Currie 5th
John Tenches 3rd Amos Atwell 6th
Town Audit: Messrs Nicholas Tillinghast, Nicholas Brown & Robert Gibb,
Constables: Isaac Cony, Gideon Tenches, John Farry, Sabez Whipple,
William Green and Martin Seamons.
The following persons chosen Constables to take care that
the first day of the week be kept according to Law, To wit:
Comer Hale, Henry Bacon and Christopher Arnold.
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Mr. Jacob Whitman.
Assessors of Rates: Ephraim Bowen, Edward Tripp and Job Smith.
Overseers of the Poor: Ephraim Bowen, Edward Tripp and Job Smith.
Surveyors of Timber to set boards: Allin Brown, Christopher Arnold, William Walcutt,
Bernard Ledy, Thomas Hinnicutt, Jonathan Hammond, Benjamin Man and Ichabod Tenches.
Surveyors of Highways: George Laws, Azariah Whipple, Benjamin Samuel Low,
Thomas Whipple Jun^r, Stephen Rawson, Gideon Tenches,
John Brownson of Jos^r, Edward Smith, William Smith,
Nathaniel Day Jun^r and Moses Brown.
Gaengers of Cattle: Nicholas Brown, Alexander Traysor, Job Smith, Archibald
Young, Eph Brown and Samuel Jackson.
Vendye Master John Lawrence.
Packers of beef Pork: Alexander Traysor, Samuel Low, Joseph Field,
Cullers of Slaves & Hogs: Samuel Jackson, Joseph Whipple and Ichabod Tenches.
Corders of Wood: Joseph Crawford, Daniel Whipple & Ichabod Tenches.
Collector of Taxes: James Hoyle, on the following conditions, To wit: That
the said James Hoyle is chosen in case he will collect all Taxes Levied on this
Town for the year ensuing at 2 1/2 p^{er} cent.
Sabez Bowen Jun^r Overseer of the Pest Houses.
Voted that the overseer of the Pest Houses be fully empowered to put
the said Houses in proper repair and provide some suitable person
or Family to reside in one of the Houses, and that the expenses accruing
thereon be paid out of the Town Treasury.

Justice Vivers: Edward Tripp, George Laws and William Whipple.
Dund Keepers: James Hoyle and John Ormes.
To Value Estates Disputed, in Voting: Eph Hopkins, Benjamin ^{Man} Obadiah Sprague.
Fire Wards: Nicholas Cook, Nicholas Tillinghast and William Smith.
Fire Constables: Nicholas Brown, John Tenches, Thomas Green, Amos Atwell,
Charles Keen, Daniel Tillinghast, Abraham Smith, David
Burr Jun^r and Job Smith.
Scavengers: Knight Dexter, Charles Keen and William Wheaton.
Field Drivers: Joseph Crawford and Obadiah Sprague.
The following persons were drawn Jurors to serve at the Hon^{ble} Just^{ice}
Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the peace to be holden
for the County of Providence on the third Monday of this Instant June.
Grand Jurors: Mr. Thomas Bennet & Petit Mr. Arthur Fenner.
Jurors: Mr. William Antrean & Jurors Mr. Daniel Whipple.
The following persons chosen to have the care of the Engines for that up town:
William Smith, Obadiah Sprague, Job Smith, Charles Keen, Sabez Whipple,
James Lovet, Nathaniel Walcutt, Balch, Eph Brown, Benjamin Liskin,
Jun^r, Ichabod Smith, David Burr Jun^r, John Smith, John Hawkins,
And Saunders Ditman.
For the Engine down Town: Nicholas Brown, Nathan Angell, James Angell,
Joseph Bucklin, Joseph Lawrence, Daniel Tillinghast, Benj^r Marshall,
Richard Olney, Gersham Carpenter, Joseph Brown, Ebenezer Thompson,
Thomas Green, John Brown, Thomas Birkitt, Richard Jackson, John
Brown and William Barker.
Over Seer of the Work House: Job Smith. Till the 3^d Wednesday of Apr^{il}
Next.
Voted that the Town Audit be empowered to allow to the several Collectors
of Taxes from Time to Time all such Discrepancies in the several State
Lists as to them shall seem just and right, and to make Report of
the same to the Town Treasurer.

112. Voted that the Town Clerk Lease out the Towns Land at the Great Point and ^{at} the High Hill above the Great Point, and all other Land that is now possess by any person or persons in this Town, that belongs to the Town - and if any person or or persons that are in possession of any of the Lands belonging to the Town shall Refuse to Take a Lease of the same, upon such Terms as the Town Clerk shall think Just, or Deliver up the possession thereof, that then the Town Clerk is hereby ordered to sue him or them for the same.

Voted that James Olney Nicholas Tillinghast and James Angell be and are hereby appointed to settle Messrs Daniel and ^{due} Smiths Accounts concerning the work House and if any balance is found from them, to the Receiver ^{his} Towns proportion thereof.

Voted that the Clerk Inquire after the Grant that was made to Mr Smith for keeping the Mills and make report to the Next Town Meeting.

Whereas Barnard Eddy has an Execution against the Town Treasurer of this Town for about Twenty five or Twenty six Hundred pounds old Tenor. It is therefore Voted and resolved that the Town Treasurer Hire a sufficient Sum to Discharge the said Execution, he the said Town Treasurer giving but Ten ^{per} cent for the same, and to hire it but for one year.

At A Town Meeting held at Providence on the Last Tuesday of August A.D. 1764
John Cole Esq^r Moderator

The Following Persons were Chosen Deputies to Serve at the General Assembly to be holden at Providence on the Last Wednesday of October Next. Viz^t

Daniel Jenckes Esq ^r	}	Mr Jacob Whitman
Mr Moses Brown		Mr Joseph Olney Jun ^r John Cole Esq ^r

The Following Person ~~chosen~~ were Drawn Jurors to Serve at the Honble Sup^r Court to be held at Providence on the third Monday of Sept^r Next. Viz^t

John George Rounds	Mr Nicholas Power	} Grand Jurors
Mr Jonathan Ballou	Enoch Angell	

Voted and Resolved ~~that~~ that John Jenckes be appointed a ~~Committee~~ in the Room of Eph Hopkins to wait on the proprietors within the line to ~~obtain~~ a Vote of said Proprietors for this Town to Sell the School House Lot. &c.

Voted that a Tax of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds Lawfull money be Levied on the Poles and Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town to be Assessed by the 25th Day of September Next, And that the same be collected and paid into the Town Treasury on or before the Last Day of November Next, and that the same may be paid in Lawfull Bills emitted by this Colony or old Tenor Equivalent thereto, and the pole Tax to be Two Shillings Lawfull each pole.

Capt^t Eph Hopkins Late the fourth Deputy for this Town came into open Town meeting and Informed them that he was bound in a few days out of the Kings Dominions, to abide for a Long Time, and that he could not represent the Town any Longer, by which his Place became Vacant. Whereupon this Town meeting chose John Cole Esq^r to Represent the Town at the adjournment to be held on Monday the Tenth of September in the Room of Eph Hopkins who Refused as aforesaid.

William Barker Produced his Deed in Town Meeting agreeable to Law whereupon, he ^{was} propounded for a Freeman.

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned untill the 20th Day of Sep^r Next at Clock afternoon, and that the Clerk Grant a Warrant to warn the Town then to meet together In order to Take some proper method to build a School House, and to have a proper watch in the Town, and also to put the Hayward in some proper place and in good repair.

At a Town meeting held at Providence on Thursday the 20th of September ^{next} by adjournment 1764

M^r Ephraim Bowen moderator
M^r Elisha Brown came into Town Meeting and engaged to put the Mill on Moshassuck River ~~in~~ In good repair and to do his endeavour to save the water for the ~~use~~ of said Grist Mill as soon as conveniently may be

Voted and Resolved that Daniel Penckes Esq^r & George Jackson & James Angell be a Committee to Inquire into the custom of the Toll that ~~the~~ is Usual Taken in ~~the~~ colony and to make Report to the Town, which Toll Quantity of Tolls when found (shall be the Toll to be Taken by M^r Elisha Brown at his Grist mill) agreeable to the original Grant of sitting up said mill

Gen^l In consequence our being appointed a Committee to solicit the proprietors for their Grant of said School House Lot which business being Don. Present the Inclosed Warrant to call the proprietors with their act thereon as our Report and are Gen^l your most Humb^l Servants

Providence Sep^r 20th 1764
To the Moderator & Freemen of the Town of Providence

Nicholas Brown
James Angell
John Penckes

In consequence of the within Warrant the following Vote was Passed - It is voted and Resolved by the proprietors of Providence Purchas within the ~~Line~~ Seven mile Line Convened at Providence on the eleventh Day of Sept^r 1764, that the School House Lot Lying near the County Gate in Providence in its present Dimensions and boundaries. Originally granted for the Use of a School ~~Lot~~ Together with the old School House thereon, be given and Granted and this meeting do give and grant the same unto Nicholas Brown Merchant and Sabin Brown Jun^r Physician both of Providence ~~for the Use of~~ ^{for the Use of} ~~and purpose~~ ^{and purpose} ~~hereafter mentioned~~ ^{hereafter mentioned} To have and to hold the same unto the said Nich^l Brown and Sabin Brown to and for the Uses Trusts and purposes following that is to say that they the said Toffus in Trust shall sell and Dispose

of the same to the best advantage and give a Good Deed thereof which shall be an Estate in Fee simple to the Buyer or Buyers and to their Heirs and assigns forever And to appropriate the Money arising from the Sale, Towards purchasing a more convenient Lot, and Building a Publick School House in the Town of Providence to be kept up forever for the same publick Emoliments as the said old School Lot and School was or ought to have been, Voted and past -

a true Copy Test J. Angell Clerk

Test Gideon Comstock for the Day

Voted and Resolved that this Town Meeting now Convened, do approve of the order of the Proprietors for the Sale of the School House Lot, and the Money arising from the sale thereof be laid out in building of a School House, on the Lot whereon the former Court House stood, and that Mess^{rs} Nicholas Brown and Sabin Brown Jun^r be and are hereby Impowred to sell the said School House and Lot, and to give a Good Deed or Deeds thereof, which shall create a Good Title in Fee simple forever to the Buyer or Buyers

Voted and Resolved that M^r William Smith Receive the Money arising from the Sale of the said School House Lot and lay out the same in building of a School House, on the ~~Lot~~ old Court House Lot, he the said Smith giving bond for said money to the Town Treasury

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the third Monday in October Next at 2^o afternoon

At a Town Meeting held at Providence by adjournment on the 20th Day of October 1764
James Angell Esq^r Moderator

Whereas at a Town Meeting Convened on the Twentieth Day of Sept^r 1764. there was passed a Vote that M^r William Smith should Receive the money arising from the Sale of the said School House and Lot, and lay out the same in building of a School House on the old Court House Lot &c and this meeting

Taking the aforesaid act or Vote into Consideration. Do hereby
Repeal that Part of the said Vote. To Wit. of Laying out the
money in building a School House, and that all Proceeding
Toward building be and are hereby Stayed untill a plan
of the School House, and the Government thereof, be and
Laid before this Town and the same by them approved off

Voted that ~~all~~ this Meeting be adjourned to the Second
Saturday in Nov^r Next at 2 of the Clock afternoon and
that all Business before this Meeting be continued to said Time

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Saturday
the 10th Day of November: 1764

John Cole Esq^r Moderator

The Committee appointed to Settle the Tool at Elisha Browns Mill
made their Report in the following words. To Wit. Agreeable
to the within appointment we have met and Examined the
Original Grant &c and do Report that the said. Elisha and
John Brown, shall have the fourteenth part of all the
Indian Corn Ground at their Mill And the sixteenth part
of Rye, and the eighteenth Part of Wheat as Tool

Providence Nov^r 8: 1764

Daniel Denches

N^o 13 said Brown is to return
13: 14 of Indian 15: 16 of Rye
17: 18 of Wheat

James Angell

George Jackson

Voted and resolved that Messrs Ebenezer Thompson
Job Sweeting and John Brown ^{in the compact part of} be appointed
to Draw Rules to regulate a Watch in this Town and to
agree with See what they can agree with three men
Watch for a Night and to make their report to the next
Meeting with the Rules for Regulation

Voted that this Town Meeting ^{in the compact part of the town} be adjourned to Saturday the
of this Instant at 2 Clock afternoon and that the meeting of the whole
Town be dissolved

At a Town Meeting held by Adjournment on Saturday the 24th
Day of November 1764
Elisha Brown Moderator

The Report of the Committee appointed to Draw up Regulations
Concerning a Watch in the Compact Part of this Town being
Accepted and Referred to the next meeting. It is Voted that the
Deputies make application to the next General Assembly at their
next Session, and Obtain an act Announcing the Compact
Part of this Town to Establish such Regulations and make such
acts for the Government & support of said Watch as they shall
Think necessary

This Meeting is adjourned to Monday the 3 of Dec^r Next at 2 of the
Clock P.M. Attest Moses Brown Clerk pro Tem

At a Meeting of the Compact Part of the Town of Providence held by
Adjournment on Monday the Third of Dec^r 1764
George Jackson Moderator

Whereas the Deputies of this Town was appointed to make application
to the General Assembly to obtain an act for the Establishment of a
watch within the Compact part of this Town, as p^r Vote of the Town &c
and the Town not knowing what was Don in the Assembly thereon
It is therefore Voted that this Meeting be and is hereby dissolved

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the 3. Day of Dec^r 1764
Especially Called John Foster Esq^r Moderator

The following Persons were Drawn Jurors to serve at the Town
Inf^r Court to be held at Providence within and for said the County
Providence on the Third Monday of this Instant Dec^r Viz

Grand Jurors } Azariah Whipple Petitor } Joseph Olney son of Joseph
Jurors } Azeal Angell Jurors } John Brown

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the first Monday of Jan^y
at Two Clock P.M.

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the 16th Day of January
A^d 1765. Called by Warrant. Daniel Jencks Esq^r. Moderator

The following Persons Produced their Deeds in Town meeting agreeable
to Law and was propounded for Freeman. To wit Thomas Rotterdam
Stephen Carpenter Joshua Burr. John Smith Benjamin Peck
Jehabod Brown Asa Franklin Abner Thayer. Benjamin Harris
Edward Knowls William Wilkinson. Obadiah Brown

It is Voted that the Clerk Make an order to the Valuers of Estates
to Inquire into the Value of the Estates of Tho^s. Rotterdam and
Stephen Carpenter and that they make Repor to the Town
meeting in April Next

It is Voted that Isaiah Hawkins be Chosen Valuer of Estates when
Disputed in the Room of Eph Hopkins - This meeting Dissolved

at a Town Meeting Held at Providence on the 12th of March 1765
Daniel Jencks Esq^r. Moderator

The following Persons were Deacon Juniors to serve at the Court
Sup^r Court of asize and General Gold Delivery. To be held ^{within}
~~this Monday of this present~~ and for the County of Providence on
the third moud of this present March - Viz^t

Grand Jurors } Mr Joshua Hacker } Petit } Mr Eleazer Harding
Juniors } Mr Jabez Pearce } Juniors } Mr William Irvin

At a Town Meeting Held at Providence on the Seventh Day of August. A^d 1765
Called by Warrant in order to give Instructions to the Gentlemen that
Represent the Town in General Assembly

Resolved that this Town Give Written Instructions to their Representatives in
General Assembly concerning the Stamp act and other matters &c. And that
Stephen Hopkins, John Cole, Nicholas Cook, Samuel Nightingale, James Angell,
John Brown & Silas Downer Esq^r are appointed a Committee to Draw said
Instructions and to Lay the same before the Town meeting at their Adjournment
on the 13th of this present Instant to which Time said meeting is adjourned

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the 17th Day April A^d 1765
Thomas Green Moderator

The Following Persons were chosen Deputies to serve at the General Assembly
To be holden at Newport within the Colony of Rhode Island on the First
Wednesday of May Next Viz^t

Daniel Jencks Esq^r 1st } Mr Jacob Whitman 3rd
Mr Moses Brown 2nd } Mr Charles Olney 4th

The Following Persons being Qualified according to Law were admitted
to Take the oath Prescribed by Law against Bribery &c for Choosing
of General Officers: To wit. Abner Thayer. Robert Miller. Sam^l. Jacobs
Oliver Bowen, William Wilkinson. Isaac Field. Ben^m. Allen. Steph^r. Carpenter
John Mathewson, Benjamin Harris Asa Aldrich, Nath^l. Lovel
Asa Franklin William Rhodes. John Hopkins Howard Smith
B. Jesse Angell & Edward Knowles

At a Town meeting held at Providence on the First Monday of June
1765 being the anniversary Election of Town officers for the year ensuing. The Following
Persons were Chosen to the several offices ascribed to their Names

