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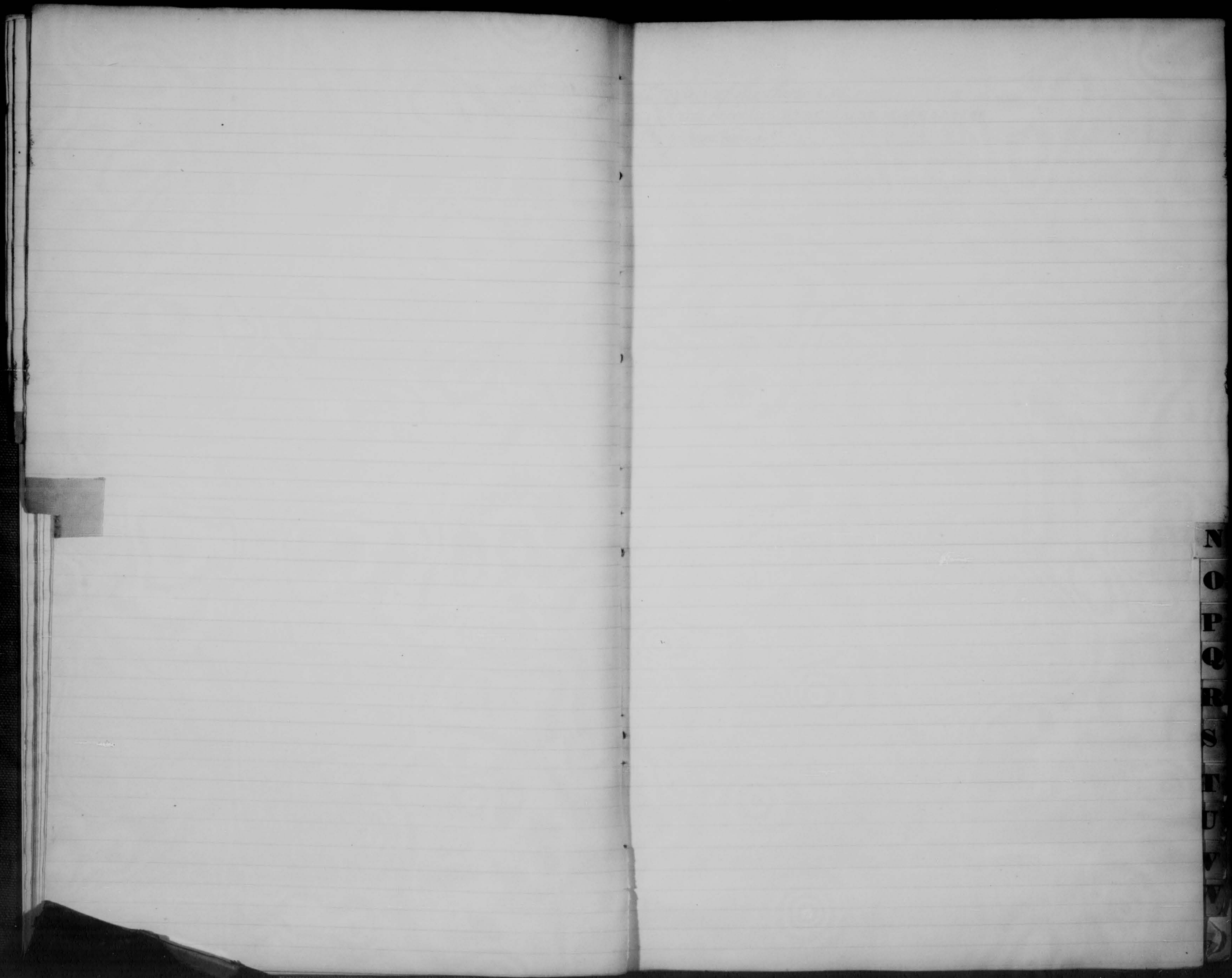
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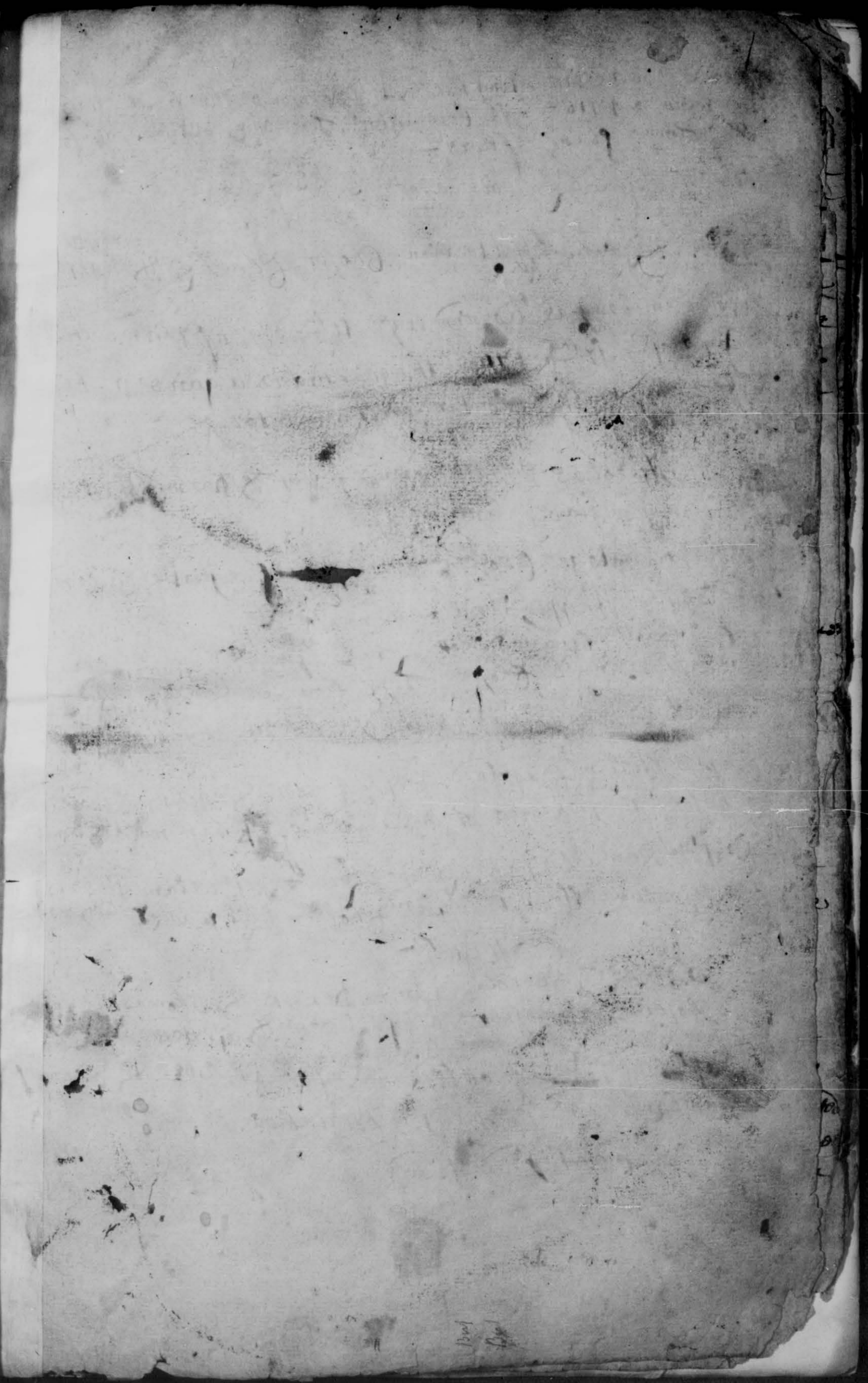
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At a Towns meeting held at Providence the first munday
in June 1716 - It being the Towns Election day for
the Towns Just officers
Major Jenebes Moderator

Jurys Richard Waterman Chofon Clerk & Engaged
The meeting is adjourned to ye 11th day of this month
June ye 11th 1716 the meeting is againe in being
Major Jenebes continues Moderator

Mr Nicholas Power Edward Potter & Daniel Mathuson
Chofon for stables and Engaged

Joseph Angel Chofon Town Justice Engaged
Mr Joseph Whipple Arthur Hennis Capt Thomas Harris
Capt Saluanus Scott Leuit William Harris & Mr
Edward Smith Chofon Town Gauncia & Engaged

Leuit William Harris Chofon Town Treasur & Engaged

Capt William Bradford Joseph Hennis & John Rensel
Chofon waywardens or Jurors of ye High way & Engaged

Capt Daniel Wilkinson Leuit William Harris
& Arthur Hennis Junr Chofon Patrollers & Engaged

Mistors
Elizer Arnold James Dexter & Thomas Binole
Chofon over seers of ye Poor & Engaged

Capt Will Bradford Joseph Phillips & Edward
Hawkins Junr Chofon High Constables

The meeting is concluded

At a Towns meeting held at Providence January ye 21st 1716
It being the Towns quarter day
Jurys Richard Waterman Chofon Moderator

Daniel Abbot Chofon Grand Juriman to serve at ye next Genl
Court of tryals to be hold at Newport ye 1st of May next
next coming & Leuit Roger Burlingame Jacob Clarke & Honor
er Sprague & Joseph Arnold: and Chofon Peter Jurimon to serve
at ye 3rd Court

voted and ordered that if any of the Inhabitants of this Towne shall
and do kill a wolf or wolvens within this Towne shipp or he or they
shall have ~~ten~~ twenty shillings per head allowed and payed out of
the Towns Treasury to ye sd person or persons in money
for they having a note from any one Assesant or Justice
of our Towne to ye Town Treasur for the same

The meeting is adjourned to ye 14th of february next then to be
hold at ye house of Mr Shopin
february ye 14th 1716

The meeting is againe in being; Richard Waterman continues
continues Moderator

Ebenzer sprague for Desonable allegations was dis
missed from ye above choice of Jurymen: & Benjamin
Potter Chofon in his Room

