







# WATERTOWN RECORDS

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THE SIXTH BOOK

OF

TOWN PROCEEDINGS

1769 TO 1792

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*Wm. P. Mc. Guire.*

*Town Clerk.*

MIDDLESEX, ss:

February 15, 1928.

Personally appeared the above-named William P. McGuire, Clerk of the Town of Watertown, and made oath to the truth of the statement before me.

*D. Fay McLaughlin*

*Justice of Peace.*



# WATERTOWN RECORDS

Sixth Book, Began March 6th, 1769

[1]

At a General Town Meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Asembled & meet at the Publick Meeting Houfe in Said Town on Monday the Sixth Day of March Anno: Domini 1769 for the Choice of town officers and other affairs as Setforth in the warrants for S<sup>d</sup>: meeting

Voted & Chofe m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Fisk moderator

Voted & Chofe for Selectmen {  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown  
m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone  
m<sup>r</sup> John Kemball  
m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White  
m<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Bemis

Voted & Chofe for Town Clerk & Treafurer Cap<sup>t</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown

Voted & Chofe for Afsesors — {  
Dea<sup>n</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown  
m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone

Voted & Chofe for Conftables {  
& Collectors { m<sup>r</sup> Nathan Coollidge  
m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Whitney ju<sup>r</sup>

Voted and Granted £3 to each of them for their Service

Voted and Chofe for Wardens mifs<sup>rs</sup> John Stratton & Bez<sup>l</sup>.  
Learned

Voted & Chofe for Sealar of Leather Isaac Sanderfon

Voted & Chofe for Fence-Viewers mifs<sup>r</sup> Jonas Barnard & John  
Stearns

Voted & Chofe for Surveyors of High-ways mifs<sup>rs</sup>: Isaac Sanderfon  
& Sam<sup>l</sup>: Sanger

Voted & Chofe for Tything men mifs<sup>rs</sup> Seth Norcrofs & Jonas  
Barnard

Voted & Chofe for Hogrieves Simon Coollidge ju<sup>r</sup> & Jonas  
Coollidge —

Voted & Chofe for Surveyors of {  
Timber plank &c { m<sup>r</sup> Jonas Coollidge  
L<sup>t</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup>: Coollidge  
m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger



Voted & Chofe for Howards mifs<sup>rs</sup> Ezekiel Whitney & William Chenery  
 Voted & Chofe Clerks of y<sup>e</sup> markets miss<sup>rs</sup> Cornelius Waldo & Elifha Learned  
 Voted & Chofe Collars of Hoops Staves &c miss<sup>rs</sup>: Sam<sup>ll</sup> Sanger & Sam<sup>ll</sup> Cook  
 Voted & Chofe for Saxton m<sup>r</sup> Simon Haftings  
 Voted that the Saxton Shall have two Contrabutions as usual —  
 Voted that Swine Shall be Shut up the Prefent year —  
 Voted & Chofe for a Com<sup>tee</sup>: to { m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>ll</sup> Harrington  
 Exmin y<sup>e</sup> Treafurers acc<sup>ths</sup>. { Dea<sup>n</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> Fisk  
 { John Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Voted to appropriate the Interest money as it was last year v \*  
 Five Shillings & four pence to ye School & the Remainder to the minifter  
 Voted & Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 66"13"4 as a Sallâry for y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> \*  
 Storer y<sup>e</sup> Enfueing year the Interest money to be part y<sup>e</sup> m  
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Voted & Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £33"6"8 to Support y<sup>e</sup> Gramer School  
 Voted & Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 24: - - to Support other Schools—  
 Voted to Choofe a Committe to manage the Schools

Voted and Chofe for Said Committe { Dea<sup>n</sup>. Samuel Fisk  
 { Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniel Whitney  
 { m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone  
 { m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> White  
 { m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis

Voted & Granted £20 pounds to Support the poor —

<sup>s</sup>  
 Voted & Granted £3"10-0 to Repair the Great Bridge  
 Then the accounts of thofe perfons to whome the town is In-  
 debted were Severally Read to the town which ammounted to  
 the Sum of £12:7:9 and they were accepted ———  
 And Granted money to pay the Same ———  
 Then a motion was made to adjourn the meeting & the Re-  
 maining bufinefs till monday Next at one of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon  
 at the Same place and it was Voted to adjourn y<sup>e</sup> Same According  
 - - and the moderator Declared the meeting adjourned ———

At a General Town Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other In-  
 habitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town affairs

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Regularly Asembled at the publick meeting Houfe in Said Town on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Day of march Anno: Domini 1769

P<sup>r</sup> Adjournment—the meeting being opened at the Desire of m<sup>r</sup> Seth Norcrofs the Town Voted to Excuse him from Serving Tythingman y<sup>e</sup> present year

Voted & Chofe m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Hay Tythingman —

Voted to Excuse m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Learned from Serving Warden the present year—Voted & Chofe m<sup>r</sup> Edmund Fowle Warden

Voted that the late Surveyors of y<sup>e</sup> High-ways have liberty till the twentieth day of June next to work out their lists of Rates and make up their accounts —

Voted that y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen give s<sup>d</sup>: Surveyors Directions Where to work out Said lists of Rates or Arearges

Voted & Granted the Sum of £20 pounds to Repair y<sup>e</sup> High-ways & town-ways and that the Aisefsors make a list [of] each perfons proportion and that y<sup>e</sup> price of labour to be as \* last year

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of Said 20 pounds and Such perfons as Refufe or Neglect to work out their part are to pay y<sup>e</sup> Same in money with y<sup>e</sup> other town Rate The 15<sup>th</sup> article was Read and after Some Despute it was Put to Vote whether it be the minde of the town to Choofe and Impower a Committe to Settle the Dispute with the Town of Waltham Relating to the Support of the wid<sup>o</sup> Mary Maddox and it Past in the affeirmative —

Voted & Chofe for Said Committe { Dea<sup>n</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk  
Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown  
m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup>: Harrington

Voted that Said Committe have full power in behalf of Watertown to Settle the Dispute with the town of Waltham Relating to the Support of wid<sup>o</sup> Mary Maddox —

Then Voted not to Act any thing on the Sixteenth article

Then the Committe that were Appointed to Repair y<sup>e</sup> meeting Houfe made Report that they had not Completed the Repairs of s<sup>d</sup>: Houfe and that the Charge of What they had already done was more than the money that was appropriated to that use —

Then the town Voted and Appropriated y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 4 Pounds being part of y<sup>e</sup> money that m<sup>r</sup> Patterfons pew was Sold for towards Compleating s<sup>d</sup>: Repairs —

Voted that the Committee Compleat s<sup>d</sup>: Repairs —

Voted that y<sup>e</sup> Committe that were appointed to Repair the

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ministerial fence be Continued and that they Repair said fence if needfull and make Report at nex may Meeting \_\_\_\_\_  
 Then they Voted & abated James Hays Rates in Conftable David Sanger lists & Granted 0 : 15 : 6 :— to make it good also Voted & abated John Whites Rates in Conftable Isaac Sanderfons lists and Grated £ 0 : 15 : 6 : 2 to make it good

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At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Prentice on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of March AD 1769 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Four of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen. Viz mifu<sup>s</sup> Mofes Stone John Kemball Jonas White & Jonathan Bemis took y<sup>e</sup> oath Required by Law Relating to other Governments Bills &c. after which the perfons after-named after taking S<sup>d</sup> oath were Sworn to y<sup>e</sup> Faithfull Difcharge of the Several offices to which they were Chofen Viz—  
 Dea<sup>n</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk & m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone afesfors \_\_\_\_\_  
 mifu<sup>s</sup> Nathan Coollidge & Daniel Whitney ju<sup>r</sup> Conftables \_\_\_\_\_  
 m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Sanderfon Sealer of Leather \_\_\_\_\_  
 mifr<sup>s</sup> Jonas Barnard & John Stearns Fence-Viewers \_\_\_\_\_  
 mifr<sup>s</sup> Isaac Sanderfon & Samuel Sange Surveyors of High-ways  
 mifs<sup>r</sup> Jonas Barnard & Joseph Hay Tything men \_\_\_\_\_  
 mifr<sup>s</sup> Simon Coollidge ju<sup>r</sup> & Jonas Coollidge Hogrieves \_\_\_\_\_  
 mifu<sup>s</sup> Jonas Coollidge Nath<sup>l</sup>: Coollidge & David Sanger Surveyors of Timber &c  
 mifu<sup>s</sup> Ezekiel Whitney & William Chenery Howards \_\_\_\_\_  
 mifu<sup>r</sup>: Cornelius Waldo & Elifha Learned Clerks of y<sup>e</sup> markets  
 mifu<sup>s</sup> Samuel Sanger & Samuel Cook Cullars of Hoops Staves &c  
 All Sworn p<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>n</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk \_\_\_\_\_  
 At this meeting the Selectmen Agreed with m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Learned to take Care of and Board the wid<sup>o</sup> Mary Maddox one Year at the Rate of 22/<sup>s</sup> p<sup>r</sup> week and with m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Bond to take Care of and Board Mary Coollidge one year at y<sup>e</sup> Rate of 15/<sup>s</sup> p<sup>r</sup> week both are old Tenor and they are to have no further allowance Except in Case of Sicknefs

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Prentice on monday the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of march AD 1769 \_\_\_\_\_  
 They Agreed with m<sup>r</sup> Bez<sup>l</sup> Learned to take Care of y<sup>e</sup> Great Bridge for the present \_\_\_\_\_  
 and they Signed an order on the Trefurer to pay y<sup>e</sup> Several Perfons the Sums Set against their names (Viz)

To m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Bond \_\_\_\_\_ 7 : 12 : 0 : 3

To m <sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone	—————	0 : 13 : 0	—
To m <sup>r</sup> Stephen Harris	—————	0 : 3 : 8	—
To m <sup>r</sup> Nathan Coollidge	—————	8 : 13 : 4	—

And to each of y<sup>e</sup> persons that kept womens Schools y<sup>e</sup> Sum \*  
: 8 for their Service last Summer —————

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At this meeting y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen gave the Surveyors of y<sup>e</sup> Highways their Deftricts as follows (Viz) To m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Sanger y<sup>e</sup> Westerly Part. From the meeting Houfe over this hill where the old Meeting Houfe Stood to m<sup>r</sup> Kemball's Corner—and the lane from School-Houfe by L<sup>t</sup>: Whitneys to Waltham line near m<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Harringtons Houfe. and all the South Roads to Newton line—And m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Sanderfon to have the Easterly Part. (Viz) The Road under y<sup>e</sup> Rocks & from m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Harringtons to Samuel Warrins & from thence to m<sup>r</sup> John Kemballs Corner and the Roads east of that Road that leads over y<sup>e</sup> Hill to the meeting Houfe untill you come to Cambridge line ————— it was also Agreed that m<sup>r</sup> John Kemball be Desired to See that y<sup>e</sup> following late Surveyors of High-ways work out the Remainder of their lists under the Rocks (Viz) Thomas Learned, Joseph Coollidge, Richard Clark, Daniel Sawin, Edward Richardson, Jonas Bond, Sam<sup>ll</sup> Mafon,

And that m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White take care that the following Persons work out the Remainder of their lists one third part between the meeting Houfe on the Country Road to Cambridge line and one third part between y<sup>e</sup> Meeting houfe and m<sup>r</sup> John Kemballs Corner & the other third part between the Meeting-Houfe and Waltham line near m<sup>r</sup> Woodburns on the Country Road (Viz) Edward Harrington ju<sup>r</sup>, Jonathan Bemis, Phinehas Stearns, Jonas Barnard, Stephen Harris, Samuel Hager ———

Watertown April y<sup>e</sup>: 8<sup>th</sup>: 1769 m<sup>r</sup> John Stratton was Sworn to the office of Warden for the present year ———

P<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town Clerk

## [6]

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Prentice on y<sup>e</sup> 24 Day April AD 1769 —————  
They Signed an order on y<sup>e</sup> town Treaferur to pay m<sup>r</sup> John

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Stratton the Sum of £ 10" 4" 0 it being in full for his keeping a writeing School nine Weeks in Watertown also y<sup>e</sup> Sum of ten Shillings & eight pence to m<sup>r</sup> William Bond it being in full for y<sup>e</sup> use of a Room to keep a School in

The Selectmen being Informed that y<sup>e</sup> wife of Ephraim Wheeler and one Child was Come to Watertown to the Houfe of Jonas Coollidge and he made Complaint that they were Burdenfom to him it was Agreed that Jonathan Brown Should Apply to Samuel Livermore Esq<sup>r</sup>: for a Warrant to Remove them to Boston where they properly Belonge—at this meeting they being informed that m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Learned had not Removed y<sup>e</sup> wid<sup>o</sup> Mary Maddox to his Houfe it was agreed that all things Considered it would be best for her to Remain at m<sup>r</sup> Nathan Coollidges if he will keep her at the Same price he did the last year —

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of Jonathan Brown on Tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> Day of may Anno: Domini 1769

They haveing Received a Precept from y<sup>e</sup> Sheriff of y<sup>e</sup> County of midd<sup>x</sup> Requiring them to asemble y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants of Watertown to Choofe a Suitable person or persons to Represent them in a Great & General Court or asembly appointed to be Convened held and kept for his Majesty's Service at the Court Houfe in Boston on the thirty first day of this present month of may at 9 of the Clock in y<sup>e</sup> morning — In observance whereof they agreed to have a publick Town-meeting at y<sup>e</sup> publick Meeting houfe on the 22<sup>n</sup> Day of may Instant at two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in the afternoon for y<sup>e</sup> Choice of a Representative and ordered the Clerk to Jfsue out Warrants to y<sup>e</sup> Several Conftables to warn y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote in y<sup>e</sup> Choice of a Representative to meet at time & place before mentioned