John Cole Esq^r Moderator

James Angell Town Clerk
John Hoyle Town Serjent
Joseph Sheldon Town Treasurer

Nicholas Tillinghast } Town
Nicholas Brown } Audit
Robert Gibbs }

John Cole
Isaiah Hawkins
John Jencks
Jonathan Jencks
George Taylor
Amose Atwell

Constables

Isaac Coey
Gideon Jencks
John Carey
Jabez Whipple
Wm Irvin
Martin Samons

James Olney
Daniel Tillinghast
Job Sweeting
James Olney
Daniel Tillinghast
Job Sweeting

Surveyors of Timber
Joyot Boards &c
Allin Brown
Christopher Arnold
William Walcutt
Barnard Day
Thos. Minnicutt
Jonathan Hammond
Benj^m Man
Jehabod Senches

Surveyors of George Laws
Highways
Azariah Whipple
Benj^m Man
Samuel Low
Thos. Whipple Jun^r
Stephen Rawson
Gideon Senches
John Brown son of Jas
Edward Smith
Moses Brown
James Thurber
Ezra Olney
Ephraim Olney
John Doroer

Gagers of Cash
Nicholas Brown
Alexander Traysor
Job Smith
Archibald Young
Eph Brown
Samuel Jackson

Vendee Master John Lawrence

Packers of Beef, Mork
Cutlers of Axes & Hoops
Alexander Traysor
Sam^l Low
Joseph Field Jun^r
Samuel Jackson
Jehabod Senches
Obadiah Sprague

Corders of Wood
Joseph Crawford
Daniel Whipple
Jehabod Senches

Collector of Taxes James Hoyle on the Following Condition. To Wit the said Hoyle is chosen in case he will collect all Taxes Levied on this Town for the year ensuing at the rate of 2 1/2 p^{ts} Cent

Overseer of the Pest House Sabor Brown Jun^r
Tence Vivers. George Law. Edward Trapp & W^m Whipple
Pound Keepers James Hoyle & John Ormes
To Value Estates Disputed in Voting
Benj^m Man. Obadiah Sprague & Daniel Hall
Fire Wards Nicholas Tillinghast. Nicholas Cook and William Smith

Fire Constables
Nicholas Brown. John Senches
Thos. Green. Amos Atwell
Charles Keen Daniel Tillinghast
Abraham Smith David Burr Jun^r
Job Smith
Leavers
Knight- Deater Charles Keen
and William Wheaton

Field Drivers Joseph Crawford. Thomas Birkitt, Samuel Thurber Jun^r, Samuel Low, Abner Thayer and Amos Minnicutt

Following person to have the care of the engine up town
Wiz William Smith. Obadiah Sprague Job Smith. Charles Keen. Sabor Whipple James Lovit Joseph Olney Jun^r. Eph Brown. Benjamin Cushing Jun^r. Jehu Smith David Burr. John Smith Jun^r. John Hawkins & Sanders Pitman

for the Engine Down Town. Nicholas Brown Nathan Angell James Angell
Daniel Tillinghast Benjamin Marshal Richard Olney Jeremiah Carpenter
Joseph Brown Jun^r Ebenezer Thompson Thomas Green John Brown
Thomas Birkitt Richard Jackson Moses Brown William Barker
Phillip Potter & James Cabins

Overseers of the Work House
James Olney Daniel Tillinghast and Job Huntington

Voted that the Town Clerk Lease out the Town Land at the Great Point & High Bank

The Following Persons were Drawn Jurors to serve at the Hon^{ble} Inf^{ts} Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Providence on the Third Monday of June Instant Viz!

Grand Jurors Noah Mason
Petit Jurors Stephen Nelson
Syleranes Sayles
Joseph Martin

Voted that the Clerk give an Order on the Town Treasurer in Favour of Henry & Caleb Harris for one pound Lawful M^{ts} it being for paying four Pices of Land for said Town as by the Plat thereof may appear

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the seventh Day of August A^d 1765. called by Warrant To give Instructions to the Representatives of this Town in General Assembly To Regulate their Conduct by in Reguard to the Stamp Act &c
John Cole Esq^r Moderator

Voted and Resolved that Written Instructions be given to the gentlemen that Represent this Town in General Assembly to Regulate their Conduct by concerning the Stamp Act &c And that Stephen Hopkins, John Cole, Nicholas Cook, Samuel Tillinghast, John Brown, John Downer and James Angell Esquires. are appointed a Committee To Draught said Instructions and to lay the same before this meeting at their Adjournment on the 13th Instant at three of the clock to which time said meeting is Adjourned

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At a Town Meeting Held at Providence by Adjournment on the 13th Day of
August A.D. 1765

John Cole Esq^r Moderator

The Committee appointed to draw up Instructions for the Representatives of this Town in General Assembly. Laid the same before the Town, who after hearing the same Read Several Times, Unanimously approved thereof. and ordered that the same should be the Instructions to the Representatives of this Town in General Assembly, and to be by them observed

This Meeting Dissolved

At a Town Meeting Held at Providence on the Last Tuesday of August
A.D. 1765

Daniel Jencks Esq^r Moderator

The Following Persons were Chosen Deputies to Serve at the General Assembly to be held at South Kingstown on the Last Wednesday of October Next Insuing

Daniel Jencks Esq ^r	1 st	John Cole Esq ^r	3 rd
Moses Brown	2 nd	Sam ^l Nightingale Esq ^r	4 th

The Following Persons were Drawn Jurours to Serve at the Hon^{ble} Sup^r Court of Assize and General Gole Delivery to be Holden at Providence within and for the County of Providence on the third Monday of Sept^r Next

Joseph Sheldon Grand Jurour — Amos Minnickitt Petit Jurour

John Laurance Collector of Rates for the Year Insuing in the Room of James Hoyle, who Refused. on the Following Conditions to wit the said John Laurance ~~Engaged~~ to collect all Taxes Levied on this Town ^{for the year} Insuing ^{2nd of Sept^r} Cent^r he giving sufficient bonds with ^{Jurats} for his faithful Discharge, in said office

Whereas the General Assembly at their Sessions in June Last Divided the Town of Providence, without giving the Town of Providence Justice there of which by Law the Town ought to have had. and this Town thinking themselves

here by. Do appoint M^{rs} Nicholas Tillinghast George Jackson and James Angell a Committee to Draught a Remonstrance to the General Assembly at their Next Session against the Dividing of the Town. and to Lay the same before this meeting at their Disjoirment.

It is therefore Voted that M^{rs} Nicholas Tillinghast ~~and George Jackson & James Angell~~ be a Committee to do

Whereas there is a Great Number of Persons that Live in the Town of Providence and ^{some in} other Towns that are owners of Estates that Lie in the Town called North Providence, which Estates may Probely be Reasoned to Lie in this Town. if proper Care be not Taken. and the Town of Providence much Grieved by their having a larger proportion of the Next Tax than they are Justice ought. it is therefore Voted that M^{rs} Nicholas Tillinghast George Jackson and James Angell be a Committee to Estimate the proportion of the Tax that each Town ought to pay by Valuing the Estates that Lie in N. Providence that are owned as aforesaid and those Estates that are owned by people that Live in said N. Providence, and make their Report to this Meeting at their adjournment on the 7th Day of Sept^r at 3. o'Clock P.M. To which Time this Meeting is adjourned

At a Town Meeting Held at Providence by Adjournment on the 7th Day of September A.D. 1765

Daniel Jencks Moderator

The Committee appointed to Draught ~~a Petition~~ A Remonstrance to be Laid before the General Assembly at their Next Sessions. against the Dividing of this Town. This Day Laid the same before this meeting. and was Read by said Town. and that the Clerk Signe the same in behalf of the Town

Whereas the General Assembly of this Colony Divided this Town and by said Division Charles Olney a Representative for this Town is Taken off into the other Town and thereby this Town is Deprived of a Member. Therefore this Town have made Choice of M^{rs} Sam^l Nightingale to Represent said Town in the Room of Charles Olney

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Voted and Resolved that the Town Clerk wait on Mr. John Applin in behalf of the Town and desire him to appear at the General Assembly in behalf of the Town and to speak to the Remonstrance of said Town.

Voted and Resolved that the Town Clerk furnish the the Deputies of this Town with all Papers Necessary for them to show Cause why they the Town ought not to be Divided. at the Expence of the Town.

This Meeting is Dissolved.

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the 26th Day of Sept^r 1765. Called by Warrant in Order to Choose Town Officers in the Room of such as are Taken off by the Division of the Town.

The following Deputies were Chosen Town Officers to Wit

John Cole Esq^r Moderator

Town Council. To Wit: John Jencks^{2d} Amos Atwell^{2d} Stephen Rawson^{4th} James Angell^{5th} Nicholas Brown^{6th} William Smith Rate maker over seer of the Poor and over seer of the work House.

To Value Estates when Disputed. John Brown & Job Smith

To have the care of the uptown engine in the Room of those Taken off by the Division of the Town: Amos Atwell Benj. Bowen William Weston

Thos. Bennett Joshua Brown Nathl. Weston & Joseph Whipple

Benjamin Lushington Jun^r Surveyor of the Highways in the Room of S. Thos.

This meeting is Dissolved.

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Monday 18th of November 1765 Called by Warrant. To Consider what is best for the Town to do concerning the General Assembly Laying a Larger proportion of a Tax on this Town than by Law and equity they ought.

Daniel Jencks Esq^r Moderator

The Moderator Put the Vote in the following words to Wit. all you that have a mind that the Affairs of this Town be directed not to Levy the Rate ordered by the General Assembly at the last Session October Last. &c. and

At a Town Meeting Held at Providence on Monday the 18th Day of Nov^r 1765: Called by Warrant. To Consider what is best for the Town to do concerning the General Assembly Laying a Larger proportion of a Tax on this Town than by the Estimate they ought.

Daniel Jencks Moderator

Voted Unanimously that the Affairs ~~be~~ be Directed not to assess said Rate or Tax on the Inhabitants of this Town as it is Ordered by the Assembly.

Voted that Messrs George Jackson Silas Downer & Benj Brown Jun^r Thomas Green and James Angell be and are hereby appointed a Committee To Draught Draw a Set of Votes setting forth the Reason why this Town ought not to Submit to pay the Late Rate or Tax assessed on the Town by the Assembly. and Like wise to set forth the State of the Bridge therein and to Lay the Same before this Meeting at their adjournment.

This Meeting Adjourned to Monday the 25th Instant, three Clock P.M.

At a Town Meeting held at Providence by adjournment on Monday the 25th Day of Nov^r 1765.

Daniel Jencks Moderator

Voted that the Report of the Committee appointed to Draw a Set of Votes. setting forth the reasons why this Town ought not to pay the Late Tax be accepted. and the Same was Unanimously Voted by the Town. and that the same be Lodged in the Clerks offices. and that a Copy of the same be delivered to the Deputies of this Town who are requested to Lay the same before the General Assembly. to the End that the Reasons why this Town have not assessed their Inhabitants may appear and the said Deputies are requested to endeavor to procure Redress in the premises.

It is Voted that as Weybosset Bridge is very much out of Repair, and unpassable without great Danger. the Deputies of this Town be requested to make application to the General Assembly to make Order for the speedy payment of the arrears due from them for former Repairs agreeable to the report of their Committee and the Vote thereon in February 1764. and also to grant such further Sum as shall be sufficient to put the said Bridge into Immediate Repair.

It is Voted and Resolved that the Late Division of the

of Providence, especially through the compact Part thereof was made against the Will of all the Inhabitants of this Town, and of almost one half of the other that the Town was not notified and were refused a Legal hearing before the assembly that the Division was brought to pass through an undue Influence of Designing men - that the Assembly were deceived in their Grant - that the Division Lessens the mutual Love, affection, Esteem assistance and united Efforts of the whole for the General Good, and on the other Hand tends to promote Disquiet hatred Emulation, party, Strife Faction and Disorder among the whole, and increases the Publick Expenses of both Towns. Wherefore the Deputies of this Town are desired to procure, if they can a Reunion of the two Towns.

The following Persons were sworn Jurors to serve at the Hon^{ble} Sup^{re} Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace to be held at Providence on the third Monday of Dec^r Next viz
Nathaniel Olney Grand Juror James Lovit Petit Juror
This Meeting adjourned to the second Monday of Jan^y Next at Two of the Clock afternoon

At a Town Meeting Held at Providence on the ~~third Monday~~ Second Monday of Jan^y by adjour.
ment. A^d 1766

Daniel Jenckes Moderator
The following Persons Produced their Deeds in open Town Meeting agreeable to Law. and thereupon was Propounded for Freeman. To Wit Oliver Arnold. Nathaniel Arnold Daniel Westron, Benj^l Talbut and Shubal Wilmarth and Wm^l Brown
Adjourned to Thursday Next at 3 of the Clock afternoon

At a Town Meeting Held at Providence by Warrent on the 13th Day of March 1766

John Lawrence Moderator
The following Persons were drawn Jurors to serve at the Hon^{ble} Sup^{re} Court to be held at Providence in the County of Providence on the third Monday of this Instant. To Wit Parzillie Richmond Grand Juror

At a Town Meeting Held at Providence on the 16th Day of April A^d 1766

John Cole Esq^r Moderator
The following Persons were Chosen Deputies to serve at the General Assembly to be holden at Newport on the First Wednesday of May Next viz
Daniel Jenckes Esq^r 1st John Cole Esq^r
M^r Moses Brown 2nd M^r George Jackson

The following Persons being Qualified according to Law for Freeman were admitted to Take the Oath against Bribery &c for Choosing of General officers. To Wit
Joseph Snow Jr^d Charles Stevens John Carpenter Benjamin Talbut John Wilmarth Benj^l Hoping Benj^l Brown William Richmond Obadiah Brown Matthias Potter Shubal Wilmarth Thomas Howard Daniel Tist Ephraim Debodoy Wilmarth and George Brown son of James

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the First Monday of June A^d 1766. being the anniversary Election of Town officers for the year ensuing. The following Persons were Chosen to the several offices ascribed to their Names viz^d

John Cole Esq^r Moderator
James Angell Chosen Town Clerk
William Compton Town Serjent
Joseph Sheldon Town Treasurer
John Cole Town Council
John Jenckes men
Amos Atwell
James Angell
Nicholas Brown
John Field
Nicholas Tillingham Nicholas Brown & Robert

Constables Isaac Cory Joseph Arnold John Hopson Barnot Packard
Assessors of Rates and Overseers of the Poor Daniel Tillinghast Job Sweeting William Smith

Sealer of Weights and Measures Jacob Whitman

Surveyors of Timber Christopher Arnold Barnard Eddy Thos. Kincaid Jonathan Hammon Benja. Man
Joint Boards to OVER: Daniel Tillinghast Job Sweeting William Smith

Surveyors of Highways George Laws Benjamin Asa Franklin George Potter Knight Dexter John Smith
Gagers of Casks Alexander Frazier Job Smith Archibald Young Eph Brown and Samuel Jackson

Vendue Master John Lawrence

Packers of Beef Pork &c Alexander Frazier Joseph Field John

Loaders of Wood Joseph Crawford Eph Eddy & Abel Perry

Collector of Taxes John Lawrence. on the following conditions to wit the said John Lawrence under takes to collect all Taxes Levied on this Town for the year ensuing at and after the Rate of Two and half p^{ts} Cent. and is to Give Bond with Sureties to the Town Treasurer for the his faithful Performance in said office

To Value Estates when Disputed by Benj. Man John Brown & Job Smith in Voting

Overseers of the Pest House Ingers Bowen &c

Pound Keeper Knight Dexter

Town Drivers George Laws Benja. Fushing & Stephen Rawson

Tier Wards Nicholas Tillinghast Nicholas Cook & William Smith

Tier Constables Nicholas Brown John Leakes Thomas Green Amos Atwell Daniel Tillinghast Abraham Smith Job Smith

Scavengers Job Sweeting & Knight Dexter

Field Drivers Job Crawford Knight Dexter Thos. Wicket George Rounds & James Snow

The following Persons to have the Care of the Bridge Nicholas Brown Nathan Angell Daniel Tillinghast Gersham Carpenter Joseph Brown Ebenezer Thompson Thomas Green John Brown Thomas Wicket Richard Jackson Moses Brown William Barker Philip Potter Knight Dexter Amos Atwell & Thomas Atwell

The following Persons to have the Care of the Engine up Town William Smith Job Smith Comfort Wheaton John Updike Eph Brown Benj. Fushing Jun^r John Smith Sanders Pitman Benj. Marshall Nathl. Wheaton Samuel Jackson Noah Mason and Stephen Hilton

The following Persons were Drawn Jurors to Serve at the Inf^r Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace to be held at Providence within and for the County of Providence on the Third Monday of this Present Instant June To Wit Grand Juror Joshua Spooner Petit Juror Solomon Pearce Jun^r

Voted that Messrs Benj. Fushing Moses Brown and Knight Dexter be a Committee to Examine how much Land will be sufficient to be Purchased of the Heirs of John Crawford to make a Good Way up the Hill by the Coal Lane and to erect a pound thereon and to Treat with the Owner or her Guardian on the price of the same and make Report to the Next meeting

Voted and Resolved that the Town Clerk Grant a Warrant to Warrant the Town to meet Togeth on Monday the 16th Instant at Two of the Clock afternoon in Order to make a Tax to Supply the Town Treasury and to Transact any other matters Relating to the Town

Voted that this Meeting be Adjourned to Monday the 14th Instant at Two of Clock

At a Town meeting held at Providence on the 16th Day of June 1796 Called by Warrant in order to make a Tax

Sam. Chace Esq^r Moderator Whereas this Meeting was called in order to make a Tax to discharge the Towns Debts and it being uncertain what the Debts of the Town are It is therefore Voted that this Meeting be adjourned untill Monday the 14th Day of July next at two of the Clock afternoon and that in the mean Time the Town Treasurer advertise all persons that have any Demands on the Town to bring them to him before the said 14th Day of July otherwise they will not be paid of the Tax proposed to be made

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the 28th Day of July 1766: Called by Warrant in order to Make a Tax
 Knight Deater Moderator

Voted that a Tax of Two Hundred pounds Lawful money be Levied on the poles of those ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{inhabitants} ~~inhabitants~~ of age and on the Estates of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~inhabitants~~ ^{inhabitants} of Lying in this Town to be assessed by the Last Day of August Next and the same to be collected and paid into the Town Treasury on or before the Last Day of October Next. and that the same be paid in Lawful Bills emitted by this Colony or in old Tenor at eight pounds for Six Shillings Lawful money. and that the pole Tax be one Shilling and Six pence Lawful money on each pole that of age or old Tenor Equivelant thereto as above said.