Mr Joseph Whipple & Richard Waterman Junr
Chofon to make a Court of Paucurot to report into
the most convenient place to lay a high way for ye
convenience of ye inhabitants of mostantatack: & make
Report of thore proceedings to a Town meeting

voted and ordered that if any person or persons within
this Towne shall do Lett any swine go at large without being
lawfully yoked and Ringed and are thore of Lawfully convicted
shall pay a fine at ye discretion of the Justices not exee
ding ten shillings per head for the first offence and all dam
ages don by sd swine while they were at Liberty & for the
second offence a double fine and so to be continued: and the
money after charges deducted the over plus to be put
into the Towns Treasury to defray Towne charges
And this to be in force ye first of March next

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Granted and ordered that thiers shall be so much more
drawn out of the Town treasury as may be sufficient
to by plack and spikes to put our Town Prison in Repair
and Cap^t William Bransford is chosen to employ a workman
to make the Prison good in all respects

Samuel Comstock Jun^r John Arnold Jun^r & Henry Masony Jun^r
to lay out a highway from the highway formerly layed out by
the Town to Westquodamset: to w^hich fence so far as they shall
think meet: and make Returns of thiers proceedings to the
Towne for y^e Towns allowance and Confirmation of s^d work
the meeting is dissolved

Richard Waterman Town Clerk

At a Town meeting hold at Providence April y^e 29th 1716
It being the Towns Quarter day

Major Joseph Jencks Moderator

Mr John Arnold and John Burston Mr Edward Smith and
Mr Daniel Abbott chosen Depts to goe at the Generall Election
to be hold at Newport the first weens day in May next and y^e
day before y^e Election

Upon a Bill presented this day by Cap^t Salvanus Scott: It is
Granted that the s^d Cap^t Scott shall have Liberty to goe the
highway that was the Countey Road over Pauls
Road: and maintaine them for the space of four years: Pro-
vided he make convenient Cart Gatos in the
said Pauls Road and is passable w^out Edge
this is granted only where the highway goeth through his
own Land

Upon the petition of Walter Photo peace and others It is
ordered that Cap^t Samuel Wilkinson surveyor and Mr
Edward Smith lay out a highway from the Road that goes
throo Gurners Purchis w^hich goes toward Gole molauories
and the neighbor hood thers about: and take the information
of y^e proprietors of the lands where may be the most convenient
place for laying s^d way: and make Returns of thiers proceedings
to a Town meeting

the meeting is dissolved

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you AB going by y^e free boat of y^e free men of this Town
chosen into y^e place of office of a ^{polomacy} ~~to~~ ^{engage} ~~to~~ ^{and}
faithful a Legation to his majestys His Hons & successors
and in your s^d office Equal Justice and Right to do to all
persons both poor and Rich according to y^e best of your
under standing without partiality and this engagement you
do make and give ~~your~~ ~~word~~ ~~and~~ ~~your~~ ~~word~~ ~~and~~ ~~your~~ ~~word~~
w^orris of y^e penalty of perjury

Whom I do in behalfe of this Towne and Colony engage
to stand by you and support you in y^e due execution of your
s^d office

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At a Towne meeting held at Providence this 24th of July
It being the Towne Quarter day -

Leivt^t Gove^r Joseph Jonckes
Chofon moderator

Leivt^t William Harris Chofon Grandjuriman to serve
at ye next Gen^l Court of Assizes to be hold at Newport
the first Tuesday in Sept^r next
m^r Ebenezer Sprague, John Steers Jun^r m^r William Surpin
& m^r Joseph Brown Chofon Peter Gurimon to serve at sd Court

Upon the Reading a bill proposed by Joseph Jonckes Jun^r
& Richard Waterman Jun^r Concerning the Charge brought
upon ye Towne by Reason of ye small Poxe that hath bin
and is now in ye Towne -
m^r Philip Shainstaff and Capt Thomas Harris Chofon to
Enquire in to what the Towne Proportionally part may
be; and make an account with Capt Cranford
major Smith and others Concerned so as to come to a Right
Understanding in ye matter that ye Towne may not be
burdened - And ye sd Committee to make Returns to the
Court of the Poore what the Towne proportion is

The meeting is dissolved

At a Towne meeting held at Providence this 24th of
October 1716 It being the Towne Quarter day

Major Jonckes Chofon Moderator
m^r Joseph Whipple
m^r Edward Smith
Capt Samuel Wilkinson
Major W^m Smith
Chofon deputies to serve
at ye Gen^l Assembly to
be hold in Providence ye
last Wednesday of this Instant
October

At a Townes Quarter day meeting hold at Providence
this 24th of January: Anno Dom: 1717

His Honor the best Gove^r Joseph Jonckes
Chofon moderator

Leivt^t William Harris Chofon Grandjuriman to serve
at ye next Gen^l Court of Assizes to be holden at
Newport ye last Tuesday in March next
And doct^r John Jonckes Daniell Abbott Nathan Place and
Ezekel Warner are Chofon Peter Gurimon to serve at sd
Court

Upon a bill proposed by several persons living in the
northern part of the Towne ship: that they may have a part
built in that parts of the Towne: the which by vote is
granted: and also a Committee of three men Chofon to
approve where sd Pound shall be sett

Ensign James Whipple John Seno's Jun^r and
Sam^l Cornstock Jun^r are the three men Chofon

The meeting is dissolved

At a Townes Quarter meeting hold at Providence this 28th
day of July: 1718 - It being the 24th day happened to be
on the first day of the weeke

Joseph Jonckes Chofon moderator

Capt John Cranford Chofon Grand Juriman - and Ebenezer
Sprague Ezekel Warner John Ballen and Elisha Gorton
Chofon Peter Gurimon to serve at the next Gen^l Court
of Assizes to be hold at Newport the first Tuesday in Sept^r
next Expires - The meeting is dissolved

At a Townes quarter meeting hold at Providence this
24th day of October 1718 - It being the Towns Quarter
day - Major Joseph Jonckes Chofon Moderator

Chofon Deputies to serve at ye next Gen^l
Assembly

Assembly to be hold att this Towne of Prudence
ye 29th of this present October Anno Dom: 1718

Justice Richard Waterman Capt William Clafford
Leutt William Harris and Nat^r John Jones

The Commettes chosen to appoynt the place for
building a paire in the northern parte of our Towne
this day made Returne of a place they have
pitched upon; which is by the Highway side betwene
James Whipples and William Whipples where they
the s^d Whipples have promised to allow and so long as
it is improved for that use

The which Returne is by the Towne accepted
where upon ^{it is ordered & agreed that} ~~mod~~ sam^e within for June and
Ensign James Whipple shall build a Paire upon
said place or spot of Land pitched upon and have
there satisfaction out of the Townes Treasury
for there Labour and price there in

The meeting is dissolved

At a Towne meeting hold att Prudence the 27th day
of January Anno Dom: 1718, 9 It being the Townes a
quarter day. Richard Waterman Jun^r chosen Moderator

Mr Samuel within for Jun^r chosen Grand Jurymen
and Ensign John Steere Mr William Surpin forjant
Nathaniel Browne and Mr William Field are chosen
Potter Jurymen To serve att the next Generall Court
of Tryals to be holden att Newport the last tuesday
in march next coming

Upon a Bill presented by Mr William Brooke and others
concerning a Highway that ys like to be kept by sam^e
win for his house in y^e woods

Capt Thomas Harris Leutt Nicholas Skoldon and
Mr Thomas Steere are chosen to goe and view

Mr Elizer Arnold Mr James Dextor and Mr Thomas Arnold
chosen our assessors of the poore and Engaged

The meeting is adjourned to munday next ye 30th of this present
and to be hold att y^e house of Mr Wiam Surpin

June ye: 30th 1717 It being munday

The meeting is againe in being: Major Jones continues
Moderator

voted and ordered that samuel within for William Field and
William Clroy Jun^r shall build and make a paire and set
it in the usual place and do it with all convenient
speede and have there pay out of the Townes Treasury
for to satisfie there Labour and charge there in

The meeting is dissolved

At the Townes Quarter meeting held ^{att Prudence} this 27th of
July 1717

Mr Elizer Arnold chosen Moderator

Mr Jonathan Sprague chosen Grandjuriman
Mr Jonathan Sprague Jun^r Mr William Brooke Mr John Angel
Mr John Inman & chosen Petter Jurymen

To serve in the next Generall Court of Tryals to be holden
att Newport ye first tuesday in september next

The meeting is adjourned to ye last munday in august
next - to be hold att y^e house of Mr Wiam Surpin
munday ye 26th of August 1717

The meeting is againe in being

The meeting is dissolved

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At a Towns Meeting held at Providence -
October 4th 1717

Capt Richard Waterman chosen moderator -

Mr Andrew Harris Capt Silvanus Scott Lieut Wi^{et} Harris
and Mr James Dexter chosen deputies to appear at ye
next Gen^l Court of assembly to be hold for this Colony
at Narrick the 1st of ~~the~~ Wednesday in October 1717

Proposed to appoint a man to Repair way buy for Bridge
at ye charge of the Towns & to doth not Exce^d
thirty shillings: and the money to be drawn out of the
Councils Treasury: It being only intended for the
present necessity untill sum more legal method be
taken for the repairing sd Bridge -

Voted and pay; and Capt Richard Waterman
is the man chosen

The meeting is dissolved

At a Towns meeting held at Providence this 6th day
of January 1717

Major Jonckes chosen moderator

Voted and ordered that the Justices of this Towns shall
proceed according to the Statute of ye 22nd of Henry 4th 8th
Capt ye 5th for the repairing of the Bridge at
Way buy for

The Towns hath given their voice and pay about
that ye Towns Council shall use all lawful means
against ye Towns of East Greenwich so as to be them
folow of ye charge of maintaining
Mary March

The meeting is dissolved

Capt Richard Waterman & Justice Richard ~~Brown~~ ^{Brown} } and chosen an audit
to audit ye Towns debts -

