

TOWN
COUNCIL
NO. 1

1692
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At a meeting of y^e Towne Council
August y^e 31. 1692.

Whereas Lawrence wilkinson of this Towne
of Providence departed this life the 9th day of
August 1692 and dying intestate, an inventory
being taken of the said Lawrence wilkinson
his Estate & hath ben this day by y^e Council
Examined: And whereas sam: wilkinson & John
wilkinson hath desired Administration upon their
deceased Father his Estate; the Council have to
them granted Administration upon their decessed
Father his Estate
sam: wilkinson & John wilkinson have this
day given in Bond to y^e Council to legally
Administer upon their deceased Father
Lawrence wilkinson his Estate, the Towne
Council thereupon have given unto them a
Letter of Administration to administer upon y^e
said Estate.

Whereas Josias wilkinson of this Towne
of Providence departed this life the 10th of
August 1692 & dying intestate his Estate there
of fell to the Care of the Towne Council for
Administration the Council doe therefore
omit the Estate of the deceased Josiah
wilkinson into y^e hands of Robert Smith
& John wilkinson upon the same to administer
in the Councils behalfe
according to the said Law, the
same to depose & to
give an account to the
Council of their
proceeds therein from
time to time.

At a meeting of the Council December 3. 1692

Whereas the estate of the deceased Josiah Wilkenson
withon such order that there is a due copy in letting
of the farm & stock & whereas there is a motion made by
one Henry Spacy to rent of the said farm & stock
proposed unto the said Josiah & shod hath
the Council this day declared her selfe very willing
that the said Spacy should rent of said farm & stock
if the Council & hee can agree on terms, only the her
selfe to have her abode in the house & shod to have a cow
referred to her selfe for her use

Whereas there is a shod belonging to the estate of
deceased Josiah Wilkenson which was by Josiah Cobb
taken & sold unto one Guffurd & placed to y^e Cobb
account, the Council hath this day called the matter
in question the said Cobb hath engaged to
the Council that the said shod shall be & now
- neth it againe into the estate of y^e said Josiah
Wilkenson, & Gidion Guffurd hath engaged to
- mit the said shod upon his booke from the
said Cobb account & placed it on y^e said Josiah
and y^e said Gidion Guffurd accepteth of 20^l to be
paid to him by y^e Cobb for pasturing y^e shod
one month

John Cobb engaged to remove from the house of
Josiah Wilkenson with his wife & family
within 14th day after this day

At a meeting of the Council January 16. 1692
Mary Clarke a stranger being Examined con
cerning her coming into the town & where
the father of y^e child shod now goeth with her
answers is that the father of y^e child is one
Gidion & that the child was begotten at Newport
on Rhode Island and that
he is gone away to y^e west
indias; but that some man
brought her to this town
was one John Moore a
Haver dwelling at Bristol
John Widdippe signified
that it was that person

that brought her. It being demanded of the said Mary
Clarke whether shod had a husband or whether she
was married her ans. is that shod hath no husband nor
that shod never was married, but some persons signifi-
ing to the Council that shod had told them that shod
had been married to one Joniths son of 30 miles Island
shod hearing them say so, shod then said that shod
owned shod did so say

The meeting is adjourned untill tomorrow 10 of y^e clock.

The meeting is againe in being.

Daniel Brown & Benjamin Harnton hath this day Given
Bond jointly & severally to the inhabitants of the town
to keepe them innocents from any charges that may
arise by or through a woman lately come into the
towne named Mary Clarke

The meeting is adjourned untill the 17th of y^e next

Tuesday y^e last day of January 1692³ the Council is againe in being
by adjournment from y^e 17th instant

John Malavary this day appeared before the Council
& it was demanded of him whether that child was borne
which he said he had taken to nurse, he said it was borne at his
house & that it was borne some time in August last & that the child is
a girl; It being demanded of him who is the mother of that child
his answer is one Sarah Middlecutt a woman that belongs to Boston
& that shod never was married, It being demanded of him whether
the mother of the said child now is, his answer is that shod is at
Boston & that he carried her from his house
It being demanded of him who the said Sarah Middlecutt said the said child unto
to be the father of it, his answer is that he laid it to one Charles Starnes an
old England Gentleman; It being demanded of him how he came by the
knowledge of that woman, he answers for y^e said woman's wife
from concerning her, shod sent for her to Boston & there he made
a bargain concerning y^e said Sarah Middlecutt, & so hee then brought the
woman from Boston to his house.

It being demanded of John Malavary what woman were with
the aforesaid Sarah Middlecutt in the town with evidence
was borne, his ans. is no woman but his wife & daughter
whereas John Malavary at present cannot find any person to be
for the town to certify against the charges which may arise
by y^e said child, but shod hath for about one month past

4 bond, the Councill doe allowe him so much time to procure bond as untill the first Tuesday march next

whereas Elizabeth Colwell who hath for some yeares lived in service at Newport on Rhode Island & there was gotten with child & there of Child was borne, & the said Elizabeth Colwell is now come into our town with her said Child, & shee being by the Constable summoned to appear this day before the Councill; And shee the said Elizabeth Colwell having this day appeared before the Councill and hath desired of the Councill for some little time to provide sureties to secure the town from charges of her said Child, or to prevent her removal her selfe & Child away out of our town, the Councill hath granted her liberty untill the first Tuesday march next & then to appear againe before the Councill

whereas there is a woman which belongeth not to our town as it is reported which came with child some time since into our town & shee being called by name, & was is Entertainment at the house of Joseph Gunkers; And whereas upon the 14th Instant at the Councill meeting the said Joseph Gunkers promised the Councill to appear this day before the Councill on the said womans behalf & to give in sure for her to the said Councill according to his promise; this day appeared the Councill doe thereupon have declared that they have proceeded in the matter as far as they can for they have not power to command the said woman before them & the said Joseph Gunkers being a Major rate hath not done it nor appeared himselfe for her according to promise; therefore the defect both only in him & duty lay at his door, & not in the rest of the Councill. The meeting is adjourned unto Tuesday 7th of the month next.

Tuesday march 7th; 1693 the Councill meeting is againe in being whereas John Malagry at the last sitting of the Councill desired liberty untill this day to find Bondsmen to secure the town from charges of a child which was borne at his house of one Sarah Middleton of Boston (as he saith) he hath this day appeared, but with no Bondsmen; but desires a little longer time that he may goe to Boston & declare what he will bring up mother of the Child that shee may send the said child before the Councill that shee may see what records may be made there of the said Child in this town & that it may appear who is the mother of the Child & the town & Councill may be able to give an account concerning the said woman, & that if said child by its mother

shall be removed away out of our town or sufficient bond be given to the town before the Councill to keep the said woman in service & there was gotten with child & there delivered of a child & shee the said Elizabeth Colwell hath removed her selfe & her said child unto his town of Providence, the Councill having examined the said Elizabeth Colwell at their last meeting with desired time untill this day to provide Bondsmen to secure the town from charges of her & her child; But for as much as the said Elizabeth Colwell findeth no Bondsmen, And the law provideth that the town, or District in which such woman is taken with child shall be at the charge of her maintenance & of child; the Councill doe therefore order that the said Elizabeth Colwell shall forthwith remove her selfe & her said child out of our town unto the town of Newport; And in case shee refuse or neglect so to doo; then for the persons who are in authority to exercise their power & cause her to be removed out of our said town & transported unto Newport.

whereas the care of providing for Edward London is by the Councill committed to the town Councill, the Councill doe determine & order that a rate of twelve pence shall be levied by the Councill upon the inhabitants of this town of Providence for the relief of the said Edward London; & that each mans part of the said rate shall be paid in money or in other more valuable pay at many place; & that the said rate shall be paid in to the said Edward London who the Councill hath appointed treasurer for the Councill as to this matter of the said Edward London be from London; & that as to what rate or rates shall be levied by the Councill as aforesaid & levied for the said London; if hee shall refuse to receive the same, that the same shall be expended no otherwise but for the relief of the poor of this town.

The meeting is adjourned untill Tuesday the 21st Instant & the next meeting at 10 o'clock.

The Councill is againe in being march 21; 1693

The Councill have agreed with George Keetch to take Edward London into his care & keeping from this day untill the last day of September next ensuing to feed the said Ed. London sufficiently with meat, drinke washing & Lodging, & for the said George Keetch to be allowed for the same fifty shillings in current pay at many price, but in case the said London doe fall into some more then ordinary condition as with respect to sickness then for the said Keetch to be further considered, & that the said George to have what benefit he may receive by the said Londons labour in what he may comfortably doe; the said George Keetch hath agreed with the Councill as to the said promises.

whereas there is a rate agreed upon to be levied upon the said London for his relief, the Councill doe order that the major rates grant the same to cause the inhabitants of this town to have notice to bring in their writings to some or other of the Councill an account of such rateable rates before the Councill this day & 4th day of April next ensuing

6 The meeting is adjourned until the 14th day of April next;

The meeting is again being the 17th day of April 1693.

But where as severall of the Council is wanting & not appearing, & some suspenses of Concord hath before the Council the Council at present see cause not to proceed in y^e suspenses before them unless other of the Council were present who are now absent, The Council do adjourn to the 27th of this instant & to meet about 10 of y^e Clock.

April y^e 27th 1693 The Council is again in being -

Ordered that Edward Smith do give Notice unto Henry Stacy to appear before the Council upon the 15th of May next in order to y^e Estate of Josiah Wilkerson (deceased).

Ordered that Edward Smith do as he is a Magistrate do warn John Malavory to appear before the Council upon the 15th of May next to dep^t & secure y^e Town from y^e Charge which may accrue concerning a child which he is absent in his house.

The meeting is adjourned until the 15th day of May next.

The meeting of the Council The Council is again in being may the 15th 1693 by adjournment from ~~the~~ ^{meeting} 15th of April last.

whereas at y^e sitting of y^e Council upon y^e 27th day of April last the Council did order Edward Smith who was a Magistrate to warn John Malavory to appear before y^e Council upon this day, but the said Malavory hath not appeared, neither hath the said Ed. Smith appeared to inform the Council concerning the matter, therefore the Council are constrained to suspend the matter until the Council do meet next.

whereas the Council at their sitting the 27th of April last did order Edward Smith to warn Henry Stacy to come with y^e Council this day in order to y^e Estate of Josiah Wilkerson deceased but y^e said Stacy not appearing the matter is suspended until the Council next meeting.

At a meeting of the Council the 2nd day of June 1693.

whereas y^e pleasauntly appears unto y^e Council that there was some time in y^e last evening (being a stranger) delivered of a child at the house of John Malavory of this Town, the child got being at y^e house of y^e said John Malavory, & in his custody, so far as the Council do understand; but as yet where the mother of y^e said child is the Council cannot yet get information, Only as John Malavory in his Examination before the Council declared that the mother of y^e said Child was one Sarah Widdow of Boston a woman that never was married, But the Council yet refusing of

the matter endeavouring to find the full truth of the matter by y^e Council that so it may be certainly known whether the mother of y^e child be yet alive, & not secretly made away, or dying secretly buried, And also that security may be given to keep the Town informed as to what charge may arise by reason of said Child, the Council expect this day that y^e said John Malavory should have appeared before them; But neither one nor other of y^e Magistrates issued forth any warrant to cause him to be brought in therefore the Council can proceed no further in y^e matter until the said Malavory be caused to come before them.