Voted that Joseph Sheldon appropriate part of the above Tax in Repairing the bridge at way boset. and that he lay all his accounts for Repairs thereof before the General Assembly at their Session in October Next in Order to Obtain payment therefor.

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on Tuesday the 26th Day of August A.D. 1766
 Daniel Jenckes Esq^r Moderator

The Following Persons were chosen Deputys to serve at the General Assembly to be holden at Providence on the Last Monday of October Next viz^t

- 1. M^r Daniel Jenckes Esq^r 3. M^r John Cole
- 2. M^r Moses Brown 4. M^r Sam^l Nightingale Esq^r

The following persons were drawn Jurors to serve at the Court Sup^r Court of assize and General Delivery to be held at Providence on the third Monday of Sept^r Next viz^t
 Grand Juror Allen Dick Pet^r Juror. Joseph Arnold

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the 30th Day of October 1766: Called by a Warrant from under the Hand & Seal of David M^r Johnson one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace

John Cole Moderator

It is Voted and Resolved that the following Persons be and are appointed fullers of Hoops. To wit Alexander Trazier, Samuel Jackson, Eph^m Eddy, Eph^m Brown & Joseph Fried

Whereas the General Treasurer of the Colony hath commenced an Action against the Town Treasurer of this Town for one Thousand three Hundred and Twenty three Pounds Lawful Money, it being double the Tax ordered to be assessed on and Levied by this Town in the year 1765 which Tax is a Greater Proportion than by Law this Town ought to pay

Therefore it is Voted and Resolved that Nicholas Brown, James Angell, John Jenckes Thomas Green, Jabez Bowen, be and are hereby appointed a Committee to Defend said Action in behalf of this Town, and to employ two or more able Counselors and in case Judgment shall be finally given against the Town in this Colony, then to appeal to his Majesty in Council. And in Order to enable the Committee to Defend said Action. It is Voted and Resolved that the Town Treasurer for the Time being, shall supply said Committee with such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall from Time to Time have occasion for, taking their Receipts, which Committee shall account with the Town for the same

Whereas.

Whereas the Rate ordered to be assessed on this Town is not yet collected. and the Time limited for collecting and paying the same into the Town Treasury is almost expired. Therefore it is voted that the Time for collecting and paying in the same be lengthened to the 20th Day of Dec^r Next.

This Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday Next at 3th Clock P.M. *W^m James Angell Clerk*

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the 4th Day of Nov^r 1766: by Adjournment.

M^r Thomas Green Moderator

Voted that George Jackson be added to the Committee appointed by this Town to Defend the Suits commenced by the Government against this Town.

This Meeting adjourned to Thursday the sixth of this Instant at 3th Clock P.M.

The above meeting was not held for want of a sufficient Number of Freeman to constitute a meeting.

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the Eighth Day of Dec^r 1766: Especially called.

Daniel Tenches Esq^r Moderator

The following Persons were drawn Jurors to serve at the Hon^{ble} Inf^{ts} Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace to be held at Providence on the Third Monday of this present Instant Dec^r. To Wit *M^r Richard Seavers Grand Juror*
M^r Carnuel Low Petit Juror

At a Town Meeting Held at Providence on the 14th Day of January 1767: Called by Warrant in order to give Directions to the assessors of Rates for said Town concerning the Assessing the Last Tax ordered by the General Assembly to be assessed on this Town. and to propound Freeman.

Solomon Drown Esq^r Moderator

Voted That the assessors of Rates for this Town be and are hereby Directed not to assess the Rate on the Inhabitants of this Town, ordered to be assessed by the General Assembly at their last Sessions in Dec^r Last it being imposed on the Town in a manner altogether arbitrary, and against the Laws of the Colony.

The following Persons being Qualified according to Law and their Deeds Produced in open Town meeting were propounded for Freeman viz^t...

David Burr, Robert Dickey, David Corps, Andrew Bulshon, Martin Seainons, Edward Hawkins, Christopher Olney, John Helton, Field Daffy and Samuel Ingram

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the 12th Day of March 1767 Especially called.

Stephen Hopkins Moderator

The following Persons were drawn Jurors to serve at the Hon^{ble} Sup^r Court of a Size and General Goal Delivery to be held at Providence of the third Monday of this present Instant To Wit
M^r Nathan Waterman Grand Juror
M^r George Jackson Petit Juror

At a Town Meeting Held at Providence on the Fifteenth
Day of April A.D. 1767

John Cole Esq. Moderator

The Following Persons were chosen Deputies to Serve
at the General Assembly to be held at Newport on the
First Wednesday Next viz.

Daniel Jenckes Esq. 1st John Cole Esq. 3rd
Niles Brown 2nd M^r Thomas Green 4th

The Following Persons being Qualified according
to Law, were admitted to take the oath against bribery
and corruption for choosing General officers &
to wit. James Burroughs, Timothy Glading, Christo-
pher Olney, Daniel Westrand, Benjamin Glading,
Gideon Baley, William Brown Field Daley,
Lewis Thomas Robert Dickey, Benj Talbot,
William Mathewson and Andrew Belcher

At a Town Meeting Held at Providence on the First
Monday of June A.D. 1767, being the Anniversary Election
of Town officers for the year ensuing, the Following persons
were chosen to ~~the~~ several offices ascribed to their
Names viz. M^r Nicholas Brown Moderator.

John Lawrence collector of Taxes for the
ensuing year on the Following conditions to wit. the
said John Lawrence undertakes to collect all Taxes -
levied on this Town for the ensuing year At. and
after the Rate of two and half p^{er} cent.

It is Voted that the said John Lawrence Give Bond to
the Town Treasurer with Surety in the Sum of - One

Thousand pounds Lawful Money. for his Faithful performance
and in his office of collector of Taxes for said Town before the
Rate Bill. be Delivered to him.

It is Voted that all other Town officers which commonly are
chosen on this Day. be and are hereby continued in their Respec-
tive offices. untill ~~the~~ Monday 15th Day of this Instant.

It is Voted that the Town Treasurer prosecute the collector
of Taxes for this Town. for what money shall remain unpaid
of the Late Town Tax. after the Expiration of Fifteen Days from
this Time. and be it further Enacted that the Treasurer for
the Engine prosecute the former collector for what money shall
Remain unpaid of the Engine Rate, after the Expiration of
Fifteen Days. and that the said Treasurer after paying the
Debts Due from the Engine, put the Remainder of the
Money if any ~~there be~~ at Interest. to be appropri-
ated towards the Charges of the Engine.

It is Voted that Nathan Waterman build a
Pound of Thirty Feet Square. of Posts and Rails. and
lay the account of Building thereof Before this Town, and
Amaziah Waterman in Town meeting gave the use of
a Piece of Land Near to William Pridges Shop on the
Backstreet for to Erect said pound on During his
Pleasure.

It is Voted and resolved that the Deputies who Represent
this Town in General Assembly. be instructed, and they
are hereby instructed to use their utmost Endeavors in
the Assembly to procure the Colony House in this Town
to be finished. and it is recommended to them to signify
in the Strongest Manner possible. the great Disadvantage
it will be to the Colony to suffer the said House to
Remain in its present condition, daily decaying for
want of the Necessary Finishing.

It is Voted that the Assessors of Rates for this Town
add ~~the~~ Interest to each of the Lawful money Rates
ordered.

To be assessed on this Town by the General Assembly at their Last Session, from the Time that the said money was to have been paid into the General Treasury, by Two Acts of Assembly one Made October 17 65. the other Dec. 17 66, untill the time Limitted by the General ^{Assembly} at their said Last Session for the paying the Same into the General Treasury, and that all person that pay Treasurers Notes or Lawful Bills may receive the Interest thereon, untill the Several Times affixed by the said Last Session of Assembly for the paying the same into the General Treasury, and George Jackson and James Angell are hereby appointed to assist the Officers in casting the aforesaid Interest

The Following Persons were drawn Jurors to Serve at the Hon^{ble} On^{ly} Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the peace, to be holden at Providence on the third Monday of this present Instant to wit
Christopher Arnold Grand Jurour, Benjⁿ Man. Petit Jurours

Voted that this Meeting be and is hereby adjourned to Monday the 15th of this Instant at 10th Clock in the forenoon in order to Choose the Town officers for the ensuing year

At a Town Meeting held by on Monday the 15th of June 1767:
John Jencks Moderator

Whereas this Meeting was adjourned to this Day for the choice of Town officers by Reason, of a petition which was Lodged in the General Assembly by a Number of the Inhabitants of the Compact part of North Providence praying to be Reunited to this Town. In order that the Inhabitants of said Compact part of North Providence

beunited to this Town might have a Voice in the Election of Town officers which said Petition Remains before the said Assembly. therefore it is Voted that all the Town officers which by Law ought to have been chosen, be and are hereby continued. untill the Sixth Day of July Next at Two of the Clock after noon, in order to choose Town officers

Voted that the Town Treasurer and the Transurer of the Inquid. be and are hereby Directed to Despone the Prosecution of the Collectors of Taxes. untill the 6th Day of July Next: to which Time this meeting stands adjourned

At a Town Meeting held at Providence by adjournment on the Sixth Day of July. 1767. it being the Time to which the Election of Town officers for the year ensuing was adjourned unto

The Following Persons were chosen to the Several offices ascrib'd to their Names viz

Mr George Jackson Moderator

James Angell Town Clerk

John Cole
John Jencks
Nicholas Brown

William Compton Town Sergeant

Joseph Sheldon Town Transurer

John Field
George Jackson
Charles Rice

Town audit Nicholas Tillinghast Nicholas Brown & Robert Gibbs
Constables. Isaac Corey Benjamin Gorham & Michael Field

Assessors of Rates Obadiah Sprague
Overseers of the Poor Amos Moseley
and overseers of the work House Thomas Green

Dealers of Weights & Measures
Jacob Whitman

Surveyors of Timber Christopher Arnold, Barnard Eddy, Jonathan Harmon, Benjⁿ Man, William Wallcut and
Said Woods York Eddy

Surveyors of Highways George Lewis, Binoni Davis, Asa Franklin, Daniel Snow, David Burr, John Smith, Stephen Carpenter
Nicholas Brown

To be assessed on this Town by the General Assembly at their Last Session, from the Time that the said money was to have been paid into the General Treasury, by Two Acts of Assembly one Made October 17 65. the other Dec^r 17 66, untill the time Limitted by the General ^{Assembly} at their said Last Session for the paying the Same into the General Treasury, and that all person that pay Treasurers Notes or Lawful Bills may receive the Interest thereon, untill the Several Times affixed by the said Last Session of Assembly for the paying the same into the General Treasury, and George Jackson and James Angell are hereby appointed to assist the Officers in casting the aforesaid Interest

The Following Persons were drawn Jurours to Serve at the Hon^{ble} Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the peace, To be holden at Providence on the third Monday of this present Instant to wit Christopher Arnold Grand Jurour, Benjⁿ Man Detil Jurours

Voted that this Meeting be and is hereby adjourned to monday the 15th of this Instant at 10 o'clock in the forenoon in order to Choose the Town officers for the ensuing year

At a Town Meeting held by on Monday the 15th of June 1767:
John Jeneckis - - - Moderator

Whereas this Meeting was adjourned to this Day for the choice of Town officers by Reason, of a petition which was Lodged in the General Assembly by a Number of the Inhabitants of the Compact part of North Providence praying to be Reunited to this Town. In order that the Inhabitants of said Compact part of North Providence

Reunited to this Town might have a Voice in the Election of Town officers. which said Petition Remains before the said Assembly. therefore it is Voted that all the Town officers which by Law ought to have been chosen, be and are hereby continued. untill the Sixth Day of July Next at Two o'clock afternoon, in order to choose Town officers

Voted that the Town Treasurer and the Treasurers of the Indind. be and are hereby Directed to Despone the Prosecution of the Collectors of Taxes. untill the 6th Day of July Next: to which Time this meeting stands adjourned

At a Town Meeting held at Providence by adjournment on the Sixth Day of July. 1767. it being the Time to which the Election of Town officers for the year ensuing was adjourned unto The following Persons were chosen to the Several offices

The following Persons were chosen to the Several offices ascribed to their Names viz
Mr George Jackson Moderator

James Angell	Town Clerk	William Compton	Town Sergeant
John Cole	Town Council	Joseph Sheldon	Town Treasurer
John Jeneckis		John Fild	Town Council
Nicholas Brown		George Jackson	
		Charles Rice	
Town audit	Nicholas Fillingham	Nicholas Brown	Robert Gibbs
Constables	Isaac Corey	Benjamin Goreham	Samuel Field
Assessors of Rates	Obadiah Sprague	Dealers of Weights & Measures	
Overseers of the Poor	Amos Ansell	Jacob Whitman	
and overseers of the work House	Thomas Green		
Surveyors of Timber	Christopher Arnold, Barnard Eddy, Jonathan Harmon, Benj ⁿ Man, William Walcott and Yeh Eddy		
Joint Boards			
Surveyors of Highways	George Laws, Benoni Darn, M ^{rs} Franklin, David Snow, David Burr, John Smith, Stephen Carpenter, Phenias Brown		

TIGHT BINDING

Gagers of } Alexander Traxior, Job Smith Archabald Young Eph
Cable } Brown Sam^r Jackson and George Taylor

Archers of Bas } Alexander Traxior Joseph Todd Sam^r Sam^r Jackson
port (allors of } Eph Eddy Eph Brown & Daniel Cahoon
Boops and Hares)

To Value Estates } Benjamin Man John Brown & Job Smith
when disputed in } voting

overseers of the Pest House George Laus

Vindue Master John Lawrence

Bound } Nathan Waterman and John Byrnes

Orders of } Jos^r Crawford Eph Eddy Able Amy & Joseph Olney Jun^r
Wood

Tenue Rivers. George Laus Benj^r Lushing Jun^r Stephen Rawson & Thomas Thurston

Third Wards. Nicholas Tillinghast Nicholas Cook & William Smith

Constables } Nicholas Brown John Tenckas Thomas Green Benj^r
Man Daniel Tillinghast Job Smith John Foster & Jos^r Nash

Scavengers Job Sweeting and Knight Dexter

Field } Joseph Crawford Knight Dexter Thomas Birkit James
Drivers know Sabey feared Menihaw Brown James Olney & Sam^r

Scalers of Leather Samuel Butler and Daniel Cahoon

Persons to have the } Nicholas Brown Nathan Angell Daniel Tillinghast
care of the Engine } Gertham Carpenter Joseph Brown Ebenezer
by the bridge } Thompson Thomas Green John Brown Thom^r
Birkit Richard Jackson James Olney
William Warmer Philip Potter Knight Dexter
Nathan Green and Thomas Bennett

Persons to have the } William Smith Job Smith Joseph Whaton
care of the Engine } John Smith Eph Brown Benj^r Lushing Jun^r
up town } Joseph Olney Jun^r Jonathan Arnold Sanders
Ditman Benj^r Marshall Samuel
Jackson Noah Mason & Charles
Deen

Whereas a Vote was passed on the First Monday of June last ordering the Assessors of Rates for this Town to add the Interest due on the principal sum of the Two Lawful money rates now collecting until the Time Limited by the Act of Assembly in may last for the payment of the same. agreeable to said Vote the Assessors add the sum of £43 12 2: Lawful money. as Interest

Therefore be it Enacted by this Town Meeting that the collector of Rates for the Time being. pay the aforesaid sum of £43 12 2 into the Town Treasury of this Town, and not into the General Treasury. and there to remain until the Town orders how the same shall be disposed off.