Who are ordered to support ye Towns debts and make Report
to ye Towns next Quarter meeting: In order that ye Towns
may be in thers way to raise money to defray ye Towns debts -
The meeting is dissolved

At a Quarter meeting hold at Providence 4th 28th day
of January 1717

Capt Richard Waterman chosen moderator -

Mr Jonathan Sprague chosen Grand Juriman to appear at ye
next Gen^l Court of assembly to be hold at Newport ye 28th
ye 1st of Tuesday in March next And Samuel Combs Esq^r Gun^r
Lieut Roger Burlingame Lieut William Harris chosen
to goe to the Court at se Court

Justice Richard Brown and Capt Richard Waterman are
imposed to allow or disallow of ye several accounts
brought before them as they were before imposed as
a Committee -

Voted and ordered that there shall be a rate of
the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds levied upon
the Inhabitants of ye Towns of Providence in order
to defray ye Towns debts -
And that the money shall be payed in to ye Towns Treas-
ury by ye 24th of April next - and that ye Towns
Clerke shall give order to ye Rate makers for ye levying of
proportioning sd Rate upon ye Inhabitants -
The meeting is dissolved

At a Towns meeting held at Drauidens ye 24th of April 1717 Major Joseph Jenches Moderator
Mr Joseph Whipple Capt William Crawford Mr Edward Smith & Mr Daniel Alton Chosen deputies to serve at the next Gen^l Court of Election to be held at New Port the first Wednesday in May next and the day before the Election

Voted and ordered that Richard Waterman Clarke shall by a booke for the Towns use for the Entries of Deeds &c^o and be reimbursed his charge againe by the Towns
The meeting is dissolved

At a Towns meeting

At a Towns meeting held at Drauidens ye first Monday in June 1717 It being the Towns Election day for shal officers

His Hon^{or} Joseph Jenches Deft Gov^r Chosen Moderator
Capt Richard Waterman Chosen Clarke and Engaged

William Alton Silas Carpenter & John Balcom Chosen Constables and Engaged

Mr William Sturpin Chosen Towns parjant and Engaged
Mr Joseph Whipple Mr Nathaniel Fennor Capt Thomas Harris Mr Edward Smith Chosen Towns Councill men and Engaged
Capt Jeremiah Scott Leitt William Harris Chosen & Engaged

Capt Thomas Harris Mr Thomas Alnoy wrause Chosen Water maker and Engaged Mr Thomas Arnold Jun^r Chosen and Engaged

Mr James Brown Chosen Towns Treasurer and Engaged

Thomas Burlingame Daniel Argol Joseph Brown Chosen surveyors of highways and Engaged

At a Towns meeting held at Drauidens ye 20th of June 1717

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At a Towns meeting held at Drauidens this 2^d day of June anno Dom: 1718
It being the Towns Election day for the choice of Towns officers

Major Joseph Jenches Chosen Moderator

Capt Richard Waterman Chosen Clarke & Engaged
Stephen Dextor Nathan Plaw and Richard Knight Chosen

Mr Joseph Whipple Capt Thomas Harris Capt Jeremiah Scott Mr Edward Smith Capt William Crawford and Leitt William Harris Chosen Towns Councill men and Engaged

Leitt William Harris Chosen Towns Treasurer and Engaged

Thomas Burlingame John Arnold Miller and Edward Jun^r Chosen surveyors for highways
Ebenezzer Gouche John Burton & Benjamin Waterman Chosen Water makers

Voted and ordered that there shall be three men more added as surveyors to take the care for the Repairing the highways and so now there is six more ordered for that purpose

Thomas Burlingame John Arnold Miller Edward Jun^r Joseph Brown Nehemiah Sheldon and John Stoods Jun^r Chosen surveyors for highways all Engaged

Mr Cloizer larold Thomas Arnold & James Dextor Chosen our Cears for the Poore

At a Towns Quarter meeting held at Drauidens ye 24th of April 1717 Major Joseph Jenches Moderator
Mr Joseph Whipple Capt William Cranford Mr Edward Smith & Mr Daniel Allot Chosen deputies to serve at the next Gen^l Court of Election to be held at New Port the first Wednesday in May next and the day before the Election

Voted and ordered that Richard Waterman Clarke shall by a booke for the Towns use for the Bnties of New Port and be Remburd for his charge againe by the Towns
The meeting is dissolved

At a Towns meeting held at Drauidens ye first Monday in June 1717 It being the Towns Election day for Civil officers

His Honor Joseph Jenches Deft Gov^r Chosen Moderator
Capt Richard Waterman Chosen Clarke and Engaged

William Ashton a Gilas Carpenter & John Balcom
Chosen Constables and Engaged

Mr William Turpin Chosen Towns sergeant and Engaged
Mr Joseph Whipple Mr Nathan Fennor Capt Thomas Harris
Mr Edward Smith Chosen Towns Council men and Engaged
Capt Samuel Scott Leutt William Harris Chosen & Engaged

Capt Thomas Harris Mr Thomas Gray wooder Chosen Water maker and Engaged
Mr Thomas Arnold Jun^r Chosen and Engaged

Mr James Brown Chosen Towns Treasurer and Engaged

Thomas Burlingame Daniel Angol Joseph Brown
Chosen Surveyors of highways and Engaged

The meeting is dissolved

At a Towns meeting held at Drauidens this 2^d day of June Anno Dom: 1718
It being the Towns Election day for the choice of Towns officers

Major Joseph Jenches Chosen Moderator

Capt Richard Waterman Chosen Clarke & Engaged
Stephen Dexter Nathan Plaw and Richard Knight
Engaged Engaged

Mr Joseph Whipple Capt Thomas Harris Capt
William Scott Mr Edward Smith Capt William
Cranford and Leutt William Harris Chosen
Towns Council men and Engaged

Leutt William Harris Chosen Towns Treasurer
and Engaged
Thomas Burlingame John Arnold Miller and
Edward Jun^r Chosen Surveyors for Highways

Ebenzer Jenches John Burton Benjamin Waterman
Chosen Water makers

Voted and ordered that there shall be three men more added as Surveyors to take the Care for the Repairing the Highways and to now there is six more ordered for that purpose

Thomas Burlingame John Arnold Miller Edward Jun^r Joseph Brown Nehemiah Sheldon and John Woods Jun^r Chosen Surveyors for the Highways all Engaged

Mr Ebenezer Arnold Thomas Arnold & James Dexter Chosen our Care for the Poor

Robert Henry Skofon Town farjant and by
 Reason he is no free man: Lieut James Olney
 personally appeared ~~and~~ and promised and
 Engaged in the face of the meeting to Respon
 and make good all or any damage that shall
 or may accrue to the Sheriff or any other
 person or persons by Reason of the sd Curries
 not being a free man or of a Comptroler
 Esquire for sd office
 whose upon yr sd Curries is engaged

^{Engaged}
 William Skilton ^{Engaged} Samuell Wilkin son Junr
 and William Whipple Skofon Hov Constable

The meeting is adjourned to munday next
 It being the 9th day of this Instant ~~may~~ June
 and then to be held at the house of Lieut
 James Olney; - June the 9th 1778 It being munday
 the meeting is againe in being
 Mr Jethur Hemen Skofon moderator
 Ebenezer Jones Positively Refused to take
 the place of a Moderator
 whose upon Capt William Cranford Skofon
 and Engaged in his Room

Resolved and ordered that the Committee appointed to
 inspect the Towns debts shall have power
 to allow or disallow of accounts brought before
 them: and to order what money shall be paid
 over and about what the Towns is all ready
 in debt: and to order at what time sd Debt
 shall be paid into the Towns Treasurers and
 what method the Treasurer shall take in
 paying out sd Debt
 the meeting is dissolved

At a Towns Quarter meeting
held at Providence this 28th
day of April 1718 Lieut Anderson
Harris chosen Moderator
Mr Jonathan Sprague Junr
Capt Thomas Harris Mr Daniel
Abbott & Mr Joseph Brown
chosen deputies to serve at
the next Gen^l Court of
Election to be holden at Newport
the first Wednesday in May next
and the day before the Election

Voted and pass That Mr Pelog
Rhodes shall petition the next
Gen^l Assembly in the Towns
behalf for sum a assistance with
money out of the Gen^l Treasury
toward the repairing of way
between Bridg

Capt Richard Waterman Mr Ebenezer Jones & Mr
Richard Brown chosen a Committee to audit the Towns
debts in order to the reading a rate: and to make
returne to the Towns next meeting on the first
Monday in June next so that the Towns may know
money to raise to pay the Towns Charge
The meeting is adjourned to the first Monday in June
next

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deputies chosen

Mr J. Rhodes chosen
to petition ye Gen^l Ass^{ly}
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the way that may ~~not~~ conveniently serve of that way from
plaints of should be kept: and make Returns with their
opinions to the next meeting of ye Towns. They are also
to support ye way so far as John Aldrich and make Returne
as afores^d

Upon the Reading of a bill proposed by Mrs Nicholas &
Benjamin Billingskap Samuel Winsor Joseph Whipple
Joseph Henor Richard Henor and Mr Richard Brown
for the liberty to fence in the highways with thors Land
att the lower End of the neck for the space of five
years more as it hath bin the five years last past
it is voted and granted provided the petitioners or thors
partners make and maintain a supply of barres gates
for the convenience of publick Passages in the highway

The meeting is dissolved

At a Towns meeting held at Providence this 21th
day of April anno Dom^o 1719: It being the Towns
Quarter day

Major Joseph Jenkes Esq^r chosen Moderator

Capt Richard Waterman Capt William Crawford Lieutt
William Harris and Mr Eliza Knowlton are chosen
deputies to serve att the next Gen^l
Election to be holden att Newport the first Wednesday
in May next coming: and the day before the Election

Granted that John Absalom Junr shall have twenty
shillings out of the Towns Treasury for a
wells Road he formerly brought before Major
Thomas Henor deceased