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They also agreed to have an other meeting the Same Day and at the Same place at three of the Clock in the afternoon & Directed the Clerk to order the Constables to warn all the Inhabitants who are Qualified to Vote in town affairs to meet at Said time and place for the Ends following (Viz) First to Choofe a moderator for S<sup>d</sup>: meeting (2) To hear y<sup>e</sup> Report of the Committe that were appointed to Examin the Town Treasurers accounts & for y<sup>e</sup> Town to act thereon as they think fitt (3) To hear y<sup>e</sup> Report of the Committe that were appointed to Settle y<sup>e</sup> affairs with the Town of Waltham Relating to the Support of y<sup>e</sup> wid<sup>o</sup> Mary Maddox and to grant money if y<sup>e</sup> town think fitt to carry on s<sup>d</sup>

affair in the Law if need be and further Impower the Committe to make a final Settlement of that and all other matters Depending between Watertown & Waltham and to Act anything thereon as the town many think best (4) To hear the Report of the Committe that were Appointed to Repair the meeting Houfe & Grant money to Compleat s<sup>d</sup>: Repairs and act any thing thereon as the town think proper (5) To Hear the Report of the Committe that were appointed to Repair the fence on the Ministerial place and for the town to Act any thing they may think Nefsecary Relating to Said affair (6) To Chooſe any town officers that may be wanting (7) To give their Representative Some Inſtructions if the town think proper (8) To here the Petition of Ezekiel Whitney & others praying for Liberty to make Some alterations in Some of y<sup>e</sup> Seats in the Gallery as Setforth in Said petition and for the town to act their pleaſure thereon —————

Warrants were Issued out accordingly

Dated the next day

attest Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town Clerc

1769 may y<sup>e</sup>: 19<sup>th</sup> Jonathan Brown was Sworn in to the office of Town-Clerk. Town-Treaſurer & aſeſor — — — —

By John Hunt Justice Pe[ace]

[8]

At a General Town Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Aſsembled at the Publick Meeting Houfe in Said Town on Monday the 22<sup>n</sup> Day of may Ann: Domini 1769 for the Choice of a Representative the Major part of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen being preſent the Votes were Called for bro<sup>t</sup>: in Sorted and Counted and it appeared y<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> John Remington was Chosen to Serve for y<sup>e</sup> Year Ensueing

At a Gen<sup>l</sup> Town-Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Aſsembled at the publick Meeting Houfe in S<sup>d</sup>: Town on Monday the 22<sup>th</sup> Day or may Anno: Domini 1769 for Transacting Sundry affairs as Setforth in the Warrants for s<sup>d</sup>: meeting Voted and Chose Dea<sup>n</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk moderator for S<sup>d</sup>: meeting Voted and accepted the Report of y<sup>e</sup> Committe on the Town Treaſurers accounts—which Report is as follows (Viz)

Comtee Report

We the Subscribers being appointed by y<sup>e</sup> town to Examin  
the Town Treafurers Accounts have attended that Service,  
and finde His acc<sup>ts</sup> well Vouch't and Right Cast

Watertown May y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup>: 1769

John Hunt	} Comtee
Nath <sup>l</sup> Harrington	
Sam <sup>l</sup> Fisk	

Then the Report of y<sup>e</sup> Comtee that were appointed to Settle y<sup>e</sup>  
affair Relating to y<sup>e</sup> Support of y<sup>e</sup> wid<sup>o</sup> Mary Maddox with the  
town of Waltham was Read and after longe Debate thereon the  
Vote was put whether the town will further Impower their  
Committe to endeavor to Settle y<sup>e</sup> Said affair with the the Said  
Town of Waltham by leaveing it to arbitraters or in any other  
way as they may think best. and if they canot Come to a Settle-  
ment. Then for the town Treafurer to Sue for that and all other  
Demands—and it past in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative

Then Voted and granted the Sum of £ 13 : 6 : 8 to Carry on y<sup>e</sup>  
affair

Then Voted and Granted y<sup>e</sup> sum of £ 10 pounds to Repair the  
fence \* Ministerial place

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Then the Committe made Report Relating to y<sup>e</sup> Repairs of the  
Meeting Houfe and the town Voted and Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of  
£ 6 : 13 : 4 to finifh Said Repairs—if any money Remains in y<sup>e</sup>  
Treatury that to be part and the Remainder to be afeist ———

Then Voted and Chose m<sup>r</sup> Simon Whitney Warden in Case m<sup>r</sup>  
Fowle Refuses to Serve but if m<sup>r</sup> Fowle accepts m<sup>r</sup> Whitney is  
to be Excused for y<sup>e</sup> present year —————

Then the Petition of Ezekiel Whitney and others was Read &  
after Debate thereon the Vote was put whether it be the minde  
of the town to Grant the prayer of the Petition

and it past in the Negative —————

1769 May y<sup>e</sup> 22 m<sup>r</sup> Edmund Fowle was Sworn to the office of  
Warden by John Hunt Jus<sup>t</sup>: peace

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at y<sup>e</sup> Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Edward  
Richardson on monday the tenth Day of July AD 1769  
They Stated y<sup>e</sup> afsize of Bread at the Rate of Wheat at Four  
Shillings & Eleven pence P<sup>r</sup>. Bufhel —————

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at this meeting m<sup>r</sup> Edward Richardson Settled his High-way List At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone on Monday y<sup>e</sup>: Seventh day of August AD. 1769 \_\_\_\_\_ They being Informed that Ruth Maddox was at m<sup>r</sup> Tufts's in Charlstown and is in Such Circumstances that he is Determined to bring her emediatly to Watertown Therefore y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Agree with m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone one of the Selectmen to keep her a little while and See if She gits better So as to take care of her Self again and m<sup>r</sup> Stone is to have what it is worth for his Trouble

## [10]

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham on the Thirtieth Day of August Anno: Domini 1769 \_\_\_\_\_ at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Gleason Inn-holder in Waltham They adjusted the Charge of Repairing the Great Bridge in Watertown which had arisen Since the last adjustment which was on the third

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day of October last past it being for 700 feet of White oake planck Bo<sup>t</sup>: of Cap<sup>t</sup> Mirick at 24/ P<sup>r</sup> foot which ammounted to the Sum of Eight pounds eight Shillings £ 8" 8" 0

Watertowns part of Said Sum being	— —	2" 17" 3" 1
Weston Ditto being	_____	2" 17" 5" 3
Walthams Ditto being	_____	2" 13" 3" 0

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£8" 8" 0" 0

See the Said Adjustmen Enter'd at Large in Second Book in the Treafury \_\_\_\_\_ Page (68) \_\_\_\_\_

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Edward Richardson on the 23 Day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: Anno: Domini 1769 —

They Signed an order on the Town Treafurer to pay y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 4" 12" 4" 1 farthing to m<sup>r</sup>: Nathaniel Harrington which with what was ordered before makes the whole of his wages to the Sixth day of march last for keeping y<sup>e</sup> Grammer School

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Prentice on y<sup>e</sup>: 13<sup>th</sup> Day of Nov<sup>r</sup>: AD 1769 \_\_\_\_\_

M<sup>r</sup>: Moses Stone Informed y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen that he could not keep Ruth Maddox any longer, and they agreed with m<sup>r</sup> Jonas Barnard to take her for one month and if She Earns more than her Board he is to allow it. and if not So much then the Selectmen are to allow him what is Right \_\_\_\_\_



## [11]

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>. Edward Richardson on the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of November Anno: Domini 1769 They being Informed that the wid<sup>o</sup> Mary Maddox was Dead they Agreed that her Funeral Should be the next Day and that m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone Should provide Eleven pair of Gloves for men & three pair for women and that the Bell Should Tolled and m<sup>r</sup> Storer be Desired to attend, and m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone agreed to provide Said things at the Charge of the Town

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Saltmarsh on the Eleventh Day of Dec<sup>r</sup>: Anno: Domini 1769 They Signed an order on y<sup>e</sup> town Trefurer to pay y<sup>e</sup> Sum of Twenty pounds to thofe perfons that worked at the High-ways Each perfon to have what appeared he had worked out in the Lists of Samuel Sanger & Isaac Sanderfon

at this meeting m<sup>r</sup> Jonas Barnard being prefent he Informed y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen that he did not chufe to keep Ruth Maddox any Longer and that he Expected to have five Shillings and four pence and her labour for her keeping four weeks ——— and m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Bond being prefent agreed to take her four weeks more at the Rate of one Shilling P<sup>r</sup> week the time to begin y<sup>e</sup> thirteenth day of this prefent month —————

at this meeting D<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Convers Sent in his account for his attendance & medicines on the widow Mary Maddox in her last Sicknefs ammounting to y<sup>e</sup> sum of £ 1 : 4 : 8 L : M : which was accepted :

at this meeting y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Agreed to meet at the Houfe of of m<sup>r</sup> Edward Richardson Inn-holder in Watertown on Fryday the 22<sup>th</sup> Day of this Infant December at four of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in y<sup>e</sup> the afternoon to sell the wearing Apparril &c: of y<sup>e</sup> widow Mary Maddox lately Deceaft. at Publick Vendue and Directed the Clerk to Notify y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Waltham of the time & place of Sale and Desire that they would afsift in y<sup>e</sup> affair \* to put up Notifications at Watertown & Waltham to notify the publick thereof which was accordingly don

P<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Fryday y<sup>e</sup>: 22<sup>th</sup> Day of

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December AD 1769 at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Edward Richardfon In order to Sell the things that belonged to the late wid<sup>o</sup> Mary Maddox it being late before People appeared and the things not being in proper order for Sale they tho<sup>t</sup>: it best to Adjourn the Sale to monday the first Day of January next at three of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in y<sup>e</sup> afternoon at the Same place and desired m<sup>r</sup>: Mofes Stone to See that the things were put in Proper order for Sale before s<sup>d</sup>: time

At this meeting the Selectmen being acquainted that Samuel Warrin had Informed one of them that his Daughter Mary was Come to his House & was Pregnant and that he was unable to take care of her it was Agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bemis or m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White Should See that a Warrant was got from a Justice of peace and the person y<sup>t</sup> the Child is lay'd to Should be taken and Delt with as the Law Directs is Such Cases \_\_\_\_\_

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at y<sup>e</sup> House of m<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup>: Prentice on Tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> Day of December AD 1769 \_\_\_\_\_

Billings Putman of Medford the Person that Mary Warrin has Declared her Self to be with Child by being taken and Bound over to Court — The Selectmen Agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White go to Samuel Warrins and see what may be thought Nefsecary to do for his Daugh<sup>h</sup>ter for the Present and Report at their Next meeting — also it was agreed that Jonathan Brown Advise with Deacon Samuel Fisk what is best to do Relating to Rachel Goddards making Sale of her land as it is feared that She will Soon Spend what She has and become Chargable to the Town

### [13]

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at y<sup>e</sup> House of m<sup>r</sup>: Edward Richardfon on Monday y<sup>e</sup> first Day of January AD: 1770 \_\_\_\_\_

It being the time which y<sup>e</sup> Meeting for y<sup>e</sup> Sale of What things the wid<sup>o</sup> Mary Maddox Left was Adjourn'd to a Number of People appearing the s<sup>d</sup>: things were put up at Publick Vendue and Sold to the Highest Bidders ammounting to y<sup>e</sup> Sum of

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at y<sup>e</sup> House of m<sup>r</sup>: Benjamin Prentice on Monday y<sup>e</sup>: 8<sup>th</sup>: Day of Jan:<sup>y</sup> Anno: Domini 1770 —

They Signed an order on y<sup>e</sup> Town Treas<sup>r</sup>- to pay y<sup>e</sup> Town Creditors the Sum of £ 12<sup>''</sup>7<sup>''</sup>9 which was Granted to them the Last march Meeting—

at this meeting m<sup>r</sup>: Mofes Stone Notified y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen in Writting that he has Received into his Family one Ruth Mason

who Came last from Cambridge Some time in y<sup>e</sup> month of February last past which was accepted and is on file \_\_\_\_\_ at this meeting y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen being Informed that Mary Coollidge was in want of a Peticoat two Aprons a Waitcoat and an Hankercheif it was Agreed that s<sup>d</sup>: things Should be Procured for her as Soon as may be with Conveniency \_\_\_\_\_ also at this meeting it was Agreed that the Clerk Should Issue out a Warrant Directed to one of y<sup>e</sup> Constables to warn one Hannah Flagg out of town who Refides at the house of m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Clark — which was accordingly Don \_\_\_\_\_  
 attest Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone on Wednesday y<sup>e</sup>: 17<sup>th</sup> Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup>: AD 1770 \_\_\_\_\_ It was Agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone and m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bemis Wait upon John Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: to know whether he has money in his hands that he Received as fines that is for y<sup>e</sup> use of y<sup>e</sup> poor of y<sup>e</sup> town ~  
 at this meeting y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Signed an order on the Town Trefurer to pay himSelf y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 0 : 17 : 4 which he has Expended on the Poor

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At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White on Monday y<sup>e</sup> fifth Day of February AD 1770 \_\_\_\_\_ They Signed an order of the town Trefurer to pay the Sum of £ 0 : 16 : 7 : 2 farthings to m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White it being For Some Clothing he procured for Mary Coollidge \_\_\_\_\_  
 At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on Thursday the fifteenth day of February Anno: Domini 1770 at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Coollidge it being the day which the South Pier of the Great Bridge in Watertown was Carried off by the ice it being Nefsecary that it Should be Repaired emediatly a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of the Three towns Concerned was tho<sup>t</sup>: proper to Agreed upon Some Method to Repair Said Bridge, and was Appointed to be the Next Day at y<sup>e</sup> Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Benjamin Prentice at one of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in y<sup>e</sup> Afternoon and y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Weston and Waltham were Sent to to Defire their Attendance

At a full Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Watertown Weston and Waltham on Fryday the Sixteenth day of Feb.<sup>ry</sup> Anno: Domini 1770 at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Benj<sup>n</sup>: Prentice Inn-holder in Water-

town—after viewing the Bridge it was Agreed that the Pier which was Carried off the day before by the ice Should be Rebuilt as Soon as may be and it was Agreed that a Com<sup>te</sup> of three persons be Chosen one for each town to go to Boston and Purchase Some peices of White pine timber and git s<sup>d</sup>: Work don as Soon as may be with prudence \_\_\_\_\_

The persons Chosen for s<sup>d</sup>: Com<sup>tt</sup>. were { Cap<sup>t</sup>: Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown for Watertown  
Cap<sup>t</sup>: Braddyll Smith for Weston  
Cap<sup>t</sup>: Jonas Dix for Waltham

and it was Agreed that y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of each town advance Six pounds for each town to be layed out in Meterials and Labour if need be in s<sup>d</sup>: Repairs \_\_\_\_\_

and it was agreed that if either of y<sup>e</sup> Said Committe cannot \* s<sup>d</sup>: affair he Shall have power to appoint another \* in his place