At a meeting of y^e Council September 12th 1693

Sarah Widdow of the deceased Sachariah Widdow deceased Sept 12th 1693, & her husband

day appeared before y^e Council desiring of y^e Council a settlement of her deceased husband's Estate; And will all present

an Inventory of her deceased husband's Estate, the aforesaid Widdow Sarah Widdow before y^e Council made oath to the Inventory of her deceased husband's Estate.

Resolved that for this year until next Town Election the Council shall meet upon the 2nd and 9th day in each month; about 10 of y^e Clock in y^e day at y^e North Church

October 10th 1693 it being y^e 2nd Tuesday of y^e month there not being a competent number of the Council that appeared no business could be acted.

At a meeting of the Council December 12th 1693 it being the 2nd Tuesday of the month y^e said Widdow being a stranger being before the Council Examined declared that she hath brought 2 children

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of the Towne the one also at about 11 months ad the
other about 3 years at a halfe & hath at present
put them to Joseph Woodward for space of 2
months time & Joseph Woodward hath taken
them & that he brought brought the children from
Maul burrough to his house & of the one at
Maul burrough & the other of children was borne.

Whereas there is a stranger one John Warburton who
came from the Towne of Maul burrough & hath with
him brought 2 young children with him & put into
our Towne the other two children Joseph hath
taken into his house. The said Warburton pretending
that he is passing along the Road to work but the
Council have at present doubts him; The Council have
ing taken in consideration that the Towne
may be kept undisturbed & order. Considering the
difficulty of the season of the year for passage
that the said John Warburton do either before this
day & next day of the Councils meeting the 2nd Judgday
in January next bring in two sufficient sureties
to keepe the Towne harmless from what charge
may fall upon the Towne by the care of his coming
the Towne & bringing his children or other wife
prosecution to be made in case according as law
provides, & the law duty to be executed upon the
transgressor or transgressors.

Whereas there is a stranger a woman came into
our Towne from Newport (some say) hath been
called by the name of Betty Harty, & hath
at will garrard houses & hath been already by
the Councils order ordered to depart our Towne
but yet at this order stand is not gone the Council
doe therefore order that the said woman do
remove herselfe out of our Towne for the next
other wise the 30th of January next to
appear before the Council & give in sufficient
security to keepe our Towne undisturbed or to be
proceeded against as law requires in such case.

January 9th 1693 it being 2nd Judgday in month the
Councils being.

Whereas Ed. Smith of this Towne of Providence departed
his life upon the 27th of September in year 1693 &
leaving in legall his widow Anphillis & his son Edward Dehiron
of the Council to grant unto them Administration upon the
Estate of the said deceased Ed. Smith, they having this day
presented to the Council an Inventory of his Estate.

Whereas there is a person one Nathaniel
Fox by Name who is by some means
Come into our Towne & being a person of
no good fame & may in likelihood be trouble
some to the Towne The Council doe therefore
order that the said Nathaniel Fox shall
before the 10th day & the 30th day of June
next or else to give in sufficient security
to remove himselfe out of this Towne
or else to bring in sufficient bond & give in the
same to the Council to keepe the Towne
indemnified from any trouble or charge which
may arise or accrue to the Towne by reason of
the said Fox his residing in the Towne or other
wise to be proceeded against as the law requires.

At a meeting of the Council may the 8th 1694 it being
the second Judgday in month.

Whereas Benjamin Hearston of this Towne of Providence
made a disposition of his Estate by written Will &
the said Will being ^{April the 10th last} presented to the Council for Ex-
amination; but for as much as the Executrix not appearing
nor any of the Majorates being present, cannot at present
proceed to further propagation of the Matter, but only it hath
been openly read, & is by the Council deferred to some
opportunity as it may be fully perfected.

Whereas there are some matters before the Council which
cannot at present conveniently be perfected, the Council
doe therefore order that the said Council meeting be adjourned
unto Monday 21 of this ^{next} month that in the mean time these matters
may be put into a way for the effecting thereof.

Whereas there is ~~some~~ ^{one} ~~person~~ ^{of} ~~evil~~ ^{evil} ~~fame~~ ^{fame} (one Susanna Sheldon by name) who
some time since did come into our Towne & was by the
Majorates cited before the Council, but came not but
went away out of our Towne (but as the Council is
in form is now returned into the Towne) the Council

Do therefore order that ~~the~~ ^{the} say. Susanna Sheldon
be awarded in by a summons under the Councils hands to
appear before the Council upon Monday the 21st instant
to give an account for her Debit & other matters which
the Council shall see cause to examine her about.
A summons is drawn up & signed & signed by the Council
to wit) Pardon Tillinghast, wigg, Hopkins, Nath: Waterman
Ben: Carpenter, Joseph Williams, Tho: Olney: to wait
in y^e J^o Susanna Sheldon, & directed to the Constable
Nath: Mearns.
The meeting is adjourned unto ^{Monday} the 21st instant about
9 of y^e Clock.

At a meeting of the Council on Monday the 21st instant
The meeting is adjourned unto Wednesday the 30th instant
about 10 of y^e Clock.
At a meeting of the Council on Wednesday May 30th 1694
by adjournment: from y^e 21st instant.
The last will & last amount of Benjamin Hearnden
deceased y^e 14th day of April Anno 1694 was this day examined
& approved by the Council.
The Inventory of the Estate of y^e J^o Ben: Hearnden
was also by the Council examined.
Whereas Joseph Hearnden of this Towne of Providence
deceased upon the 19th day of April last; and during his last
willson Sarah Hearnden hath this day preferred unto the Council
an Inventory of his Estate, the which Inventory hath been
the Council this day examined. The said widow Sarah Hearnden
doth also desire administration upon y^e said Estate. But it so
fallth out that the said widow cannot procure bondsmen according
to the law in such cases required; and whereas by reason that there be
severall young children to take care of & bring up, & many other
necessary considerations where by there is a necessity of
committing administration unto the said widow, the Council upon
the aforesaid considerations doth hereby therefore order & by these
presentes commit administration of the Estate of the said deceased
Joseph Hearnden unto the said widow the said Sarah Hearnden &
what shee shall administer upon the said Estate according as y^e
law in such cases & so circumstances requires, & to order & give
up the children of the said deceased Joseph Hearnden, which said
children good, the Council doth commit to the tuition or charge &
dispose of the said said mother Sarah Hearnden until they be
of the age of 21 years, & for the said Sarah Hearnden from time to
time to give up ~~an~~ an account of her administration
to the Council at they desire it. & that the said widow to have
the profits of what lands her J^o husband did possess of until the
said children be of the age of 21 years; and that Pardon Tillinghast
the Council doth order & brode to have some oversight, & to be
sworn unto the said widow as to her J^o husband's will & devise, & for
the hearing & satisfaction of her J^o children.
The meeting is adjourned

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sworn unto the said widow as to her J^o husband's will & devise, & for
the hearing & satisfaction of her J^o children.
The meeting is adjourned

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 At a meeting of y^e Council August 21. 1694.
 Mary man the widow of the deceased Thomas man,
 hath this day Exhibited her last will & Testament
 of her deceased husband for Examination & also the
 Inventory of his Estate.
 The last will & Testament of the said Thomas man
 & only y^e witnesses viz will Carpenter & Thomas
 appeared who both made oath as witnesses to y^e will
 the full execution of y^e will is referred to the Council
 next meeting thereof other witnesses for any appaer
 whose names are to be will
 The Inventory of y^e said Thomas mans Estate hath been
 Examined & what y^e man y^e Executor requires of y^e
 will hath been made oath upon y^e Inventory & y^e
 books of y^e Inventory
 The meeting is deferred
 At a meeting of y^e Council September 18. 1694
 y^e witnesses willard this day appeared before the Council
 & his will was made oath to the last will & Testament of
 Thomas man bearing date July 12. 1694.
 This Day the last will & Testament of Thomas Inge deceased
 bearing date 23 of May 1695. was Exhibited Examined
 the which was some time since Exhibited James Inge
 the Executor made oath unto y^e same. Tho: Inge
 William all y^e witnesses & y^e said Inge as witnesses
 made oath to the said will. The said will is this day approved
 The will of the said man was approved to be approbation
 by y^e Council & y^e said Inge approved to make Data in tract.
 At a meeting of y^e Council November 18. 1694
 Mary man the widow of the deceased Thomas man
 of the deceased Thomas man in bearing date July 12.
 1694 appeared before the Council & made oath to her
 husband's said will & Testament;
 The aforesaid will & Testament of the said deceased Thomas man
 hath been this day by the Council Examined & approved.

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 The 20th of November 1694 Tho: Walling hath pre-
 sented an Inventory of his deceased Brother John Walling
 unto y^e Council, his brother John Walling deceased the 11th of
 this instant; the Council have this day Examined the said
 Inventory, it being approved by the said Walling brought in &
 taken by Will Hopkins one of y^e Council & by y^e said
 both employed by y^e Tho: Walling; the said Tho: Walling hath
 this day given attestation to y^e Inventory & so also hath will
 Hopkins & John Dorset
 The Council do with the said Inventory
 Whereas y^e Walling of this Town Providence who did the
 11th day of this instant & leaving some small Estate behind him
 the said Council have made inquiry whether y^e said Walling
 any disposition thereof by any legall will but the said Council
 cannot find that any will was by y^e said y^e Walling made as
 the said y^e Walling doth appear in the said y^e Walling
 eldest brother to y^e said deceased y^e Walling hath of y^e Council desired
 administration of y^e Estate of y^e said deceased Brother John Walling
 the Council do by this act Caput Administration of y^e said deceased
 y^e Walling his Estate unto y^e said Tho: Walling the said y^e Walling
 of according as the law requires
 so that the said William Clarke shall in the behalf
 of y^e Council sign a Letter of Administration to the said
 as to his y^e Walling & y^e James Goals also
 A Letter of Administration is signed & sealed to the said
 Tho: Walling hath this day made his oath to the
 Council at Comers y^e said Administration upon his
 y^e Walling deceased his Estate, the meeting is deferred
 At a meeting of y^e Council December 18. 1694
 Deborah Harim widow of the deceased Abraham Harim hath this
 day presented an Inventory of her said deceased husband's Estate
 unto y^e Council Tho: Harim & Jonathan Sprague have this day
 upon Engage m^t: the said y^e Walling of y^e Inventory
 Deborah Harim widow hath also appeared to y^e Council
 upon her Engage m^t: and if more Estate did appaer that then it shall
 brought forth & Examined
 Whereas Abraham Harim of this Town deceased 23 of November
 last & leaving unto Deborah his widow desiring y^e said
 of his Estate, but cannot obtaine condition to secure y^e Council

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Providence the 18th of February, 1694