Voted and Resolved that Knight Dexter. Collect together the fore Hooks and put them in some proper place and get one pole to sit such as are broken and lay his account of the same before the Town, and he is hereby ordered not to lend the said Hooks to any person whatsoever

Voted that the Town Treasurer and the Treasurers of the Engine be and are hereby directed to prosecute John Lawrence and James Hoyle as they were formerly collectors of the Last Town Rates and Enquire that if the same be not paid by the fourteenth Instant. and that what Bills are now against the Engines unpaid shall be paid by the Treasurer on their passing this audit. out of the money that the Treasurer has or shall have in his hands

The Hatch belonging to the Town this Day sold in open Town meeting to Knight Dexter for sixty five pounds odd Towns

At a Town Meeting Held at Providence on the Last Tuesday of August 17 67
John Cole Esq^r Moderator

The following Persons were chosen Deputy to serve at the General assembly to be held at South Kingstown on the Last Wednesday of October Next viz

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Viz. Daniel Jencks Esq^r - 3rd Thomas Green 3
M^r Moses Brown - 2nd James Angell 4th

The following persons were Drawn Jurors to serve at the Hon^{ble} Sup^r Court Court of assize and General Goal Delivery to be holden at Providence within and for the County of Providence on the third Monday of Sept^r Next to wit

Joseph Crawford Jun^r - Grand Jurior
Levi Burr - Petit Jurior

Whereas William Compton Town Sargent petitioned this Town praying that they would forgive him the penalty recovered by the Town Treasurer against him on account of his Neglecting to remove one Daniel Case ^{when} ~~from~~ the Town Council. Upon ~~the~~ Whereupon it is voted that the Penalty recovered against him be and is hereby forgiven him upon his paying the cost of Suite.

Voted that the Town Treasurer procure a good pair of Stocks and a Whipping post to be erected in this Town near the Court House

At a Town Meeting Held at Providence on the 25th Day of November 1767 Called by Warrant

Ephraim Bowen Esq^r Moderator

The following Persons were Chosen Jurors to serve at the Hon^{ble} Sup^r Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the peace to be hold in Providence within and for the County of Providence on the third Monday of Dec^r Next to wit

Benjamin Thurbor Grand Jurior
Abiel Smith Petit Jurior

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned until the 2nd of Dec^r Next at 4 Clock P. M.

At a Town Council held at Providence upon the Eighteenth Day of November 1767

Present

John Cole Esq^r President
M^r John Jencks
M^r Thomas Green
M^r John Brown
M^r Charles Deen

At a Town Meeting held by adjournment on the 2nd of Dec^r 1767

Ephraim Bowen Moderator

Voted that the Town will Purchase or erect three School Houses for the Education of small Children, and one for the Education of Youth that proper Masters be provided and kept for each House that the Town pay the whole Expence of said Houses and of Schooling, and have the Government of the Schools by a School Committee and that a Committee be appointed to Inquire and find if any suitable Houses for this End may be purchased and at what Rate, and also to prepare a plan or Plans of such Houses for Houses with a calculation of the Expence and it is Voted that M^r John Brown M^r John Jencks M^r Nath^l Green M^r Charles Deen and M^r Sam^l Thurbor be the Committee for all the Purposes aforesaid and also to agree with some proper person or Persons for building such House or Houses as are to be built, agree on Situation procure Titles &c

Voted that His Honor the Governor Darius Sedgwick Esq^r Sam^l Nightingale Esq^r M^r Joby Brown Esq^r and M^r Moses Brown be a Committee to prepare and bring in an act for building Supporting and Government of said Schools

Voted that W^m Comptons account against the Town be allowed amounting to 17/10 L^s and paid out of the Town Treasury

Voted Nathan Watermans account be allowed out of the Town Treasury Voted that the Town Clerk

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Clerk issued his Warrant for calling a Town Meeting on the First Day of Jan^y. Next (to which Time this Meeting is adjourned) for Receiving the Reports of said Committees concerning said Schools for making the Needful Grants for the same for making a Rate for Discharging the Towns Debt, and for doing every other Business that may Occur--

At a Town Meeting held on the 1st Day of January 1768 Called by Warrant. John Cole Esq^r. Moderator

Voted that the Reports of the Several Committees Concerning the Schools be Received.

Voted that the Several Reports of the said Committees concerning the Schools be and are here by Rejected.

Voted that the Sum of 150 Pounds, Lawful money be assessed on the Inhabitants of this Town ~~to be paid~~ on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants. and to be collected and paid into the Town Treasury on or before the First Day of April Next Insuing the Date

At a Town Meeting held in Providence the 1st Day of February 1768. by Adjournment,

Ephraim Bowen Esq^r. Moderator

the Subscription for raising the Sum of £182.17 0. L. Money toward building a School House on the plan Voted the Last Meeting failing as appears by the Subscription papers presented to this Meeting

It is Voted that the £150. L. M. voted Last Meeting for Supplying the Treasury be augmented to £200. L. Money. to be assessed on the Inhabitants of this Town (for Discharging the Towns Debt) to be Levied Collected and paid into the Treasury on or before the 1st Day of May Next and that the Poll Tax on those of Age be 1st Lawful Money Minor Poles not to be rated.

Voted that the Town Treasurer be directed to Advise the Inhabitants of this Town in the publick News paper ~~that~~ as soon as the rate is assessed and recorded, that they have the Liberty to pay their Respective rates into the Treasury any time within Thirty Days after such Notice given the Rate be recorded. and that all Delinquents shall pay the Collector the full proportion of said rate assessed on them with the Addition of the Lawful Tax for Collecting the Same and that he have no Charge against the Town for Collecting the Same and that Eight pound Old Ten^{rs} be received equal to a Dollar both by the Treasurer and Collector of Rates

Voted that the Treasurer receive no Orders paid by the Collector but the Money only and that he pay it out as he receives it for discharging the Towns debts as they are due always taking Care that the Oldest debt be first discharged in Order to know which the Persons having Demands on the Treasury

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Treasury are to Lodge their Claims with the Treasurer and according to the Seniority of the Dates of those on file they shall be paid and no otherwise.

Voted that William Comptons Account for Warming the Town to meet the first of January 1768 be Allowed and that the Am^t thereof being Six Shillings 2^d M^s be paid out of the Town Treasury.

Voted that William Comptons Account for Moving Oliver Perso be Allowed and the Am^t thereof being Fifteen Shillings and Eleven pence 2^d M^s be paid out of the Town Treasury.

Voted that the Money in the Hands of Nicholas Brown and Jabez Brown for the Money from the Sale of the Old School House and Lot be Applied towards Building a School House on the Old Court House Lot. On Condition that any Number of Proprietors Agree to Build the same and When done the Town to have the Lower part fitted for the Use designed deliver to them free from any further Charge or Expence whatever and the Upper part thereof to belong to the Proprietors that Raise the Money and Cause the House to be Built But to Make Notice of the Towns Money Except the Plan be fully Executed the House to be Built with Brick and When fully Finished to be kept in repair at the Expence of the Town all Except the Windows in the Upper Story. Voted that Mess^{rs} John Brown John Jencks Nathaniel Green Charles Hume and Sam^l Thurber or the Major part of them be Continued a Committee to procure Subscribers to become Proprietors for Building a School House agreeable to the Vote of the Meeting and in Case a sufficient Number of Proprietors to Build a House of the Dimension of 40 feet by 30 cannot be procured within 30 Days that then and in that Case it be Voted and resolved by the Town that the said Committee Contract with a

Suitable Person or Persons to Build as Large and as Convenient a Brick Building on the Old Court House Lot as they can for the Money Arising from the Sale of the Old School House and Lot to be Completely Finished fit for keeping a School therein.

George Jackson Clerk for the Day

at a Town Meeting held at Providence on the Second Day of March 1768

Jabez Brown Jun^r Moderator

The Following Persons were Drawn Jurors to serve at the Hon^{ble} Sup^r Court of Assize and General Goal Delivery to be held at Providence within and for the County of Providence on the third Monday of March 1768—

Edward Thurber Grand Juror
Solomon Owen Petit Juror

At a Town Meeting Held at Providence on the 20th Day of April 1768—

Nicholas Tillinghast Jun^r Moderator

The Following Persons were Chosen Deputies to serve at the Hon^{ble} General Assembly to be held at the Old Court House on the First Wednesday of May Next Viz

Daniel Jencks 1st George Jackson 3rd
Moses Brown 2nd Charles Keen 4th

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Joseph Williams Produced his Deed duly Recorded. and is hereby
Propounded.
Nehemiah Smith Produced his Deed. duly Recorded and is hereby
Propounded.
Nicholas Clerk is Propounded. his Deed not Recorded for
Want of a Book. by Lot of the Town. Lodged in the
Clerks office

At A Town Meeting Held at Providence
on the First Monday of June A.D. 1768. being the
Anniversary Election of Town officers for the year
Ensuing The following Persons were
Chosen to the several offices & ascribed to their
Names viz

~~Nicholas Tillinghast~~ Moderator

Moses Brown Moderator

James Angell Town Clerk

William Compton Town Sergeant

Joseph Sheldon Town Treasurer

John Cole

John Tenches

Nich. Brown

John Field } Town Council
George Jackson } overseers of
Charles Keen } Poor and Work
House.

Nicholas Tillinghast Nick. Brown & Robert Gibbs

Isaac Cory, Benj^m Goreham, Ezekiel Burr

George Law, Zephaniah Andrews William Brown } Constables
James Olney and Martin Seamons.

Jacob Whitman, Dealer of Weights and Measures

Jabez Bowen Jun^r. Ephraim Wheaton. P. Nath^l. Green, Appraisors of Estates

Christopher Arnold Barnard Eddy } Surveyors of Soil
Jonathan Hammond Benj^m Man } bords. &c
Jehio Smith Comfort Wheaton
and Yeh Eddy

George Laws, James Black Asa Franklin } Surveyors
Daniel Snow Nathan Waterman Job Smith } of the
George Ayson Phenias Brown & Jonathan Olney } Highways

Alexander Trajior, Job Smith, Archabald Young } Ragers of
Yeh Brown, Sam^l. Jackson George Taylor } Cash
and Daniel Tillinghast

John Lawrence, Vendue Master
Alexander Trajior Joseph Field } Packers of Beef Pork,
Sam^l. Jackson Yeh Eddy & Yeh Brown } & Hatters of hoops & staves

Jabez Bowen Jun^r. Overseers of the Post House

Joseph Crawford, Yeh Eddy } Corders of Wood
Abel Frey & Jas. Olney

John Lawrence Collector of Taxes for the year Ensuing
on the following Condition To Wit the said John Lawrence
under Takes to collect all the Taxes Levied on this Town,
this present year at 2 1/2 p^{er} Cent.

Voted that the said John Lawrence Give Bond with security
to the Town Treasurer in the sum of one Thousand pounds
Lawful Money for his faithful discharge of the office
of Collector of Taxes Before the Rate Will be Delivered him.

Benj^m Man John Brown & Job Smith. } To value Estates when
John Lawrence Bound Keeper } disputed in Voting
George Laws Benj^m (ushing Jun^r. } Town Vigners
Stephen Rawson and Benj^m Thurburn

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Stephen Hopkins, Nicholas Tillinghast and Wm Smith ^{Present} _{of the Town}

Nicholas Brown, John Jones Thomas Green ^{of the Town}
Benj^m Man Daniel Tillinghast Job Smith
John Torster & Joseph Nash

Job Sweeting & John Smith. Scavengers
George Lanes Thos. Berkitt Job Sweeting ^{of the Town}
James Snow Thos. Brown
James Olney & John Brown Jun. of this

Samuel Butler & Daniel Cahoon. Dealers of Leather

Nich. Brown, Nathan Angell, Daniel Tillinghast
Gersham Carpenter, Joseph Brown Benjamin Thompson ^{of the Town}
Thomas Green, John Brown Richard Jackson
James Black, William Parthen, Philip Dotter
Knight Dexter, Nathl. Green Thomas Bennett
and Joseph Buchlin

William Smith, Job Smith, John Smith, Jk. Brown ^{of the Town}
Benj^m Lushington Jr. Jos. Olney Jr. Jos. Brown
Sander Pitman Sam. Jackson, Noah Maguire
Charles Allen, Obadiah Sprague Charles Stevens
& Benj^m Thorne

Voted and resolved that the Present Town Council of this Town
be and they are hereby appointed overseers of the Poor, and oversee
the Work House and are hereby empowered to appoint some person
or persons under them to live in the Work House, to have the care of
persons that shall be kept at said Work House, and to agree with
the person so appointed for the weekly board of each person that
be maintained by the Town at the Work House, and that the person
so appointed be directed by the Council to procure materials to keep
the person so kept at said Work House, and that he keep a regular
account of the same, and the said Town Council are empowered to
appoint some person to repair the Work House when

Voted that the Town Treasurer be and is hereby Directed to procure a
Bill of Indictment against Joseph Crawford Jr. at the next Court
for his erecting a Store House upon the Kings Highway. Leading from the
Main Street to the Salt Water.

Voted and Resolved that Stephen Hopkins, James Angell,
Thomas Green & John Brown Jr. and Elias Downer for the major
part of them be and are hereby appointed a Committee to procure
the plat of the Town Streets and of the several Water Lots highway or
Gangways Leading to the Water, and to Review the Bounds of the several
Highways and Gangways and make a plat or plats thereof, and lay
the same before the Town as soon as may be, and they are directed to
ascertain on said plat, or plats, all and every person that have any part
of the said Highways or Gangways in their possession and also to Report
their opinion of the Value of such Highways & Gangways so proposed by
each person.

Voted that James Angell George Jackson John Brown & Samuel
Thorne be and are hereby appointed a Committee to inspect all
Buildings and Tenes hereafter to be erected within this Town, and to
see that they be not erected upon any Highway Gangway or other
Public Land, and in case any person shall hereafter erect any building
or Tenes upon any Highway or Public Land contrary to the Advice
of the Major part of the said Committee, such person or persons so offending
upon Information thereof being made by the said Committee or the
greater part of them to the Town Treasurer, shall be by him prosecuted
and indicted to the next Court after such Information shall be made.

Voted that Knight Dexter procure light Hand
Trumpets and have them painted Red for the use of the Town and
also four Landers, and lay the expense thereof before the Town, and
that he deliver the said Trumpets to the fire Wards, and lodge the Landers
and Fire Hooks under the Court House, and not to lend either of them
at his own expense.

Voted that the Sheriff of the County of Providence have authority to
build a Wall in the Highway North of John Smiths dwelling house, and
to dig the same near the North End of said Highway.

Voted that Stephen Hopkins, Nicholas Tillinghast John (Jk) Angell
and Elias Downer or either of them be and are hereby appointed to write
an Address of thanks to the author of the said more Letters & lay the same
before this meeting at their adjournment.

Voted that the Town Treasurer here the money that the Town is indebted to
the Town of Johnston & Edward Tapp. or give his own Cheque on National Bank
paid for the same.

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150. The following persons were chosen Jurors to serve at the Honble.
Inf.^r Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace,
to be holden at Providence within & for the County of Providence,
on the Third Monday of June Instant To Wit

M^r Amos Horton Grand Juror
M^r James Crow Petit Juror.

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to today the 20th of this
Instant at 2 Clock P.M.

at a Town Meeting Held at Providence by
Adjournment on the 20th Day of June 1768

John Cole Esq^r Moderator.

It is Voted that the sum of Ten Hundred Pounds Lawful
money, ordered to be assessed in the 7th last be Levied collected
and paid into the Town Treasury on or before the First Day of
of October Next. and that the pole Tax on those of Age be 1/6
Lawful money. minor poles not to be rated and that eight pound
old Tenor be Recd. for six shillings Lawful money. and that part
of the act made in Feb^y last for paying in the Tax. to the Town
Treasury be and is Repealed, and the Collector of Taxes is hereby
ordered to Receive any order from any person. save only for
their Tax. and the Town Treasurer is hereby ordered to grant
his Warrant against the Collector of Taxes in three Days. after the
Expiration of said Time if any part thereof Remains unpaid.
and if the Town Treasurer neglect to Issue his Warrant at the
Expiration of said three Days. he shall forfeit the sum of Ten
shillings p^r Day for every Day he shall neglect to grant his
Warrant as aforesaid to be recovered by the Town Clerk at the
Next Inf.^r Court after such Neglect shall happen.