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At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Benjamin Prentice on Thursday y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>n</sup> Day of February AD 1770 \_\_\_\_\_ They agreed to have a Publick Town Meeting on Monday the Fifth Day of march Next at twelve of the Clock at noon at the publick Meeting Meeting Houfe and ordered y<sup>e</sup> Clerk to Jssue out Warrants Directed to y<sup>e</sup> Several Constables to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs to Afsemble and Meet together at Said time & time before mentioned to Act on y<sup>e</sup> following articles (Viz) First to Chooſe a moderator for Said Meeting (2) To Chooſe Selectmen a Town-Clerk Treafurer & all other town officers Required by law to be Chose in the month of march annually— (3) To Chooſe a Saxton and agree how he Shall be paid for his Service (4) To put in their Votes for a County Treafurer (5) To know the minde of y<sup>e</sup> town whether Swine Shall Run at large the Prefent year (6) To Chooſe a Com<sup>tt</sup> to Examin the Town Treafurers accounts (7) To appropriate y<sup>e</sup> Interest money Coming to y<sup>e</sup> Town y<sup>e</sup> prefent year y<sup>e</sup> year begining y<sup>e</sup> Eleventh day of December last past (8) To Grant a Sallary for y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup>: Seth Storer for y<sup>e</sup> Eufueing year y<sup>e</sup> year begining the First day of march Next (9) To Grant money to Support the Schools that may be agreed upon and Act any thing thereon they may think proper (10) To grant money to Support the poor (11) To

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Grant money to Repair the Great Bridge (12) To hear y<sup>e</sup> accounts of those persons y<sup>e</sup> town is Indebted to and grant money to pay y<sup>e</sup> Same (13) To grant money to Repair y<sup>e</sup> High-ways & Town-ways and Act any thing Relating thereto as y<sup>e</sup> town may think best (14) To hear the pleas of any Late Constables for abating any perticular persons Rates in their lists and Grant money to make them good and act any thing Else thereon as they may think proper (15) For y<sup>e</sup> town to agree upon Some meafures to Discourage y<sup>e</sup> Importation of Goods from Great-Britain and act any thing thereon they may think best (16) To hear the Report of the Committe that were appointed to Repair y<sup>e</sup> Meeting Houfe and Act any thing thereon they may think proper (17) To hear the Report of the Committe that were appointed to Repair the fence on the minifterial place and act any thing thereon they may think best (18) To know the minde of y<sup>e</sup> town whether they will Repair the School Houfe and act any thing Relating thereto they think proper

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You are Likewise to notify the town Creditors to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen at y<sup>e</sup> Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Benj<sup>n</sup>: Prentice on Fryday the Second Day of march Next at three of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in the afternoon—

also to Notify the Late Surveyors of High-ways to make up their accounts with y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Same time and place —————

Warrants were Jssued out Accordingly

Attest Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

The Proceedings of y<sup>e</sup> School Com<sup>tee</sup>. who were Chofen by the Town of Watertown March 6<sup>th</sup>: AD 1769 ∩

At a Meeting of s<sup>d</sup>: Com<sup>tee</sup> at the Meeting Houfe march y<sup>e</sup> 6- 1769 they Agreed to Employ m<sup>r</sup>: Nathaniel Harrington in keeping The Gramer School after y<sup>e</sup> Rate of 250 pounds old Ten<sup>t</sup> P<sup>r</sup> year to Oppen the School y<sup>e</sup> Next Day & keep till further orders ∩

At a meeting of s<sup>d</sup>: Com<sup>tee</sup>: May 21-1769 They agreed to have five Womens Schools Opened the fifth Day of June Next and to keep Eight Weeks each at two pounds old Ten<sup>t</sup>: p<sup>r</sup> week y<sup>e</sup> misftrises to find Rooms to keep in or allow for them out of their Wages —

Accordingly they Contracted with m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Mafons wife to keep a School in — m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Whites Houfe mis Kezia Stone to

keep in the East School Houfe — mis Hannah Bright to keep in m<sup>r</sup> Stearns's Houfe. mis Mary Prentice to keep in her Fathers Houfe and mis Kate Saltmarsh to keep in m<sup>r</sup> Bemis's Houfe — At a meeting of s<sup>d</sup>: Com<sup>tee</sup>. July 24<sup>th</sup> They Agreed that the womans Schools Should be Continued three weeks longer making in the whole Eleven Weeks each \_\_\_\_\_

At a meeting of s<sup>d</sup>: Com<sup>tee</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>: 23<sup>d</sup>: 1769 They Agreed to Employ m<sup>r</sup> John Stratton in keeping the Writing School in y<sup>e</sup> Extreem Parts of y<sup>e</sup> town at two Dollars p<sup>r</sup> Week—the School to be opened in the West part of the town on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month at y<sup>e</sup> Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Bond \_\_\_\_\_

At a meeting of s<sup>d</sup>: Com<sup>tee</sup>. Nov<sup>r</sup>: y<sup>e</sup>. 23. 1769 They Agreed that the School Should be kept ten weeks in y<sup>e</sup> west part of the town - And Eleven Weeks in the East part of the town \_\_\_\_\_ m<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Bond to have two Dollars for the Priviledge of a Room to keep the School in.

Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Fisk P<sup>r</sup> Order \_\_\_\_\_

### [17]

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on Fryday y<sup>e</sup>. 2. Day of march AD 1770 at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Prentice In order to Settle with y<sup>e</sup> Late Surveyors of High-ways m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bemis & m<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: Hager Settled their accounts — alfo m<sup>es</sup><sup>rs</sup>: Samuel Mafon, Edward Harrington ju<sup>r</sup> Jonas Barned, Richard Clark & Phnehas Stearns and they not having Finished their lists it was Agreed that they Should work out the Remainder or pay it in money or or before the first Day of May Next \_\_\_\_\_

at this meeting Sundry Perfons which the town is Indebted to Brought in their accounts Which are as follows (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel Bond for Boarding mary Coollidge 52 weeks	
at 2/ p <sup>r</sup> week	5 : 4 : 0
and For making and mending her Clōthing _____	0 : 6 : 5
and For Boarding Ruth Maddox five weeks at 1/ p <sup>r</sup> week	0 : 5 : 0

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5 : 15 : 5

Mr. Nathan Coollidge Bro <sup>t</sup> : in his account for Boarding y <sup>e</sup> wid <sup>o</sup> Mary Maddox and Nurfing &c in her last Sicknefs ammounting to	11 : 5 : 3
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Mr Jonas Barnard bro <sup>t</sup> : in an Account for Boarding Ruth Maddox four Weeks at 1/4 p <sup>r</sup> week which comes to	0 : 5 : 4
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m <sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone bro <sup>t</sup> : in an Account for Providing for the wid <sup>o</sup> Mary Maddox's Funeral being _____	1 : 1 : 8
and for Cash paid for mending the School Houfe Glafs	0 : 12 : 8
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	1 : 14 : 4

The following Accounts were bro<sup>t</sup>: to be laid before the town  
(Viz)

To Simon Haftings for Labour & meterials &c	1" 4" 4
To Bezaleel Learned for Labour at y <sup>e</sup> Great Bridge	1" 0" 4
To Dea <sup>n</sup> . Sam <sup>l</sup> Fisk for Serving afsefsor y <sup>e</sup> year past	0" 16" 0
To m <sup>r</sup> Mofes for like Service	0" 16" 0
To Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown for Serving Treafurer & afsefsor	3" 9" 4
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	7" 6" 0

At S<sup>d</sup>: Meeting m<sup>r</sup> David Coollidge Sent in a Notification In-  
forming that he had taken a perfon in to his Family \_\_\_\_\_  
also M<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark Sent in a Notification Informing he had  
Received one into his family as appears P<sup>r</sup> their \*  
on file

## [18]

At a Gen<sup>l</sup>: Town-Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other Inhabitants  
of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs  
Regularly Afsembled & meet at the publick Meeting Houfe in S<sup>d</sup>:  
town on Monday the fifth day of March AD 1770 for the Choice  
of town officers as Setforth in y<sup>e</sup> Warrants and to act on the  
other artices therein Contained—

Voted & Chofe m<sup>r</sup>: Nathaniel Stone Moderator

Voted & Chofe for Selectmen	{	Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown
		m <sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone
		m <sup>r</sup> Jonas White
		m <sup>r</sup> Jon <sup>a</sup> : Bemis
		m <sup>r</sup> Nehemiah Mafon

Voted and Chofe Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk & Town Treafurer

Voted & Chofe Afsefsors	{	Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown
		m <sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone
		Dea <sup>n</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> : Fisk

Voted & Chofe for Constables mifs<sup>rs</sup> Edward Richardfon & Jed<sup>h</sup>:  
Leath

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Voted that there Shall be Collectors of Tax's Chosen \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Choſe y<sup>e</sup> Constables y<sup>e</sup> Collectors of Tax's \_\_\_\_\_

Voted to allow y<sup>e</sup> Collectors £ 3 pounds each for their Service ~

Voted that y<sup>e</sup> Collectors give Bond to the town to oblige them Selves to pay in the Tax's at Such time as y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen shall appoint

Voted & Chose Wardens miſs<sup>us</sup>. Samuel Sanger & John Stearns —

Voted & Choſe Sealer of Leather m<sup>r</sup> Jsaac Sanderſon \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Choſe miſs<sup>rs</sup> Elijah Bond & Richard Clark Fence-Viewers

Voted & Choſe Surveyor of High-Ways Chris<sup>r</sup>-Grant ju<sup>r</sup> & Eires Tainter

Voted & Choſe Tythingmen Ebenezer Stetſon & John Tainter junior

Voted & Choſe Hogrieves David Whitney & John Vila —

Voted & Choſe Surveyors of Timber &c { L<sup>t</sup>. Nath<sup>ll</sup>. Coollidge  
m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger  
m<sup>r</sup> Jonas Coollidge

Voted & Choſe Howards John Chenery & Moſes Hager

Voted & Choſe Nath<sup>ll</sup> Coollidge & Stephen Harris Clerks of y<sup>e</sup> Market

Voted & Choſe Cullars of Hoops Staves &c Sam<sup>ll</sup> Cook & Nath<sup>ll</sup> Coollidge

Voted & Choſe Simon Haſtings Saxton and that he be paid by two Contrebutions as Uſual —

Voted that Swine be kept Shut up the Enfueing year

Voted & Choſe for a Com<sup>tee</sup> to Eamin { Dea<sup>n</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> Fisk  
y<sup>e</sup> Treaſ<sup>r</sup> acc<sup>ts</sup> { m<sup>r</sup> Moſes Stone  
m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>ll</sup>. Harrington

Voted to Appropriate y<sup>e</sup> Interest money as it was last year (Viz) five Shillings \* pence to y<sup>e</sup> School & the Remainder to the Miniſter \_\_\_\_\_

### [19]

Voted & Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 66 : 13 : 4 as a Sallary for y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Seth Storer for y<sup>e</sup> year Eufueing the Intereſt money to be part the Remainder to be aſeſt \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 33 : 6 : 8 to Support y<sup>e</sup> Grammer School

Voted to Grant money to Support other Schools \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 24 pounds to Support s<sup>d</sup>. Schools

Voted to Choſe a Committe to manage and Inſpect y<sup>e</sup> Schools

Then the (15) articles was Reed and it was put to vote Whether

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the town will do any thing to Discourage y<sup>e</sup> Importation of Goods from Great-Britain and it Past in y<sup>e</sup> Affirmative —  
Then Voted to Choofe a Committe to Consider what is proper for the town to act in y<sup>e</sup> affair and Report at y<sup>e</sup> Adjournment of this meeting

Voted & Chofe for S<sup>d</sup>: Committe — { Dea<sup>n</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk  
Cap<sup>t</sup>: Daniel Whitney  
Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown  
m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone  
m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone  
m<sup>r</sup> John Remington  
m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Clark

Then they Voted and Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 20 to Support y<sup>e</sup> poor  
Then voted and adjourned this meeting with y<sup>e</sup> Remaining Buifnefs to thursday Next at two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon at this place —

The Com<sup>tee</sup>. y<sup>t</sup> were Chofen to manage y<sup>e</sup> Schools are { Cap<sup>t</sup>: Daniel Whitney  
m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> White  
m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone  
m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Sanger  
m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Clark

Watertown March y<sup>e</sup>. 8. 1770 Jonathan Brown was Sworn to the offices of Town-Clerk Town-Treafurer & Afsefsor  
By John Hunt Justice Peace —

At a Gen<sup>l</sup> Town Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other Inhabitant of Watertown Regularly Afsembled at the Publick meeting-Houfe on Thursday the Eighth day of march Ann: Domini 1770 P<sup>r</sup> Adjournment—the meeting being Opened—

They Voted and Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 14 to Repair y<sup>e</sup> Great Bridge—

Then the accounts of thofe Perfons the Town is Indebted to were Read ammounting to the Sum of 7 : 6 : 0 then Voted and Granted money to pay the Same

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Then Voted and Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 40 pounds to Repair the High-ways and town-ways —

Voted that the afsefsors make out lists of each perfons Proportion of s<sup>d</sup>: £ 40 pounds and if any person or perfons Neglect or Refufe to work out their s<sup>d</sup>: Proportion that they Shall pay it with their town Rate in money—Voted that y<sup>e</sup> price of Labour be the Same it was last year

Then the Committe appointed to make a Draught of Some Proper Votes and Refovles to Discourage y<sup>e</sup> Importation of Goods from Great Britaine Presented a Draught which was unanimoſly Voted and accepted and is on file \_\_\_\_\_

Voted that the town Clerk Transmit an attested Copy of the Same to y<sup>e</sup> Committee of merchants in Boston

Then y<sup>e</sup> Committe that were appointed to Repair y<sup>e</sup> meeting-Houſe Layed their accounts before y<sup>e</sup> town which were Voted & accepted and Voted that they Compleat S<sup>d</sup>: Repairs \_\_\_\_\_