We are sorry it so falls out that we are put upon it to trouble you with a matter of this nature; but so it is, there came aboard into our Town y^e infant at night great with child out of y^e Province from Boston & was brought in & left at a house till our sloop ship by one of y^e Province Joseph Colwell by name - it being y^e night before she departed; his job as sold to the authority looks like of her & have each in examination, she gives us this account that her name is Hannah Heyman, & her husband's name is John Hayman, & that her husband went to sea in July last & hath not been in this County since; shee with her kith & kin live in Boston that they came from Boston to Dorchester, & from Dorchester to Dorcham, & from Dorcham to Ranton, & from Ranton to the house of David Phillips & from thence to Providence, we find that the King by his Letters takes care of all his subjects, & requires all in authority to do so, & in providing and of y^e inhabitants of y^e Province, we have enquired into y^e laws & concord matters of this nature; it directs to the care of a Justice of Peace, we are willing for our owne security, & for y^e safety of the woman to take the way as the Law directs: that so shee may be sent from Constable to Constable to the place of her abode, & so shee to goe to the next Justice of Peace, that is in y^e Province, & we have ordered our Constables in order to her removal all to the place of her abode to leave her with you, for shee appears to be a person vagrant; the Law & Justice is such that they require her directed her to one of the Constables within y^e jurisdiction to report from Constable to Constable to y^e place of her abode its Probable; so y^e Constables have y^e power to convey her in y^e Rules of Law to convey the woman to y^e Justice of Peace, & we have taken power to command every of y^e Constables that so the woman may be carefully conveyed to the place of her being & care to be taken of her by those unto whom it may & doth belong, Sir, we hope it will not be ill taken, its what is required of us & what the Law directs unto

To Nicolas
Deck Esquire
one of y^e Justices

Sir y^e friends, & neighbours to serve you
The Town Council of Providence
Tho: Clarke

Majors y^e Justices of y^e Peace in the Province of the Massachusetts
Present

At a meeting of y^e Council March 19th 1694.

Whereas Abraham man of this Towne of Providence who did the 10th day of February 1694, & did mynister an Inventory of his Estate - hath this day been by William Hopkins presented

to the Council, that William Hopkins being his kinsman who hath upon his oath declared that the Inventory containeth all the said Abraham man's Estate so far as he knoweth, with a water mark & the said hath given oath to support the Inventory;

Whereas Mary the wife of John Sappham of Dartmouth at present under the Government of the Massachusetts, the said Mary is next of kin to the aforesaid deceased Abraham man, hath offered Administration upon the Estate of the said Abraham man, the Council hath considered the matter & hath granted Administration of the said Abraham man's Estate unto the said John Sappham to Administer there upon as the Law requires & of this Administration to give an account of his Administration unto the Council the said John Sappham & Captaine Will Hopkins having given in bond unto the Council to performe the Administration as the Law requires;

Whereas Nath: Mawrey hath this day presented the account of his Administration of his deceased Brother John Mawrey's Estate but his account not being fully drawn the said Nath: Mawrey is desired to be next meeting

The meeting is deferred

A meeting of the Council April 16th 1695
Nathaniel Mawrey this day hath given in unto the Council an account of his Administration upon the Estate of his deceased Brother John Mawrey, both as to gain & loss to y^e Estate & what hath been received in, & paid out of the Estate, the Council hath examined & allowed his account, & find that all debts & charges paid there is yet of the said John Mawrey's Estate remaining to be done, amongst the said John Mawrey's children the sum of 48 - 10⁰ - only what James Phillips & his wife have of the said John Mawrey's Estate before the death of the said John Mawrey, shall also be counted dividable with the part of the said John Mawrey's Estate as John Mawrey being of the deceased John Mawrey's issue of full age to receive the part of y^e Estate the sum of 48 - 10⁰ - under the Administration of Nathaniel Mawrey to deliver his part of y^e Estate into his hands

The meeting is deferred
The 14th day of May 1695 it being the day of the Council's meeting, but so it was that none of the Council approved but only Joseph Parker, Parsons, & Nath: Mawrey, & Tho: Clarke, so that there was not a Council to act, & so

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whereas Deborah Hardin widow to the deceased Abraham Hardin should by order of the Council have this day appeared before the Council to have given up her account unto the Council of her acting upon & in her said deceased husband's estate, but she hath not this day appeared at the place of the Council's meeting.

The aforesaid persons of the Council have waited until about 4 of the Clock on the afternoon & none ^{appeared}, so were put upon it to dispart, without action.

A meeting of the Council June the 11th 1695

It was that the next day before the full moon in each month shall be the day for the Council to meet, & to continue in that order until the first meeting in June next.

The Council doe still continue Administration of the estate of the deceased Abraham Hardin unto Deborah Hardin his widow until the day of the Council's meeting in December next & then to give up an account to the Council of her Administration & acting upon the same, & also so far as she hath acted, and that Jonathan Sprague is desired by the Council to be assistant to the said Deborah in looking after making up & perfecting of accounts, & setting & fitting accounts to give in to the Council.

whereas there is a person who hath been known by the name of Elizabeth, who is called by the name of John in her own name, & is a person who is charged to be chargeable to the Council, having been charged by the Council to be chargeable to the Council, & also so far as she hath acted, and that Jonathan Sprague is desired by the Council to be assistant to the said Deborah in looking after making up & perfecting of accounts, & setting & fitting accounts to give in to the Council.

whereas there is a person who hath been known by the name of Elizabeth, who is called by the name of John in her own name, & is a person who is charged to be chargeable to the Council, having been charged by the Council to be chargeable to the Council, & also so far as she hath acted, and that Jonathan Sprague is desired by the Council to be assistant to the said Deborah in looking after making up & perfecting of accounts, & setting & fitting accounts to give in to the Council.

whereas there is a woman who is called by the name of Elizabeth, who is called by the name of John in her own name, & is a person who is charged to be chargeable to the Council, having been charged by the Council to be chargeable to the Council, & also so far as she hath acted, and that Jonathan Sprague is desired by the Council to be assistant to the said Deborah in looking after making up & perfecting of accounts, & setting & fitting accounts to give in to the Council.

The meeting is adjourned

A meeting of the Council August 13th 1695 19

whereas there is a complaint made unto the Council both by John Thornton junior, & also a request by his father Sr. Thornton to be informed & desiring if the Council to take care of the children of the deceased Zachary Filds, that so they may be bound out unto some good places where they may be well brought up & Educated that they may not want, be idle & so kept unemployed & so instructed that they may be capable to live after to get their livelihood, The Council have taken the matter into consideration & have discoursed the mother of the said children & ordered her to look out some good places to put them of her said children to be bound out (to say) 3 or 4 good boys & to do it by the 15th day of the next day of our Council, & at our next meeting the Council to approve it and to give information of it to the persons who are whom she shall make choice of, that if the Council do allow of the places, that the said children may be bound out for a certain time.

Mary Edmunds hath this day preferred the last will and testament of her deceased husband Edward Edmunds bearing date the 22nd day of July 1695 unto the Council, the which will is by the Council this day examined & approved, and hath also preferred the inventory of the said Edmunds estate the which is also by the Council examined & allowed.

whereas one John Anderson a stranger who presumptuously hath for some time made residence in our town not withstanding the Town Council at their meeting June 11th last ordered him to be removed & have sentenced for the full execution of the law upon him in case of his returne, The Council doe now again order & determine that the magistrat doe immediately cause the said Anderson to be apprehended, & in case he do not immediately deposit five pounds good money for his corporal punishment say full number of stripes as y^e law Expresseth, & to be removed out of y^e Township forthwith a plot the Execution done, & the law so to be executed upon him as often as he shall returne, The Council is desolved.

Providence truly to Admin for upon Estate of yo brother
deceased Content Clemence, the for the first to you the
Clemence, & no of some council do by these presents
Commit unto you Joseph Clemence full power of Administration
upon Estate of deceased Brother Content Clemence of last will
as power for us Comites, And if you shall truly upon Estate
Admin for according as of last will & give up an
account of your acting & Administration to the Council, I shall

By order of the Council
The Clerk of the Council

The meeting is dissolved

At a meeting of the Council December 22nd 1697

whereas Deborah late wife of Abraham Gardin
with her now husband Meiser Bartlot this day appeared
before the Council in order to give in bonds concerning
the deceased Abraham Gardin his Estate, but their
Cognoman not appearing according to his promise
the matter is referred unto the Council meeting
in February next.

The meeting is dissolved

whereas there is a charge a woman come into our Court
upon her liberty to be charged to our Court, the Majorities
upon information of the Court of new Summons the Council
to gether to take order about her, upon so Summons the
Council met & in Com this 9th day of February 1698
the Majorities having given forth a warrant to the Constable to
bring the said woman into Court to be put in prison, word to
the Court is that he hath searcht the said woman but cannot find her
Joseph Latham declares that he is her servant & that he will defend
her against a bond due to her imprisonment.

At a meeting of the Council February 23rd 1698

whereas Nathaniel Gooe and
his wife have been heard in Court in relation to
some of the goods of the deceased
of Nathaniel Gooe this day to appear before the Council

The said Nathaniel Gooe having appeared before
the Council & being examined concerning the matter
the said Nathaniel Gooe & wife deposes that he carried any
woman out or another behind him any way at or about the
time as if the report was made of, for he said he had not carried
any woman person behind him for severall years past.
William and all hath this day reported before the Council
that he heard his daughter say that her brother said he
saw so^r of a woman behind him by the Constable
& that was spoken of by Meiser Bartlot Constable was
seeking to apprehend a woman who
was a stranger come to Joseph Latham

The meeting is dissolved

At a meeting of the Council May 18th 1697

At a meeting of the Council June 22nd 1697

~~whereas there is a charge a woman come into our Court~~
~~upon her liberty to be charged to our Court, the Majorities~~
~~upon information of the Court of new Summons the Council~~
The Administration of the Estate of the deceased
is continued unto his widow Elizabeth Patsy until
our Council meeting day in November next.

whereas it is ordered of the Council day of Meeting should be
only 3 days in each month next before full moon. It is
now ordered further that if it so fall the moon doth happen
to full on a Friday at any time of the day in any month
according to a small account, yet that shall be day
of the month.