Voted that the Town Treasurer shall have but 2/6 p^r Cent
Commisⁿ. for receiving, and nothing for paying out.

151. Voted that. Jabez Bowen Jun^r. Nath^l. Green and Ephraim Wheaton
be and are hereby appointed overseers of the Pond in the Room
of the present Town Council. who was chosen in said office,
and have Refused.

At a Town Meeting at Providence on the 12th Day of July
1768. Called by Warrant

Stephen Hopkins Esq^r Moderator

Whereas the Committee appointed by the Town to build
a School House the lower part thereof for the use of the Town
and Likewise to procure a subscription for building the upper
part ~~and~~ and completing the whole House the which when
completed the two lower Rooms to belong to the Town and to be
under the Directions of the Town, and the upper part. to be
and belong to the several subscribers or proprietors, and they
or the Major part to have the Direction & management thereof
according to the number of Rights each Right having a Vote.

And Whereas the Committee so appointed have this Day made
Report that the Subscription is completed, and Decline to undertake
the building of said House, it is therefore Voted that John Smith be &
is hereby appointed to build said House agreeable to the Vote of this
Town ~~and~~ passed on the First Day of Feb^y 1768 with this addition
to wit the House is hereby ordered to be Forty Seven Feet by
thirty in stead of 40. Feet by 30. and the said John Smith is hereby
Impowered to Demand and Receive the Money that the School House
is ordered for that is in the Hands of Nath^l. Brown & Jabez Bowen
Jun^r. and he is hereby as fully Impowered to all Intents & purposes
as the former Committee to complete said Building.

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152.
At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the last
Tuesday of August. 1768

George Jackson — Moderator

The Following Persons were Chosen Deputys to sit
in the General Assembly to be held in Providence
in the County of Providence in the Colony of Rhode-
Island on the last Wednesday of October. Next
Viz. Thomas Green 1st George Jackson 3rd
Moses Brown 2nd Charles Allen 4th

Alsa Franklin
is Chosen Collector of Rates for the remaining part of
the year. Insuing upon his giving bonds to the Town
Treasurer with Sureties in the sum of £1000. to pay
under Taxes to collect the Town Tax for 5th p. C. and all
Colony Rates at and after the Rate of 2 1/2 p. C.

The Following Persons were Drawn Jurors to serve
at the Hon^{ble} Sup^r Court Court of ap^{peals} & General
Goal. Delivery to be holden at Providence within
and for the County of Providence on the 3rd
Monday of Sept^r. Next. Viz.

Grand Juror. Jⁿ Nash.

Jst Jurors. Jⁿ Edg^y.

Voted and Resolved that Edward Jones have an order
on the Town Treasury for 12/ money it being
for binding a new Book this

the Thatch at the Great Point & high Bank belonging to the
Town sold to John Brown for thirty Pounds old Tenor

Richard Leavers is Chosen Surveyor of Highways in the room
of Daniel Snow who Refuses.

Amose Atwell is Chosen one of the Fire Wardes in the Room
of Benj^m Man who Refuses.

Voted that the Town Treasurer apply to John Lawrence
Late Collector of Taxes for the sum of \$43.13.2 Lawful money being the
amount of what was added to the two last Colony Taxes as Interest money
and then ordered to be paid into the Town Treasury by the Town, and
when Rec^d. to apply the same in the same manner as other moneys
paid into the Town Treasury are, and in case of non payment by
said Lawrence for the space of three months to take the legal steps
of the Law to recover the same

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the 12th
Day of December 1768 Called by Warrant

Stephen Hopkins Esq^r — Moderator

The Following Persons were Drawn Jurors to serve at
the Hon^{ble} Just Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions
of the peace to be held at Providence on the third Monday
of this Instant To Wit

Grand Juror? Jⁿ Corey
Jst Jurors John Lawrence

Voted and Resolved that M^r Nicholas
Tillinghast and John Cole Esq^r be and are hereby
appointed to examine the Estimates and attend the
Committee for taking the General Estimate and
to point out such errors and mistakes as they
shall or may apprehend there is in the
same this Meeting is dissolved

At a Town meeting held at Providence the 1st. Day of March
1769 especially called.

Nicholas Cook Esq. Moderator

The Following persons were Drawn Jurors to Serve at the Hon^{ble} Sup^{re} Court, Court of Ap^{pe}ls & General Goals Delivery to be holden in Providence within & for the County of Providence on the third Monday of this Instant March Viz.

Joseph Tillinghast Grand Juror
Obadiah Sprague Petit Juror

At a Town Meeting Held at Providence on
the Third Wednesday of April A.D. 1769.

John Cole Esq^r Moderator

The following Persons were Chosen Deputys to serve at the Honble General Assembly to be held at Newport on the First Wednesday of May Next Viz.

Daniel Tenches	1 st	Benoni Pearce	3
Moses Brown	2 ^d	Job Smith	4.

The following persons were admitted freemen, To wit Joseph Williams, Nehemiah, Sweet. Nicholas Clark, William Hogg Walker Harding. David Law, David Tunwell; —

The following persons produced their Deeds in open Court
and are held by propounded. To wit W^m Thurber Nath^l
Nottingham.

Job Sweeting is chosen a member of the Town Council in the place of George Jackson. Deeds
Voted that the Deputy of this Town Use their utmost
endeavors at the next Sessions of Assembly to obtain
an alteration in the last ^{order} ~~act~~, and that Jackson
have the benefit of their own poles, and ^{high} ~~leave~~ the

Pole Tax, ^{by} ~~the~~ ^{the} usual sum according to law, and ¹⁸⁷²
that no pole ~~shall~~ be taxed that are under the age of 21.

The following persons were admitted freemen, viz, Joseph Williams, Jeremiah Sorey, Nick Clark, 1844, Doyle, Walker, Harding, David Laws, and David Dunwell.

The following persons was propounded agreeable
to Law. Viz. Wm. Thurber, Nath. Frothingham, David Bacon,
Benje. Applin, and Wm. Applin.

At a Town Meeting Held at Providence on the First Monday
of June A.D. 1769. being the anniversary Election of Town officers
for the year ensuing. The following Persons were chosen to the
several offices ascribed to their Names.

Amos. Attwell. Esq^r Moderator.

Wm Compton Town Sergeant.

James Angell Tutor Clerk.

Jos: Sheldon Town Treasurer

John Cole John Tenches Nick Brown
John Field Charles Keene & Jacob Whitman
Robert Gibbs. Nick Tillinghast & Nick Brown
Benja. Gorham. Ezekiel Burr. George Laws & Franklin
Low Brown. James Olney & Dearnot Packard

Jacob Whitman Dealer of Weights & Measures.

Sabery Bowen Jr. Eph. Wheaton. V. Hall. Green. Asst. Gov. of the
2000

Christopher Agnold Elijah Bacon & L Hammond
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Benj. Mann, Lewis Smith, Comfort Wheaton
Yeh Eddy, Garsham Carpenter

George Law James Black A. Franklin 3 Surveyors
of Highways
Katharine Waterman Lombard Street

Joseph Bucklin, Nathan Waterman, (Imprisoned)
(Charles Beene), Ruford Seaton, Dennis Brown
Lebanon, N.H. W. Jonathan Olney

Maister Andrew Frazier Esq Smith Archibald Young & James of

Yek Brown Sam. Jackson Geo. Taylor
and Daniel Tillinghast

156. Vendue Master. John Lawrence

Alexander Ingham Jos. Field Sam^r Jackson
Ezek Eddy Ezek Brown Jos. Potter
Obadiak Sprague Gersham Carpenter

Shakers of Beef
Dicks & Huttons of
Hoops & Staves

overseer of the Pest House Tabery Brown Esq^r
Jos. Crawford. Ezek Eddy able Perry & Jos. May Jr. & Sanders of Wood

Also Franklin collector of Taxes on the following Condition
To wit the said Asa Franklin engages to collect all Taxes on the
Year at 2 1/2 p^{ts} Cent. and the said Asa Franklin is hereby
ordered to give bond to the Town Treasurer with sufficient
of £1000 Lawful Money. for his faithful Discharge of his Trust
and that the Town Treasurer. Grant. Execution. against said
Franklin. if he neglects to pay the Tax by ~~the~~ Time Limited by the
Vote of the Town

John Lawrence Pound Keeper

George Law Benja^r Cushing Jun^r & Jence Vionis
Stephen Crawford & Benj. Thurber

Stephen Hopkins. Nich^s Tillinghast & W^m Smith & the first ward

Nich. Brown John Tencks Tho^s Greene Benj^r Man. & John
Dan^s Tillinghast Job Smith John Foster & Joseph Nash

Job Sweeting & John Smith - Scavengers -

George Law. Tho^s Borkit. Job Sweeting James Snow & Field Drivers
Phinchas Brown James Olney & John Brown & Lis^r

Samuel Butler & Daniel Cakoon Sealers of Leather

Nich^s Brown. Nathan Angell. Daniel Tillinghast Gersham & To have the
Carpenter Jos. Brown. Ebenezer Thompson Tho^s Greene John
Brown James Arnold James Black Sam^r Barker. Arthur
Henne^r Jun^r Knight Deater Nath^s Greene Tho^s Bennett
& Joseph Bucklen.

W^m Smith Job Smith John Smith Ezek Brown
Benj^r Cushing Jun^r Jos. Olney Jun^r Jonathan Arnold
Sanders Bidman Sam^r Jackson Noah Mason Charles
Hume Obadiak Sprague Charles Stevens & Benj^r Thurber

To have the
Care of the
up Town

157. Voted that Two Hundred Pounds Lawful money be assessed
on the Inhabitants of this Town. to be levied on their Polls and Estates
and to be collected and paid into the Town Treasury on or before the
10th Day of September Next. Insuing. and the Poll Tax on all male
Polls of age be 1/6. and that the same be paid in Lawful Silver
or Lawful Bills of the Colony or in old Tenor at Eight Pounds for
Six Shillings.

Voted that the Present Overseers of the Poor purchase
a Book at the Towns Expence, in order to keep a Regular Account
of the Number of Poor & Weakly Expence, and when become poor
which Book is for the Use of said Overseers and their Successors
in said office

Voted that the Town Treasurer pay to John
Cole & Nich^s Tillinghast one pound sixteen Shillings Lawful
money the amount of their Account. it being for their attending
in the Committee for Taking the General Estimate.

Voted that the Town Treasurer pay unto Nathan
Angell 14/6 Lawful money the amount of his Account. it being
for paper supplied the Town. for a Record Book

Voted that the Representatives of this Town do make Application to
the General Assembly at their next Session, that some proper place
in this Colony be set apart & prepared for the purpose of Inoculating
for the Small pox, under such Regulations as they shall think
proper, or that the Town of Providence be allowed & empowered
at the Expence of the Town to prepare a place for the purpose
aforesaid within the said Town to be under the regulation of the
Town Council of said Town

The following Persons were drawn Jurors to
serve at the Hon^{ble} Inf^r Court of Common Pleas & General
Sessions of the peace to be holden at Providence within and
for the County of Providence on the Third Monday June Instant
to wit William Chace J. Jurors. James Angell Jettis Jurors

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the last
Tuesday of August. 1769
Hon^{ble} Darius Sepsons. Esq^r Moderator

The following Persons were chosen Deputies to serve at
the Hon^{ble} General Assembly to be held at South Kingstown
on the last Wednesday of October Next ^{ensuing}
Daniel Tenches Esq^r 1st & Benj^m Man Esq^r 2^d
M^r Moses Brown 3^d & Job Smith 4th

The following Persons were drawn Jurors to serve at the
Hon^{ble} Sup^r Court. Court of Ap^{peals} and General Court Delivery
to be holden at Providence within and for the County of Providence
on the third Monday of Sept^r Next Viz
Ephraim Carpenter Grand Juror & Matthias Potter & Jurors
Matthews & Mallick

The following Persons were propounded agreeable to Law to wit
Benj^m Hiler, John Carter & Nathan Williams

Voted that Jabez Brown Esq^r be and is hereby chosen one of
the Town Auditors in the room of Robert Gibbs. Dec^r

Voted that Joseph Brown be and is hereby chosen a Surveyor
of the Highways in the room of George Laws. Dec^r

Voted that Stephen Hopkins Moses Brown & James Angell
be and are hereby appointed a Committee to receive of Jeremiah
Deater and pay to him all such papers as belong to the Town
and Lodge the same in the Town Clerks office and take receipt
therefor.

Voted that Benj^m Man be and is hereby appointed one of the
Committee in for inspecting Building and fences being erected on highways
in the Room of George Jackson. Dec^r

Voted that the Town Treasurer be and is hereby ordered to procure a
Bill of Indentment for Removing the New fence between the House
of Robert Starrey and the House that was heretofore John Deaters and
now in the possession of John Carter where a Gangway is obstructed
the Thatch at the Great point and High Water
Sold to James Angell for 25th Shillings Lawful money

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the 24th Day of October
1769 called by Warrant. To take the opinion of the Town concerning
the Landing of sundry Goods daily Imported from Great Britain which
belong to sundry Persons in this Town. which Articles was by said Town on
the 2^d Day of Dec^r 1767 agreed not to be Imported as appears by the Report
of the Towns Committee and the Vote thereon.

Nich^l Cook Esq^r Moderator.

Whereas Joseph and William Russell Thurber and Jackson. Edward
Thurber Samuel Nightingale Esq^r Clark and Nightingale and Somer
Thompsons Merchants and Importers of Goods from Great Britain
have all agreed under their Hands to Deliver all such Goods as they or either
of them may have on board the Snow Frisiam. David Shand Master or by
any other way that was agreed not to be Imported in Dec^r 2^d 1769 —
to John Brown Jabez Brown Esq^r and Thomas Green Merchants who
are hereby appointed a Committee for said purpose in order to be
stored until the Duty on Glass paper be repealed they taking said
Committees Receipts therefor, and on the Delivery of such Immune
Articles to said Committee they shall be allowed and encouraged
in the Sale of all the other Goods by them Imported

Voted that John Cole Jabez Brown Esq^r and James Angell Donight an advertisement
and have it inserted in the Next paper concerning the Non Importation of Goods —

Whereas there is many Doggs that have been taken with
madness in this and the Neighboring Towns for the preventing of
the spreading of the said Contagion. It is Voted that Doggs that are
suffered to run at large in this Town may be by any Townholder
Killed and the person that shall Kill any Dogg in consequence
of the above Vote shall bury said Dogg immediately without Skinning
and this Act to remain in force until the 25th Day of Dec^r Next

Voted that Wm Compton have an order on the Town Treasurer for
Ten Shillings & Six pence it being the amount of his account for
warning the Town

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At a Town meeting held at Providence on the 14th Day
of Dec^r. 1769. Nicholas Tillinghast Esq^r. Moderator

The following Persons were Drawn Jurors to serve
at the Hon^{ble}. Inst. Court of Common Pleas and General
Sessions of the Peace ~~to be holden at Providence within~~
and for the County of Providence on the third Monday of
this Instant Dec^r. viz. John Carpenter Grand Juror
Jonathan Hammond Esq^r. Juror

At a Town meeting called by Warrant on the eighth of Jan^y. 1770
in order to Refund John Laurence the Tax Recovered of him as Collector
of Taxes. By Simon Dotter of Bristol. Moderator

Town Treasurer
Voted that Joseph Sheldon, make Demand of the moneys Due
to this Town from the Towns of Cranston and North Providence
and that he make the same in their several Town meetings, and
if not paid before the 1st of March is out at said Court he is hereby
ordered to bring his action for the Recovery of the same as if from
this Town having a Judgment against them the Town of Cranston

Voted that Oliver Arnold Moses Brown & Paul Tero Esq^s.
be and are hereby to examine into the Law about Taxes and
to make Report whether by Law the Tenant in Possession is liable
to pay the Tax when the owners Name is set in the Rate Bill
and the Tenants not therein Named. and more especially to
make Report what the Law is in their Judgment
in the case Simon Dotter against John Laurence and
whether the money may be recovered of said Dotter or not
and if they think the same recoverable to prosecute said
Dotter therefor

Voted that the Town Treasurer hire the sum of 16:17:4 1/4
and repay John Laurence it being the sum Recovered by Simon
Dotter against John Laurence with his fee as collector of
Taxes, for said Town deducting therefrom whatever sum
may be due to the Town from said Laurence.

Voted that John Brown Sabers Town or the major part of them
are hereby appointed to settle John Smith account for building
the School House. and to make report to the next meeting.

Voted that William Compton have an order on the Town Treasurer
for the sum of 60. it being the sum of his account

Voted that this meeting be adjourned until the 29th
Day of this Instant at 2 o'clock afternoon. in order to make
a Town Tax and the Clerk is hereby ordered to Grant a warrant
to Warrant said Town.