Then y<sup>e</sup> Committe y<sup>t</sup>: were Appointed to Repair y<sup>e</sup> fence on the Miniſterial place Reported what they had don on that affair and their accounts being Read they were Voted and accepted and they were Directed to Compleat the Same \_\_\_\_\_

Then the (18) article was Read Relating to the Repairing the School-Houſe and it was Voted to Repair the Same and that the Selectmen take Care to git Said work don

Then the meeting was Diſſolved \_\_\_\_\_

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houſe of m<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Prentice the Same Evening after y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen had Taken the money Oath the following perſons after taking S<sup>d</sup>. oath were Sworn to the faithfull Diſcharge of the Several offices to which they were Chosen (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_

mifs<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk & Mofes Stone aſſeſſors \_\_\_\_\_

m<sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Leath Conſtable miſr<sup>s</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Sanger & John Stearns Wardens

m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Sanderſon Sealer of Leather m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark Fence Viewer

m<sup>r</sup> Christopher Grant ju<sup>r</sup> & m<sup>r</sup> Eires Tainter Surveyors of Highways

m<sup>r</sup>s David Whitney & John Vila Hogrieves \_\_\_\_\_

L<sup>t</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>. Coollidge m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger & Jonas Coollidge Surveyors of Timber &c

miſr<sup>s</sup> John Chenery & Mofes Hager Howards

mifs<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup>: Coollidge and Stephen Harris Clerks of y<sup>e</sup> Market

mifs<sup>r</sup> Samuel Cook & Nath<sup>l</sup> Coollidge Cullars of Hoops Staves &c

Sworn by Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town Clerk

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At this meeting y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Agreed with m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Bond to take Care of and Board Mary Coollidge one year at the Rate of

three s/ and four pence P<sup>r</sup> week and to have further Allowance in Case of \*

Also at this meeting Agreed to approbate & Recomend m<sup>r</sup> Ezekiel Hall to be a Retailor in the Room of m<sup>r</sup> Cornelius Waldo —

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Benjamin

Prenti[ce] on the 14 Day of march Anno: Domini 1770 —

They Agreed with m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Warrin to take Care of His Daugh[ter] for one Dollar p<sup>r</sup> Week till further Orders and m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White is to Supply him to that Value in Such things as is Nefsecary for his Family as it becomes due Weekly —

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Benjamin

Prentice on Monday the 19 Day of march Anno: Domini 1770—

They Signed orders on y<sup>e</sup> Town Trefurer for y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 66: 13: 4 to be paid to the Rev<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup>. Seth Storer for his last years Sallary & to pay m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Harrington y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 20 pounds in part for his keeping y<sup>e</sup> Gramer School the last year and y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 2: 18 \* to each of Mifstresses that kept the womans School y<sup>e</sup> last \* also the Sum of 5: 15: 5 to m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Bond it being in full for his Boarding Mary Coollidge & other things which he did for her and for his Boarding Ruth Maddox—

at this meeting it was Agreed that Jonathan Brown take Care that Billings Putman's Bonds be Continued to may Cour[t]

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>n</sup>. Day of April AD: 1770 at the Houfe of Jonathan Brown — They Signed orders on the Town Trefurer the Sum of £ 9 : 5 : 8 to y<sup>e</sup> Committee that were appointed to Repair the fence on y<sup>e</sup> Ministerial place in y<sup>e</sup> following

(Viz) To Cap<sup>t</sup>: Daniel Whitney £ 4 : 2 : 0 To Cap<sup>t</sup>: Edward Harrington £ 3 : 2 : 8 and to m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White . . . 2 : 0 : 0

and the Sum of £ 1 : 4 : 8 To D<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Convers for taking Care of y<sup>e</sup> wid<sup>o</sup> Mary Maddox in her last Sicknefs and y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 11 : 5 : 3 to m<sup>r</sup> Nathan Coo[ \* ] for his Boarding & nurfing &c: and the Sum of £ 9 : 3 : 4 to Nathaniel Harrington which makes the whole of his \* keeping the Grammer School —

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At Said Meeting they Signed an other order to pay m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White the Sum of £ 2 : 8 : 4 in full of his Accounts & y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 4 : 8 : 1: 2 to m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone in full of his Acc<sup>ts</sup>

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[Th]ey Gave the Surveyors of High-ways there Deftricks as they were the Last year See y<sup>e</sup> (5) Page of this Book  
 m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White was Defired to Inquire into y<sup>e</sup> Circumstances of Samul Warrins Daughter and Report at y<sup>e</sup> next meeting and it was Agreed that each of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Should See if either of them Can find a place for Ruth Maddox as m<sup>r</sup> White Informed that he could not keep her any longer and if So to make it known at the Next meeting —————

They Agreed to meet again on the Next monday at four of the Clock afternoon at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Prentice to Transact other affairs

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Saltmarfh on monday y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Day of April AD. 1770 ———

They Signed on order on y<sup>e</sup> town Treafurer to pay the Sum of £ 1 : 14 : 4 to m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone in full of his accounts ———

They Signed Indentures to bind Tabitha Learned Daughter to the late m<sup>r</sup> Jonas Learned to m<sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Leath She being a Poor Child — they alfo agreed to give m<sup>r</sup> Leath the Sum of £ 2 : 8 : 0 to Cloth her with to be paid out of the next aifeifment ———

It was agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White Should git y<sup>e</sup> towns Scales & weights from m<sup>r</sup>: Fowls and Diliver them to y<sup>e</sup> present Clarks of y<sup>e</sup> Markets — alfo it was agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone Should take Ruth Maddox when She is bro<sup>t</sup>: to him and keep her four weeks and be paid by the town half a Pistereen p<sup>r</sup> Week for keeping her — alfo agreed that Samuel Warrin be allow'd 2/<sup>s</sup> p<sup>r</sup> week for keeping his Daughter Mary & Child till y<sup>e</sup> first monday in may next

And at this meeting it was Agreed to meet y<sup>e</sup> first Monday in Each month for the present year ———

### [23]

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on y<sup>e</sup> Seventh Day of may the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned Anno: Domini 1770

They haveing Received a Precept fro my<sup>e</sup> Sheriff of y<sup>e</sup> County [of] Middlefex Requiring the Town to be asembled to make C[hoice] of a perfon to Reprefent the town in a Great & General Co[urt] to be Convened held and kept for his Majesty's Service at Ha[rvard] Coledge in Cambridge on Wednesday  
 the 30<sup>th</sup> day of may 17[70]

They Ordered he Clerk to Jssue out a Warrant Directed to the Constable to Warn y<sup>e</sup> free holders & other Inhabitants who are

Qualified to Vote in y<sup>e</sup> Choice of a Representative to meet at the Publick meeting in S<sup>d</sup>: Town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> day of this Instant may for y<sup>e</sup> purpose aboveSaid \_\_\_\_\_ also to Warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to vote in town affairs to asemble on the Day afore Said to meet at the publick-meeting on y<sup>e</sup> Same Day at 3<sup>th</sup> of the Clock afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz) First to Choose a moderator for S<sup>d</sup>: meeting (2<sup>ly</sup>) To Choose a Committee to Examin y<sup>e</sup> Treafurers accounts & to act thereon as they think fitt. 3<sup>ly</sup> For the town to act any thing Relating to the Support of Mary Warrin and her Child and do any thing Relating thereto they may think best. 4<sup>ly</sup>: For y<sup>e</sup> town to come into Some Method to Improve a Small peice of Land now Lying within y<sup>e</sup> town of Cambridge that belongs to the town of Watertown and act any thing Relating there[to] they may think proper. 5<sup>th</sup> To know y<sup>e</sup> minde of y<sup>e</sup> town whether they will joine with y<sup>e</sup> other towns Concerned in y<sup>e</sup> Support of the Great Bridge in Petitioning y<sup>e</sup> General Court for Some Releif in Suppor[t of] Said Bridge and do anything Relating thereto they may think pr[oper]. 6<sup>ly</sup> For the town to Choofe any town officers in y<sup>e</sup> Roome of any that w[ere] Chofe in the month of march Last who Refuse or Neglect to take the oaths Required by law to be taken. 7<sup>ly</sup>: to hear the pleas of any of the Constables for abating any persons Rates in their lists and act any thing thereon they may think best. 8<sup>ly</sup>: For y<sup>e</sup> town to Agree upon Some Method for the more Speedy Collecting y<sup>e</sup> Interas money due to the town, and for to manefest their minds Relating to a Number of the Bonds which it is thought ought to [be] Renewed, and for y<sup>e</sup> town to give their Treafurer Su[ch direc]tions Relating thereto they may think proper.

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[9]<sup>ly</sup> To hear the Report of any Committe or Committees that have been Chosen for any Services and act thereon as they think proper.

To Grant any Sums of money to finish the fence on y<sup>e</sup> ministerial place, and to Repair the School-Houfe and for other Services as the town may think proper. \_\_\_\_\_

Warrant was Jssued out Accordingly

Attest Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At Said Meeting the Selectmen Signed an order on the Treafurer to pay y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 12 : 12 : 0 to m<sup>r</sup> John Stratton it being in

full for what was due to him for keeping y<sup>e</sup> writing School.—also to pay the Sum of £ 2. 17 : 3 : 1 To Cap<sup>t</sup>: Mireck & m<sup>r</sup> Jonas Harrington of Weston for Planck which they bro<sup>t</sup>: to the Great bridge

At a Gen<sup>l</sup>: Town-Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to Vote in y<sup>e</sup> Choice of a Representative Regularly Asembled at the publick Meeting House in S<sup>d</sup>: Town on Monday the 14th Day of may AD 1770—The Meeting being Opened and the Votes being Called for bro<sup>t</sup>. in Sorted and Counted it Appeared that m<sup>r</sup> John Remington Was Chosen by a large Majority \_\_\_\_\_

At a Gen<sup>l</sup> Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to Vote in town Affairs Regularly asembled at the Publick Meeting House in s<sup>d</sup>: town on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>: Day of may A D 1770 for Transacting Sundry affairs as Setforth in the Warrant for s<sup>d</sup>: meeting &c Voted & Chose John Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator of S<sup>d</sup>: meeting — Voted & Accepted the Report of the Committe appointed to  
See y<sup>e</sup> (26) Page

Examin the Treafurers Accounts \_\_\_\_\_  
Voted the the affair Relating to Mary Warrin and Child be left to the \* tion of the Selectmen \_\_\_\_\_  
\* nd Impowered the Selectmen in behalf of y<sup>e</sup> Town to  
\* ut or otherwise Improve that peice of land at

## [25]

Thatchers Bank now in Cambridge that belongs to Water[town] in Such a Manner as they think will be most for the Ad[van]tage of the town ~

Voted that the Representative joine with the other towns in Supporting the Great-Bridge in Petitioning the Great & [General] Court for Some Relief in the Support of s<sup>d</sup>: Bridge

Voted and Chose m<sup>r</sup> Jsaac Sanderson to Serve Constable in the Roo[m of] m<sup>r</sup>: Edw<sup>d</sup>: Richardson \_\_\_\_\_

Voted and Chose m<sup>r</sup>: James Hay Tythingman in y<sup>e</sup> Room of m<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Stetson who was Excused from Serving this year —

Voted that the town Treafurer be Directed to Collect all the money due to the town before Eleventh day of December and git Such of the Bonds Renewed as is Needful by first day of August

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next or otherwise Diliver them to Attorney to be put in Suit—  
Voted and Granted £ 4 pounds to finifh the fence on y<sup>e</sup>  
Mini[terial] Place ———

Voted & Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 1 : 1 : 0 to Satisfie the Accounts  
for Warning out perfons taken in by the wid<sup>o</sup>: Sufanna murch  
James Vila Deceast. Benjamin Felton, Josiah Stowel, & Eb[ \* ]  
Goddard, Deceast —

Voted and Granted 0 : 10 : 0 to pay Jonathan Brown for writings  
don for the town ———

At this meeting Jsaac Sanderfon was Sworn to y<sup>e</sup> office of Con-  
stable and John Tainter ju<sup>r</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> office of Tythingman ———  
Pr John Hunt Jus: peace

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Bez[aleel]  
Learned on the 16.<sup>th</sup> day of may AD 1770 ———  
They Signed an order on the town Treafurer to pay m<sup>r</sup> Joh[n]  
Stratton £ 12 : 12 : 0 for keeping the writing School last [year]  
and to pay the Sum of 2 : 17 : 3 : 1 to Capt. Mirick [and] Jonas  
Harrington for Plank they bro<sup>t</sup>: to the Bridge

### [26]

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Edward  
Richardfon on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>: Day of June. 1770—

[In] order to Sell or lease the Landing place at Thatchers [Ba]nk  
(So Called) lying within the Bounds of Cambridge the Selectmen  
of Cambridge having Sent a Letter Desiring [a] Conference  
with y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Watertown on y<sup>e</sup> affair Before they  
Proceeded to do any thing Relating to y<sup>e</sup> Said Leafeing or Selling  
S<sup>d</sup>: Landing place, which was greed to and they ordered the Clerk  
to notifie the Selectmen of Cambridge that they would meet them  
at m<sup>r</sup>: Edward Richardfons in Watertown Next Fryday at five of  
the Clock P: M: to Confear on y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>: affair ———

Which was don Accordingly Attest Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town Cler

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At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at y<sup>e</sup> Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Edwardfon on  
Fryday June y<sup>e</sup>. 15<sup>th</sup>: 1770—The Selectmen of Cambridge  
being present made Some Claim ot the Landing at Thatchers Bank

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in Cambridge and use'd Sundry Arguments [to] make out their Claim which the Selectmen did not think proper to accede to— therefore it was agreed that the Selectmen of each town meet again on Monday y<sup>e</sup> Second day of July Next at Said Landing place to See if they can agree upon any Method to put an end to any Dispute about Said Landing place \_\_\_\_\_

At this meeting y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen being informed that m<sup>r</sup> William Goding is in Very Needy Circumstances it was agreed that m<sup>r</sup>: Nehemiah Maſon Should go to his Houſe and See what he is in preſent want of and Releve for y<sup>e</sup> preſent —

And it was Agreed at this meeting that the Town Clerk write an order to the Selectmen of Weston to pay Cap<sup>tt</sup>: Mirick and m<sup>r</sup> Jonas Harrington ju<sup>r</sup> for what Planck they Bro<sup>t</sup>: to the Great Bridge in Watertown \_\_\_\_\_