The meeting is dissolved

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At a Towne meeting hold att Providence the 10th day of June Anno Dom 1719
It being Monday and the Towns Election day for
Officers

- Capt Richard Waterman Chosen Moderator
- Richard Waterman Junr Chosen Clarke Engaged
- Charles Sillinghast Chosen Constable Engaged
- Haradiah Comstock Chosen Constable Engaged
- Collaration Harris Chosen Constable Engaged
- William Stearin Chosen Towns Sergeant Engaged
- Cott Joseph Whipple Engaged
- Capt Thomas Harris Engaged
- Mr Edward Smith Engaged
- Capt Nathl Jencks Chosen Town Council men Engaged
- Mr James Browns Engaged
- Mr Phillip Sillinghast Engaged

- William Field Chosen Engaged
 - Nehemiah Sheldon Engaged
 - John Arnolds Junr Engaged
 - James Whipple Refused
 - Capt Thomas Angol Engaged
 - Thomas Bowlingham Engaged
- Chosen Surveyors to take Care for the Repairing the high ways

- Mr William Harris Chosen Towns Treasurer
- Edonzer Jones Engaged
- Capt Thomas Harris Chosen Hat makers Engaged
- Mr James Arnolds Engaged
- Mr Nathaniel Browns Refused
- Mr Saml Wilkinson Junr Chosen Rogg Constable
- Mr Edonzer Bates Engaged

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The Towne of Providence thaire Shedal Booke Began with a half sheete placed in the Middle this 24th of July Anno Dom 1719

At a Towns Quarter meeting hold att Providence this 29th day of October Anno Dom 1719
Major William Hopkins Chosen Moderator

Capt Volintino Whiteman Mr Stephen Lano and Mr Jacob Clarke and Mr Hopps Angol are Chosen Deputies to serve in the Towns Assembly to be hold att Warwick the Last woons day in this Instant October

Upon a bill proposed by Major William Hopkins Moderator concerning John yeats is wanting Relief

It is voted and ordered that the Towns Council shall have all power to take Care and to act and doe in the whole and a part as to them may seeme proper

It is also voted and ordered that the Towne Council shall have the like authority concerning John Blackstone and his family

It is voted and ordered that there shall be allowed to every holder of this Town two pence for Road for every Road or a Gray Squerril brought to the Towns Treasurer or so be paid out by him out of the Towns Treasury and this order to be in force for the space of one whole year

The meeting is dissolved

The meeting is dissolved

Att. A Towns Quarter meeting this 27th
January anno domini 1719: 20: Called by warrant
Major William Hopkins Chofon Moderator

Mr Jonathan Sprague Junr and Mr Thomas
Cox Chofon Grand Jurmen

Mr Benjamin Dillingham Mr Thomas Burlingame
Mr John Wason: & Mr Robert Parie are Chofon
Petes Jurimon To serve att y^e next Court
of Trials To be holden att Newport
the 1st of May in march next ensuing

Upon a bill proposed by Mr John Dexter sum
ily that he is stopp from free passage to a
his Lane where he lives

where upon it is voted and ordered that Mr Ed
Smith Mr Thomas Arnold Junr and Mr Will
Hopkins Carpr shall support into the
promises and make Returns of their
Judgments and Opinions in these promises att
their in to the Towns next meeting

Voted and ordered that there shall be a Rate
and proportion upon the Inhabitants of this
of Providence or of one hundred Pounds

Mr Phillip Dillingham and Mr Andrew Harris are
Chofon deputies to serve att y^e Court Assens
to be hold by adjournment from the 1st of October
The meeting is dissolved

Att a Towns Quarter meeting hold att Providence this 21th day of
October 1723: the 21th day being the first day of the week
Cott Joseph Jencks Chofon Moderator

Capt Samuel Wilkyn Mr Richard Brown Mr Thomas
Arnold Junr and Mr Henry Harris

Mr Chofon Deputies to serve in the Court assembly
To be hold att Warwick the 1st Wednesday in this Instant
October

Voted and ordered that there shall be three pence of Road
allowed and payed by the Towns Treasurer out of the Towns
Treasury for every Gray Squirrel's Road or the skin there
of that shall be killed by any of the Towns Inhabitants
within this Towns and brought to the Towns Treasurer
and this act to continue for the space of two years
The meeting is dissolved

Att a Towns meeting hold att Providence the 26th day
of November: anno domini 1723

Cott Joseph Jencks Moderator

Capt Richard Waterman Major William Smith Capt Daniel
Abbott and Mr John Ayell we have Chofon deputies
to serve att y^e Court assembly to be hold att Newport
the 25th day of this Instant November

Voted that Richard Waterman Clarke
shall sign a petition in behalf of the Town for the
procuring Quarter sessions or sum other Legall Court
for hearing and determining of actions of Debt Treppass
Detinuo or any actions of this kind not
Exceeding twenty or thirty pounds
and proportion to y^e next Court
assembly to be hold att Newport
The meeting is dissolved

At a Town meeting held at Providence this 24th day
22 of January anno Dom: 1723. It being the Towns quarter day.

Cott Joseph Whipple Schoon Moderator

Ensign William Potter and William Gibson Schoon Grand Jurymen
and Ebenezer Sprague Richard Knight John Sprague and
Josiah Thornton Schoon Justices to serve all the
next Court of tryals to be held at Newport
the last day in March next

Cott Joseph Whipple and Nicholas Power & ~~Richard Waterman~~
Schoon a Committee to agree with Thomas Staples
upon what terms he may have Liberty to dig Clay at
way house hill for to make Bricks
the which order his records in the book of Town acts and orders

Voters that Ensign William Potter shall put
way house Bridge in the pairs and and have his
pay out of the Town Treasury

The meeting is dissolved

At a Towns Quarter meeting held at Providence the
24th day of April: 1724. Capt Richard Waterman Schoon Moderator

Capt Richard Waterman Major William Smith
Capt Daniell Abbott and Cornet Jonathan Sprague
and Schoon Depts to serve all of next Court of
Election to be held at Newport the first day of
next and the day before the Election

~~Richard Waterman~~

At a Towns Quarter meeting held at Providence
this 24th day of April Anno Dom 1725

Cott Nicholas Power Schoon Moderator

Justice Richard Waterman Capt Joseph Manroy and
Jonathan Sprague Junr and Mr Thomas Olney are
Schoon deputies to serve at the next Court of
of Election to be held at Newport the first Wednesday
in May next and the day before the Election

Capt James Arnolds Schoon and appointed for the Repairing
of Pawtuxet Bridge

Mr Philip Tillinghast Capt Richard Waterman and Mr
John Burton are Schoon: to Audit the Town Treasurers
Accounts: and also to ~~audit~~ audit particular
persons Accounts: that claims any debts due from the
Towne and to allow or disallow as they shall see
Cause +

Richard Waterman Clerk of Schoon to carry the
Proceys to the Court of Election
The meeting is dissolved

26 - rishes at 4 - 6 p.m. week
 26
 4 - 6
 104
 13
 5 - 17

155
 122 (13)

James Westgate Charges 5 days aiding
 the Constable in conveying Correll to nonport

Charges by Henry Proctoring about Correll - 1-0
 summoning of Evidences - 1-6
 provision of watches to watchy prison - 5-0
 To carrying him to nonport -

Panuell Hilton Charges for one nights
 watching and sum attendants the next
 day upon Correll

Att a meeting of the Audit this 29th day of
 may anno dom: 1725

We find due to Mr William Turpin } 03 - 06 - 04
 To Goathering for Mary March -

To Charges upon Maryary Indian - 01 - 19 - 00

To Cornelius Epton for Keeping Mary on - 05 - 17 - 00

To Mr John Burton for Keeping Marys child - 03 - 00 - 00

To Richard Waterman Junr for the Repairing } 01 - 16 - 06
 Way betwixt Bridg the East side ^{part of the} _{part of the} ^{part of the} _{part of the}
 To William Potter for Laying plank on S^d bridge - 00 - 11 - 06

To Joseph Joncher for Laying away from Pau } 00 - 05 - 00
 truck to Goronial Browns:

To Jupico Browns for his service done in Laying } 00 - 05 - 00
 out paid way -

Allowed to James Westgate for Aiding the } 00 - 16 - 00
 Constable in carrying Correll to nonport

We find due to Jupico Richard Browns for
 summoning and attending the jury that Laid } 00 - 19 - 00
 the highway from Town to the Bay Line -

due To Mr Robert Currie Town Parant } 04 - 00 - 00
 for his years service in s^d office -

for his summoning the jury that Laid out the } 00 - 15 - 00
 highway from the Town to the Bay Line -

To his attending the jury in Laying s^d way - 01 - 16 - 00
 To his time and trouble in Goathering } 00 - 14 - 00
 Marys owners Goods -

To his going to nonport by the deprivie } 01 - 05 - 00
 Gov^r order in the City of Correll -

Allowed to Henry Proctoring for his trouble } 01 - 06 - 00
 about Correll and his carrying him to nonport -

Mr Robert Coorie of Boston Town Sergeant *
In the Name of Mr William Turpin who Defuses
Mr Nathaniel Jones and Mr Jeroniah Arnold *
are Boston Town Sergeants of the Town for viewers
Mr John Angol of Boston our Poor of the Town *
Capt James Olney and Mr William Whipple Boston Poor Report *
This meeting is adjourned to the 29th day of this
Instant June
Remains into the new Booke

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Call Joseph Whipple of Boston Town Councilman in
the Name of Major William Smith who Defuses
Mr William Olney and Capt John Whipple are Boston
Poor viewers in the Name of Mr James Brown and
Mr Richard Brown who Defuses

The meeting is adjourned
All a Towns Quarter meeting held this 27th day of
July Anno Dom 1724

Call Joseph Juncher Boston Moderator
Lieut Will Harris & Lieut Nicholas Johnson are Boston
Poor Jurymen & Lieut John Adams and James Angell
are Joseph Field and Mr Abraham Clarke are Boston
Poor Jurymen to serve all ye next Year - Court of
Magals to be held at Newport for 1st of this day in September
next ensuing