At a Town meeting held at Providence by adjournment on
the 29th Day of Jan^y. 1770: and likewise by warrant for order to
make a Tax to Supply the Town Treasury.

Stephen Hopkins Esq^r. Moderator

Voted that 200^l. Lawful money be assessed on the Inhabitants of
this Town on or before the 1st Day of February Next to be Levied
on the Polls and Estates. and to be collected and paid into the
Town Treasury on or before the 15th Day of May next ensuing
and that the Poll Tax on all male polls of Age 16 for each.

Voted that Stephen Hopkins have an order on the Town Treasurer
for the sum of 15^l. Lawful money it being the amount of
his account

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday
next night at 2 o'clock after noon

At a Town Meeting held by adjournment on Wednesday
the 14th Day of Feb^r. 1770

John Jones Moderator

Voted that William Smith have an order on the Town
Treasurer for 100^l. Lawful it being the amount of his
account for plank for the mile Bridge. N^o. 13. Two Votes
for Granting & 11 against it

At a Town meeting held at Providence on the 14 Day
of Dec. 1769. Nicholas Tillinghast Esq. Moderator

The Following Persons were Drawn Jurors to serve
at the Hon. Court of Common Pleas and General
Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Providence within
and for the County of Providence on the third Monday of
this Instant Dec. viz. John Carpenter Grand Juror
Jonathan Hammors Juror

At a Town meeting called by Warrant on the eighth of Jan. 1770
In order to Refund John Laurence the Tax Recovered of him as collector
of Taxes. By Simon Dotter of Bristol.
Knight Dexter Esq. Moderator

Town Treasurer
Voted that Joseph Sheldon, make Demand of the moneys due
to this Town from the Towns of Cranston and North Providence
and that he make the same in their several Town meetings, and
if not paid before the next meeting is out at second court he is hereby
ordered to bring his action for the Recovery of the same in Court
this Town having a Judgment against them from the Town of Cranston

Voted that Oliver Arnold Moses Brown & Paul Tice Esqs.
be and are hereby to examine into the Law about Taxes and
tomako Report whether by Law the Tenant in Possession is liable
to pay the Tax when the owners Name is set in the Rate Bill
and the Tenants not therein named. and more especially to
make Report what the Law is in their Judgment
in the case of Simon Dotter against John Laurence and
whether the money may be recovered of said Dotter or not
and if they think the same recoverable to prosecute said
Dotter therefor

Voted that the Town Treasurer hire the sum of 16:17:1/4
and repay John Laurence it being the sum Recovered by Simon
Dotter against John Laurence with his fee as collector of
Taxes, for said Town deducting therefrom whatever sum
may be due to the Town from said Laurence.

Voted that John Brown Sabers Town and Ebenezer Thompson ^{or the opposite part of them}
are hereby appointed to settle John Smith account for building
the School House. and to make report to the next meetings.

Voted that William Compton have an order on the Town Treasurer
for the sum of £6. it being the sum of his account

Voted that this meeting be adjourned until the 29th
Day of this Instant at 2 o'clock afternoon. in order to make
a Town Tax and the Clerk is hereby ordered to Grant a Warrant
to Warrant said Town

At a Town meeting held at Providence by adjournment on
the 29th Day of Jan. 1770: and likewise by warrant for order to
make a Tax to supply the Town Treasury.

Stephen Hopkins Esq. Moderator
Voted that 200th Lawful money be assessed on the Inhabitants of
this Town on or before the 25th Day of February Next to be Levied
and the Poles and Stakes. and to be collected and paid into the
Town Treasury on or before the 15th Day of May next ensuing
and that the Poll Tax on all male polls of Age 16 for each.

Voted that Joseph Brown have an order on the Town Treasurer
for the sum of 15th Lawful money it being the amount of
his Account

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday
Nextnight at 2 o'clock afternoon

At a Town Meeting held by adjournment on Wednesday
the 14th Day of Feb. 1770

John Jones Moderator

Voted that William Smith have an order on the Town
Treasurer for 140:8 Lawful it being the amount of his
account for plank for the mill bridge. At 13. Two Votes
for Granting & none against it

162. Voted that Oliver Arnold Paul Lewis and Moses Brown Esq^r be continued a Committee agreeable to their appointment on the 8th eighth Day of Jan^y. Last. and they are hereby Impowered to confer with Simon Potter on account of his not paying the Tax. which John Lawrence distrained his Goods for. and after which said Potter Prosecuted said Lawrence and recovered said Tax from Lawrence and to settle with said Potter on such Terms as they think most proper. and in case they cannot agree with said Potter. they are hereby Directed to petition the Assembly for a New Trial against said Potter

Voted that the Seventy Five Rights ^{in the Town & Propriators} together with the Name of the propriators thereof be Registered in the Town Clerk's Office

Voted that the Seventy Five Rights in the Town and propriators School House be Recorded in the Town Clerk's Book together with the Names of the propriators thereof Together with the report of the Committee thereon

Voted that the report of John Brown Ebenezer Thompson & Jabez Brown Esq^r who was appointed to settle John Smith Accounts for building the School House be accepted and Lodged on File

Voted that William Compton have an order on the Town Treasurer for 9/11 being for Warning the Town Jan^y. 29th & attending Town meeting this Day

Voted that the Deputys of this Town Draw an Act and peruse the same to the General Assembly to enable the Inhabitants of this Town to take strong ^{Liberty} and quantity as a Quark

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the 11th Day of March 1770. Stephen Hopkins Esq^r Moderator

The following persons were drawn Jurors to serve at the Sup^r Court, Court of Appeals and General Court Delivery to be held at Providence within & for the County of Providence on the third Monday of this Instant. Viz
Grand Juror Christopher Sheldon. Petit Jurors Martin Thomas

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the third Wednesday of April 1770. Nicholas Tillinghast Esq^r Moderator

The following persons were Chosen Deputys to Represent said Town at the General Assembly to be holden at Newport within the Colony on the first Wednesday of May Next. Viz

Daniel Denesha Esq^r. 1st Benj^y Man. 2nd Stephen Hopkins Esq^r 3rd Moses Brown

The following persons were admitted to wit. Wm Thurborn Nathl. Tillinghast David Bacon. Benj^y Apelin Wm Apelin Benj^y Shill John Carter Nathan Williams Dan Brown Jonathan Russell John Stud 3rd John Hester

The petition for dividing the Town was read in full meeting the Town admitted the petition to be good as served by a proper officer. & thereupon passed the following Resolves

Resolved that the Deputys of this Town oppose to the uttermost of their Power, the Division of the Town of Providence and that no Person shall be elected as a Deputy for said Town untill he shall subscribe to the above Resolves

The petition for dividing of the Town and the petition

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the 31st Day of May especially called upon hearing that the ~~Majority~~ ^{all} ~~of the merchants~~ ^{of the Town} had agreed to Import Goods from Great Britain (Tea excepted)

The Honorable Darius Sessions Moderator of European Goods
Resolved that no General Importation of ~~European~~ ^{Great Britain} and Indian Goods take place in this Town, until ~~the~~ ^{the} General Importation take place in the Neighbouring Colonies

It appearing, that the ~~State~~ ^{Meeting} of a Number of the merchants of this Town, when the Non-Importation agreement was vacated by a majority of those present, they were unacquainted with the Sentiments of the Neighbouring Colonies respecting that matter.

And as it appears the proposed Alteration of said Agreement to the exclusion of Tea only, is not satisfactory to the Inhabitants of this Town nor to the Neighbouring Colonies, nor will it have the desired Effect, it is the Opinion of this meeting, that the Vacation of said Agreement was too precipitate and as such we apprehend would not have been done by them, had the matter been postponed to this Time

Voted, that it is the unanimous Opinion of this Meeting, that no Goods excepting such as are allowed by said Agreement, ought by any means to be Imported into this Town, until the Duty on Tea, be repealed, or the other Governments generally Import, and that a Committee be appointed to wait on the three Houses of Merchants, who are for Importing and have sent ~~orders~~ ^{we} for their Goods, and every Argument to induce them, to countermand their Orders, and Report their Doings at the annual Town Meeting to be holden on Monday next, and to prevent any disagreeable Sentiments arising in the minds of our Neighbours against the Inhabitants of this Town on account of the said Resolution, the Proceedings of this meeting are hereby ordered to be published in the Next Gazette that the Public may be assured we shall harmonize in the united Endeavours of this Continent in this and every other measure so Salutary to the general Welfare

Voted that Stephen Hopkins Darius Sessions, J. B. Bowen, John Senckes, Nick Brown, Nick Cook, and Job Sweeting, be and are hereby appointed a Committee for the aforesaid purpose.

Whereas there are some persons in the Towns of Boston and Newport who have Imported Goods contrary to the General Agreements of the Colonies. It is Voted and Resolved that if any Person or Persons shall purchase Directly or Indirectly any such Goods so Imported from thence or elsewhere and bring into this Town either for sale or their own use, their Names be published in the Gazette, that they may thereby Receive the Displeasure and discouragement of their Injured Neighbours and Country, and that Jacob Brown, John Senckes, Joseph Bucklin and Benj. Cushing Jun^r be and are hereby appointed a Committee of Inspection for said purpose.

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Monday Next at one o'clock P. M.
Darius Sessions Continues Moderator.

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Wednesday Next at one of the Clock Past meridian.

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the First Monday of June 1770: being the Anniversary Election of Town officers for the year ensuing, the following Persons were chosen to the several offices ascribed to their Names.

Darius Sessions Esq^r Moderator
James Angell Town Clerk: Wm Compton Town Sergeant
Joseph Sheldon Town Treasurer.

John Cole, John Senckes, Nicholas Brown, Joseph Russell, Charles Keen, & Jacob Whitman. Members of the Town Council

Town Audit. Nick^r Tillinghast, Nick^r Brown, & Jacob Brown Jun^r.

Constables. Benj Goreham, Ezekiel Burr, James Lemmons, Eph Franklin, Wm Brown, James Olney, Fearnot Packard, Nick^r Brown.

Jacob Brown Jun^r, Job Sweeting, Nath^r Wheaton, Joseph Brown, and

Knight Doctor Benj Cushing Jun^r, Abner Thayer, Jacob Whitman, Benj. Thayer, & Jonathan

Assessors of Rates Overseers of the Poor, John Smith, Samuel Butter, Benj. Thayer.

Surveyors of Highways, Christopher Arnold, Elijah Bacon, Jonathan Hammond, Benj. Man, John Smith, Cornst Wheaton, Eph. Cook, & Joseph Goreham Carpenter.

166. Surveyors of Joseph Brown Charles Keene James Black Barnard
Highways. Eddy David Burr & Phineas Brown

Gagers of Job Smith Sam^r Jackson George Taylor Daniel
Cask. Fillingham & Eddy Eddy

Mendue master. John Lawrence
Packers of Beef Pork and Joseph Field Sam^r Jackson Eddy Eddy
Cullers of Hops & Staves Brown Jos. Dotter Obadiah Sprague
and Gersham Carpenter

Overseer of the Pest House Sabin Brown Jun^r
Corders of Wood Jos. Crawford Eddy Eddy Joseph Olney Jun^r & Able Devey
Ezekiel Burr collector of Rates. who engages to collect all Taxes.
Assessed on this Town the ensuing year. for 2 1/2 ps. Cent. and is
nowby ordered to give Bond with sufficient Sureties to the Town
Treasurer in the sum of 1000. Lawful money for the Faithfull
Discharge of said Trust. before he receives the Rate List.

Bond Keeper John Lawrence

To Value Estates when Benj Man John Brown. & Job Smith
Disputed in Voting

Town Divers James Lovell Benj. Lushing Jun^r Stephen Kaufson & Benj. Thurber
Presidents of the Fire Wards. Stephen Hopkins Nick Fillingham and
William Smith

Fire Wards Nick Brown. John Inches Thos Green. Benj Man
Dan^r Fillingham. Job Smith John Foster & Jos. Nash

Leavers. Job Sweeting and John Smith

Field Drivers Thos. Thicket Job Sweeting James Snow Phineas Brown
James Olney and John Brown Son Eliska

Sealers of Leather Samuel Butler and Daniel Cahoon

To have the care of the Engine by the bridge Nick Brown Nathan Angell Daniel Fillingham
Gersham Carpenter Joseph Brown Ebenezer
Thompson. Thos. Greene John Brown James
Arnold James Black. Wm Barker Arthur Thurn
Jun^r Knight Dexter Nath^r Greene. Thomas Bennett
and Joseph Trucklin

To have the care of the Engine up Town Wm Smith. Job Smith. John Smith. Eddy Brown
Benj Lushing Jun^r Joseph Olney Jun^r Jonathan Arnold
Sanders Pitman Sam^r Jackson Nath^r Mason Charles
Keene Obadiah Sprague Charles Stevens &
Benj. Thurber

The Following Persons were drawn Jurors to serve at the Hon^{ble}
In^{ns} Court of Common Pleas & General Sessions of the Peace to be held
at Providence on the third Monday of this Inst^{ant}. To wit
Daniel Telft. Grand Juror Daniel Cahoon Petit Juror

Voted Unanimously that this Town will Purchase a Water Engine
and that Stephen Hopkins Joseph Brown. Sam^r Knighting
Benj. Man and Wm Smith are a Committee to report to the
Town what size the Engine shall be and when made. and what
Necessary Instruments are Wanting. in case of Fire. and
likewise to lay before the Town at their meeting such rules and
regulations as they may think Needful for the Town in case
of Fire

Voted that Sabin Brown Jun^r have an Order on the Town
Og. Treasury for the sum of 37/1 Lawful it being for a
Number of Pailes Lost at the Late Fire

Whereas Jackson and Updike prayed that this meeting
would make them a proper allowance for the Damage Don
to some Cordage that was used at the Late fire. whereupon
Ambrose Page Joseph Brown and John Inches are appointed
to ascertain the Damage and make report to the Town at their
Next meeting

Voted that the Windows in Towns Mark of the School
House be mended and that the North Side be repaired

Voted that this Meeting be Adjourned to Wednesday
Next. at 2: Clock P.M. and that the Town Clerk Grant a
Warrant to Warn the Townsmen then to meet in order to
make Two Rates one to supply the Treasury and
the other to purchase a Water Engine

169. At a Town Meeting held at Providence by adjournment
as also by Warrant on the 6th Day of June A^d 1770
Hosb. Darius Sessions. Esq. Moderator

Voted that the Town Treasurer procure the Windows in
the lower part of the School House to be mended as
also to have that Part of said ^{house} repaired that was scorched
by the Fire. and lay the account thereof before the Town.

The Committee appointed to ascertain the damage that
Jackson Dupike sustained by the use of their cordage in the
time of the late fire this Day made Report that the Damage
that sustained was 20^l. Lawful money. Whereupon it is Voted
that they receive the said sum of the Town Treasurer. and
the Clerk is hereby ordered to grant an Order for the same.

This Day the Town Audit laid the Town Treasurers
Account before said Town properly audited and there is
Due to the Town Treasurer 7/6. Lawful money, which
account is accepted.

Whereas on the 29th Day of January Last a Tax
was ordered to be ~~levied~~ assessed for £200: which Tax has
not been assessed on the Town it is therefore Voted that said
Tax be augmented to £250: To be ~~levied~~ assessed within
Twenty Days from this Time and to be collected and paid
into the Town Treasury on or before the 20th Day of Sept^r
Next and that the Tax on all male poles of age be 1/6^d.

Voted that the Town Treasurer hire the Sum of 22:9:7.
in order to Discharge an Execution that against the Town
Returnable on the 3. ononday of this Instant.

Voted that Job Sweeting examine the Records of the
Clerk of the Inf^m Court concerning an action that was brought
by the Overseers of the Poor. against Uriah Hopkins and
make report thereon to the Town.

Voted that John Field be chosen one of the Town Council
in the Room of Joseph Russell who Declines Serving.

Voted that the Town Audit settle the Accounts of O. Bond
and James Angell on account of their purchasing the Engine
and Give an Order for the several Ballenies on the Engine
Treasurer.

Voted that M^r. Benj^m. West be ^{the} master of one of the schools in
the New School House. to Receive his Reward for Educating, from
the Parents of them that he shall Teach, and that he be subjected
to such Rules and Regulations as may be made hereafter by

Voted that the Deputies of this Town ~~be directed to use~~
their best Endeavors to procure the payment of money Due
to the Town on account of the Rebuilding of Weighboat. ^{as appears}
appears by the report of a Committee appointed by the Gen^l.
assembly and to them made Feb^y 17th 64.

Voted that the President of the College and the
Schollars have Liberty to meet in the New School house
and performe their Schoolastick Exercises. they Repairing
the windows in Good Repair. untill further Orders.