Watertown may 10. 1770<sup>th</sup>

The Com<sup>tee</sup> Appointed to Examin the Town Treafurers Acc<sup>ts</sup> march y<sup>e</sup> 4- 1770 — Report as followeth (Viz) Upon Examination of y<sup>e</sup> town Treafurers acc<sup>ts</sup> find them well Vouch't and Right Cast

Sam <sup>ll</sup> Fisk	}	Com <sup>tee</sup>
Mofes Stone		
Nath <sup>ll</sup> Harrington		

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At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Day of June AD 1770 at the Houſe of L<sup>t</sup>: Nathaniel Coollidge. it was Agreed that the Committe that were Chofen on the Siteenth day of Feb<sup>ry</sup> last to Repair the great Bridge Should Proceed to Finish Said Repairs as Soon as Conveniently may be and to do it Such way and Manner as they think best of the Towns Concerned \_\_\_\_\_

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Watertown & Cambridge on the Second day of July AD 1770 at the Landing Place near m<sup>r</sup> Thatchers after Viewing the Same they agreed to meet again on Monday Next and Lay open the way to the River and Divide y<sup>e</sup> landing between the towns to prevent any further Dispute about y<sup>e</sup> Same

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on the Ninth day of July the Selectmen of Cambridge being present after Viewing the landing place above Mentioned it was tho<sup>t</sup>: best to make Some alterations with m<sup>r</sup> Seth Hastings in the way to s<sup>d</sup>: Landing place and Collonel Thomas Oliver being Present. at the Desire of the Se-



lectmen of each town he undertook to Stake out the way according to Some Purpofals that had been made for the Confirmation of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen if they tho<sup>t</sup>: proper. it was also agreed that the S<sup>d</sup>: way Should be opened by y<sup>e</sup> first day of November next —

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Bez<sup>l</sup> Learned on Thursday the sixth Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: 1770—They Approved of the following perfons Renewing their Licences (Viz)

mifs<sup>res</sup>. Edward Richardfon, Bezaleel Learned, Nathaniel Cooll[idge,] and Thomas Wellington to be Inn-holders, and mifu<sup>s</sup> Io \* White, Ezekiel Hall, Josiah Capen, and John H \* to be Retailors ———

### [28]

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone on Thursday y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>r</sup>. AD 1770 ———

They Signed an order on the town Treaferer to pay the Sum of Six pounds to mifs<sup>rs</sup> Daniel Whitney & Nathan Coollidge Each to have three pounds it being what was Granted them for Collecting the Tax's the year past —————

and Whereas Ruth Maddox is turned upon the Selectmen to take care of & at present they cannot finde any perfon that Inclines to take her. They have Agreed to meet at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Edward Richardfon on the first monday of October next at five of the Clock afternoon to put her out for y<sup>e</sup> present to the perfon that will take her on the most easie Terms for the Town. ———

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Watertown Weston and Waltham of y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup>. Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1770 at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Gleafon Inn-holder in Waltham They Adjusted & Proportioned the Charge of Repairing & maintaining the Great Bridge in Watertown the year past ammounting to the Sum of £ 47 : 6 : 1 : 3 and Signed the Same which is Entered at Large in y<sup>e</sup> Second Book in y<sup>e</sup> Treaury Page (69) —

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Edward Richardfon on Monday y<sup>e</sup> first Day of Oct<sup>r</sup> AD: 1770 —

In order to put out Ruth Maddox, but as there was not any perfon that Appeared that was Willing to take her y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Ebenezer Stone ju<sup>r</sup> to keep her a few days Longer till they can finde Some other Place for her & he is to have Such Allowance therefor as it may be worth —————

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at this meeting the Selectmen agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White or m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bemis take Care to git the High-way under the Rocks repaired as Soon as may be & that m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone & Jonathan Brown git the High-way from Jenifons Hill (So Called) to m<sup>r</sup> David Coollidges Repaired as Soon as may be and Such perfons as will work, it Shall be allow'd \*  
of their Next years High-way Rate ———

## [29]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown & Cambridge on the 19<sup>th</sup>: Day of November 1770 ~

In order to Settle the Dispute with Regard to the Landing and way thereto on Charls-River on the South Side of Samuels Hill (So Called) The Selectmen of Watertown voted unanimously First that the Road or way Leading down to the Landing place on Charls River by the Side of Samuels Hill Is the Kings High-way ~

Secondly that any Gates Barrs or Fence acrofs said way is not to be Considered as continued by the Consent of us the Selectmen of Watertown (Viz) Because it is the Kings High-way ———

Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown  
Moses Stone  
Jonas White  
Jonathan Bemis  
Nehemiah Mason

At a Meeting of y Selectmen of Cambridge on y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> day of Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1770 —

In consideration of the above Vote of the Selectmen of Watertown and for Divers other Considerations Unanimously Voted —

1 That the Road or way leading down to the Landing Place on Charls-River by y<sup>e</sup> Side of Samuels Hill Js is Kings High-way ~

2<sup>ly</sup> That any Gate Barrs or Fence acrofs Said way is not to be Considered as continued by the Consent of us the Selectmen of Cambridge (Viz) Because it is the King's High-Way ~

W<sup>m</sup>: Brattle  
Eben<sup>r</sup>: Stedman  
Edw<sup>d</sup>, Marrett  
Joseph Wellington  
Joseph Adams ju<sup>r</sup>  
Tho<sup>s</sup>: Gardiner

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## [30]

At the Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Cambridge & Watertown Mentioned on the other Side the following Agreement was Entered into to be Laid before each town for Confirmation (Viz)

Cambridge November the 19<sup>th</sup> Day 1770

Be it remembered that on the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1770 —

The Selectmen of Cambridge and the Selectmen of Watertown being meet together to determin the Respective Rights of the two towns aforesaid to the Landing place on Charls-River by the Side of Samuels Hill in Cambridge aforesaid, It was mutually agreed upon by & Between The Selectmen of said Towns that the Choice of the two parts of Said Landing place Should be Determined by Lott, and Thereupon two Lotts being Cast, On the One the word North being Wrote & on the other the word South being wrote, They being put into a Hat and being Drawn out, The Lott North was Drawn by The Selectmen of the Town of Cambridge, and the Lott South by The Selectmen of the town of Watertown, Whereupon it was Agreed by and between the Selectmen of the Said Towns of Cambridge & Watertown That the Moiety or one half part of Said Landing Place from the North Be and Remain to the Said Town of Cambridge For Ever — And that the other Moiety or half part of Said Landing place from the South Be and Remain unto the Said Town of Watertown For Ever In Witnefs whereof the Selectmen of Said Towns of Cambridge and Watertown have Hereunto Interchangably Set their Hands the day and year afore written

Jon <sup>s</sup> : Brown		W <sup>m</sup> Brattle	} Selectmen of Cambridge
Mofes Stone	Selectmen	Eben <sup>r</sup> Stedman	
Jonas White	of	Edwa <sup>d</sup> Marrett	
Jonathan Bemis	Watertown	Joseph Wellington	
Nehemiah Maſon		Joseph Adams ju <sup>r</sup>	
		Tho <sup>s</sup> Gardner	

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houſe of Jonathan Brown on Monday the 3<sup>d</sup> Day December Anno: Domini 1770

It was Agreed that Miſſ<sup>rs</sup>, Mofes Stone Jonas White & Nehemiah Maſon being the Major part of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen attend the Quarter Seſſions the Next Day at Charlstown and Endavour that the Town be Secured from the Charge of Maintaining Mary Warrins Child —

## [31]

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on Thursday y<sup>e</sup>: 20<sup>th</sup> Day of December Anno: Domini 1770 at the Houfe of L<sup>t</sup>: Nathaniel Coollidge \_\_\_\_\_

Ruth Maddox being Destitute of a place and m<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Stone ju<sup>r</sup> Informing the Selectmen that he cant keep her any Longer— It was Agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone take her the Next Day and keep her half the time till the next march Meeting for the Choice of Town officers &c, and that m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bemis keep her the other half part of Said time till Said Meeting, and if She Dont earn her Board they are to have any Sum they think it is Worth not Exceeding one pistereen p<sup>r</sup> week \_\_\_\_\_

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Nehemiah on Fryday the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of December Anno: Domini 1770 ~

To Consider what is proper to be don Relating to Sarah Learneds Child it being Dilivered to the Selectmen to take Care of \_\_\_\_\_

It was Agreed to take the advice of m<sup>r</sup> Sewall whether he tho<sup>t</sup>: it was the poor of Watertown or Boston and Proceed according to his advice Relating thereto. and it was Agreed that mis<sup>rs</sup> Mofes Stone and Jonas White wait on m<sup>r</sup> Sewall Next monday morning and proceed in the affair According to his Advice & Direction \_\_\_\_\_

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of L<sup>t</sup>: Nathaniel Coollidge on the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup>: Anno: Domini 1771 \_\_\_\_\_

Mis<sup>rs</sup> Jsaac Sanderfon & Jedidiah gave Bond to the town Treaferer for their faithfull Collecting & paying in y<sup>e</sup> Tax's

The Selectmen Signed orders on y<sup>e</sup> town Treaferer for allowing the High-way Rate out of y<sup>e</sup> town Rate to Such as had worked it out also an order to pay y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup> Seth Storer his Sallary for y<sup>e</sup> present year it being £ 66<sup>''</sup> 13<sup>s</sup> : 4<sup>d</sup> and the Sum of £ 7 : 6 : 0— to the town Creditors which was granted them at last march meeting \_\_\_\_\_

at this meeting it was agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone provide Some Necessary things for Clothing for Ruth Maddox and bring in his account & be paid out of the Treaferury

## [32]

The Proceedings of the School Committe for y<sup>e</sup> year 1770 —

At a Meeting of s<sup>d</sup>: Com<sup>tt</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> day of march 1770 at y<sup>e</sup> meeting houfe They Agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Harrington keep

the Grammer School till their next Meeting —————  
 At a Meeting of S<sup>d</sup>: Com<sup>te</sup> at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Benj<sup>n</sup>. Prentice  
 on the 22<sup>n</sup> Day of march. 1770 It was Agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Harrington  
 Should keep the Grammer School one Month from y<sup>e</sup> march  
 meeting if he is willing. and it was further Agreed that three of  
 the Committe (Viz) Mi<sup>s</sup><sup>rs</sup>. Thomas Clark Sam<sup>l</sup> White and  
 Samuel Sanger Should take care to provide another Master to  
 take the School whem Master Harringtons time is up — and it  
 Appearing that m<sup>r</sup>: Harrington was not willing to keep any  
 Longer the Com<sup>te</sup>. Agreed with Nathaniel Bond for a Quarter of  
 a year to begin the Second day of April and he to have at the  
 Rate of 33 : 6 : 8 P<sup>r</sup> year —————

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Committee at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Edward  
 Richardson on the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1770 it was Agreed to have  
 five womens School to begin on the Eleventh day of June Infant  
 (Viz) Sarah Learned to keep one at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel  
 Stephen Whitney's wife at their Houfe, Hannah Bright at her  
 fathers Houfe, Christopher Grant juniors wife at their Houfe,  
 & Kezia Stone at the New-School Houfe ~  
 July y<sup>e</sup> 30- 1770 —————

At a Meeting of the School Com<sup>te</sup> at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Nathaniel  
 Coollidge it was Agreed that the womens Schools Should be kept  
 four weeks Longer, which will be twelve weeks in the whole and  
 will Extend to y<sup>e</sup> first day of September and it was Agreed that  
 m<sup>r</sup>: Bond be Desired to keep y<sup>e</sup> Gram<sup>r</sup> School an other Quarter,  
 which he did and began on the thirteenth day of August. —————

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> School Com<sup>te</sup> on the 22<sup>th</sup> day of Nov<sup>r</sup>: at the  
 Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned M<sup>r</sup>: Bond being yet in the it  
 was Determined that he Should keep out an other Quarter if he  
 be willing

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At Said Meeting it was Agreed that the wrighting Schools at  
 the New School-Houfe begin on Monday next but m<sup>r</sup> Stratton  
 Desiring to have one Week to turn himself and Settle his own  
 Businefs He promised to open Said School on Monday the third  
 day of December next and to keep it for two Dollars a Week or  
 Eighteen pounds old Tenor p<sup>r</sup> month —————

On Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of Dec<sup>r</sup>: 1770. The School Committe  
 Meet at the Houfe of M<sup>r</sup>: Nathaniel Coollidge and m<sup>r</sup>: Bond  
 having Said he Choofe to leave the Grammer School.—It was  
 agreed that each one of the Com<sup>te</sup> Should inquire and look out  
 for an other Mafter —————

At a Meeting of the School Com<sup>tt</sup> on the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of Dec<sup>r</sup> — at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Nathaniel Coollidge M<sup>r</sup>: Bond being yet in the School — It was Agreed that m<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Clark be Defired to Desire M<sup>r</sup>: Bond to keep the Grammer School till March Meeting And in Case he Refuse Leiv<sup>t</sup>. Whitney & M<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>ll</sup> White were to try for m<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Harrington ju<sup>r</sup>

At a Meeting of the School Comm<sup>tt</sup> the 23<sup>th</sup>: Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1771 — It was Agreed that the writting School Should be kept Nine weeks in each part of the town, The Easterly part of y<sup>e</sup> town to have one Week Longer, In as much as the School-Houfe is their own —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Learned on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup>: day of February AD 1771. — It being thought Necessary to put Some timber under Tredaways Bridge (So Called) to Support that part that yet Remains to prevent any Damage being don by its falling when men or Horfes & Carriages are pafing over the Same. the Selectmen Desired Some of the Neighbours to afsift which they did & partly Secured the Same. and Agreed that Jonathan Brown Compleat the work the next day if the weather Permit. and that the Expençe be paid out of the Treafury — at this meeting it was agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone take the widow Tabitha Learneds Child for the present —