Resolved that Capt Richard Waterman and Ensign William
Potter shall take the care of way house Bridge and
keep it in Repair and have their satisfaction for their
Charge and Labour there in out of the Town
Cooperage

The meeting is adjourned

All a Towns quarter meeting held all Prudens this 27th
day of October Anno Dom 1724

Mr Andrew Harris Boston Moderator
Capt Richard Waterman Mr Andrew Harris
Major William Smith and Lieut William Edmonds are
Boston deputies to serve all the next Court of
Court of Assembly to be held at Prudens the 2nd of
May of this Instant October
Lieut Elizabeth Rowell is Boston Deputie in the
Name of Mr Andrew Harris who Defuses

To the Towns meet this 29th day of July 1724
Gentlemen of Colours you are not unfixable of
the act made for some for each squirrel
road: now my desire is that you will make it
Equall that the Hats may be rated at the
same price: which is the desire of
Dⁿ Abbot

Voated and granted at the above s^d meeting
At a Towns quarter meeting hold at Providence
this 29th day of January anno Dom 1724/5
Cott Nicholas Potter Chofon Moderator

Mr John Potter Jun^r and Mr Henry Harris
are Chofon Grand Jurymen; and Mr John Hankin
Mr Joseph Paine and Daniell Smith and Mr
Joseph Bag Coy are Chofon Petle Jurymen to
serve all the next Year Court of Tryals to
be hold at Newport up^d last Tuesday in march
next ensuing

Voated that all the Ray squerries roads and Dalt
roads that are brought in to the Town
Treasurer to this time by the first day
of march next ensuing shall be payed for out
of the Towns Treasury according to the former
orders: and after that time the said acts are
declared to be void null of of No Effect
and from thence forward the said acts are
repealed

Voated that there shall be the sum of five
shillings p^r road allowed and paid out of the
Towns Treasury for every wild cats skin
that shall be brought and shewn to the
Towns Treasurer; by any of our towns Peo
and made appears to be killed by them with
said Towns gun
the Meeting is dissolved

Mr Phillip Tillinghamp Mr Richard Brown and Mr
William Jones are Chofon an audit to audit the
Towns Treasurers accounts and to Audit particular
persons accounts and to Give order to the s^d Treasurer
to pay all such debts as they shall find due from
s^d Persons out of the Towns Treasury: and to
order and dispose in the premises as they shall
see meet in Justice to do

Voated that the former act to raise throopence
p^r road for each Ray squerrie brought into the
Towns Treasury shall be continued
to the end of y^e s^e two yeary

the meeting is dissolved

At a Towne meeting hold at Providence this first day
of June anno Dom 1724. It being monday and the Townes
Election day for the Chofing of Town officers

- Joseph Jones Esq^r Chofon Moderator x
 - Capt Richard Walcott Chofon Town Clerk + Engaged
 - Mr Robert Corrie Chofon Town sergeant x Engaged
 - Thomas Harding Chofon fire Compable
 - Samuell Greenstock Jun^r Chofon second Compable x
 - John Westcot Jun^r Chofon third Compable x
 - Major William Smith
 - Capt Thomas Harris x
 - Capt James Olney
 - Mr Phillip Tillinghamp x
 - Mr Pelah Roads +
 - Mr James Dexter x
 - Mr William Stimpin Chofon Town Treasurer x
- Chofon Town Council men

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 Ensign William Potter Capt Thomas Angol or Richard Pennor
 Mrs Thomas Brillingame Ensign Joseph Thornton
 Leitt John Pooor or Samuel Delph or felt
 Whipple or Mrs William Bates or Benjamin Carpenter
 Leitt Joseph Wickinson and Mrs John Ballew
 are chosen surveyors of highways

Mrs Thomas Brindle or William Stepin and
 Mrs Joseph Brule are chosen overseers for the poor

Capt James Olney and Ensign James Whipple are chosen
 Pauls Keepers - Engage

Mrs Benjamin Stilling last is chosen sealer and packer
 Mrs William Olney and Mrs Thomas Dillon are
 chosen Homp Grievors - Engage

Mrs James Brown or Richard Brown Leitt Job Whipple
 Ensign Richard Paylest or Thomas Brillingame
 James Engdon or John Manton or Richard Thornton
 Capt Joseph Manroy or Thomas Peoro Ensign James
 Morick Leitt Thomas Hopkins Mrs John Storick
 Mrs Jeremiah Brule and Mrs Nathaniel Jones are
 chosen for voters

Mrs Thomas Harding Deacons Mrs Henry Punting to
 Peruo Constable in his Name who was by the Towns
 accepted by the vote - and there upon Engage

The meeting is adjourned to the first Monday
 in July next

July 6th 1724 - It being Monday

meeting is again in being
 Joseph Whipple Jr chosen Moderator

The inventory of the deceased John Mathewson had died
 upon the 4 of Decembes in the year 1700 in
 Patuxet in the township of Providence in the
 County of Roadisland and shudent plantations
 in New England is as followeth

In sumers on coat and wascoat old and much worn	
to 3 pairs of breeches	0-4-6
to 2 hats	0-3-0
to 20 pairs of shoes and shoenes	0-2-6
to 2 wash bottles	0-4-0
to 2 pairs of mittens and necktoath	0-2-0
to 2 shewment and pocket book	0-2-8
to 1 silver bucket	0-0-8
to 2 glass bottles	0-0-10
to 3 pounds of hogney and powder and alin	0-1-4
to 1 knife and 3 pipes	0-1-8
to 1 basket of drink past sidon and past boass	0-7-0
to 1 set of Shust buson	0-1-8
the sum toll above excepted	1-12-10
more 5 mers horse	0-18-00

The inventory was taken upon
 the 19 of this Instant 19 Dec.
 1700 by Offo

Polog Rhodes
 Elisha Arnold

Benjamin
 Carpenter
 of Patuxet in the aforesaid
 Providence hath made
 oath to the truth of all
 the said Mathewson's estate
 in this inventory that he
 knows of no other estate
 of him the deceased
 So also hath Polog Rhodes
 & Elisha Arnold as to the
 appraisall of the estate
 taken before the Council of Providence
 January the 17th 1700

[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting in a ledger or account book format, possibly with columns for names and amounts.]

To Mr James Arno

~~William Harris~~

Col Whipple
 Mr Sillings
 Mrs James Brown
 Capt Olney
 Mr Dextor
 Mr Olney
 Capt Harris
 Mr Winger
 Major Smith
 Mr Harris
 Mr Sprague
 Ed Smith



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At a Towns Quarter meeting held at Prudence
this 21th day of April Anno Dom: 1720 -
Richard Waterman chosen Moderator

Mr. William Harris Major William Smith Mr. Samuel
Morick and Mr. John Angell are chosen to serve as
deputies at next years Court of Election to be
held at New Port on first Wednesday in May
next and the day before the Election

Voted and ordered that there shall be a Committee
chosen to audit the accounts with the Towns Treas-
urer; and also to Notify the Inhabitants to bring
in their accounts before said Committee and for
them the said Committee to allow or disallow of
such accounts as they appear to be just to them
and make Report to the Adjournment of this meet-
ing: And of the 100th a good upon be not
sufficient to defray the Towns debts then to make
a further addition as the Towne shall think fit

Mr. James Braine Mr. John Burton and Richard
Waterman Junr are chosen a Committee
The meeting is adjourned to the 1st Monday in
May next coming
May 1st 1720: It being Monday the meeting
is a gain in being
Richard Waterman Junr Continues Moderator

Voted that Mr. James Dexter shall have allowed ten
pounds for keeping Mary Marsh in the time of
sickness the last winter - for one month
Voted and ordered that Samuel Wilkinson Junr
shall have 13^s - 4 allowed and paid him out

of the Towns Treasury for to defray the Charge he hath
been at in paying his fine for not serving Grand Jury man
when he was under an Engage^{ment} made: In this Towne
where by of Towne was to be in shipping line

Voted and ordered that there shall be fifty pounds -
added to the one hundred pounds before agreed upon &
voted to be raised

Where upon It is voted and order that there shall
be the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds raised &
proportioned upon the Inhabitants of this Towne of
Prudence and to be paid in money or Bills of Pub-
lick Credit: and that the Towne Clerk shall
Notify and Give order to the Gatekeepers to propert
on the said sum upon the said Inhabitants with all con-
venient speed and deliver the same in three parts
Bills or Receipts to the Towne Clerk to be signed and
delivered to the Towns Treasurer that so he may
deliver the same to the Constables with their
warrants for the collecting and Collecting the
same: and that the said Constables shall pay in
the said sums as is contained in each of their
particular Lists & into the Towns Treasury on
or before the first Monday in October next

Voted and ordered that the same Committee shall
and are continued to finish making up the Towns
Accounts with the Towns Treasurer and make
Report to the Towne at their next quarter
meeting - Jonathan Presque^{ps} Esq^r is chosen
deputy to serve at the next sitting of the Court
Assembly in the Towne of Samuel Morick
The meeting is adjourned

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 At a Town meeting hold at Prudence the 6th
 day of June Anno Dom: 1720: It being the fixth
 munday in 8th month and the Towns Election day
 for the choice of their Towne officers

major Will^m Hopkins Chosen Moderator
 Richard Waterman Chosen Clarke
 And Engaged

Col^l Joseph Whipple x } Chosen Towne Councill men
 Mr Phillip Stillinghaff x } Engaged those Craft
 Capt Nathaniell Gouche x
 Mr James Browne - x
 Capt Thomas Harris x
 Mr Edward Smith x

Mr Daniel Boock x } Chosen Constables
 Mr Daniels Angol x } Engaged those Craft
 Mr Abraham Clarke