The Administration of the Estate of the deceased Abraham Gardin
is continued to Meiser Bartlot & Deborah his wife until
our Council Meeting day in November next

The meeting is dissolved
At a Council meeting July 20th 1697
The meeting is dissolved

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November 15th 1697 the Town Council is met & in the
Elizabeth Patey widow & Relict of the Deceased the Patey
this day appeared before the Council but cannot yet procure
bonds for Administration of the Deceased Patey's Estate
The Council do not continue Administration unto the Elizabeth
Patey upon the Deceased the Patey's Estate until the Council
meeting in April next
The meeting is deferred

At a meeting of the Council March 15th 1697
Benjamin Carpenter of Pawtuxet in Providence &
Simon Smith of Warwick have this day exhibited the
will & Testament of Ephraim Carpenter of Pawtuxet
in the Colony of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations
bearing date 20th day of February 1697. They
desiring a Probation of the same they being Executor
of the will; They have also other witnesses
The will exhibited an Inventories of the Estate of
Ephraim Carpenter deceased

The last will & Testament of the deceased Ephraim
Carpenter who deceased 22nd of February 1697
bearing date 20th day of February 1697 is by
the Council approved; The Inventories of the
Estate of the deceased Ephraim Carpenter is allowed
It is ordered that Tho: Olney Town Clerk do forth
with on the Councils behalf receive a bond from
Benjamin Carpenter & Simon Smith Executors of
the deceased Ephraim Carpenters Estate for the
legall executing the will; & all so on the Councils
behalf to sign thereon a letter

of Administration,
The meeting is deferred

At a meeting of the Council April 12th 1698
John Hardin of Newport hath this day exhibited an Inventories
of the Estate of his deceased father Stephen Hardin of this Town of
Providence. He his father dying intestate, John Hardin desiring
Administration on the Deceased; The said Inventories hath been
Examined, & is by the Council allowed, Excepting only one good appi-
-er at four pounds;

Administration on the Estate of the deceased Stephen Hardin
is granted unto his son John Hardin of Newport, He having al-
-ready given in bond to the Council for the true performance of the
same.
Moses Bartlett & Deborah his wife having already given in
bond to the Council for the true performance of Administration
on the Estate of the deceased Abraham Hardin. The Ad-
-ministration thereof unto them is granted; & the Children of
the deceased Abraham Hardin Comitted to their Care

Elizabeth Patey appears before the Council but not having
yet procured bonds, the Council do continue her with power
of Administration on her deceased husband the Patey's Estate
until the Council meeting in May next
The meeting is deferred

At a meeting of the Town Council July 12th 1698
This day the Estate & Inventories of the deceased Sponatus Olney
hath been Examined, & the Inventories allowed
Tho: Olney is this day chosen Clarke of the Town Council for
this ensuing year
Ordered by the Council, that whereas Mary Olney the
widow of the deceased Sponatus Olney & James Olney son of
the said Sponatus Olney hath desired to have Administration of the
Estate of the said Sponatus Olney, that the said two persons shall have
Administration of the Deceased's Estate & it is hereby granted
And that Tho: Olney Clarke of the Council shall on the Councils
behalf take both of the said Mary Olney & James Olney their
& on the Councils behalf sign & seal a letter of Administration
to them to import the said Administration, Major Hopkings
& Capt. Dextor having promised to be bound with the said
the Council.

30 John Willifon hath this day given up to the Council
an account of Edward White & his ords actings in the
Administration upon the Estate of the deceased Josiah Willifon
and according to the account given in (it having been examined
the account unto this day appears to be ballanced, & containing
a horse & a mare & also which the said Josiah his wife
disposed of, which price of so called are by inventory 5th 10th

At a Council meeting September the 27th 1698.

Whereas the said Josiah Willifon & his wife on the
one party & John Willifon & Joseph Tucker & his wife, on the
other party as concerning writing a bill which the said
said Josiah Tucker is upon which the said Josiah Tucker
to put an issue thereunto, if he can in his own accomplish it

Whereas there is one James Bick & his wife & family come into our
Town the said Bick coming from the Town of Medford in the Province
of the Massachusetts & by purchase of the lands the said Bick has
made himself an inhabitant of Burdett & others as the
said James Bick married a widow who had several children
which children the said Bick & his wife brought with them into
our Town, & it so falls that the said children are in want
if they are not speedily provided for with cloathing & other
necessaries they are likely to perish, & where as the said
children have repaired unto their uncle Jonathan Sprague of
Hingham, who upon the said Jonathan Sprague hath
this day made application to the magistrates & Council for
the said James Bick in the matter, the Council having
considered the petitions unto them proposed, & making some
inquiries thereunto, & perceiving the children to be in want
& the said Bick & his wife having been sent unto by the
magistrate (or) and send to appear before the
Council to give them some account of the affairs
promised, but neither of them have appeared, & their
being a necessity of a present relief for the children
the Council upon consideration thereof do hereby order
the said children not to let the children suffer, but do commit what
what power they have as to the matter to them proposed,
to the said Jonathan Sprague to take care & in the most
suitable way that convenient may be to care or that may
to him present that the said children may be relieved with
food, cloathing & other necessaries.

At a meeting of the Town Council January 30th 1698

The Council having examined the will of the deceased
Hopkins of Massachusetts in this Town of Burdett
find it to be his last will & testament
Ordered that the Clerk of the Council shall on
the Councils behalf take Bond of Sarah Hopkins widow
& executrix of the said deceased Hopkins for the
true executing of the said will, & any Councils behalf
give her a letter of Administration on
the last day of February next it is ordered shall be the
Councils next meeting.

Ordered that the Clerk of the Council shall transcribe
& upon some public place set up the Councils order
of prohibition to all persons in our Town for selling drinks
by Retail, & none to be sold any Drinke after the last
day in February next without licence from the Council
The order is as followeth.

Whereas for several years past there hath been any
person within our Township of Burdett or jurisdiction thereof
who hath taken Licence & there by been empowered to keep a
public house of Entertainment, & to sell any Drinke by the
sale of small quantities, but on the contrary many persons have
presumed to sell what drinke they please & how they please,
the which practice is contrary to the Statute Laws of England
& to the Province Laws of this Colony, which by many incon-
-veniences & evil effects do continually ensue, The Council
therefore having taken the matter into their Considerations, do
for the preventing of future disorders (so far forth as their
-power extend) have enacted & ordered, & by these presents do
enact & order that no person or persons what so ever
-being within the Township of jurisdiction of our Township
of Burdett shall after the last day of February next
-presume to sell any sort of strong drinke by Retail except
-he take a licence so to do & give in bond according as the
-law requires; that is to say, to sell any wine, Rum, or Brandy
-either of them in less quantity than one whole gallon together
-or more, or Sider in less quantities than six whole gallons together
-or any other sort of strong drinke contrary to the laws, & if any
-person shall presume to do so they shall upon complaint or informa-
-tion thereof be dealt withall & proceeded against according as the
-law in such case directs.

At a meeting of the Council the 6th day of December 1698
Sarah Hopkins of Massachusetts in the Township of Burdett
do not brought in to the Council her deceased husband Thomas
Hopkins his will together with the main part of his Estate
to be Examined & approved by the Council make oath that
it was the last will & testament of her deceased husband

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The which will beareth date the 20th day of October
1698, Also Joseph Stafford, Abell Potter & M^r J^r furman
who were witnesses to the will appeared the same day
before the Council & made oaths that they saw the
said Thomas Hopkins sign & seal the said will being
then in his perfect & sound memory
The aforesaid Sarah Hopkins also before the Council
upon her oath declared that she had brought forth
all the estate of her deceased husband the said Hopkins
that she knoweth of to the appraisers
Roger Burlingame & Joseph Stafford made
oath unto the said Inward surveyors appraisers.

At a meeting of the Council April the 9th 1699: Tuesday
Whereof the Council did advise out to Henry Stacey the house
& farm of the deceased Josiah Wilkison for six months of year
as the said Josiah did expect & the fence about the said farm
by the said Henry Stacey at the expiration of the said term to be
in good repair & convenient: Also the said Henry Stacey
& the said Josiah Wilkison is found to be defective: The matter is referred
to Joseph Conker Jun^r to give judgment upon the said fence
as to the sufficiency thereof: And the said Henry Stacey doth engage
that at noon this day & the 11th of this instant April he
make up all the said fence about the said farm: ~~with~~
good & sufficient according to the judgment of the said Joseph
Conker as to the sufficiency thereof.

This day Henry Stacey hath paid 20th & 3^d which was to answer
what the Cattle belonging to the estate of the deceased Josiah
Wilkison was prized at & hath cleared matters in hand
as concerning his lease of the farm & house which the
Council lease to him of the said Josiah Wilkison deceased
The above said fence only excepted
Henry Stacey & Joseph Conker their son concerning the
said lease. The Council have upon receipt of the money
delivered up to the said Henry Stacey & Joseph Conker

At a meeting of the Council December the 12th 1699
This day Stephen Arnold & Eliza Arnold sons of the deceased
Stephen Arnold of Dauterott & Eliza Arnold his wife
Stephen Arnold his will have brought in the said will before the
Council desiring the Council to make approbation of the same & have
also brought in an inventory of the estate of the said Stephen Arnold
deceased & have both given approbation & sworn to the said will

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The last will & testament of Stephen Arnold of Dauterott in provi-
dence deceased was this day examined & approved
And that the said Eliza Arnold executrix to the last will & testament
of the deceased Stephen Arnold bearing date the 22nd day of June 1698
truly to execute the said will; & to give them a letter of Administration
The meeting is adjourned until Tuesday the 26th instant,
Tuesday the 26th of December 1699. The Council is again in being
whereof Joseph Tucker & Hannah his wife have this day given an account
of the Council how matters stand betwixt the Council & themselves
about the estate of the deceased Josiah Wilkison; And in the accounts
being mingled as to the debts & the Inventary of the said Josiah
Wilkison's estate, as they are given in by the Administrator (John
Council) & namely John Wilkison, the Council do thereupon order
& appoint Major William Hopkins to audit the said accounts, & to
make a separation of the rent from the other estate, & in order
thereunto to discontinue the said Administrator John Wilkison and
also Joseph Tucker & his wife Hannah as to what hath been paid &
received, & of them to take an account: And in order thereunto
the Clerk of the Council is hereby ordered to let John Wilkison
have the said papers of accounts which he gave into the Council
of his Administration on the 22nd of June last, & of John Wilkison to return
them again unto the said Clerk of the Council the next Council meeting
And that all the said matter be settled & brought into the next
Council meeting by Major Hopkins.

At a meeting of the Town Council January the 23rd 1699
Whereof at the Council meeting the 26th of December
1699 Major William Hopkins was ordered & appointed by the Council
to audit the accounts given in by John Wilkison of the
estate of the deceased Josiah Wilkison how it hath been
disposed of to what the said Josiah Wilkison hath been
received both of rent & also of the account of the said
The account the said Major William Hopkins having ex-
amined doth this day give in his account concerning the
said estate as follows (to wit) that the said Josiah
Wilkison hath received of the said Josiah Wilkison
the said Josiah Tucker received all the rents of the
lands, & doth upon payment one shilling & four pence
out of the said account as it was Inwarded
more than the third part thereof, The which account
& return of the said Major William Hopkins the Council have
allowed. The meeting is adjourned.

At a meeting of the Council the 20th of January 1699
Whereof Henry Adams hath proposed to the Council to buy the land
in Providence formerly belonging to the Waters, but the said land
been some while ago sold to the said Henry Adams & the Council about
the said land, the Council do not care first to discontinue the

~~James Ingele being the first which was examined; the said written paper being showed to him, & he being engaged; upon his oath also to testify that he did sign as a witness to a paper which John Whipple said what was written in it was his last will & testament. But it was not then read in the s^d hearing nor in his s^d hearing, for it was not at that time of his signing of it, at all read. And if ought was written in it he the s^d Ingele could not tell what it was, for the paper was folded over & covered so as it could not be seen but only where the witnesses got their names & so downward it was open.~~

James Ingele being the first which was examined; the said written paper being showed to him, & he being engaged; upon his oath also to testify that he did sign as a witness to a paper which John Whipple said what was written in it was his last will & testament. But it was not then read in the s^d hearing, nor in his s^d hearing, for it was not at all read at the time of his signing of it, and if ought was written in it he the said Joseph Whipple could not tell what it was, for the paper was folded over & thereby covered so as it could not be seen, saving only a little above where the witnesses wrote their names, & so downward it was open.