### [34]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> day of Feb<sup>ry</sup>: AD 1771 at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Wellington They Agreed to have a Publick Town Meeting on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of march Next at 12<sup>n</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Clock at noon at the publick Meeting Houfe in S<sup>d</sup>: Town. and ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants directed to y<sup>e</sup> Several Constables to warn & all y<sup>e</sup> freeholders and others Inhabitants of Watertown to Asemble & meet at Said time & place for the Ends following (Viz) First to Chooße a moderator for said Meeting (2<sup>ly</sup>) To Chooße Selectmen a Town-Clerk and Treafurer and all other town officers Required by law to be Chofe in the month of march annually (3<sup>ly</sup>) To Chooße a Saxton & agree how he Shall be paid for his Service (4<sup>ly</sup>) To put in their Votes for a County Treafurer and Register (5<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of the town whether Swine Shall

Run at large y<sup>e</sup> Present year (6<sup>ly</sup>) To Choofe a Committe to Examin y<sup>e</sup> town Treadurers acc<sup>ts</sup> (7<sup>ly</sup>) To Appropriate y<sup>e</sup> Interest mony coming to the town y<sup>e</sup> present year—(8<sup>ly</sup>) To grant a Sallary for y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup>: Seth Storer for the year ensueing it begining the first day of march Next. (9<sup>ly</sup>) To grant money to Support the Schools that may be Agreed upon & act anything thereon the town may think proper (10<sup>ly</sup>) To grant money to Support y<sup>e</sup> poor (11<sup>th</sup>) To grant money to Repair the great Bridge & Treadways Bridge (So Called) and act any thing thereon the town may think proper — (12<sup>th</sup>) To hear the Accounts of those persons that the town is Indebted to & grant money to pay the Same (13<sup>th</sup>) To grant money to Repair the Highways & town-ways and Act any thing thereon the town may think proper, (14<sup>th</sup>) To hear the pleas of any of the Late Constables for abating any Perticular persons Rates in their lists & to Act any thing thereon they think best. (15<sup>th</sup>) To hear what y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen have don Relating to y<sup>e</sup> Landing place at Samuels Hill (So Called) and to act anything further thereon they may think proper, (16<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of the town Whether they will Erect two School Houfes one in the Westerly, and the other in the Easterly part of the town and Whether y<sup>e</sup> Grammer School Shall be kept one half of the time at one end of y<sup>e</sup> town and the other half at the other end of the town and to act any thing Relating to y<sup>e</sup> Building s<sup>d</sup>: School-Houfes &c. as the town may think proper, also to Notifie the town Creditors to bring in ther accounts to y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at Houfe of L<sup>t</sup>: Nathaniel Coollidge on Fryday the first day of march Next at 4 of the Clock afternoon  
[Warrants] Issued accordingly

P<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk —

### [35]

At y<sup>e</sup> Said Meeting it was Agreed that m<sup>r</sup>: Mofes Stone Should Desire M<sup>r</sup>: Simon Hastings Set the Bell of y<sup>e</sup> Meeting Houfe up again & Repair the Wheel and bring his Account to y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at their Meeting the first day of march Next  
at this meeting they Received a Notification from m<sup>r</sup> John Remington that he Received into his houfe one Mary Benjamin from Concord on the Sixth day of October A. D. 1770 —————  
also one from m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White that he Received one George Allen who came from Boston in the month of June A. D. 1770  
at this Meeting they Signed an order on y<sup>e</sup> Treadurer to pay Sixteen pounds to y<sup>e</sup> School mistrefses

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at y<sup>e</sup> House of m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bemis on y<sup>e</sup> 19 Day of Feb<sup>r</sup>: A. D. 1771. M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Stearns gave in Notifications that on y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Day of April AD 1769 he Received into his Houfe one John Hackleton & Bethiah his wife who Came last from Dorchester on y<sup>e</sup> Day afore Said — alfo that he had Received one Stephen Wellman into his Houfe in y<sup>e</sup> month of October A. D. 1769 who came last from Malden — m<sup>r</sup>: Nehemiah Mafon gave in a Notification that on y<sup>e</sup> 18 day of may 1767 he Received into his Houfe one Simeon Pratt who came last from Boston on the day afore Said — alfo that he Received into his Houfe one Eunis Parker who came last from Lexington on the 22<sup>n</sup> Day of Oct<sup>r</sup> 1769 —————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Fryday the 1. day of march AD 1771 at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Coollidge for taking the accounts of thofe perfons the town is Indebted to the following were bro<sup>t</sup>: in (Viz) — m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone bro<sup>t</sup> in Account for Boarding for Ruth Maddox & Clothing &c, and for Cash paid for advice Relating to Mary Warrin & Sarah Learneds Child amounting to £ 1 : 0 : 10 —

m <sup>r</sup> Nehemiah Mafon bro <sup>t</sup> : in an Acc <sup>tt</sup> for things for William Godding which came to	} 0 : 5 : 8—
m <sup>r</sup> : Ebenezer Stone ju <sup>r</sup> bro <sup>t</sup> : an Account for Boarding Ruth Maddox five Weeks	} 0 : 6 : 0—
Cap <sup>t</sup> : Edward Harrington bro <sup>t</sup> : in an account for labour and Meterials at the Minifterial place which Comes to	} 1:16 : 4
Capt <sup>t</sup> : Daniel Whitney Sent in his account for Labour & Meterials at the Minifterial place that comes to	} 2 : 9 : 6
m <sup>r</sup> John Cook bro <sup>t</sup> : an acc <sup>tt</sup> for 48 feet of Slitwork	*

## [36]

Daniel Bonds account for Boarding Mary Coollidge from the 18 <sup>th</sup> Day of march 1770 till the 18 <sup>th</sup> day of march 1771 being 52 Weeks at 3/4 P <sup>r</sup> week Comes to	8 : 13 : 4
and for Mending her Clothing &c	0 : 8 : 0
	—————
	9 : 1 : 4

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m <sup>r</sup> Jonas Whites account for Labour &c at the miniferial place Comes to and for Boarding Ruth Maddox _____	}	1 : 14 : 4
also another Account for Mending y <sup>e</sup> School Houfe windows and Sundry other things for which he paid Cash _____		
		0 : 12 : 0
		<u>2 : 6 : 4</u>

At this meeting m<sup>r</sup>. Richard Clark Appeared & Settled his Highway Rates — and m<sup>r</sup> John Cook being present desired Liberty to fetch Some old plank from Daniel Fullars that belongs to Watertown Weston & Waltham to lay on the Bridge over his West till Such time as he Can Repair his Bridge Sufficiently which was Agreed to, also to use as many more of y<sup>e</sup> old plank as is Needfull for the Present, he to Return them when Called for at this meeting the Selectmen Signed an Order on y<sup>e</sup> Trefurer to pay the sum of £ 46 : 7 : 0 : 1 to the Several perfons that found the materials and did the Repairs of the Great Bridge from y<sup>e</sup> 15 day of February 1770 till this Day \_\_\_\_\_

m<sup>r</sup> John Cook gave in a Written Notification that on the 26 day of July 1770 he Received one Penuel Park into his house who Came Last from Newton

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The following Accounts were bro <sup>t</sup> : into the Selectmen to be laid before the Town (Viz) To Dea <sup>n</sup> : Samuel Fisk for Serveing afsefsor y <sup>e</sup> year past _____	0 : 18 " 0
to m <sup>r</sup> Moses Stone for like Service _____	0 : 18 " 0
to Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown for Service as Trefurer & afsefsor —	3 : 11 " 0
to Simon Hastings for Labour and Materials _____	1 : 11 " 10
to Jonas Hastings for Stones for Bridges &c _____	0 " 10 " 8
to Sam <sup>ll</sup> : Jenifon for 4 Large Stones _____	0 " 6 " 0
to Richard Clark for Stones for Bridges _____	0 " 6 " 0
to D <sup>r</sup> Marfhall Spring for attendance of Jonas Learned Dea <sup>d</sup> ~	2 " 8 " 0
	<u>10 : 9 : 6</u>

Likewise m <sup>r</sup> Thomas Draper bro <sup>t</sup> : an account for Boarding & Clothing Sarah Learned's Child amounting to _____	}	3 : 7 : 4
and Sam <sup>ll</sup> Benjamin for Boarding &c for John * _____ ju <sup>r</sup> wife amounting to y <sup>e</sup> Sum of _____		
		4 : 5 : 0

\* torn

## [37]

At a General Town Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town Affairs Regularly Afsembled at the Publick Meeting House in s<sup>d</sup> Town on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Day of march AD: 1771 for the Choice of town officers and other affairs as Setforth in the Warrants &c ———  
Voted & Chofe Dea<sup>n</sup>: Samuel Fisk Moderator for s<sup>d</sup>: Meeting ↵

Voted & Chose for Selectmen { m<sup>r</sup> John Remington  
m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone  
m<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup>: Clark  
Dea<sup>n</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk  
m<sup>r</sup>: Nehe<sup>h</sup> Mafon

Voted & Chofe for Town-Clerk & Treasurer Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown

Voted & Chofe for Afsefsors { Dea<sup>n</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk  
m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone  
Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown

Voted & Chose for Constables m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Barnard & M<sup>r</sup>: Elijah Bond

Voted & Chose for Collectors of Tax's mif<sup>r</sup>s Samuel Barnard & Elijah Bond

Voted & Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 3 to pay the Collectors for their Service

m<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: Barnard & m<sup>r</sup> Elijah Bond informed the town that they had Agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger and m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Sanderfon to Serve in their Room if the town would Accept them — then the town voted and accepted mifu<sup>r</sup>s David Sanger & Isaac Sanderfon to Serve Constables & Collectors in the Room of Samuel Barnard & Elijah Bond

Voted & Chofe for Wardens mif<sup>u</sup>s Joseph Coollidge & Sam<sup>l</sup>: Benjamin

Voted & Chofe Sealer of Leather m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Whitney

Voted & Chofe Fence-viewer mif<sup>r</sup>s Phinehas Child & Israel Whitney

Voted & Chose Surveyors of High-ways { m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone  
m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White  
m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis  
m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark

Voted & Chofe Tything-men mif<sup>r</sup>s Phin<sup>s</sup>: Child & Sam<sup>l</sup> Hager

Voted & Chofe Hogrieves mif<sup>s</sup> David Barnard & Thomas Draper

Voted & Chofe Surveyors of Timber { m<sup>r</sup> Jonas Coollidge  
Plank &c { m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger  
L<sup>t</sup> Nathaniel Coollidge

Voted & Chofe Howards mif<sup>rs</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Warrin & Ezekiel Whitney  
 Voted & Chofe Clerks of y<sup>e</sup> markets m<sup>r</sup> Jedidi<sup>h</sup> Leath & L<sup>t</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>  
 Coollidge

Voted & Chofe Cullars of Hoops Staves &c Sam<sup>ll</sup> Cook & Smith  
 Prentice

Voted & Chofe m<sup>r</sup> Simon Hastings Saxton & Granted him £ 3  
 pound for his Ser[vice]

'Then the Votes were bro<sup>t</sup>: in for a County Treaferer &  
 Regist[er]

Voted that Swine be Shut up this year —————

### [38]

Voted for a Committe to Examin y<sup>e</sup> { m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Harrington  
 Treaferers Acc<sup>ts</sup> { m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> White  
 { m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> Fisk

Voted to Appropriate the Interest money as it was Last year (Viz)  
 5/4 to the School and the Remainder to the Minifter —————

Voted & Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 66 : 13 : 4 as a Sallery for y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup>  
 m<sup>r</sup> Seth Storer the present year the Interest <sup>money</sup> to be part and  
 the Remainder to be afsest ———

then Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 100 pounds to Repair y<sup>e</sup>  
 High-ways & town ways the present year —————

Voted that the Surveyors of y<sup>e</sup> High-ways provide two good  
 plows for y<sup>e</sup> use of the town in Mending the High-ways & bring  
 in their acc<sup>ts</sup> at next may meeting to be allowed

Then Voted that the meeting with y<sup>e</sup> Remaining businefs Should  
 be Adjourned till Next monday at two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon at  
 this place

Then the Moderator Declared it accordingly Adjourned ———  
 March y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1771. Jonathan Brown was Sworn to the offices  
 of Town-Clerk Town-Treaferer & afsefsor by John Hunt Jus:  
 peace

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen the Same Evening at the Houfe  
 of m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Learned all the Selectmen took y<sup>e</sup> oath Relating to  
 the other Government Bills — after which the persons after-  
 named after taking said oath were Sworn to the faithfull discharge  
 of the Several offices to which they were this day Chofen (Viz)  
 Dea<sup>n</sup>. Sam<sup>ll</sup> Fisk & m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone afsefsors —————  
 mif<sup>r</sup> Isaac Sanderfon & David Sanger Constables —————  
 mif<sup>r</sup> Joseph Coollidge & Samuel Benjamin Wardens ———

mi<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Child & Israel Whitney Fence Viewers ———  
 mi<sup>rs</sup> Moses Stone Jonas White David Bemis & Richard Clark  
 Surveyors of High-ways ———

mi<sup>rs</sup> Phinehas Child & Samuel Hager Tythingmen ———

m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Draper Hogrieve ———

mi<sup>r</sup> Jonas Coollidge & David Sanger Surveyors of Timber &c —

m<sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Leath Clerk of the markets ———

m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Cook Cullars of Hoops Staves &c ———

All Sworn by Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

The Town-Clerk was ordered to give out an other Notification to the Constables to Summon the other officers to appear at M<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Learned's Next monday evening at 6 of y<sup>e</sup> Clock to be Sworn

### [39]

At a Gen<sup>l</sup>: Town-Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Asembled on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Day of march AD 1771 at the Publick-Meeting Houfe in S<sup>d</sup> Town P<sup>r</sup>: adjournment

The Meeting being opened They proceeded to Act further on the

<sup>th</sup> (13) Article in y<sup>e</sup> Warrant for the Meeting (Viz) ——— —

that the price of Labour be the Same it was last year (Viz) three Shillings P<sup>r</sup> day for a man & 3/ Shillings P<sup>r</sup> day for a Team ~ also Voted that the assessors make out lists of Each of the Inhabitants proportion of S<sup>d</sup>: £ 100 pounds and if any person or persons Shall Neglect or Refuse to work out their s<sup>d</sup>: proportion when Called upon by the Surveyors then they Shall pay it with their other town Tax's in Money ———