Mr William Turpin x } Chosen Towne for Jan^y
 Engaged

Mr Thomas Olroy weaver } Chosen Towne Treasurer
 Engaged

Capt John Genibez x } Chosen Justices of High
 Mr Thomas Olroy Jun^r } ways
 Mr Nehemiah Sheldon x } Engaged those Craft
 Mr Thomas Burlingame
 Mr Benjamin Smith Jun^r x
 Mr Richard Bennett x

Voted and ordered that
 there shall be two more
 Jurors for High ways
 whose upon Ensign John
 Stone and Mr Richard
 Sprague are Chosen

Mr Edward Smith - x } Chosen Automakers
 Capt Josiah Westcott - x } Engaged those Craft
 Mr Joseph Browne - x

Mr Elijer Brule x } Chosen Overseers of the
 Mr Thomas Brule Jun^r } Pools
 Mr William Turpin x } Engaged

Capt James Olroy Engaged x } Chosen Pound Keepers
 Mr William Whipple x x } Engaged

Mr James Browne x Mr Richard Browne x Capt Vallintine Whitman
 Mr Richard Harris x Mr Thomas Burlingame and Mr
 John Burton x Chosen for voters Engaged

Thomas Vilton Robert ^{Latham} ~~Wilton~~ and Joseph Hopkins
 Chosen Hogg Constables & Engaged

Mr Benjamin Stillinghaff Chosen Sealer and Paiker
 whose as Abraham Clarke was Chosen Constable and the
 Authority and moderator supporting him not qualified
 for the place doe not except of him
 whose upon Mr Ezeckel Warner was Chosen and
 Engaged in his Room

The meeting is adjourned to munday next it being
 the 13th day in this instant month

June 13th 1720 It being Monday the meeting is againe
In being: Major William Hopkins Continues Moderator
By Order Mr Richard Harris did not appear though legally
warned: Mr William Hopkins Clerk of the Peace and
Engaged in his Deemo -

Yeates and ordered that Capt Sam^l Wilkison & appoynt
two for ye northern woods major m^t from for the
Towns major wth Hopkins for the on the east
side of Pochasset River about Pantuxott and Magi paugo
and Capt Thomas Harris and Mr John Duxton for
the western parte of the Towns: To take
a list of their severall partes for which they are
Chofon of all such as are Capable of being made
free men and bring these severall Lists to the
Towns next quarter meeting which will be on
the 24th of July next -

The meeting is adjourned to ye 24th day of July next
for the Engagemnt of Mr Phillip Tillinghaff X
and Mr Benjamin Tillinghaff als in C^o also they
take these Engagemnts to fore -
Other this meeting is dissolved

At a Towns quarter meeting held at Providence
July the 24th 1720
Major William Hopkins Chofon Moderator - - -

Mr Daniel Abbott and Mr Joseph Dextor are -
Chofon Grand Jurimon
Mr Joshua Winsor Mr Thomas Steere Mr
William Handings Jun^r and Mr William Proague
Jun^r are Chofon petty Jurymen to serve -
At the next Year Court of Tryals to be
held

To the worthy moderator and the best of the worthy
Brethren of the town of Providence subscribed Jan. 27. 1720
That humble Petition of us the subscribers sheweth
That whereas there was at the last Quarter meeting an
order made concerning squirrels. the which act we
think was made without due consideration and with-
out any manner of Restriction: wee humbly pray
that when any Squirrel heads are brought to the
Town Treasurer that he examine whether they
was killed on the first day of the week and if they
are that there shall be allowed nothing for them
there being an act of Assembly made in this Colony
for preventing sports pastimes on the first day
of the week: wee think this act is an encourage-
ment to break that, unless there be the above
Restriction be made in the Squirrel act, wee
also think that if those heads are paid for that are
killed on the first day of the week, it will be a
means of encouragement to vice & immorality
& therefore doubt not but you will grant our
request which is so much to the encouragement
of good manners &c. -
Joseph Whipple
James Browne
Nicholas Power
Robert Gibbs
Charles Dextor

4th
To ap^l Tom must up 24th
day of January 1723
It is ordered English Pastor
be appointed to seat
was bought Bridg in Superior
and raise his pay out of the
Tom Troopway

At a Town meeting held at this 24th of January 1723
the writ in papers was accepted to be for of the Town
and returned to the Govt openly for their acceptance to be
made for of the Colony

Report of 5000 Livres to be made
 Jeremiah Field
 Cotton Palmer
 Rowland Waterman
 William Waterman
 Thomas Williams junr
 William Carpenter junr
 James Thornton
 Jeremiah Thornton
 James Thornton junr
 William Walling
 John Corp
 John Cotton
 John Cotton
 John Hay's
 Edmund King
 Thomas King
 James King junr
 John Whipple junr
 Ebenezer Whipple junr
 Joseph Whipple
 Gabriel Peacock
 John Steere minor
 Hosea Steere

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held at Newport the first Tuesday in September next
 by Arthur Fenner Major William Smith Mr William
 Harris and Mr Daniel Abbott are chosen deputies
 to serve at ye Genl Court of Assembly to be
 held at Providence ye last Wednesday in October
 next Following - The meeting is dissolved

A Towns quarter meeting held at Providence
 the 21th of October anno domini 1720
 Major William Hopkins chosen Moderator
 The meeting is adjourned for the space of ye quarter of an
 hour and then to be held at the house of Capt
 James Snow
 This day provision was made and accepted by the Towns
 and Deputies to the assembly for ye acceptance of
 the Colony the meeting is dissolved

At a Towns Quarter meeting held at Providence this 21th
 Day of January anno domini 1721
 Major William Hopkins chosen Moderator
 Ebenezer Peacock called for by the moderator
 Deputes
 Ebenezer Peacock called for by the moderator
 Deputes
 William Harris
 Daniel Currier
 Samuel Morick
 Roger Bullingbrook
 William Hopkins
 Carpenter
 & some other people

from and after ye five day of april next
 It is voted and ordered that no Coops shall be Lett go
 upon the Common or in the highways nor in the water with
 in this Town ship of Providence or with in the jurisdiction
 thereof nor upon any other persons and except those that
 are the Coops: on the ponnily of the Justices of all
 such Coops that are so found

It is further voted and ordered that Horidens Lane and
 the high way that Leads from thence to paubuckett may
 be found for the space of five years from hence next coming
 provided there be sufficient Gates set up and maintained in
 Lane and high way that may be convenient for both horse men
 and Cartes to pass through as well as foot men during all
 the said term

It is further voted and ordered that Nathan Place shall bring
 what deputies Bills he hath in his hands to Mr James Bronn
 that he may report into what the sum of sd Bills amounts to
 and also endeavor to get information how by the Date was
 that was Levied upon the Towne in the year 1715

And there upon give an account to Richard Waterman
 Towne Clerk:
 And the said Richard Waterman a for he hath found
 how much of the 19th 12th 8th is due to William
 Harris former Treasurer that then he the said
 Richard Waterman shall give an order to Mr
 Thomas Alroy former Town Treasurer to pay
 to the sd William Harris what is his part due out
 of the Towns Treasury

It is also voted and ordered that each freeholder with
 in this Town ship of Providence shall from and after
 this day have two poles or rods for every head of a
 Gray squerill that shall be by them brought before
 the Towns Treasurer: and to be payd out of the Towns
 Treasury: and this order to continue during the
 Towns Treasurers
 And the sd Treasurer shall be bound to accept of
 no squerills rods but such as are killed with in this Town ship
 the meeting is dissolved

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 May ye 23rd 1719
 At a meeting of the Committee of the Towne to make up the
 Accounts with the Towns Treasurer and also to audit the
 Townes debts this 23rd day of may anno dom 1720
 And to inspect into such accounts as shall be brought before
 them: And there upon to allow of such accounts as to them
 shall seeme legal: and draw a bill of the same to be a
 Rule for the Treasurer to pay out the money by

Deputies	who have thought fitt to also	16	00	00
	sixteno pounds to pay y ^e deputies			
duo	to William Turpin			
duo	to Floathing for Mary March	01	19	03
duo	to the thors will be due for her keeping			
duo	ye 14 th day of June next the sum of			
duo	the which sum was Turpin faith he is			
duo	engaged for			
duo	to Mr James Dexter for her keeping			
duo	and attend and with the charge of	10	00	00
duo	in the time of sickness 7 months			
duo	by paid to John Arnold	01	00	00
duo	by paid to doctor Jones			
duo	to William Leonard for keeping of			
duo	Mary Throckmorton yeague some the	18	00	00
duo	day of December next			
duo	for the wages			
duo	for the wages			
duo	for the wages			
duo	to John A. Hodges for keeping of John	12	00	00
duo	halie one yeare some ye of October next			
duo	to Mr William Turpin for servants wages			
duo	to 4 yers of servants for the Ripple at	2	00	08
duo	Nathaniel B. Zornot			
duo	to warrants the Gray on attendance in the			
duo	Laying out the highway by John Will in Jers			
duo	to doctor John Jones for the care of	01	00	00
duo	Nicholas Collins next he is well			
duo	for Phillip O. Betton gatum in the time	02	02	00
duo	of sickness in February: 1719: 20			

further 40
 Charges upon Richard Collings }
 Due to Nathan Bromo for keeping }
 Richard Collings for his horse ready att } 02-09-00
 43 for wood } 14-00
 and wood supports for wood horses } 00-14-00
 washing } 00-05-00
 Allowed }
 To the Constable Charles Willingham }
 for his Charges for keeping and carrying } 00-08-00
 Hannah Horne out of our Towne }
 for himself and aid }
 Allowed }
 to Daniel Abbott for Paying } 00-03-04
 2 Rates for William Foreck }
 2 Rates for Sam Sampson Indian } 00-02-06
 We think }
 fit to }
 raise for }
 Squarrels }
 Roads }
 or bring }
 Collings }
 to }
 2903 }
 High }
 way }
 We think fit to raise for the de }
 fraying the Charges of the Highway through }
 Hannah Bromos and and the High }
 way at or near James Mathsons Lots } 03-17-00
 a }
 record }
 due to Richard Waterman Junr } 00-14-00
 for a Deer Book }
 due to John Rhodes for keeping } 03-12-00
 John Dabie formerly }
 allowed to Samuel Wilkin Junr } 00-13-04
 the sum of 13-4 for services done }