Richard Waterman being next examined; the said written paper was showed unto him, he being engaged, upon his oath also to testify that he did sign as a witness to a paper which John Whipple said what was written in it was his last will & testament. But it was not then read in the s^d hearing, nor in his s^d hearing, for it was not at all read at the time of his signing and with the folding of the paper over that it could not be seen, saving only a little above where the witnesses got their hands & so downward it was open.

The said James Ingele Joseph Whipple & Richard Waterman do also declare that they do conclude that the written paper which the Council showed him said to be John Whipple's will in the paper which they subscribed. The written paper hath this day by Rebecca Whipple widow of the said John Whipple been presented to the Council, said to be an inventory of John Whipple's estate who departed this life December 15th 1700 subscribed Samuel Ingele Joseph Whipple John Smith.

Upon the reading of the written & sealed paper said to be the last will & testament of the deceased John Whipple, after

after it was openly & publicly read in Council, John Whipple's son, & heir apparent of the late deceased John Whipple hath this day made objections against the said will by a Certificate against the approving of the same, by reason that it is an illegal instrument, & so doth in law & therefore ought to have no approbation nor allowance, he having presented reasons for the same before the Council; John Whipple having thus objected, Rebecca Whipple (widow) hath desired of the Council to suspend the proceeding in the matter of the said will for some little time longer that she may take a little further consideration concerning it. The Council has therefore ordered that the proceeding of matters concerning the said will shall be suspended until the next meeting of the Council on Tuesday 11th of February next.

The meeting is deferred!

At a meeting of the Council February 11th 1701

Ordered as Benjamin Carpenter of Duxbury in Duxbury did at a Council meeting January the 4th 1701 Exhibit an inventory of the estate of the deceased John Whipple; read into the Council, the Council doth order that the said Benjamin Carpenter should have order & liberty to order that the Council shall on any Councils behalf grant to the said Benjamin Carpenter & from him on any Councils behalf to take the same.

This day hath been by Capt. Richard Arnold the will of the deceased Valentine Whitman who died the 26th of January 1701, it being exhibited for the Councils probate. Mary Whitman widow of the deceased Ball, Whitman, and executrix of the said will appeared in Council & being examined, declared that she could testify nothing to the said will for she had not seen it, nor knowed of it, but only as she heard of it by the persons of the said will was shown to her & in the presence of the said 3 persons whose names are affixed to it as witnesses, viz. Richard Arnold, Samuel Wilkenson & Thomas Arnold, and all of them having been examined upon oath privately & particular & they all them testified that the above mentioned exhibited will was the will & testament of said Valentine Whitman & that it was read unto the said Mary Whitman in the presence of all them he did then declare unto them that that was his will & in his presence he did sign & seal it for his last will & testament.

Whereas at the Council meeting the 4th of January last Rebecca Whipple (widow) did desire of the Council that their proceedings in any further matter as to the written paper called by her the last will of her late deceased husband John Whipple might for some time be suspended that she might further consider & better prepare herself to answer some objections made against the said will, & also obtain Capt. John Brown of Swansey who is a witness to the said will present with the Council, the which request of hers was granted by the Council until this day of our meeting. But this day the

4 will & Testament of the said deceased John Whipple shall not be in force according as the law requires, but the said John Whipple being blind & the will not being taken in the presence of the witnesses at the time of the subscription, & also these witnesses before the Council were not sworn that the said John Whipple as to the said will was it was not his mind but as he was constrained thereto. The Council having so considered & adjudged as aforesaid do by their verdicts declare the said will to be wholly in void & null in the law;

The testimony of John Hart heron, as followeth
John Hart heron aged 50 years or thereabouts Testifyeth that some time about the middle of the summer in the year 1700, he being upon vacation at the house of John Whipple, John Whipple being then blind; And it so fell that for some part of the time whilst he was there, nobody was in the house save only John Whipple & this deponent; And this deponent saith that he fell in discourse with John Whipple as concerning the will which he heard that he & John Whipple had made, how that he heard by it disinheriting his son; & thought it strange that having but one son that he should so do; that said John Whipple replied; He could not help the doing as he had done, for he was now blind & he must do as others would have him do for he could not help himself; & as for his will & desire it was to have done for his son & to have he upon him, but as his condition was he could not do as he would, but as others would have it, or else there would be no living for him; Upon this deponent replied that if it be your will to disinherit your son then so it must be; but John Whipple answered no, no, that is not my desire for I would willingly help him if I could
Taken upon oath before the Major & Council April the 8th 1701.

The testimony of William Hoare aged 38 years or thereabouts as followeth He Testifyeth that upon a time in the latter end of the summer in the year 1700, about September or October he was at John Whipples house & there being no person there then but John Whipple & the said William Hoare he then saw John Whipple that he heard that he had made his will & if it were true as he heard he said he thought that he had dealt very hard by his son John in disposing of his estate as he had done; John Whipple then made answer & said, friend William, you know how it is with me & for quietness sake I must do so as well as I may; but if John looks well to his business he may find such a gap open that he may help himself. Taken upon oath before the Major & Council April the 8th 1701.

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The meeting is adjourned unto Tuesday the 15th instant
April 15th 1701 the Council is again in being

It is ordered by the Council that Deborah Whipple widow of the deceased John Whipple be sent for to appear before the Council to take the administration on her deceased husband's estate.
Deborah Whipple (widow of the deceased John Whipple) hath upon petition to her given appearance before the Council & hath submitted to the Council to take the administration on the estate of her deceased husband John Whipple.
Ordered by the Council that the granting for the letter of administration unto Deborah Whipple to administer on the estate of her deceased husband John Whipple & the taking bond of her for the true performance of her duty is referred unto Tuesday the 29th instant. The Council is adjourned until Tuesday the 29th instant.

May the 6th 1701 the Council is met & in being
Deborah Whipple appeared this day before the Council & petitioned the Council & requesting leave that she might administer on the estate of her deceased husband John Whipple. The desire of the Council to grant her about 14 days or more to prepare and for at present cannot readily attain unto; the Council have ordered that she should do her duty as she may & the Council shall judge of the sufficiency of her bondman, & as they do determine the Council shall accept.

At a meeting of the Council called by warrant July 9th 1701
whereas the estate of the deceased John Whipple with yet undivided & undistributed by the persons in it concerned is called for & have appeared & desired to attend the Court at the house of the Council do that order & appoint Mr. Joseph Hopkins Major & Mr. William Hoare to be the said John Whipples orphans & to be sworn to take the said John Whipples estate & to require all persons in whose hands it is the said estate to bring forth the same or for a decision of the said estate made according as the law requires that that so each person in said estate conform to the said estate & may be in a capacity to improve what is the said estate & the said two persons to give an account to the Council of their proceeds thereon.

At a meeting of the Council September 16th 1701 called by warrant Deborah Whipple widow of the deceased John Whipple appeared before the Council & proposed to the Council that she should take the administration on the estate of her deceased husband which to her would do might

Wednesday March the 24th 1702. The meeting is again
 in being. By adjournment from 10th instant.
 Joseph Tucker hath this day appeared before the Council
 and the account that he gave to the Council as concern-
 -ing the horse which he hath disposed of (which belonged
 to the estate of the deceased Josiah Willoughby) is one old
 & three years old for 40 s. & a horse foal of about 6 or 7 months
 which he gave to his son Robert Tucker which the Coun-
 -cill do judge could not be worth less than 20 s. There is also
 a horse which is concluded to belong to the estate of
 the said deceased Josiah Willoughby which was sold by Joseph
 Tucker his brother or otherwise taken by Robert Tucker
 & sold to Joseph Willoughby. & is now in the said Joseph Willoughby's
 hands.
 The Council do order that the matter concerning Joseph
 Tucker shall be referred unto the Council next
 meeting on 1st of April next & then
 for him to appear before the Council to give bond
 for what from him is due to the estate of the said
 Josiah Willoughby.
 Whereas John Kelley was appointed in his former
 Proceeding, and hath died, and being intreated his estate
 to act & do therein according as the Council shall
 require; and whereas the Council hath to do with
 administration of the said estate unto the widow & the
 said John Kelley, but she refused to take admittance
 thereof. The Council have nominated, approved &
 fully empowered Pardon Tillinghast, for a time, Straugh
 & James Brown, and by their act do nominate, appoint
 & fully empower the said Pardon Tillinghast, for a time
 & James Brown to take the said estate of the
 said John Kelley into their hands, and on the Council's
 behalf to do and perform, or to do in their administration
 thereon in all points according as the law in such cases shall
 direct, & to give in the account of their acting thereon
 unto the Council from time to time as they shall see
 or have performed their administration, and that Procla-
 -mation of them on the Council's behalf to be or the Clerk
 of the Council's hand to set up on some publick place ac-
 -cording as the law requires to give notice unto all Creditors
 to come in to the Council or some one or other of the aforesaid
 persons & give in what their Claims is within the time of the
 last required.
 Joseph Aldridge hath this day Engaged to the Council to come
 to the Council at their next sitting, & to them give in Bond under
 his hand & seals, as concerning his deceased father Joseph Aldridge
 his estate; according to the former & purport of what he
 Engaged to the Council at their meeting October 14th 1701.
 The meeting is adjourned unto Tuesday 14th of April next.

April 14th 1702 the Council is again in being by adjourn-
 -ment from Tuesday March 24th 1702.
 This day Joseph Aldridge hath this day given bond to the Council
 to perform the Justice from all things as to his mother's mainte-
 -nance.
 This day Elizabeth Parry hath laid downe her Administration
 -ship as to the estate of her deceased husband the said Parry, and her
 son Benjamin Bore is by the Council put in Administrator in
 her room & place.
 At a meeting of the Council June the 23rd 1702. Called
 by warrant, where as there are orders from the Govern-
 -ment to make Proclamations of her Majesty's Letters under the
 the Council and put up to give notice, the Council do adjourn
 their meeting unto Tuesday the 30th instant.
 The Council meeting is again in being June the 30th 1702 by
 adjournment from the 23rd instant.
 At a meeting of the Council March 11th 1702.
 This day Hannah Browne the wife of the deceased Henry Browne of the Town
 of Providence in the County of Warwick in the State of Rhode Island
 hath exhibited the said will & testament of her said deceased husband
 & her last and approved inventory of the said deceased husband's goods
 & chattels in the County of Warwick in the State of Rhode Island
 for Examination & Allowance thereof.
 The will of Henry Browne (deceased) bearing date the 22nd day of September 1678
 exhibited to the Council by his widow & executrix Hannah Browne hath been
 Examined, & is by the Council approved to be his last will & testament, & also
 the Inventory of the said Henry Browne his estate & debts by said Hannah Browne
 hath been both Examined, & is by the Council allowed.
 It is ordered that Henry Clark of the Council do on the Council's behalf sign & seal a
 Certificate of the said Hannah Browne's Execution to the last will & testament of her said
 husband Henry Browne, for her further Enter to Administration in an estate.
 The meeting is adjourned.
 At a meeting of the Council July the 9th 1703:--
 Whereas there was a report by some person or persons which was by the Council
 Council do receive of his son in trust for and as payment for his mother
 estate of Providence, which he belonged unto the said Thomas Water, a sum
 of which formed by some person or persons to the said Council, which money was by
 the said Council committed unto Thomas Olney, being one of the Council, his
 Custody, until further order, and report of some person or persons to the
 said Council, which is now fallen into want & is due to be the said
 Council do shew that the said Thomas Olney is due to deliver
 the said money all which he so received which as the Council's
 to his Custody, in the hands of Pardon Tillinghast of Providence
 reasons for his discharge, for the discharge of the said money
 as aforesaid shall be the said Thomas Olney his discharge, the aforesaid
 money so committed as aforesaid is the just sum of five pounds.
 The meeting is adjourned to Friday 16th instant.