Voted and Granted the Sum of £ 20 pounds to Support the poor—

Voted and Granted the Sum of £ 2 pounds to Repair y<sup>e</sup> Great Bridge

Then the accounts of Sundry persons Charged to the town were Read amounting to the Sum of £ 10 : 9 : 6 and the Same Sum was Granted to Satisfie the Same— M<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: Benjamins was not allowed nor m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Drapers ~

Then the town Voted and abated part of m<sup>r</sup> Smith Prentics Rates in Constable Isaac Sanderfons lists it being 7/1 & Granted y<sup>e</sup> like Sum to make it good

Voted & abated Thomas Dauceys Rates in S<sup>d</sup>: Sanderfons lists and Granted the the Sum of 15 : 6 : 2 farthings to make it good ~

Voted and abated Smith Prentices Rates in Edward Harringtons  
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ju<sup>r</sup> lists and Granted the Sum of 0 : 16 : 10 : 3 to make it good ~

also Voted & abated Said Prentices Rates in Daniel Whitney ju<sup>rs</sup>  
lists and Granted the Sum of 0 : 10 : 4 to make it good \_\_\_\_\_

Voted and abated Aaron Felsendens Rates in Daniel Sawins  
lists & Granted the Sum of 5<sup>s</sup>/1<sup>d</sup> to make it good \_\_\_\_\_

Then the Report of the Selectmen being made Relating to y<sup>e</sup>  
landing place at Samuels Hill (So Called) and the Agreement  
made between the Selectmen of Watertown & Cambridge being  
Read the Town Voted and accepted & Confirmed the Same See  
S<sup>d</sup>: agreement at the (30) page of this Book \_\_\_\_\_

then the (16) article was Read & after Some Debate thereon the  
Vote was Put whether the town will build two School Houfes  
one in the east and the other in the west part of the town and  
it past \*

Negative \_\_\_\_\_

### [40]

Voted and Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 33 : 6 : 8 to Support the Gram-  
mer School

Voted & Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 24 : 0 : 0 to Support other Schools ~  
then put to vote whether any part of s<sup>d</sup>: 24 pounds Shall be  
Improved to Support womens Schools and the vote paised in

the Negative \_\_\_\_\_

Then Voted to Choofe a Committe to take care of, and provide  
for the Schools the year Eusueing

Voted & Chose for Said Committe \_\_\_\_\_

Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown  
m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone  
m<sup>r</sup> Jonas Bond  
m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger  
m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> White

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March AD 1771  
at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Learned \_\_\_\_\_

the following perfons after taking the money oath were Sworn to  
the faithfull Discharge of the offices hereafter Mentioned (Viz)  
m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Whitney Sealer of Leather, David Barnard Hogrievie  
mif<sup>r</sup> Samuel Warrin & Ezekiel Whitney Howards \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn Pr Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

At this meeting y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Agreed with m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Harris to  
take Ruth Maddox and Board her Six months for which he is to

have her Labour and four pence p<sup>r</sup> week ———

They also Agreed with m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Coollidge to take & Board Mary Coollidge on year & he is to have at the Rate of 28/<sup>s</sup> old Tenor p<sup>r</sup> week—Said Harris & Coollidge to have no further allowance Except in Case of Sicknefs ———

the Selectmen Signed an order on the Town Treafurer to pay out of the treafurie the Sum of 51 : 0 : 2 : 2 in y<sup>e</sup> following manner (Viz) To m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup>: Bond in part for }  
 keeping the Grammer School y<sup>e</sup> last year ——— } 20 : 0 : 0  
 to m<sup>r</sup> John Stratton in full for keeping y<sup>e</sup> writting }  
 School } 11 : 8 : 0  
 to m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone for Clothing for y<sup>e</sup> poor y<sup>e</sup> year past 1 : 0 : 10  
     To m<sup>r</sup> Nehe<sup>b</sup>. Mason 0 : 5 : 8  
     To m<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Stone ju<sup>r</sup> 0 : 6 : 0  
     To Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniel Whitney 2 : 9 : 6  
     To Cap<sup>t</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup>: Harrington 1 : 16 : 4  
 to m<sup>r</sup> John Cook 0 : 3 : 2 : 2  
 to m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Bond 9 : 1 : 4  
 to m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White 2 : 6 : 4  
 to Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown for writings &c 2 : 3 : 0

£ 51 : 0 : 2 : 2

### [41]

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Day of March AD 1771. at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Edward Richardson ———

They Agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Bond may keep Mary Coollidge the prefent year at the Same Rate that as it was Agreed with Joseph Coollidge

At this meeting m<sup>r</sup> William Bond Informed them that m<sup>r</sup> William Godding lay Sick at his houfe and in Needy Circumftances they agreed that s<sup>d</sup>: Bond Should be allow'd Reafonable pay for his care & Trouble in Nurfing &c for him — and m<sup>r</sup> John Remington

Informed that Sarah Learned's Child <sup>was</sup> put to him as a Selectman to take care of, and that he had agreed with m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Cook to take and Board it for the Present for 3/ P<sup>r</sup> week which was Consented to by the Selectmen ———

and it was Agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Remington Provide Cotton & linin Cloth for two Shifts for Mary Coollidge. — also that m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone provide Necefsary Clothing for the widow Tabitha Learned's Daughter which is at his Houfe and bring in his Account to y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at their Next meeting in order to be paid. ———

This being the year for Perambulating lines between towns they Agreed to do that Service on the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of April Next to begin with Cambridge near Charls-River at Seven of the Clock in the morning and with Waltham at 11<sup>th</sup> of the Clock in the forenoon to beging Near m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Wellingtons and to meet with Newton Men Near m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Cooks at 4 of the Clock afternoon. and ordered the Clerk to write to the Selectmen of y<sup>e</sup> Several adjacent towns to give them Notice thereof.

Letters were Sent Accordingly Pr Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday y<sup>e</sup> first day of April AD 1771. at the Houfe of L<sup>t</sup>: Nathaniel Coollidge They Appointed L<sup>t</sup>: Nathaniel Coollidge to take care of y<sup>e</sup> Great Bridge the present year—John Hunt Sent in a Notification Informing that on the 23 Day of of March 1771 he Received one John Raymond into his houfe who came last from Charls-town.—— At this meeting They Agreed that the Surveyors of High-ways Should have their Deftricts as \*

## [42]

m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone's Deftrict To mend the High-ways as follows (Viz) The Country Road from the widow Mary Hastings to Cambridge line and the lane Called Parrys lane and the Back Country Road to Cambridge from the wid<sup>o</sup>: Velas. and Jenifons lane and the lane from the Burying place by m<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Stones to s<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stones.—and m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clarks Deftrict as follows (Viz) From m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Clarks Gate under the Rocks to Cambridge line and the Road by s<sup>d</sup>: Richard Clarks own houfe to the Meeting Houfe Hill (So-Called) and the Roads from thence <sup>to</sup> the wid<sup>o</sup> Velas, and the town ways by Kings Common, also masons & Goddings Lanes (So Called) m<sup>r</sup> Jonas Whites Deftrict as follows (Viz) To mend the Country Road from Thomas Wellingtons to the wid<sup>o</sup> Mary Hastings's and the Roads South of the River also the Road from the meeting Houfe over the Hill to Kemballs Corner (So Called) m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis's Deftrict as follows (Viz) To mend the Country Road from m<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wellingtons to Waltham line, and the Road by Dirty-Green and the Road from Tainters-Corner to m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Stearns's, and the Road by Jonathan Bemis's, and by m<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Harringtons to Waltham line, and the Road under the Rock to

\* torn

m<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Clarks Gate, and the Road by m<sup>r</sup> Jonas Barnards to Kemballs Corner, also the Road by Cap<sup>t</sup>: Whitneys to the School-Houfe. and the above mentioned Destricts were given to the afore Named Surveyors of High-ways. By order of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen  
Pr Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

April y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>th</sup>: 1771 Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniel Whitney gave in a notification that he Received into his House one Phinehas Robbins & Elizabeth his wife who came from Newton December last ——— Likewise one Anna Barraye from s<sup>d</sup> Newton April y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>: 1770. ———

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the House of L<sup>t</sup>: Nathaniel Coolidge on Monday y<sup>e</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. Day of May=1771 ———

They Agreed with m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark to take Sarah Learneds Boy till he is twenty one years of age and to give him thirteen Shillings [and] fou[r] pence Lawfull money to Cloth him with

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At this meeting m<sup>r</sup>: Mofes Stone Sent in an Account for Clothing which he procured for the wid<sup>o</sup> Tabitha Learneds Daughter which Comes to £ 0 : 14 : 11 : 3 — also m<sup>r</sup> John Remington gave in an Account for Clothing which he procured for Mary Coolidge ammounting to 10/9 pence and the Selectmen Signed an order on The Trefasurer to pay the Same. ———

The Selectmen having Received a Precept from the Sheriff of the County Requiring them to Asemble the Inhabitants of Watertown to Choofe a Suitable perfon to Represent them <sup>in</sup> a Great &

General Court appointed to be held & kept at Harvard-College in Cambridge on Wednesday y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> Day of may Currant. They Directed y<sup>e</sup> Clerk to Issue out warrants Directing the Constables to warn the the Inhabitants to Asemble at y<sup>e</sup> publick meeting Houfe on monday the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of this present month of may for S<sup>d</sup>: purpose at one of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon ———

also to warn the Inhabitants who are Quallified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Same place on the Same day two of the Clock afternoon to act on the following articles (Viz)—

First to Choofe a Moderator for s<sup>d</sup>: meeting. (2) To hear the Report of of y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>it</sup> appointed to Examin y<sup>e</sup> treasurers accounts and to act thereon as they think fitt (3) To make an Additional grant for the Support <sup>of the poor</sup> if the town think proper. (4) To know the minde of the town whether they will Sell or lease out



or Build a wharf on the Landing place on Charls-River within y<sup>e</sup> Limits of Cambridge and act thereon as they think proper. (5) To know y<sup>e</sup> minde of y<sup>e</sup> town whether they will grant money to Repair the ministerial House and act any thing thereon they Shall think best. (6) To know y<sup>e</sup> minde of y<sup>e</sup> town whether they will appropriate any part of y<sup>e</sup> money that was granted at march meeting last to Support English Schools, for the Support of womens Schools or grant a Sum of money for that purpose. and act on the affair as the town <sup>may</sup> think proper. (7) For the town to pafs on a List of Jurors that y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen may Lay before them. (8) To grant money to pay for y<sup>e</sup> Plows provided for the towns use. \_\_\_\_\_

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly

Attest Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-C[lerk]

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At a Gen<sup>l</sup> Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in the Choice of a Representative Regularly Asembled at the Publick Meeting Houfe in S<sup>d</sup>: town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Day of may Anno: Domini 1711. \_\_\_\_\_

The meeting being opened the Votes were Called for bro<sup>t</sup>. in Sorted & Counted and it Appeared that m<sup>r</sup>: John Remington was Chofen Representative for the Ensueing Year

At a Gen<sup>l</sup>: Town Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown that are Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly Asembled at the Publick meeting Houfe in s<sup>d</sup>: Town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Day of may Anno: Domini 1771. \_\_\_\_\_

Voted and Chofe m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Fisk Moderator of y<sup>e</sup> Meeting Then Voted and Accepted the Report of y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> that were appointed to Examin the town Treasurers Accounts See the next page

Voted & granted the Sum of £ 15 pounds to help Support y<sup>e</sup> poor —

Then y<sup>e</sup> (4) article was Read Relating to the Landing place in Cambridge and after Some Debate thereon. it was voted that the Selectmen be a Com<sup>tt</sup>: to View the said Landing Place and Consider of, & See in what manner it may be Improved that will be most for the Benifitt of the Town and make Report at y<sup>e</sup> adjournment of the meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Then y<sup>e</sup> article Relating to y<sup>e</sup> Repairs of y<sup>e</sup> minifterial Houfe was Read and after Debate thereon. It was Voted to Choofe a Committe to vew Said Houfe and Report (what Repairs they think will be necefsary) at the adjournment of y<sup>e</sup> meeting ———

Voted and Chofe for S<sup>d</sup>: Committe ~ { Mr: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Harrington  
Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown  
Mr David Bemis ———

The Sixth article being Read Relating to womens Schools and after Debate thereon the vote was put whether the town will grant any money to Support womens Schools and it pafsed in the Negative ———

Then voted to Reconsider the vote past at march meeting last past Relating to womens Schools & to appropriate Some part of y<sup>e</sup> money then Granted to Support English Schools; to Support womens Schools —

Then Voted that the money be Layed out as it was last year ~  
\* no Children under 4 years old be allowed to go to

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Voted and granted the Sum of £ 5 : 9 : 2 to pay for the plows that were provided for the towns ufe ———

Then voted that this meeting with the Remaining businefs be adjourned to this Day four weeks at this place at 4 of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon to finifh the <sup>sd</sup>: Remaining businefs ~

Then the Moderator Declared it Adjour'd Accordingly ———

The Committes Report of y<sup>e</sup> town Treafures Accounts ———

Watertown May y<sup>e</sup>. 16<sup>th</sup>. 1771.