Voted that Job Smith Repair the Mill Bridge
at the Towns Expence and lay the Cost thereof before
the Town.

Voted that the Committee that is appointed to revise
the Bounds of the Town Street and other Highways be
be Desired to complete the same. and to make their
Report to the Town at an August Next.

Voted that the Overseers of the Poor of this Town
prosecute Samuel Johnston. for the Support of his Mother
who is now Chargeable to this Town.

The Committee appointed at the Meeting June 5: 1770
Reported. That the Importers had agreed to Countermand their
Orders for all Goods except the following articles Viz^t Hemp, Sail
Cloth, Twine, Lins. Cols. German Steel, Powder, Lead, Shot, Permutation
Allum. Copras Indlers Trimmings, Nails 20. and Downwards
Needles, pins Cloths and Sharp Shears. Windows Glass, Books
paper. Wool Cards Lams Tiles Gimblats Toms Glasses Sewing
Silk, Baze, shagg Hamshin. Cloths not Exceeding 4/4
Duffels. Blankets. Lichels Watters Trimmings and Druggs
The said list not being satisfactory a Dispute arose and a Vote
Called in the following manner Viz^t Whether the Importers should
be

be permitted to import agreeable to the New List exhibited by the Committee, or continue under the Restrictions of the former Agreement of October 1769. Upon a Division, there appeared for the New List, only fifteen and for the List Thirty Nine. Nevertheless, it was by that Majority agreed that the Importers might give Orders to their correspondents in England to ship such ~~and~~ other articles which are not mentioned in said Agreement of October 1769 as the Merchants of the Provinces of Massachusetts, New York or Philadelphia Import in consequence of their Agreements. It therefore fully appears to be the sense of the Town in General, that we harmonize with the other colonies in the United Agreements.

o.g. Voted that W^m Compton have an Order on the Town Treasurer for 5/- it being for warning the Town.

*At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the Last Tuesday of August 1770 John Cole Esq^r Moderator

The following Persons were Chosen Deputies to sit in the General Assembly to be held at Providence in the Colony of Rhode Island on the Last Wednesday of October. Next

Viz Daniel Jencks 1st Benjⁿ Swan 3rd
Moses Brown 2nd Stephen Hopkins 4th

The following persons were drawn Jurors to serve at the Court Sup^r Court Court of aforesaid General Assembly to be held at Providence within and for the County of Providence on the Third Monday of Sept^r Next Viz.

Benjⁿ Cushing Grand Juror & Timothy Glading Det^r Juror

Voted that the Town Council be and are hereby directed to prosecute all persons in this Town who shall keep up a sign for retailing of Strong Liquor without a License first had and obtained

*Voted that Silas Donner, Daniel Sagoon, Jabez Bowen, Stephen Brown and Thomas Bennett be and are hereby appointed a committee to give and likewise to establish the Names for the several Streets & Lots in this Town and to ascertain the place of their Beginnings & Ending & make Report to the Town Meeting

Jonathan Ellis produced his Deed in open Town meeting. and is hereby propounded

Whereas this Town have Neglected to choose a Committeeman agreeable to ~~the~~ Act for erecting an alms House or work House in the County of Providence this meeting taking the same into Consideration. Do now appoint Job Smith a Committeeman to take care of ~~the~~ the work House, agreeable to said Act for building the same

Whereas Josiah's King prayed that the Dispute between him and the Town of Providence might be submitted to three indifferent men ^{which is agreed} that James Angell be and is hereby appointed to manage the same, to a rule of four and to manage the same the Town that is sold to James Thurber for 32/- Lawfull money.

Voted that this meeting be and is hereby adjourned to Tuesday the 18th Day of Sept^r Next at 2 o'clock P.M.

Whereas the Committee of Trade for this Town laid before this meeting a Letter from the Committee of Trade in Boston and desiring the Direction of this meeting in giving an answer to the same, the Town having considered the same do vote that the Committee of this Town do inform them, that as a Corporate Body we have constantly and strictly adhered to our Vows respecting the non-Importation Agreement and that the Treatment of this Town by the Southern and Western Colonies in refusing to Trade with us is unjust and without any Foundation and in particular the Philadelphians paying no Regard to the Letter from the merchants of this Town is Injurious and highly reflecting upon the Sincerity and Veracity of the Merchants here, and that this Town notwithstanding the hard usage they have met with from the Southern Colonies will yet adhere to their former Resolves and will exert themselves in taking all prudent methods in storing the Goods if any shall come to this Town and they do expect the said Colonies will acknowledge their mistake and open a Trade with them as heretofore, and that they will not themselves break the Agreement by Importing and Selling Goods &c.

this meeting adjourned to Tuesday the 18th Day of Sept^r Next at 2 o'clock P.M.

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the 18th Day of Sep^r 1770.
by adjournment as also by Warrant
John Cole Esq^r. Moderator

Voted that James Angell, Jabez Bowen, and Samuel Nightingale
~~on the major part thereof~~ be and are hereby appointed to commence
and prosecute an action against the General Treasurer of the
Colony at Providence Dec^r Term Next for the money due
for the rebuilding and railing of Maybasset Bridge as settled
and adjusted by a Committee appointed by the General Assembly for
that purpose and received by the General Assembly at their
Sessions held in Feb^r 1764. and that the Town Treasurer of
this Town be and is hereby Directed to Supply said Committee
with what money may be necessary from time to time not
exceeding the Sum of Fifty Dollars. Taking their Receipts
therefor

Voted that the Mill Bridge Leading to Nisha Browns Mill
be for the future maintained by the Town

Voted that that part of the Bridge belonging to this Town
Near Solentary Hill Leading over the River of Wampanoag
River into the Town of North Providence be for the future
maintained by the Town

Voted that ~~Mr. Smith~~ have an order on the Town Treasurer
for 4/6. It being the amount of his account

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the 11th Day
of Dec^r 1770. Daniel Inches Esq^r Moderator

The following persons were Drawn Jurious to serve
at the Hon^{ble} Sup^r Court of Common Pleas & General
Sessions of the peace to be holden at Providence on the
third Monday of this Instant. to wit

Nathan Arnold Grand Jurious
Samuel Ingraham Petit Jurious

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the 13th Day of March
1771. to Draw Jurious

Darius Sessions Esq^r Moderator

The following Persons were Drawn Jurious to serve at the
Hon^{ble} Sup^r Court of Assize and General Goal
Delivery to be holden at Providence on the 1st of May for the
County of Providence on the third Monday of this Instant
To wit Isaac Field Grand Jurious
Eph^r Pebody Petit Jurious

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on
the third Wednesday of April 1771
Darius Sessions Esq^r Moderator

The following Persons were Chosen Deputies to
Represent said Town at the General Assembly to be holden
at Newport on the first Wednesday of May Next viz^t
Daniel Inches Esq^r 1st Ben^t Man Esq^r 3rd
M^r Moses Brown 2nd the Hon^{ble} Stephen Threlkeld Esq^r

Benjamin Fushing Esq^r Chosen Town Treasurer in the Room
of Joseph Threlkeld Esq^r and likewise to have the Care of Maybasset
Bridge. for who Refuses - Whereupon Amos Abbott was Chosen
in the Room of said Fushing Town Treasurer and to have the Care of
Bridge

The Committee appointed in June last to Report the State
of the Engine, and what necessary things are wanting in Case
of Fire and to make a Report thereon - did on the 1st of May
this Day make their Report which was read and passed - as
on File may appear

Voted that Benjamin, Jonathan Hammond, Comfort Watson
Joshua Spooner, John Smith, Martin Chimes, Vignat Bacon
Jabez Bowen, Andrew Cole, Oliver Carpenter be and are hereby
appointed to remove or pull Down any houses or buildings ordered
by

by the presidents of the ~~the~~ in case of Time who shall make necessary
rules among them selves, and appoint one among themselves to enforce
their, all which shall be observed and obeyed in Time of Time

Resolved that Solomon Drown Christopher Canold. Asbury Gillia
Richmond David Witherspoon Saml. Barber and Saml. Knightengale
be and are hereby appointed to give orders for the removing of
Goods in Line of Fire and to appoint the place where said
Goods shall be carried, and that no Goods shall be removed but
by order of the said persons or three or more of them.

Noted that Stephen Hopkins Joseph Brown Wm.
Smith and Benjamin, procure an Indian ^{man,} ^{to be} made
of the size which they have reported and that
Daniel Jackson make the same agreeable to their
Report

Voted that Night Doctor procure ⁴⁰⁰⁰ ~~the~~ ^{printed} Rules, reported
by the Committee for the conduct of ~~the~~ the people,
~~the~~ Case of Free,

Voted that Stephen Hopkins James Angell Thos Greene
 Taberz Bowen and Elias Downer or the major part of them be
 continued a committee to complete their Report Respecting the Gang
 ways and public Lands of the Town in possession of the ~~Common~~ private
 Persons and they are hereby empowered and directed to consider
 the whole circumstances and report such as may be desired, then
 that so much, whether most proper to be sold or leased if either
 whether any & how much of the money be applied to the Use of
 the adjoining proprietors or opposite Neighbours and how much
 to the Town and also to report whether any and whose Tenements
 may be removed and to ascertain the ~~value~~ ^{rent} and the Value
 of those they may think ~~may be sold~~ ^{may be let} and of all which
 to report their opinion and findings thereon at the next Meeting
 In June

At a Town Meeting Held at Providence on the First Monday
of June AD 1771. Being the anniversary Election of Town
officers for the year ensuing. The following persons
were Chosen to the several offices. affix to their Names
Darius Sepsons Esq^r — Moderator

James Angell. Town Clerk. Wm Compton. Town Sergeant.
James Arnold. Town Treasurer. Town

John Cole John Tenches Nick: Brown } Town
Charles Keen. and John Fildes Jacob Whitman } Council
Nick: Tellinghast Nick: Brown. & Taber } Town and is
Constables

Benjamin Goreham, Wm Brown, James Oney } Constables
Niche Brown, John Tenches, Nath. Wheaton }
Niche Power, Job Swearing, Nath. Green }
Joseph Brown, }
Ezek Eddy, }
Andrew Colt, }
Jacob Whitman Seal of Wrights }
Nelsons }

Andrew Cole
Jacob Whitman Seal of Wrights
John Smith Sam. Butler & Bong Thinder. } Messrs. &
} Overseers of
} the poor

Christopher Arnold. Elijah Bacon Jonathan
Hammond Benjamin Jehu Smith Comfort } Surveyors
Winaton Eph Eddy and Zephaniah Carpenter } of Dist
Boards. &c

Joseph Brown, Barnard Ledy, Aaron Mason Surgeons
Charles Reese and Phineas Brown of Highways

Job Smith, Sam. Jackson, George Taylor, Zeph. Elder, Rogers of
Zeph. Brown, and Daniel Fellingham, Clerk

John Lawrence Vendue Master } packers of hay pack
Jas. Fidd Jek Saddy Jek Brown, Joseph, potter } carriers of Hops & Mares
Gosham Carpenter and Isaac Evelett .

Owners of the West House Taber Bowen
 Joseph Crawford Ezekiel Taber Jos. Oliver Jr. E. A. Perry. (Orders of Wood
 Collector

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Collector of Taxes, Ezekiel Burr, who engages to collect ~~all~~ Taxes appo-
on this Town, for the year ending for 3rd of Oct. on his giving bond to
the Town Treasurer within two good Sureties for the sum of £1000. Lawful
money for the faithful performance of said office before he receive the
Rate Bill.

Town Keeper John Lawrence

John Brown, Benj. Man & Job Smith to Value Estates when Disputed.

James Lovet Benj. Cushing Jr. Stephen Ransom & Benj. Thurber. Town Drivers

Stephen Hopkins Nick. Kellinghas & Wm Smith (Presidents of the Fire Wards

Nich. Brown John Smithes. Tho. Green Benj. Man Daniel

Tillinghast Job Smith John Foster Jos. Kish. & Joseph Abwell (Fire Wards

Knight Doctor Tho. Birkit Job Sweeting James Snow Thomas Field

Brown James Olney and John Brown Sen of Elsha Drivers

Job Sweeting and John Smith Scavengers.

Samuel Butler & Daniel Cahoon Sealers of Leather

To have the Care of the Engine by the Bridge
Nich. Brown Nathan Angell Gosham (at present Daniel Angell
Jos. Brown Ebenezer Thompson Tho. Green John Brown James Arnold
James Black Wm. Washer Arthur Hunt Jr. Knight Doctor. Nath.
Green. Tho. Bennett and Joseph Bucklin

To have the Care of the Engine by the Bridge
Wm. Smith Job Smith John Smith. Eph. Brown Benj. Cushing Jr.
Jos. Olney Jr. Jonathan Arnold Sanders Putnam. Sam. ~~Thurber~~
Noah Nafre Charles Reed David Sprague Charles Stevens and
Benj. Thurber

The following persons were drawn Jurors to serve at the
Hon^{ble} Just. Court. of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace to be
held at Providence within & for the County of Providence on the third
Monday of this Instant. To Wit

Lephiuah Brown Grand Juror. Sam. Nightingale. Jd. Jurors

Voted that all orders Legally drawn on and Accepted by ~~Benj. Sheldon~~
or Amos Abwell Late Town Treasurers be paid by the present
Town Treasurer.

Voted that Benj. Man Jonathan Hammond Comfort Wheaton Joshua
Spencer John Smith Martin Simons Elijah Bacon Isaac Brown Andrew
Cole and Oliver Carpenter be and are hereby appointed to remove or pull
down any House or buildings Ordered by the presidents in case of Fire
who shall make necessary Rules for them selves and appoint one

Among them selves to be their Chief. all which shall be Observed and
obeyed in Time of Fire

Solomon Brown Christopher Arnold Henry Richmond David Wilkinson
Jm. Thurber and Samuel Nightingale. be and are hereby appointed to give
orders for the removing of Goods in Time of Fire and to appoint the place
where said Goods shall be carried and that no Goods shall be removed
by order of the said persons or some one of them

John Brown James Angell Benj. Man Sam. Thurber Jm. &
Nicholas Cook are appointed to lay where and building. &c. shall be set
agreeable to a Vote of this Town Passed on the First Monday of June 1768

James Angell Overseer of the Work House

Mrs. Brown to remain in the Work House and to have the care
of the poor of this Town. at said House

Of. Voted that James Angell have and order on the Town Treasurer
to pay four Dollars for his trouble in prosecuting the Action against
the Colony. on Account of the Bridge

James Arnold to have the care of the Bridge at May before
to receive the orders in the hands of the Committee that prosecuted
the Action against the Government giving his Receipt therefor
and to repair said Bridge as soon as possible and what money
shall remain in his hands after said repairs shall be put to sales
for the use of the Bridge. and to lay the accounts before the Town

James Angell is hereby appointed to examine the Records and
the accounts of Barnard Eddy on account of rebuilding the Bridge
for it is suggested that the Town hath paid 126.17.6. to said Eddy
to said Eddy. and to Job Smith. and to make report thereon.

Voted that Benj. Man Jonathan Hammond and Lephiaiah Andrews
examine what Repairs is wanting to the Bridge and to Report
to James Arnold thereon.

Voted that John Cole and Silas Dorrance Esq^r prosecute
the Actions brought by Knight Doctor Esq^r against sundry persons
for Dragging of Dyabers. and which prosecution shall be at the
Expence of the Town

176. Voted that the Committee appointed by this Town. concerning the Highways and 8th and continued to the next meeting in order to make their Report

John Cole Silas Downer, and M^r Hitchcock Esq^r are desired to give their Judgment whether M^r Howell is ^{to be} freed from paying the Tax. or not.

Colony. Voted Will^m Compton have an Order on the Town Treasurer for eight shillings it being for warning the Jurious for the last year.

04. Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the first Monday of July next and that the same be notified in the providence Paper two weeks before said Day Time and by beat of Drum the morning of said

At a Town Meeting Held at Providence on the 1st Day of July. 1771. by adjournment. and Warrant

John Cole Esq^r Moderator

Voted that it be recommended to the Town Council to Exchange the Gangway that formerly Lay to the northward of the Lot called Gentles and in Live thereof Lay out the Land Lying between Moses Browns Lot and James Lovets. beginning at the North Corner of Cushings old House and Measure 50: feet for Moses Browns Lot. and at the North East Corner of James Lovets House and Measure 50: feet ~~to~~ southerly for Lovets Lot. and Land remaining between the two said ~~Lot~~ Lots to be Laid out for a Gangway in Live of the other ordered hereby to be exchanged

And also to Exchange the Gangway Occupied by Joseph Brown and Samuel Chace. as follows. by measuring of 40: feet for each of their Lots from the Junction of their two Houses. the Land to the south of Joseph Browns Lot to be a gangway. and Joining to Nicholas Browns House. the Land to the Northward of said Chaces Northeast Corner of his Lot. and to the Southward of W^m Chaces Lot. measuring said Williams 40: feet for his Lot beginning at the N. E. Corner of his House to be Laid out for a Gangway

And also to Exchange the Gangway Occupied by Nathan Angell and Lay one out of 12: feet wide Joining to the South End of his House

And

And also to Exchange the Gangway that was Laid out between the ~~House~~ of Robert Sterrey and Ameyah Waterman and Lay the same to the South of the House owned by said Waterman between his Land and the Land of Nathan Angell

And Laid out to Exchange one of the Gangways occupied by Ambrose Page and those under him and Lay the same to the North of Robert Sterrey's House and adjoining thereto.