For unincorporated land is by bill given against the said of twenty & one
 years. And where as the said brother in law will not make a bill of the said
 incapable to execute the said will, & his mother (widow of the said Joseph) being
 being also incapable of administration; she has not being well disposed in
 her mind. The Council do comitt the administration of the said estate unto
 Samuel Burdett of Providence, Brother of the said Joseph, in the same to
 administer & withall require to make up accounts; to be returned & due to the
 said of the said, & to pay by the said according as the law in this behalf
 And to take the responsibility of the said, by will of the said & disposal of the said
 thereof as the law in such case requires. The which will of the said Joseph
 (deceased) the Council have examined & do approve of, only excepting
 the said of the said as to the goods, ~~the said of the said~~; & the
 of the said to the said; & the said of the said Samuel Burdett
 as it is above expressed.

At a meeting of the Council November 24th 1705.
 This day there was by Mary Dextor widow of the deceased Samuel
 Dextor of this town of Providence who died the 15th day of September
 1705, & by Samuel Dextor son of the deceased Samuel Dextor a
 written paper presented to the Council as the will & Testament
 of the said deceased Samuel Dextor, for Examination, the Council
 having the same perused & examined & find the same to
 be true by all legal, as having no witness, have unto none
 of the said annexed the new will & Testament of the said written paper
 of the said, & give no approbation thereto.

The above named Mary Dextor & Samuel Dextor son of the
 said deceased, have also brought an inventory of the said deceased
 Dextor his moveables & estate, & exhibit it to the Council
 for Examination & allowance. The said widow & Samuel Dextor
 the said have before the Council given Affirmation to the said
 Inventory upon Oath that it is the true & full list of the said
 Samuel Dextor his moveables & estate for all that they
 know of & if any more may or can be found it shall be
 added to the said Inventory. The said Inventory is
 & prayeth & move the Council to take & make the said Inven-
 tory have given an Affirmation thereto; the said Inventory
 is as follows.

Mary Dextor, Widow of Samuel Dextor of this town of Providence
 the 19th day of September 1705, & Samuel Dextor her son do desire of the
 Council jointly to take Administration on the Estate of the said
 Samuel Dextor. The same the Council is to them granted & they giving
 bond to the Council for a legal performance thereof.
 Doaled & ordered by the Council that Tho: Olney Clerk of the Council do
 on the Councils behalf give to the said of Administration to the
 said of the said deceased Samuel Dextor & to Samuel Dextor his son, jointly
 Administrators on the Estate of the said deceased Samuel Dextor.

Doaled & ordered by the Council that Tho: Olney Clerk of the Council
 shall on the Councils behalf take bond of Mary Dextor
 widow of the said deceased Samuel Dextor & of Samuel Dextor her son
 for the legal Administration of the said deceased Samuel Dextors
 Estate.
 The meeting is adjourned.

At a Council Meeting May 26th 1706.
 This day Samuel Dextor son of the deceased Major John Dextor
 hath to the Council exhibited the last will & Testament of his
 said deceased husband deposing the Council approbation thereof
 which will be read the 15th day of April 1706; The which
 will hath this day been examined by the Council this day and
 is there approved to as the last will & Testament of the said Major
 John Dextor. An Inventory of the said John Dextor his Estate
 having also on said day brought in by the said Samuel Dextor
 widow & exhibited to the Council for their Allowance, the
 Inventory of the Council have also examined & allowed.

It is ordered by the Council that Tho: Olney & Clerk of the Council
 shall on the Councils behalf take bond of Samuel Dextor widow & Samuel
 Dextor son of the said deceased Major John Dextor, to execute the said
 will; And also of the said on the Councils behalf to give sign
 unto the said Samuel Dextor a letter of Administration
 the said deceased John Dextor his Estate.
 The meeting is adjourned.

At a Council Meeting August 17th 1706
 Whereas it hath been proposed to the Council that a high Road may
 be laid through our Plantation the said road towards Plainfield;
 for the erecting of the Towne Council have nominated and
 appointed a jury of the said Towne namely, Capt. The Honour-
 able Olney Junr, Sgt. Wm. Harris, Sr. & Capt. Wm. Stanton,
 Wm. Sandall, Timothy Sheldon, James Matheson, Nicolas Phelps,
 James Thornson, Sgt. Wright, Dan. Abbot Junr, Tho: Gamble, &
 James Thornson, as the said jury speed may be, & do order Capt. Wm.
 Harris to be the said jury, & to make a report for the laying of the said
 Summons in the said jury, & to make a report for the laying of the said
 John Guman hath this day exhibited an inventory of his deceased father
 Edward Guman his Estate to the Council, he saith that his father did die
 & was ordered by the Council that Barbara Guman widow of the said Edward Guman
 & also Edward Guman son of the said Edward Guman, be both summoned to appear
 before the Council on Monday the 26th day of August 1706 to give
 Affirmation to the said Inventory.
 The meeting is adjourned the 26th day of August.

The Meeting is againe in being August 26th 1706, by adjournment from
 the 17th day of August.
 Edward Guman the son of the deceased Edward Guman this day appeared
 before the Council & made Oath unto the Inventory of the said Edward
 Guman his Estate, the which was ex-
 hibited to the Council by John Guman his Brother,
 on the 17th day of August at the Council Meeting. The said Inventory is
 made as follows.

1710: At a meeting of the Towne Council July 19th 1710, It is ordered that the meeting shall be adjourned unto the 19th instant and then for all those who desire to take licences to appear before the Council & declare their minds, and in the meane time the meeting is adjourned to the 19th instant July.

July 19th 1710 the Council is againe in being by adjournment, Leasa Hearnings given surveye by the Council Examined. The matter as to Granting forth of licences, the Council having taken into consideration, as unto certaine persons as to keeping of publick Houses of Entertainment, for Enter-tainment of Strangers, & Retailing of Strong-drinke, And also for Retailing any sort of Strong-drinke by Retail, that is under a Gallon at any time, upon the Penalty of two shillings for every Gallon at the first offence, and for the second offence of forty shillings, such time that they transgress, Excepting of those who have a licence. In order whereunto the Council have ordered licences to be granted unto several persons

in our Towne; & of one shilling for one year; as in this following paying 2th bond 2th: Nchemiah Sheldon paying 1st bond 1st: Eliezer Arnold 1st paying: Capt. Thos. Fenner paying 1st bond 1st: Abbot paying 1st bond 1st: and 10th: Benjamin Wright paying 1st bond 10th: Henry Adams for Strangers drinke paying 1st bond 10th: to sell Strong-drinke paying 5th: also continue for one year.

At the Council Meeting which was by adjournment, holden July 1710 did adjourn to the 19th of August, being the 31st day; but there did not on said day appear so many as to make a number to act, where by the meeting fell.

August 19th 1710: At a Council meeting called by warrant of Entertainment, for Enter-tainment of people & Retailing of drinke; but by licence.

Whereas upon the 19th of July last it was granted unto Eliezer Arnold to have a licence to keepe a publick house of Entertainment, it was also granted to him (if he should cause) to appoint another person, as he approved of, also to take a licence for the same employ. The meeting is adjourned unto Monday 19th instant.

Monday, August the 19th 1710: The meeting is againe in being. Orderd, that Major Genches Assistant & Tho. Olney Clerk, shall on the Councils behalfe take bond, & signe a licence to John John Smith being approved of by Eliezer Arnold. This day Eliezer Arnold hath taken a licence to keepe a house of publick Entertainment.

The meeting is adjourned unto Friday the first of September next. Friday the first of September 1710, none of the Countill appeared saving only Major Genches & Tho. Olney sen^r: yet notwithstanding, on that day Anne Fenner took a licence for ordinary keeping, & gave bond; but they were dated August 19th 1710; so also Nchemiah Sheldon & the same date. For then they were granted, & the licences & bonds then written. Eliezer

Eliezer Arnold took his licence on Monday 19th of August 1710. To pay for licences for 1st year, Anne Fenner forty shillings, Nchemiah Sheldon twenty & nine shillings, Justice Arnold twenty shillings; Capt. Fenner fourty shillings; Daniell Abbot fourteene shillings, Ben. Wright Eighteene shillings, Henry Adams five shillings for Strangers drinke. The meeting of it self is fallen.

At a meeting of the Towne Council November the 10th 1710. Alice Browne (widow) this day presented an Inventory of her late husband Daniell Browne his Estate; the Council proceeded thereon and Entered in to the Council booke. The meeting is adjourned unto 11th of December next.

Monday 11th of December 1710: the meeting is againe in being. It is granted unto Joseph Noyes that he may Retail Strong-drinke for 1st year of this year: of such that he shall have a licence for one year, shillings, the which shall be abated out some time for shillings; And that Tho. Olney shall have a bond & a licence; & that Major Genches Assistant, & Tho. Olney Clerk shall on the Councils behalfe signe the licence, & receive the bond. The meeting is adjourned to Monday 1st of January next.

Monday the first of January 1711: the meeting is againe in being. Whereas Gideon Crawford of the Towne of Providence (deceased) did by his last will & testament give & devise unto his son John Crawford certain land, & he the said John Crawford being not in his Minority, nor lame land, & he the said John Crawford being not in his Minority, and though not in a Capacity to order & act concerning said land, as the state of matters might require, thought it convenient as the state of matters might require, thought it convenient to have a Guardian to take the care of his estate, and as a Guardian to act & do for the preservation of what he had in his land, his desire also being, that his Brother William Crawford might be the person for his Guardian; on order to the warden the said John Crawford did not himselfe to his father's executor and executor, the which they allowed & accepted, that William Crawford (his brother) should be his Guardian, & sent some lines in writing under their hands to the Towne Council of Providence, signifying to them of their allowance thereof; whereupon the Council by vote confirmed the same.