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The above accounts are voted and allowed at
 a Towns meeting of 30th day of May. 1729
 Whereupon it is voted and ordered to be paid £150-00-00
 And it is further voted and ordered that the Town
 Treasurer shall pay all legal dues and duties in
 Coathring and such other ^{Landfill} Charges that shall accrue
 in being in the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds
 in to the Towns Treasury
 Attest ~~John~~ Richard Waterman Towns Clerk

The Committee that was appointed to audit the accounts of this Town
 was Mr James Bromo Mr John Carter & Richard Waterman Junr
 At a Towns Quarter meeting held at Prudence this 24th day
 of April anno Dom. 1721
 Mr Arthur Fenner chosen moderator

Major William Smith Mr Andrew Harris Capt Daniel Abbott
 and Mr Ebenezer Sprague are chosen Deputies to go
 att the Court of the Election to be held att Newport
 the first Wednesday in May next and the day before the Elec
 tion the meeting is dissolved
 At a Towns quarter meeting held at Prudence October 27th
 anno Dom. 1721
 Coll Joseph Whipple chosen moderator

Ordered and ordered that Mr Arthur Fenner Esq^r and Mr
 William Potter shall provide timber and other neccessary
 Concessionant for the repairing of the Bridge att way of
 and pet the said Bridge in Repair with all Con
 vention speed and they shall pay for there Labor and
 Charges there in out of the Towns Treasury
 the meeting is dissolved

an account of the Date that was levied up 5th of December 1718

the Towns parts	} contained	48-1-5
the Northern Woods		4-0-1
the Southern Woods		35-5-6
		130-13-0

an account of the Date that was levied up 20th day of March 1718

the Towns parts	56-00-11
the Northern Woods parts	55-04-0
the Southern Woods parts	39-12-0
	150-16-0

Mr William Harris Dr to ye Town as Town Treasurer

the Date that was Reciev'd from a former Audit: June 2^d 1718
 was find the the account in the audit to be: 49-00-00

though was allow'd now in our account to be	360-00-00
but 60-00-00	
the years 1716 & 17 there was levied by the	150-16-03
Rate makers	
In the years 1718 there was levied by the	130-13-00
Rate makers	
	341-09-03

Five shillings being levied upon John 5th of March
 Non fields when he lay sick and after
 he was dead - so was not paid

and eight shillings levied upon the other of the new fields
 when Joseph Dexter was Constable and hath Refused to pay
 the said Date from either of them:

	342-04-03
12 th sett back to ye Treasurers	00-00-12-00
Total Received	341-12-03

athan Place declar'd that he hath 3th in deputies bills
 his hands that were have accepted as though he had brought them
 in and allow'd them in ye account: Except it prove other ways

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 A Town meeting held at Providence the 27th
 day of July anno Dom 1719 - being the Towns quarter
 day - Joseph Jones Esq^r Propos Moderator

Mr John Dexter and Mr William Dikton Joseph Grand
 Juriman, and Mr Jonathan Proague Junr Mr
 William Brooke Mr Ezekel Warner and Mr Hope
 Angel are Propos Deputes Jurimen to serve at the
 next Court of Tryals to be held at New
 Providence plantations the first Sunday in September
 next ensuing - the meeting is dissolved

Prodit to me William Harris Town Treasurer
 of the Towns accounts which was due to me
 the sum of 47-00-00

Prodit to me William Harris Town Treasurer
 by the Committees accounts which was by them
 allow'd to be paid by the Treasurer which he
 hath charged him self wth for and doth acquit
 the Towns of the same - 300-05-11

To the our plus of the deputies bills	015-07-00
To the Constables for the gathering of 60 th Date	003-00-00
To warrants and copies for gathering 3 ^d Date	000-06-00
To warrants and copies for gathering 5 ^d Date	001-02-00
To warrants and copies for gathering 7 ^d Date	001-10-00
To my own fees for receiving and paying out 3 ^d Date	004-10-00
To the Constables fees for the gathering the Date	001-02-00
In the years 1716 & 17	
To the Date levies for levying	000-00-00
To warrants and copies for the Constables to gather	000-06-00
the 3 ^d Date	000-06-00
To warrants and copies for the gathering of Date 1718	003-15-00
To my fees	
To the bills and a Bill of 48 to John King and 3	026-15-00
To John Hoyle and Zachary point: 4-5	

50 January 25th 1720/21

W^{ch} the subscribers made up accounts with Mr William Harris the Late Towns Troopman and w^{ch} he has accepted to pay which is all that hath bin brought to him except the squarrels roads: - the sum of - - 19 - 12 - 08 - but then we suppose Nathan place hath 3rd of deputies bills in his hands

At a Towns meeting held at 27th day of January 1720/21 the above account was voted and accepted - James Drown Richard Waterman

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T H

At a Court of Justice held at Prudence this 5th day of June anno Dom 1721 - Present Andrew Harris Esq^r Justices Richard Waterman Justice Jonathan Sprague Justice

John Rhodes and Elizabeth his wife complain against Robert Latham for the breach of his majestys peace by actions and in words threatening and diffusing full words by reason the party complained of desires a longer time to make answer: the which is granted provided he produce securities for his appearance and his peaceable behaviour in the mean time: - since the parties in controversy by the allowance of the Court have continued this whole difference to arbitration and have chosen Mr Wm Sprague and Gent Bellingham to arbitrate the said parties then of their own accord they have chosen each to the other in the presence of the Court upon the 4th of June more is to be recovered of my

57 At a Towns meeting held at Prudence this 5th day of June 1721. It being the first midday in said month and the Towns Election day

for choosing of Towns officers - Capt Richard Waterman is chosen Town Clerk: Engaged Robert Fuzie chosen Towns Serjant: Engaged Henry [unclear] chosen Constable * John Fayles Jun^r chosen Constable * these 3 are Engaged Moses Burlingame chosen Constable who was dismissed for reasonable allegations - Capt Joseph Whipple Mr James Brown Esq^r Mr Michael S Power Mr Edward Smith Esq^r Capt Nathaniel Gephards Capt Thomas Harris * chosen Town Council men these 5 are Engaged

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Thomas Alroy w^{ch} chosen Town Troopman Engaged
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73 Mr Edward Smith Capt Joseph Westcott * chosen Patrollers
Mr Joseph Brown - *

Mr Stephen Dexter * Mr John Dexter * Mr Robert Sprague Mr John Stebbins Jun^r * chosen surveyors of high ways these 5 are Engaged Mr Nehemiah Johnson * Mr Thomas Burlingame Mr John Bolcom Mr Samuel Fish
Mr Elizer Arnold Esq^r Mr Thomas Arnold Jun^r chosen Overseers for the poor
Mr Wm Sprague Engaged
Capt James Alroy & James Keopers William Whipple Esq^r

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 Mr James Brown
 Mr Richard Brown
 Mr William Dyer
 Mr Richard Fayles
 Mr Charles Dyer
 Mr Arthur Parker
 Mr John Brown
 Mr James Alrich

Chosen for voters -
 these names are
 Engaged

Mr Benjamin Stillingham
 and Joseph Fobler

engaged

Mr Thomas Gilton
 and Mr Daniel Argall
 and Mr Ebenezer
 Joseph Hog

engaged

Mr Nathaniel Bago
 and Mr Thomas
 Victor

engaged

Mr Jonathan Sprague
 is chosen deputy to serve
 at the next year
 Court of Assembly to be held at Newport
 in this present year
 in the room of Mr
 Andrew Harris

As much as Mr James Brown hath positively refused to serve
 in the place of a Town Council man; where upon Capt
 James Olney is chosen in his room
 and also Mr Edward Smith hath positively refused to serve in
 the place and office of a Town Council man; where upon
 Mr Philip Stillingham is chosen in his room

The meeting is adjourned to Saturday next it being the 10th day of
 this present June - at twelve a clock in the day
 Saturday if - 10th day of June 1721

the meeting is again in being - Capt Joseph Whipple continues moderator

The Town Council men
 chosen to act to the Assistants
 and Justices for this year
 and Engaged are -
 Capt Joseph Whipple
 Capt Nathaniel Jencks
 Capt Thomas Harris
 Mr Nicholas Pond
 Capt James Olney
 Mr Philip Stillingham

The Town Council men
 chosen and Engaged for
 the year are -
 Henry Harris
 Joseph Fayles
 Samuel Gorton

John Potter Junr is chosen Constable in the room of Moses
 Burdington
 Esq James Whipple is chosen Pound Keeper in the room of
 Mr William Whipple

The meeting is adjourned to Monday the 19th day of this present June
 in order to Engage John Potter Junr to the place of a Constable; other
 ways to stop an other in his room; but in case the said Potter takes
 his engagement before that time then this meeting is dissolved
 June 19th day 1721

the meeting is again in being
 Richard Wadman chosen Moderator

Capt Joseph Whipple being absent

John Potter Junr appeared before this meeting and made excuse
 of his inability that disqualifies him for serving in the place of a
 Constable; and his allegations was accepted by the Justices and there
 upon the said Potter is dismissed for this year - he hopes he may
 be better enabled to perform the office by his industry to acquaint
 him self with Learning againe an other time

where upon Samuel Gorton was chosen in to the office of a Constable
 and Engaged in the room of the said John Potter
 the meeting is dissolved

At a Towns Quarter meeting held at Providence July 21st
 anno Domini 1721 - Mr Nathaniel Jencks chosen Moderator

Capt Joseph Marroy and Mr Henry Harris chosen Grand Jurymen
 Richard Philips Samuel Wickham Junr Moses Burdington
 and Richard Fayles chosen Petit Jurymen to serve at the next
 Court of Assizes to be held at Newport the first of August
 next