And also to Lay a Gangway between the Land of Ambrose Page and Joseph Ruel in Live of one Occupied by said Page. that is to say all the Land that said Page owns on the South of his House.

And also to Lay a Gangway of eight feet Wide to the South of the House belonging to the Wileys of Oliver Arnold and adjoining on the North side of the 50: feet Lot commonly called the School House Lot. which said Arnold purchased of Benjamin Wilkinson. and to the South of the said forty foot Lot said Arnold purchased of the Executors of Joseph Kelton. Leaving 40: feet to the Northward of said Gangway and 50: feet to the Southward. thereof.

Voted that the Committee proceed agreeable to the Order of the Town Council and to Lay out the following Highways viz One through the Land of Ameyah Waterman. One through the Land of Stephen Hopkins. Henry Starling. Tho. Green & William Field. and one through the Land of William Ellinghurst all of them leading from the Main Street to Benefit Street

Joseph Bradford Jun^r having a Horse standing on a Highway came this Day into Town Meeting and Desired that the Town would Exchange the Land on which said Horse stands and west holding the same width to the Sidewalk, for a Way of fourteen feet wide from the main Street to Benefit Street passing between his two houses. Whereupon Ambrose Page Joseph Brown and David Harris. beamed and thereby appointed a Committee to Exam in into the premises and Make Report thereon to this Town at their next Meeting

Voted that the Committee appointed to regulate persons in Erecting buildings and Stables. repaired to Mr. Randall. and Order him to Defist building his wall on the Land Laid out for

Public burying place. and if he refused to remove the same. then the said Committee have leave by Deed to have him the said Peter Randall Indicted for the same.

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned together with all the business now before said Meeting until Monday the Eight Day of this Instant at 2 o'clock P.M. and that the Clerk Note the adjournment by Warrant.

At a Town Meeting held at Providence by adjournment on the 8th Day of July 1771: and likewise by Warrant.

Moderator
The Hon^{ble} Darius Sissons Moderator
Whereas Elizabeth Arnold by Moses Brown informs this Meeting that she is about to build a tomb to deposit the remains of her late husband Oliver Arnold Esq^r deceased, and for a Family Vault on the Town burying Ground, and for doing of which she desires the approbation of the Town and that she may have Liberty to guard the same from being injured. by falling down the same being considered is granted accordingly, and all persons are to take Notice, that they will be liable to an action in the Law of Damage done to the said Monument by Teams &c at the Suit of any of the Friends of the Dec^d there deposited.

We the Subscribers agreeable to our appointment at the last Meeting have repaired to Peter Randall and have desired him to desist building his wall on the burying ground which he promises to comply with.

St Angell
Benj. Swanwick
John Brown

Voted that Joseph Crawford Esq^r Remove his Store off the Gangway within one year from this Day.

Voted that the buildings standing on the Gangway Northward of the House that Moses Brown now dwells in be removed within one year from this Day.

Voted that Daniel Leach remove his Store which stands on the Gangway by the Bridge within one year.

Whereas the Swing Bridge is represented to be unsafe it is therefore Voted that the same be Taken Down when the Bridge is repaired and that there be a number of Suteable Swing pieces for the same and lay them down so that they may be Taken up and put Down as occasion may Require.

Voted that Arthur Jenner Remove his house of the Highway by the Bridge within one year from this Time or pay five Dollars yearly from this Time forward until he removes the same and he is hereby forbidden to repair that part of the House that stands on the said Highway.

This Meeting adjourned till to morrow the 9th Instant at Ten o'clock A.M.

At a Town Meeting held at Providence by adjournment on the 9th Day of July 1771.

Ephraim Bowen Esq^r Moderator

Voted that Arthur Jenner Remove his house of the Highway by the Bridge within one year from this Time or pay five Dollars yearly and if not removed then to pay the same from this Day forward and he is hereby forbid to make any sort of Repairs to that part of the House which stands on the Highway.

Voted that the Committee heretofore appointed to run out the Streets and to revise the Bounds thereof and likewise the Gangways and Highways leading to the water be still continued to examine the same and correct any mistakes that may be made in their Report to this Town made April 17th 1771 and to make their Report thereon to this Meeting as soon as may be.

Voted

Whereas the House of Patience ^{Arnold} ~~Arnold~~ is in possession of ^{stands on the Highway} ~~stands on the Highway~~ 5 1/2 feet on the main street. it is voted that ~~the~~ ^{the} said House be not repaired

Voted that Nicholas Power, and David Law remove
their fence and barn that they have on the Lane,
(called Powers Lane), within one year.

Called powers Lane, within one year
Voted that John Waterman. Remove his fence that
stands on the Lane. that is commonly called the Gold
Lane within one year.

Noted that the Heirs of Wm. Page remised the House that stands on the Court house Lot. within one year

Resolved that the fences that now stands on the Lane called Townen Alley be removed within one year.

Noted that John Touches remove his Town of the
Land known by the name of Hanover Street

Voted that Arthur Haxner remove his fence of Bennet Street he being on the same 1/2 feet within one year.

Voted that this meeting be

Voted that Joseph Brown and Benjamin Man
be and are hereby appointed to look to the Committee
for cleaning out the Streets, Gangways, lanes
and alleys ^{the ways} throughout this Town,

Voted that Stephen Hopkins Amos Atwell
and Darius Sessions Esq^{rs} make a Draught of an
Inscription to be erected on a monument in Memory
of Roger Williams who was the Founder of this Town
and Colony. and to next Lay the Same before this
meeting in August Next and Likewise what the
Expense of erecting of said Monument will be

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the Last Tuesday
in August next at 9. Clock A.M. and that the Clerk grant
a Warrant to Warrant the Towns Men to meet in order to make
a Town Tax

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on
the Last Tuesday of August ¹⁷⁷¹ called by Warrant and
held by adjournment at nine of the clock a.m.
The Hon^{ble} Darius Sessions Moderator -
to 9 o'clock afternoon -

This meeting is adjourned to 2: Clock afternoon -

The meeting ended according to adjournment.

The following Persons were Chosen Deputies to Represent
the Town in General Assembly to be held at South Kingstown
on the Last Wednesday of October Next:

Stephen Hopkins } Benj^m Man
Moses Brown } John Langley

Voted that a Tax of three Hundred pounds Lawful money
be assessed ^{on the House and Rates of the Inhabitants of this Town} within forty Days ~~from this~~ from this
Time and to be collected and paid into the Town Treasury
on or before the first Day of February Next and that
the said Tax be ^{paid} on a ^{rate} ^{proportion} ^{of} ^{the} ^{same} ^{to} ^{be} ^{paid} ^{into} ^{the} ^{Town} ^{Treasury}

the pole Tax by 1/2 on all pole granges.
Voted that a Tax of 120: Lawful money be
be assessed on the Estates of this Town to purchase
a Water Engine and that it be assessed as the former.
Tax was to purchase an Engine: and that the same
be assessed within forty days and be paid into the hands
of the Engine Treasury on or before the first Day
of February Next.

Whereas the ^{that} ~~House of~~ ^{Arnold is in possession of} ~~Dartmouth~~ ^{stands on the Highway} ~~stands on the Highway~~ ^{5 1/2 feet on the main street.} it is voted that ~~the said House~~ ^{be not repaired}

Voted that ~~Nicholas~~ ^{Power} and David Law remove their ~~House~~ ^{and barn} that they have on the Lane. ^{called Powers Lane.} within ^{one} year

Voted that John Waterman. Remove his ~~House~~ ^{that} ~~stands on the Lane.~~ ^{that is commonly called the Gold Lane} within one year.

Voted that the Heirs of ~~Wm~~ ^{page} remove the ~~House~~ ^{that} ~~stands on the Court house Lot.~~ ^{within one year}

Voted that the fences that ~~now~~ ^{stands on the} Lane called ~~Power~~ ^{Alley} be removed within one year.

Voted that John Jones remove his ~~House~~ ^{of the} Lane known by the name of ~~Harover~~ ^{street}

Voted that Arthur Tucker remove his ~~House~~ ^{of} ~~Bennet~~ ^{street} he being on the same 1 1/2 feet within one year.

~~Voted that this meeting be~~

Voted that Joseph Brown and Benjamin Man ~~be and are hereby appointed~~ ^{to do to the committee} for ~~Pruning~~ ^{the} Streets. Gangways Lanes and ~~all~~ ^{throughout} this Town.

Voted that Stephen Hopkins Amos Atwell and Darius Sessions ²⁹ make a Draught of an Inscription to be erected on a monument in Memory of Roger Williams who was the Founder of this Town and Colony. and to ~~meet~~ ^{lay} the same before this meeting in August Next and likewise what the expense of erecting of said Monument will be

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the Last Tuesday in August Next at 9. Clock A.M. and that the Clerk grant a Warrant to Warn the Town ~~Next~~ ^{Next} in Order to make a Town Tax

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the Last Tuesday of August ¹⁷⁷¹ called by Warrant and held by adjournment. at Nine of the Clock A.M. The Hon^{ble} C. Darius Sessions Moderator. This meeting is adjourned to 9: Clock afternoon.

The meeting ~~is~~ ^{according to adjournment}

The following persons were chosen Deputies to Represent the Town in General Assembly to be held at South Kingstown on the Last Wednesday of October Next:

Stephen Hopkins } Benjamin Man
Moses Brown } John Sessions

Voted that a Tax of three Hundred pounds Lawful money be assessed ^{on the Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town} ~~within forty days~~ ^{from this} Time and to be collected and paid into the Town Treasury on or before the first Day of February Next and that the pole Tax be ^{on all pole charge}

Voted that a Tax of 120: Lawful money be assessed on the Estates of this Town to purchase a Water Engine and that it be assessed as the former Tax was to purchase an Engine. and that the same be assessed within forty days ^{and that the same be paid into the hands of the Engine Treasury} on or before the first Day of February Next.

Vote that the former Committee to Repair the Highways
be continued - and that they complete the same

Vote that Benjamin Fushing Jun^r
be and is hereby appointed to Receive Thirty
pounds Lawful money off the Town Treasurer
and to appropriate the same for securing the
Court House, and to be directed in securing the same
by Stephen Hopkins Darius Sessions and John
Watson

Vote that the Directors of the Lottery have
Liberty to fill up the Lot or Highway by the
Back end of the Bridge and to build a market
House thereon

Vote that Liberty be given to the
Inhabitants over the River to build a
Market House on the Muddy bridge

Vote that the Inhabitants of the
Town have leave to fill up the Town
Lot lying between Jos^t Nash's Store &
the Mill Bridge, and that they have
Liberty, also, to erect a publick Mar-
ket House thereon

James Angell in Town meeting
Steward and Taylor produced their Deed
Duly Recorded. and they are hereby approved

Vote that the Inhabitants over the River
have Liberty to build a Well in the High-
way in some proper place to the Westward
of the muddy bridge

Vote that James Olney be Surveyor of Highways in the
room of Charles Heene and Aaron Mason

Vote that James Thurber pay for the Towns Thatch the
same sum for this present year as he paid the last year

The following persons were Drawn Jurors to serve
at the Hon^{ble} Sup^r Court of assize and Generalsail Delivery to
be held at Providence on the first monday of Sept^r Next.
viz. Job Sweeting Grand Juror Sam^l Butler Petit Juror

Vote that this meeting be adjourned to the last monday in
October next at Two Clock P.M.

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the last
Monday of October 1771. Nicholas Brown Moderator

Vote that this meeting be adjourned to the first monday
of Dec^r Next at Two Clock P.M.

At a Town meeting held at Providence on the first monday
of Dec^r 1771. Jacob Brown Esq^r Moderator

Vote that John Waterman have an Order on the Town
Treasurer for five pounds Sixteen Shillings Lawful
money it being for Two Record Books for the Town

Vote that James Angell Revoke the action brought
by the Town Council of this Town against Joseph King
at the Next Sup^r Court to be held for the County of Providence

Vote that the Town Treasurer pay to the Town of Johnston
what is now due to said Town for Keeping and Tracing and he
is hereby directed to call on the Town of Cranston for their
proportion of Keeping said Tracing

Vote that the Town audit & settle the accounts of Joseph
Sheldon the late Town Treasurer. and make report thereof
to the Town as soon as may be

The following Persons were Drawn Jurious To Serve at the Honble
Sup^r Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace to be
holden at Providence on the third Monday of this present Instant
Grand Jurious John Dill. Petit Jurious Samuel Shurber.

At a Town Meeting held at Providence on the 11th
Day of March 1772

Samuel Bowen Esq^r Moderator

The following persons were Drawn Jurious to Serve
at the Honble Sup^r Court. Court of Appeal and General
Sessions to be held at Providence within and for
the County of Providence on the third Monday of this
Instant viz.
Grand Jurious John Feltutt Petit Jurious Joseph Dugan &c.

At a Town meeting held at Providence on the
Third Wednesday of April 1772

The Honble Davises Sessions Moderator

The following Persons were Chosen Deputies to Represent
said Town in General Assembly to be holden at Newport
on the First Wednesday of May Next viz

Stephen Hopkins: 1st Benjamin Mann 2^d
Thomas Greene 3^d John Smith 4th

Whereas the General Assembly granted a Lottery
to Raise a Sum of Money for Building a Magist
House in this Town by the bridge on the Highway or
Towns Land to South of said bridge and adjoining Marsh
and accordingly appointed Directors to carry on said
Lottery. And of which have Refused to with Henry Cushing
and John Brown. And the said General Assembly having

having in said Grant given a power to this Town meeting
assembled to appoint Director or Directors in Room of any one
or more who refuse.
It is therefore Voted that David Harris Esq^r
and Elisha Moray of Smithfield be and are hereby appointed
Directors to join the others in Room of of said ~~Directors~~
and Cushing they complying with Act for granting the
Same

Whereas it is Absolutely Necessary that a Highway should
be laid from the main street to benefit Street between the
Houses of Stephen Hopkins and Henry Starling
And Whereas Thomas Green through whose Land
said Highway will pass. Hath in open Town meeting
proposed to have said way laid out on the following
Conditions to wit. that as many square Feet as said
way takes from said Greene. he is to take from the same
Number of Square Feet taken from the Lot of Land
called Walkers. now in the possession of John Brown and
Joining to said Greene Land, and in case any Piece of said
Walker shall appear to cut this Town, then and in that
case said Greene or his Heirs are to paid for his Land
taken into the Highway. Whereupon it is Recommended
to the Town Council to Lay said way and to exchange said
Land agreeable to this Vote

Voted that the Inhabitants New Engine be
Kept at or Near the Muddy Bridge the Inhabitants
Building a house for the Same at their own expense

Whereas this Town at their Meeting on the 21st of April 1762
Granted to Joseph Buchlin and his Associates Liberty to Dig a Well
on the Towns Land on the West End of the bridge under certain Conditions
therein mentioned. and the said Joseph Buchlin and some others
concerned having given up their rights to said Well. in the
Condition it now is to Job Sweeting and such others as shall
Join him in completing said Well whereupon it is granted
to the said Job Sweeting and his Associates Liberty to complete
said Well within one year under the aforesaid Regulation

Regulation of said 2^d Day of April 1762. the said Job Sweeting and
his Associates Keeping said Well covered untill it is completed
And if not completed within said Term then to fill said Well up

~~Voted the Day~~

Voted that the Deputys for this Town Use their best
Endeavors to obtain a grant out of the General Treasury
to be appropriated towards Rebuilding said Church

Voted that Stephen Hopkins Moses Brown and Inger-
Down or the Major part be a Committee to draw up such
Rules and Regulations for the Government and Regulation
of the Town School House and to procure and agree with
suitable persons to keep the same, at the expense of those
who send their children and youth to said School and to act
and do any and every thing necessary for the running
of said School useful and that suitable persons be chosen
for said purpose

Voted that William Compton have an Order on the
Town Treasurer for Twelve shillings it being for services
the Jurors

Voted that Stephen Hopkins and other
Committee appointed procure a new Engine and the
same being completed that the said Committee are
hereby directed to give order for the payment of the same
if they Judge it to be completed according to their
agreement with the undertaker