What is above written is all Entered into the Council booke. There was also a Council meeting January 19th 1711, & what was there done as to young J^r. Dexters Guardian shipp, & what else is all Entered into the Council booke. There was also three Council meetings on Monday the 6th of January 1711, another of January the 23rd 1711; and then upon January 30th 1711: And then there was a fourth meeting of the Council on February 13th 1711; & that was adjourned to the 20th of February 1711. All those meetings were about Daniell Abbot's will as to the settling of his Estate: but by Reason of the objections as the Council met without from the Abbot, nothing could be effected concerning it, so as to Enter it on record; but only a note of the particulars of matters in the management of the affair, taken & kept in a scruple.

At a Council meeting May the 31st 1711. This day John Bulk Com presented to the Council the deceased Alexander Bulk's will & Inventory of his Estate: the both were by the Council Examined; the will approved; and Inventory was Entered in to the Council booke, & approved of the Inventory by the Council.

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Thomas Whipple desires of the Council to state him a Guardian
to looke over him, & to order & dispose concerning his Estate, and
thorow to act according as the Law requires & Guardian in all
particulars to do. Thomas Whipple is the person proposed for
Guardian. It is by the Council granted that Thomas Whipple
shall be Guardian.

John Bulcom Engages in a bond of sixty pounds to Towne
indemnified as to any charge by or from freegift Bulcom.
It is ordered by the Council that Tho. Olney Clerk, do on the Councils
behalf take a bond of John Bulcom for the true execution
of his father's will; & on the Councils behalf sign & seal
a letter to him a letter of Administration, & the same to take
a bond of him concerning freegift Bulcom.

Ordered that Major Sprague, Mr. Sprague & Tho. Olney do Examine
all the accounts concerning the Estate of the deceased William Tirm,
and find out how it stands on all accounts, both as to debt & Credit,
and in your convenient time to report it to the meeting
all a meeting of the Council, November the 12th 1711.

William Tirm hath this day paid her licence money for the year 1710
beginning August 1st 1710 & ending August 31st 1711.
Her licence money is abated to 14 shillings. The which
licence money 14 shillings, paid. Daniel Abbott licence money, 14
shillings, paid. Ordered by the Council, that Benjamin Wright
expressly unto Tho. Olney Clerk, and so Tho. Olney to take six
pence out of it, which to him is due, and the rest to returne to
the Council.

Ordered by the Council, that Mr. Sprague shall take Mr. Oliver's bond
for his licence money, which is 20 shillings for the year 1710, & ending
the Council having already given him a bill to receive the same.
Ordered by the Council that Tho. Olney, Clerk, do on the Councils
behalf give a bill to James Brown, to receive of Mr. Joseph
Whipple for licence money for the year 1710, beginning August
the 1st 1710, & ending August 31st 1711, and the same to be paid
to him for his own use. The meeting is dissolved.

All a meeting of the Towne Council July 26th 1711 called by the
Council have Examined the Estate of the deceased
William Tirm (as to movables) both as to debt & Credit, and
found the balance of her account (as to her Estate) to amount unto
306-13-01.
Ordered that Tho. Olney, (Clerk) do on the Councils behalf
take bond of William Tirm, son of the deceased, and of Anne Tirm,
and of Anne Tirm, & Derick Tirm, daughters of the deceased
William Tirm; as to the clearing of the Council, as aforesaid
after death. The meeting is dissolved.

All a Council meeting August 2nd 1711
Whereas William Tirm of this Towne of Providence departed
his life July 28th 1709, and leaving no estate, whose by
the setting of his estate for to be care of the Towne Council

Whereupon, soon after the death of said William Tirm, the Council
caused an inventory of his Estate to be taken; and also made a
Proclamation by writing, set up in severall Townes, and other places
for all Creditors to come in and make appearance what was due from the
said Estate to them; And all Creditors who have come in & made debt
to be due to them from said Estate, have out of said Estate been paid.
And there having now been two years past since the death of said
Tirm: And the Heir being of full age, & Entered into the house & Land;
and calling for his part of the movables of said Estate, and the Heir
calling for her part; and the two daughters, Anne Tirm & Derick Tirm
for their parts; the which each one of them have now received; And
William Tirm, son & Heir of the deceased William Tirm having
given in bond to the Council for their security, that for what they
may yet appear to be due from said Estate to any person that he
will refund back out of his own Estate to clear them: saving
only if Mr. signack of Boston, & Mrs. Alice Dexter of Providence
(widow) or either of them should make any debt appear due
from said Estate; then for his two sisters, Anne Tirm & Derick
Tirm to cause each of them out of their own Estates, proportion-
ably according to their Estates to keep pay the said debt or debt
(if any such should appear; They both having given bond to
the Council to do so.) The Council at their meeting
July 26th 1711 having Examined all accounts concerning
said deceased William Tirm his Estate both as to debt & Credit (as
before said) and as near as they could find by their
Examination; The balance of her account (as to her Estate) amount
to 306-13-01. The widow, her part of it being 102-09-09. The
Childrens parts, each of them 68-02-11. The which they have
all received, and bond given to the Council for security.

Whereas James Olney hath this day preferred a bill to the Council desir-
ing of them to grant to him liberty to keepe a publicke house of
Entertainment, & that he should have no more doleth, both for strangers,
Travellers & others. The Council having considered the matter
have granted him liberty to keepe a publicke house of Entertainment
for to Entertaine all people who have occasion for it, to supply them
with victuals, drinke & lodging, & what else may be convenient &
suitable for them; and to retale strong drinke, provided always
that he keepeth at all times good order as the Law doth require; and
to keepe it from this day forward unto the 1st of August, and from thence
forward the time of one whole year. The like also is granted unto
William Tirm to keepe a house of Entertainment, at his house
adwedeth; and they each of them to take a licence, & each of them
to give bond to the Council. And the Council hath also ordered that
the said James Olney & said William Tirm shall allow & pay unto
the Council for their licences the sum of six pounds, & three shillings
for this year; that is each of them 3 & 5. The one halfe of each one
his part to be paid downe at signing of the licences, & the other
halfe in the first week in May 1712. And that all others who
the Towne shall take licences for this year shall pay

Monday which is to be paid for their licences into James Olney and No William T. in pm. and they to have it; And as for those who desire to take licences within our Towneshipp, for them to pay for their licences; And those who do take licences to give bonds to the Council to keepe good orders; & those who take licences & give bonds to pay for Clerk for writing them: And it is ordered that Joseph Gouckes Assistant & Tho: Olney Clerk, do on the Councils so halfe signe the licences & receive the bonds; And as for that part of providence called the Towne, the Council hath considered and do judge that that two publick houses of Entertainment may be sufficient; and as for what else may be licensed to be sold who are in the Towneshipp. The meeting is dissolved.

At a meeting of Towne Council October the 19th 1711

This day the will & inventory of deceased Morris Tucker hath by his widow Grace Tucker been Exhibited to the Council for Examination, the which were both by the Council Examined & allowed.

At a Council meeting which was held April the 16th 1711.

Whose as there hath been this day an inventory by Richard Waterman, the son of deceased Richard Waterman & his wife to the Council of a debt of one Roger Banter (a stranger) deceased; but there hath also been a bond by the said Richard Waterman presented, whose in it signified that all the said Roger Banter's estate was mortgaged to said Richard Waterman, & is Reported was mortgaged before Banter's death were Contracted; whereupon the Council is of opinion that the matter concerns not the Council according as it is Circumstanced, but to be dealt in of order it lieth and of Creditors to repair to the law for Relief.

What is here next above Express concerning Inventories & Bonds Exhibited by Richard Waterman, was at a Council meeting held April 20th 1711. by adjournment from April 16th 1711. At which two meetings there was severall wills & inventories which were brought in of persons who died; some did without wills, & some left wills; These wills & also the inventories, were all by the Council Examined & allowed, & are all Entered upon Record in the Council booke.

(viz) Thomas Harris: John Potter of Massachussetts: Eliza Andrews: Benjamin Carpenter: Thomas Thornton: Henry Duffance: There was also at severall other meetings before severall wills & inventories brought in & Examined & allowed, as James Angell: Stephen Hankins: James Whipple: & others, which are all Entered in the Council booke.

At a meeting of Council March 25th 1712:

This day the last will & testament of deceased William Whipple was by his son William Whipple his executor, together with the inventory of his estate presented to the Council, the which were both by the Council Examined & allowed; & are Entered in the Council booke.

At a Council meeting held by adjournment April 22nd 1712.

The last will & the inventory of deceased Nathaniel Waterman's estate was by his son Richard Waterman presented to the Council, & were both Examined & allowed, & are Entered in the Council booke.

At a Council meeting April 22nd 1712: held by adjournment from March 25th 1712.

This day Richard Waterman presented the Council with the inventories of his deceased father Nathaniel Waterman his estate, & also with his father's will: the which were both by the Council Examined & allowed; And are Entered (with the proceeds thereon in the Council booke.)

At a Council meeting May 2nd 1712.

This day William Needall presented to the Council an inventory of his deceased father William Needall his estate (his father dying intestate); the which inventory was by the Council Examined and allowed; and it is by the Councils proceedings Entered in the Council booke.

At a Council meeting June the 17th 1712:

This day the Council was by severall persons presented with severall wills and inventories of severall persons that died, some did intestate, some testate; the which were all (both wills & inventories) by the Council Examined, approved & allowed; and are all (with the Councils proceeds thereon) Entered in the Council booke; The deceased persons whose the said wills & the inventories of theirs did belong unto; are as followeth: (viz) George Potter of Massachusetts: Thomas Copper: Freelove Crawford; Daniel Williams: The meeting is dissolved.

At a meeting of Towne Council August the 14th 1712.

Ordered that the meeting be adjourned unto Tuesday the 26th instand that all those who have licences, to improve them orderly as the Council is againe in being.

Tuesday August 26th 1712: the Council meeting is againe in being. This day Mrs. Inman presented the last will & testament of her deceased husband John Inman & also the inventory of his estate to the Council for Examination. They were both Examined & approved: the said Mrs. Inman & the witnesses made oath.

William T. in pm. was debted out of what he was to pay to the Council of his last payment for his licence for 7 years 711. 25 shillings, when of heres he had paid 10 shillings he hath this day paid to the Council, so that now all that he is to pay for his licence for that year is wholly paid & cleared.

The meeting is adjourned unto Friday the 29th inst.

Friday August the 29th 1712 the meeting is againe in being. Ordered that James Olney, William T. in pm, William Harris, Major Smith and Daniel Abbott shall have licences to keepe publick houses of Entertainment for this year, each of whom paying for the same 25 shillings; And as for what other persons (besides those aforementioned) within our Towneshipp shall take licences to keepe publick houses as aforesaid, their licence money shall be paid to the aforesaid five persons; the which shall be by the Council to be proportioned on each of them by the Council; the which other persons besides the aforesaid five, shall keepe those publick houses in three Rowes within our Towneshipp of Providence (viz) Plainfield Road, the North Road & Massachusetts Road; And also to be one in Pawtucket Road. The meeting is adjourned to the last Monday in September next.

September 29th 1712 the last Monday in the month the meeting is againe in being. Ordered that Joseph Gouckes Officer at the Olney Clerk shall signe the licences which are granted for keeping of the houses of Entertainment for this year in this Towne of Providence.