Major William Smith Capt James Olney Capt John
 Westcott and Lieut Elisha J. Norton are chosen Deputies
 to serve in the General Court of Assembly to be held at Warwick
 the last Wednesday in October next ensuing
 the meeting is dissolved

54 Att a Towns Quarter meeting held at Prudence the 24th day of January anno Dom: 1722
Mr Andrew Harris chosen Moderator

Mr Jonathan Proague and Mr Elier Stroud are chosen Grand Jurymen

Mr William Olney Mr John Burston Mr William Hopkins Carpenter and Mr James Congdon are chosen Petter Jurymen to serve at the next Court of Trials to be held at Newport the last Tuesday in March next ensuing

The meeting is dissolved

Att a Towns Quarter meeting held at Prudence this 21st day of April anno Dom: 1722
Major Joseph Jenckes chosen Moderator

Coll Joseph Whipple Mr Nicholas Power Mr Thomas Olney and Mr William Turpin are chosen Deputies to serve at the Court of Election to be held at Newport the first Wednesday in May next and the day before the Election

The meeting is dissolved

Att a Towns Quarter meeting held at Prudence this 21st day of July anno Dom: 1722
Richard Waterman chosen Moderator

Mr William Olney and Mr Nathl^l Power are chosen Grand Jurymen
Leitt Eliza Knowlton Mr Henry Harris William Hobbings Junr and Mr James Adrich are chosen Petter Jurymen to serve at the next Court of Trials to be held for this Colony at Newport the first Tuesday in September next
The meeting is dissolved

Att a Town meeting held at Prudence this 1th day of June anno Dom: 1722 - It being the Towns Election
Coll Joseph Jenckes chosen Moderator

Justice Richard Waterman chosen Town Clerk - X^{rs} Engaged
Mr Robert Currie chosen Town Sergeant - X^{rs} Engaged

Mr Brian Davis chosen Constable

Mr Joseph Herdend chosen Constable

Mr Nicholas Harris chosen Constable - Excused by the authority

Coll Joseph Whipple Mr Arthur Pennort Capt Nathaniel Jenckes Major William Smith Capt James Olney and Capt Thomas Harris are chosen Town Council men

Justice Thomas Olney is chosen Town Overseer - Resigns
William Ashford Zachariah Mathison Richard Knight Zachariah Hoaces Thomas Buxillingame William Proague Junr Joseph Smith Newshott Junr Ensign John Steer and Nathaniel Jenckes + Gun are chosen Jurymen for the Deparing the High ways

Mr Elier Stroud Mr Thomas Arnold and Mr William Turpin are chosen Overseers for the Poor

Mr Benjamin Stillinghast is chosen Pauper and Scollar

Mr Thomas Olney Positively Refused the place of a Town Overseer whose upon Mr William Turpin is chosen and Engaged in his Comon

Mr James Brown Mr Richard Brown x Ensign John Steer Mr William Hopkins Junr Mr Charles Dyer Mr Richard Payles + Mr for their former Junr x Mr James Harris are chosen fence viewers

Nicholas Harris for Reasonable allegations was Excused
And Mr John Stone was chosen and Engaged Constable in his Comon

Capt James Olney is chosen Pauper Keeper for the Town Pauper and Ensign James Whipple is chosen Pauper Keeper for the Woods

Arthur Pennort son of Major Pennort chosen Hog Constable and Samuel Ballaust and Richard Knight are also chosen Constables for the Woods part to
Richard Knight Refused

The meeting is adjourned to Saturday next the 9th of this Instant June

June 9th 1722 - It being Saturday
The meeting is againe in being
Major Jenckes Continues Moderator
Officers Engaged

Mr Thomas Burlingame took his Engagement to execute
his office in the Propriety of Massachusetts
The meeting is dissolved

At a Towns Quarter meeting held at Providence this
27th day of October anno Dom 1722
Colt Joseph Whipples Chosen Moderator

Colt Joseph Whipples Mr Philip Tillinghast
Capt Nicholas Power and Thomas ^{Olney} are Chosen
Deputies to serve at the next Court ^{in ye Assembly} of Election
Assembly to be held at Providence the 1st Wednesday
of this Instant October

Upon the Petition of Philip Proteplace concerning
a Highway that was formerly layed out by Capt Sam^l
Wilkinson and Mr Edward Smith which run into his Land
It is voted and ordered that the said Highway
shall be layed open as it formerly was
The meeting is dissolved

At a Towns Quarter meeting held at Providence the
28th day January anno Dom 1722³ by Reason the 27th
day was the first day of ye week

Colt Joseph Whipple Chosen Moderator
Capt James Olney - and Joseph Brown Chosen Grand Jurymen
Mr Benjamin Whipple Mr Nathaniel Brown Mr
William Apthorn and Mr Thomas Wilton are Chosen
Deputies to serve at the next Court of
Trials to be held at Newport the 1st day of
March next ensuing

Voted

5-7
Mr Arthur Fenner Capt Richard Waterman and Justice
Richard Brown were Chosen a Committee to meet the weather
at sun convenient times to receive accounts of such persons
as have money due from said Towns and the said Committee
is fully empowered ~~to accept of the same~~ to allow and disallow
of such accounts according to their discreptions in Justice
and to deliver a bill or list of such accounts as are by them
Allowed: under their hands and seals unto the Town Treasurers
which list shall be a sufficient Voucher and order to pay every
person and persons according to the said Committee's Allowance
The meeting is dissolved

At a Towns Quarter meeting held this 27th day of
April anno Dom 1723

Mr Joseph Jenckes Chosen Moderator

Colt Joseph Whipples Mr Philip Tillinghast Mr Nicholas
Power and Mr William Turpin are Chosen Deputies
to serve ^{in ye Assembly} at the next Court of Election to
be held at Newport the first Wednesday in May next and
also the day before the Election

Ordered that there shall be a Pound Built at Moshanta
tuck; and there upon Mr John Burton Mr Thomas
Burlingame and Mr James Briggs are Chosen a Committee
to appoynt and order the place where the Pound shall
be sett; and Leitt Dezer Burlingame is appoynted to have
the care charge and due right of the Building said Pound
and to be paid out of the Towns Treasury
The meeting is dissolved

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At a Town meeting held at Prudence the 3^d day of June
anno Dom 1723 - It being the day for the choice of Town
officers
Colt Joseph Jencks Moderator

Capt Richard Waterman Schoon Town Clerk - *
Mr Robert Currie Schoon Town Sergeant - *
Mr Thomas Tomfock Schoon Constable
Mr John Haufo Schoon Constable
Mr William Proague Junr Schoon Constable *
Mr Samuel Gorton Schoon Constable - *
Colt Joseph Whipple *
Mr Arthur Fenner
Major William Smith * Schoon Town Council men
Capt Nathaniel Jones
Capt James Olney *
Capt Thomas Harris *

Mr William Turpin Schoon Town Treasurer *

Capt Daniel Abbott * Leitt John Harris *
Mr David Arnold *
Mr John Brando
Mr Benjamin Carpenter
Mr John Brown *
Mr John Thornton *
Sergeant Thomas Burlingame *
Mr Nicholas Phelon Junr *
Mr Benjamin Wright

Mr Thomas Arnold } Schoon Overseers for the poor
Mr William Turpin }
Mr Joseph Arnold * }

Mr James Brown Mr Richard Brown Leitt Joseph Whipple *
Mr Richard Fayles Mr John Burton Sergeant Thomas Burlingame
Mr John Manton and Mr Richard Thornton * for view

Mr Benjamin Stilling Ray Schoon School and Packet *
Mr William Hamman Timothy Carpenter Junr
John Whitman * and Pholdon Junr Schoon Town Constables
Mr William Olney and Mr Thomas Nelson Schoon
Hoff Viewers

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Capt James Olney * and Mr William Whipple Junr
Schoon Town Viewers
Capt Joseph Marroy * and Mr Thomas Harris Schoon
Hoff Viewers - also
The meeting is dissolved

At a Towns quarter meeting held this 27th day of July: 1723
Colt Joseph Whipple Schoon Moderator

Capt Joseph Marroy and Leitt William Harris Schoon Forejury
men and Capt Daniel Abbott Leitt William Edmones Leitt Joseph
Whipple and Leitt Eliza Knowlton were Schoon petty Jurymen
to serve at the next Court of Trials to be held at
the new port the first Tuesday in September next ensuing

Resolved and ordered that if any sheep Dam or Dams be found
going at liberty or at large within this Town of Prudence
and not being under full confinement: between the twentieth
day of August and the first day of November annually
shall and may be lawful for any person or persons that are
in habitants in this Town to take any such Dam or
Dams: and no advantage taken

Resolved that the act or order that was made concerning the
raising two pounds of Road for the Road of each Gray parcell
that should be brought into the Towns of Prudence shall
be repealed: and it is hereby repealed: and not to take no
of any fees after the last day of September next
ensuing

The meeting is dissolved

for any officer or other person that shall have occasion
to make use of s^d Pounds for the proper use thereof
for this present year: by Order of the s^d Pounds Keeper
Remote from the Pounds - - - - -

This is intended only for the Pounds in the Northern

Benjamin Tillinghast Clerk for Sealer

Mr William Turpin Clerk for the Pounds
in the Rooms of Mr James Hexter and engaged
The meeting is dissolved

All N^o Townes Quarter meeting held at Providence July 27th
- - - - - ANNO DOM - - - - - 1721

Mr Arthur Fenner Clerk Moderator

Captⁿ Joseph Manroy and Mr Henry Harris are chosen Grand
jury men for the next Court of Oyerals to be held
at Newport the first Thursday in September next
Nicholas Phillips, Samuel Wilkinson, Moses Bivlingham
and Richard Taylor are chosen petty jury men to serve at said Court

Maj^r William Smith Captⁿ James Lloyd Captⁿ Joseph Westcott
and Captⁿ Silvanus Rowland are chosen Deputies to serve in the Court
of Wards to be held at Warwick the first Thursday in October next
Expireing - - - - - The meeting is dissolved