James Olney, William T. in pm & William Harris hath this day paid one halfe of their licence money for this year 1712. Beginning August 29th 1712. & the other halfe they are to pay at the expiration of the year; all that of them have given bonds.

68 At a meeting of the Towne Council December 9th 1712.
This day John Malvery presented to the Council the last will &
Inventory of the Estate of his deceased father John Malvery who dyed
the first day of November 1712: for to be by them Examined.

This day Hannah Woolley widow of the deceased Benjamin Woolley presented
to the Council the Inventory of her deceased husband's Estate for
the Council to proceed there with according as the Law doth require;
her said husband dying intestate; the which said Inventory was by the
Council Examined; the said Inventory made oath to the Inventory that
that it contained a true & whole list of her husband's Estate so far as she knew
any knowledge of, the appraisers also being sworn; The Council then
acted her positively refused to take it; James Bick then upon her refusal
tenderd himselfe to take the Administration of her said Estate; the which the
Council to him granted provided he would give sufficient bond for
the performance of Legall Administration thereon, the which he
Edwardo, Richard Whittiers of Providence promised then unto the
Council that he would be bound along with P Bick for P Bick his true
performance of Administration; whereupon the Council committed the
said Estate unto the custody of the said James Bick (who so dwelling was on
the Bay side of Quaker Street) the said Estate to succeed until
that he had given in bond & had received a letter of Adminis-
tration & disposing thereof in order as the Law requires.

Ordered by the Council that Tho. Olney, Clerk, shall receive the bond
from P Bick on the Councils behalfe, and on the Councils that the
behalfe signe seale & deliver to P Bick a letter of Administration.

This day Elizabeth Hawkins widow of the deceased William Hawkins
presented to the Council an Inventory of her deceased husband's
said Estate for the Council to proceed there with in order as the
Law doth require; the which said Inventory was by the Council
Examined & Allowed; Administration on her said Estate was by the Council
tenderd unto the said widow the which she accepted promising to give
in bond for the Legall performance thereon, whereupon Administration was
granted unto her granted.

Ordered by the Council that Tho. Olney, Clerk, do on the Councils behalfe
take bond of the said widow & signe seale & deliver to her a
letter of Administration.

The proceeds as to the will & Inventory of John Malvery is suspended
until the Council do againe meet.

The meeting is adjourned unto Friday 12th instant
Friday December the 12 1712 the meeting is againe in being.

This day the last will & Testament of John Malvery was by the Council
Examined & proved; the Inventory of his Estate also being Examined & Allowed;

At a meeting of the Council May the 4th 1713.
The meeting is adjourned unto Monday 18th instant

Monday May the 18th 1713: the Council meeting is againe in being.

This day Sarah Arnold widow of the deceased Elizer Arnold presented
to the Council an Inventory of the Estate of her said
deceased husband; the Council proceeded there with in order as the
Law doth direct; her said husband dying intestate; the which said
Inventory was by the Council Examined; & by them Allowed; the said Inventory
having made oath thereunto; so also hath Edward Smith & Thomas
Arnold jun^r: the Appoynted Administrators on the said Estate
is granted unto the said widow Sarah Arnold.

ordered that Tho. Olney, Clerk shall on the Councils behalfe take bond
of Sarah Arnold widow of the deceased Elizer Arnold as to the Adminis-
tration on her said deceased husband's Estate; and also on the Councils
their behalfe to signe seale & deliver to her a letter of Administration.
The meeting is adjourned unto Monday 25th instant.

Monday the 25th of May 1713: the meeting is againe in being.
This day James Bick appeared before the Council and was by them fully
impowered to Administer on the Estate of the deceased Benjamin Woolley.
hee having given in bond for the true & Legall performance thereof.
The meeting is dissolved.

At a meeting of the Towne Council September 7th 1713.
This day in the presence of the Council Deborah Wilkinson widow of
the deceased John Wilkinson delivered unto Hannah Wilkinson
daughter of the deceased Josiah Wilkinson, & her Heires, the sum of
Pounds
of the Estate of the deceased Josiah Wilkinson; the said John Wilkinson
being by the Council made overseer of the said Estate.

The meeting is adjourned unto Tuesday 15th instant.

Tuesday 15th of September 1713, the meeting is againe in being.
wherein the consideration of finishing of matters concerning the Estate of
the deceased Josiah Wilkinson hath this day been with the Council but
for as much as Major Will^m Hopkins hath by the Towne Council formerly
been employed in Examining into & making up of the accounts as to the
said Estate, & the said Major Hopkins not now being at this Meeting, the
Council doe determine that the matter be suspended until the next meeting of the
Council that Major Hopkins may be present.

Whereas the widow of the deceased Joseph Aldrich by reason of infirmity
of mind is unable to manage her self but is fallen unto the care of
overseers of the poor & they having some time since committed her to the
care & custody of John King dwelling at Massachusetts who now demands
some money toward paying for her maintenance; the overseers Samuel
Aldrich, hath taken Administration on the Estate of her said deceased
Brother, the Council have hereby ordered that the said Samuel Aldrich
do deliver unto the overseers of the poor of this Towne the sum of fower
pounds out of the Estate of her said deceased Joseph Aldrich for them to
pay unto the said John King.

whereas it hath been proposed this day as concerning the licensing of the Tavern
keepers anew, the time of their old licences being expired, the matter is referred
until the Council meet againe. The meeting is adjourned unto Wednesday 23rd instant.

Wednesday the 23rd of September 1713 meeting of the Council is againe in being 1713.
The matter concerning granting licences to Tavern keepers is suspended until
the next meeting of the Council; so is also the matter concerning Josiah Wilkinson's
Estate; The meeting is adjourned unto Friday 2nd of October next.

Friday 2nd of October 1713 the Council meeting is againe in being.
James Olney & William Tignor have both agreed with the Council
to take licences to ~~keep~~ keep publick houses of Entertainment
in this Towne of Providence where the new will for this present
year & ye year to begin on the 14th day of August next
and each one of them to pay for his licence, 45 shillings

Major, William Smith hath agreed with the Councell to take a licence to keepe a house of Entertainment in this Towne of Providence (where the norrdinalls) for this present year, & the year to begin on the 14th day of August last past & to end on the 14th of August next, & for his licence to pay the sum of 30 shillings.

This day an inventory of the Estate of deceased Solomon Thornton was presented to the Councell taken by Resolved waterman & Nicholas Sheldon, but it being imperfect, the Councell advised them to take a new inventory of said Estate; The meeting is adjourned unto Friday the 9th of October 1713 the meeting is againe in being.

This day Resolved waterman & Nicholas Sheldon presented the Towne Councell with an inventory of the Estate of the deceased Solomon Thornton, the said inventory was by the Councell examined & allowed, but the further proceeds concerning the said Estate is referred unto the next meeting of the Councell; this day James Olney, William Terpin & William Smith have taken licence for to keepe bubblelike houses of Entertainment in this Towne of Providence, beginning on the 14th day of August Anno: 1714. The meeting is adjourned unto the 16th of October 1713.

Monday the 16th of October 1713 the meeting of the Councell is againe in being. Administration on the Estate of the deceased Solomon Thornton is by the Towne Councell granted unto Thomas Harris & Merie Burden, to Administer & dispose in order according as the lawes in such cases requires; And also the Wardship of the Child of said Solomon Thornton is by the Councell committed unto them the said Thomas Harris & Merie Burden, & to be Guardian to the Heire, & his inheritance to order and dispose concerning it according as the lawes in such cases doth direct. It is by the Councell ordered that the said Olney, Harris & Merie Burden doe take bond of the said Thomas Harris & Merie Burden for their true & legall Administration on the said Estate & Wardship, & on the Councells behalfs to signe & sende them a letter of Administration.

This day Dan^l Abbot hath taken a licence to keepe a Publike house of Entertainment for one year beginning on the 14th day of August 1713. This day Josiah Owen hath had the grant of a licence to keepe a Publike house of Entertainment for this year beginning on the 14th day of August 1713 & so one year thence forward, he for the same to pay 20 shillings: so also sam^l Church hath the grant of a licence for one year as aforesaid paying 10^s.

The meeting is adjourned unto Monday the 9th of November next. Monday the 9th of November 1713 the meeting is againe in being. It is granted unto John Gayle, that he may keepe a house of Publike Entertainment where he norrdines in Providence Towne ship for this year, beginning on the 14th day of August 1713 & to end on the 14th day of August in the year 1714. He to give bond & have

licence for to keepe to keepe such a house, & paying licence money. It is granted unto William Harris, that he may keepe a house of Publike Entertainment in Providence at the house where he norrdines, he giving in bond & taking of a licence, & paying licence money. The meeting is adjourned.

A meeting of the Towne Councell December the 2nd 1713. It is granted unto Okhamell Horton of Massachusetts in Providence norrdines in Providence a house of Entertainment where he begins upon the 14th day of August 1713 & to end on the 14th day of August in the year 1714; And for his licence to pay twelve shillings and to give bond for to keepe good order.

Whereas there was this day a writing brought & presented to the Councell by Edward Smith of this Towne of Providence, desiring of them to examine & give the sum as the last will & Testament of one George Walker a stranger which died in Providence, November the twenty & sixth day Anno: 1713: The which said writing the Councell have examined and so far as they can find, unto them it doth appeare to be the last will and Testament of the said man: As also together with the said will the said Edward Smith presented to the Councell a written paper being (as hee said) an inventory of what Estate the said man had in this Towne of Providence, the which was in the said Edward Smith his Custody; the which said inventory was by the Councell also examined; The witnesses, were all sworn who witnessed to the said will; and the said Edward Smith who presented the said will to the Councell also together with the said witnesses made oath that the said George Walker did signe & seal the said will, & declare the said will to be his last will & Testament: sam^l Walker & Thomas Arnold who looked & made the said inventory also gave attestation to the same, so also did the said Edward Smith. The said Edward Smith together with Joseph of Louisiana, made oath Execution to the said will; The said will bears date the twenty fourth day of November in the year of our Lord 1713. The inventory was taken December the Eleventh 1713.

It is ordered that the Olney Clerk of the Councell shall on the Councells behalfs take bond of Edward Smith Executor with Joseph Mary of Louisiana, to the last will & Testament of the above said George Walker, for the true & legall Execution & Administration on the said will as is mentioned in the said inventory, and on the Councells behalfs to signe & sende him a letter of Administration for that part of said Estate. The meeting is adjourned.

A meeting of the Towne Councell January 23 1713. This day Margery Burden, Widow of the deceased Joseph Burden presented to the Councell the paper to examine; The said Inventory having been opened in the Councell in the hearing of the said Widow Margery Burden & shee upon her Oath did declare before the presence of the Councell that what was contained in the said Inventory was all & it holds the Moveable Estate of her said deceased husband Joseph Burden that shee knoweth of, & that only more any more to come to her knowledge it is more than hee brought forth & added to the said Inventory; William Olney & Jonathan Whipple Junior who made the said inventory did also upon oath declare that to the best of their remembrance they had made a true appraisall of said Estate as to what was brought to the said Inventory; The said Inventory was by the Councell allowed.