The Com<sup>tee</sup>: Appointed by the Town March y<sup>e</sup>. 4. to Examin the town treafurers Acc<sup>ts</sup> Report as followeth (Viz) Upon Examination of the town Treafurers. Acc<sup>ts</sup> we find them Well Vouch'd and Right Cast

Nath<sup>l</sup>: Harrington } Com<sup>tte</sup>  
Sam<sup>l</sup> White } ———

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Edward Richardson on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> Day of June AD: 1771. ———

They agreed to have a publick Town Meeting on Fryday y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> day of this Instant June at three of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon at the

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publick meeting House, and ordered y<sup>e</sup> Clerk to Issue out Warrants directed to y<sup>e</sup> Several Constables to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs to assemble at S<sup>d</sup>: time & place to act on y<sup>e</sup> following articles (Viz) First to Chooße a moderator for said meeting (2<sup>ly</sup>) For the town to agree upon Some Method to Prevent the Country Road being Turned of or a New Road Layed out thro' the South-west Corner of Waltham into Newton & for y<sup>e</sup> town to act anything Relating to Said affair as they may think proper. (3<sup>ly</sup>) To know y<sup>e</sup> minde of the town whether they will Petition y<sup>e</sup> Great & General Court for a Pafsage thro' the Bridge over Charls-River in the town of Cambridge So that v[essels] may pafs & repafs up & dow Said River without  
 \* their maits, & do any thing on y<sup>e</sup> affair y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> town may  
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(4<sup>ly</sup>) For the town to Act on the Articles that were adjourned at the last may meeting to monday y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> day of this Present month of June, for the town to act thereon as they See fitt —

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly

Attest Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Gen<sup>l</sup> Town-Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other Inhabi<sup>ts</sup> who are Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at y<sup>e</sup> publick meeting-Houfe in S<sup>d</sup>: Town on Fryday y<sup>d</sup> 7 Day of June AD: 1771 \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Chofe Dea<sup>n</sup>: Samuel Fisk Moderator for s<sup>d</sup> Meeting  
 The Second article Relating to y<sup>e</sup> Country Road being Turned was Read & after Debate thereon. it was voted to Chooße a Committe to Draw up a Remonftrance & Petition and Present it to y<sup>e</sup> next Court of General Sefsions of y<sup>e</sup> peace for y<sup>e</sup> County of middlefex against said ways being turned & or do any thing that they may think proper to prevent the Same \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Chofe for S<sup>d</sup>: Committe — { John Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>:  
 Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown  
 Ezek<sup>l</sup>: Hall  
 Josiah Capen  
 Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone  
 Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk  
 Jonas White

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The third article Relating to obtaining <sup>in</sup> a Passage thro' Cambridge  
 Bridge for Vefels &c : <sup>being</sup> <sup>Read</sup> <sup>∨</sup> after Debate thereon it was put  
 to vote whether it be the minde of y<sup>e</sup> town to Chooſe a Committe to  
 Treat with y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Cambridge & y<sup>e</sup> other towns Concerned  
 in the \* s<sup>d</sup>: Bridge to See upon what terms they  
 will open a \* afore Said

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and alſo give to the Committe full power in the Name & behalf  
 of the town to Petition the Great & General Court or any other  
 Court (if need be) in order to the obtaining a proper Paſſage  
 thro' the Bridge over Charls-River in y<sup>e</sup> town of Cambridge for  
 Vefels to paſs & Repaſs up & down s<sup>d</sup>: River with their maſts  
 Standing &c and it paſſed in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative

Voted & Chofe for S<sup>d</sup>: Committe - -

{	m <sup>r</sup> : Ezek <sup>l</sup> : Hall
	m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Fisk
	Cap <sup>t</sup> Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown
	m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen
	John Hunt Eſq <sup>r</sup> .
	L <sup>t</sup> : Nath <sup>l</sup> : Coollidge
	m <sup>r</sup> David Bemis

Voted not to act any thing further Relating to the Landing  
 place in Cambridge at this time — — — — —

Then y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>tt</sup> appointed at y<sup>e</sup> laſt may Meeting to vew the  
 miniſterial Houſe made verbal Report that they thou<sup>t</sup>. about  
 Six or eight pounds might be Sufficient for Said Repairs.

Wherefore the town voted & Granted £ 8 pounds for Said  
 purpoſe. ~

Voted that the Committee that were Appointed to vew S<sup>d</sup>: Houſe  
 be Continued & that they See to git y<sup>e</sup> Said Repairs don as Soon  
 as they Conveniantly can —————

Then y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen preſented a liſt of Jurors which they had  
 prepared which was voted & accepted. Deacon Samuel Fisk made  
 his pleas to be Excused from Serving any Further on y<sup>e</sup> Jury of  
 Tryals & the town voted that he Shall be excused. —————

The Buſineſs being don the meeting was Deſolved.

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houſe of m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>l</sup>: Learned

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on y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>. Day of June AD. 1771.—They Signed an order on the Town-Treasurer to pay y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 5 : 8 : 0 to m<sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Leath — alfo to pay what is Still due to m<sup>r</sup>: Nathaniel Bond for [his] School in Watertown — and what is due to m<sup>r</sup>=owen [Warland] for his keeping School in S<sup>d</sup>: town

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At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on Thursday y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Day of August Anno: Domini 1771. at the Houfe of L<sup>t</sup>: Nathaniel Coollidge They Approbated Mifs<sup>rs</sup> Edward Richardson, Bezaleel Learned, Nathaniel Coollidge & Thomas Wellington to Renew their licenses as Innholders and mif<sup>rs</sup> Jonas White, Ezekiel Hall, Josiah Capen, and John Hunt junior as Retailors

It was Agreed to meet the Selectmen of Weston & Waltham on Monday the Ninth Day of September Next at 4 of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Gleason in Waltham to Settle the accounts Relating to y<sup>e</sup> Great Bridge in Watertown over Charls-River — and ordered the Clerk to Notifie s<sup>d</sup>: Selectmen of y<sup>e</sup> time and place of s<sup>d</sup>: meeting

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of M<sup>r</sup>: Edward Richardson on Wednesday y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>th</sup> Day of August AD. 1771. they Signed Indentures for binding Tabitha Learned to m<sup>r</sup> John Draper m<sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Leath haveing Difmist her.

at this Meeting they Agreed that Dea<sup>n</sup> Samuel Fisk Should Provide Some Nefsecary Clothing for James Daucy a poor Child which is at His houfe to be paid for out of the town Treasu<sup>r</sup>

July y<sup>e</sup>. 20<sup>th</sup>: 1771 m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>: White Sent in a Notification Informing that on Said Day he had Received into his House in Watertown on Jonathan Fefsenden & his wife Martha: & their Four Children (Viz) John, Timothy, Phebe, & Sallome. See y<sup>e</sup> Notification on file

and m<sup>r</sup> Israel Whitney Sent a Notification Informing that he had Received into his family one Elizabeth Bemis on the day afores<sup>d</sup>: they all came last from Waltham

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham at the Houfe of M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Gleason Inn-holder in Waltham on monday the Ninth day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: Anno: Domini 1771. —

There being only an Account from m<sup>r</sup>: John Cook of 24/<sup>s</sup> they

agreed to put it of till the Next year to be adjusted with other accounts Relating to y<sup>e</sup> Great Bridge that may year ——— \*  
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At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on the 2 Day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: 1771 — at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>ll</sup>: Learned—They agreed with m<sup>r</sup> Simon Hastings to Repair the Roof of the School House what is Neisecary, also to Repair the Table &c: and to mend y<sup>e</sup> Curb of the well at the ministerial house —————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of L<sup>t</sup>: Nath<sup>ll</sup>. Coollidge on the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of Nov<sup>r</sup>: AD 1771. —————  
It was Agreed to Desire M<sup>r</sup> Simon Hastings to mend the meeting-House Gla<sup>s</sup>, and that the Town-Clerk write to John Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: & m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen to let them know that they were Informed that their Children brook Some of y<sup>e</sup> meeting-House Gla<sup>s</sup> and y<sup>t</sup> they Expect <sup>that</sup> they pay for mending y<sup>e</sup> Same, —————  
They also agreed at this meeting to allow m<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Draper y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 2 : 13 : 0 to Satisfie his account for Boarding & Clothing Sarah Learned's Boy. —————

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>: Day of Dec<sup>r</sup>: 1771 at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned the Constables who are Collectors Gave Bond to y<sup>e</sup> town Treas<sup>r</sup>er for their faithfull Discharge of their trust and the Selectmen Signed orders on the Town Treas<sup>r</sup>er to pay the Sum of £ 10 : 9 : 10 to y<sup>e</sup> Several persons afternamed it being Granted them y<sup>e</sup> last march Meeting (Viz)

To Sam <sup>ll</sup> : Fisk y <sup>e</sup> Sum of	0 : 18 : 0
To Moses Stone	0 : 18 : 0
To Jonathan Brown	3 : 11 : 4
To Simon Hastings —————	1 : 11 : 10
To Jonas Hastings —————	0 : 10 : 8
To Sam <sup>ll</sup> : Jenifon —————	0 : 6 : 0
To Richard Clark —————	0 : 6 : 0
To D <sup>r</sup> Marfhal Spring —————	2 : 8 : 0

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 10 : 9 : 10

and to pay Thomas Draper y<sup>e</sup> Sum of ————— 2 : 13 : 0  
also to y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup> Seth Storer what was Granted him for his Suppor for the present year it being y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 66 \*

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Alfo to pay or order the payment out of y<sup>e</sup> town Rate to each of the town Inhabitants what appears by the Surveyors lists that they have worked out in Repairing ——— the High-ways Since last march — alfo to pay D<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk for Sundry Services done for the town 0 : 12 : 10  
 and to m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone for Service for y<sup>e</sup> town 2 : 11 : 2 : 2  
 and to Dea<sup>n</sup>: Samuel Fisk for afsifting in takeing y<sup>e</sup>  
 Invoice 1 : 12 : 0 =  
 and to Jonathan Brown for like Service 1 : 18 : 0 —

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on Monday y<sup>e</sup>. 17<sup>th</sup> Day of February AD: 1772. at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wellington — They Agreed to have a publick Town Meeting on Monday the Second Day of March Next at twelve of the Clock at noon at the publick Meeting Houfe and ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to the Several Constables Requiring them to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to asemble and Meet together at Said time and place for the Ends following (Viz) First to Choofe a Moderator for Said Meeting (2) to Choo.e Selectmen Town-Clerk & Treafurer & all other town officers Required by law to be Chofe in the month of march Annually, (3) To Choofe a Saxton and agree how he Shall be paid for his Service (4) to put in their Votes for a County Treafurer (5) To know the minde of the town wheather Swine Shall Run at large the present year, (6) To Choofe a Committe Examin the Treafurers accounts (7) To appropriate the Interest money Coming to the town the present year, (8) To Grant a Sallary for y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup>: Seth Storer for the Year Ensueing the year begining the first day of march Next, (9) To Grant money to Support the Grammer & English Schools that may be agreed upon, and act any thing Relating thereto the town may may think fitt, (10) To Grant money to Support the poor — (11) To Grant money to Repair the Great Bridge, (12) To hear the accounts of thofe perfons the town is Indebted to and Grant money to pay the Same (13) To Grant money to Repair the High-ways & Town-ways, and act any thing Relating thereto the town may think proper (14) To Hear the pleas of any of the late Constables for abating any particular perfons Rates in their lists and to act thereon as they See fitt, — (15) To appoint \* perfon to take care of the old

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Burying place to prevent it \* ver Spred with trees & briers, also to keep up the Fences &c —

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(16) To know the minde of the town whether they will Repair y<sup>e</sup> School-houfe, and if So then to do anything Nefsecary Relating thereto as the town may think best, — and also to Notify the town Creditors to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen on Fryday the twenty eighth Day of this present month at 4 of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>ll</sup>: Learned,

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly

P<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk —

The Proceedings of the School Committe for y<sup>e</sup> Year 1771.

At a Meeting on y<sup>e</sup>: 19<sup>th</sup> Day of March Anno: Domini 1771. — They agreed that the Grammer School be continued four weeks more and that m<sup>r</sup>: Nathaniel Bond keep it at the Same Rate he did last year, and that m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel White Desire him to begin it the Next Day

At a Meeting of s<sup>d</sup>: Committe on the 11<sup>th</sup>: Day of April 1771. at m<sup>r</sup> Bez<sup>ll</sup> Learneds, They Agreed that the School Should be Vacant from next tuesday till the first Day of may next and that m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger Inform m<sup>r</sup>: Bond thereof. — — — — —

At a Meeting of s<sup>d</sup>: Committe on Monday y<sup>e</sup>: 10<sup>th</sup> Day of may at m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>ll</sup> Learneds AD: 1771. They Agreed that m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger Should ask m<sup>r</sup>: John Hunt junior to keep y<sup>e</sup> Grammer School one month, and if he Declines then he and m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone try to git one at Cambridge. —

At a meeting of said School Committee on monday y<sup>e</sup> 27. Day of may at m<sup>r</sup>: Edward Richardfons, It was agreed there Should be five womens Schools, (viz) three on the North Side of y<sup>e</sup> town and two on the South Side and to allow them five Shillings & four <sup>pence</sup> p<sup>r</sup>: Week to Each of the Mistresses they finding Houfes to keep in, m<sup>r</sup>: Mofes Stone to provide one for the East end, m<sup>r</sup>: Jonas Bond for the middle School on the North Side & m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel White for the West School on the North Side, and m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger for the School at the River, and Jonathan Brown for the West School on the South Side, and that said Schools be opened the next monday and be kept twelve weeks each, Also Agreed that y<sup>e</sup> Grammer School be Vacant from the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of June Next till further orders, and that m<sup>r</sup>: David

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Sanger give notice thereof to the master. — At a meeting of s<sup>d</sup>: Com<sup>te</sup> at m<sup>r</sup> Bez<sup>ll</sup>: Learneds on the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of August AD: 1771. it was Agreed to provide a Gram[mer School] ma<sup>st</sup>er as Soon as may be, and that m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger Desire m<sup>r</sup> \* Warland to keep <sup>it</sup><sub>^</sub> a month at the Same Rate he did before

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At a Meeting of the School Committe on y<sup>e</sup>: 13<sup>th</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1771. it was Agreed that m<sup>r</sup>: Warland be Desired to keep the Grammer School till further orders, and that m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger Acquaint him therewith —————

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Committe on Monday y<sup>e</sup>: 19<sup>th</sup>: Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> AD 1771. at m<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wellingtons, they agreed with m<sup>r</sup> John Stratton to Open a Wri<sup>g</sup>hting <sup>School</sup><sub>^</sub> at the West end of y<sup>e</sup> town and to keep till further orders, Said School to be kept at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: W<sup>m</sup> Bond if a Room may be had there, —

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> School Committe at m<sup>r</sup>: Edward Richardfons on the 31<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1771. They Agreed that m<sup>r</sup>: John Stratton keep the School at the West end of the town ten Weeks, and at the East end Eleven Weeks. —————

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Committe at y<sup>e</sup> Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned on the tenth Day of February Anno: Domini: 1771. ————

M<sup>r</sup>: Owen Warland being present they Agreed with him to keep the Grammer School the Remainder of this present month, and then to give in his account to y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen in order for his pay —

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned on Fryday the the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of February AD: 1772 — the following accounts were bro<sup>t</sup>: in (Viz) — — —————

To Daniel Bond for Boarding &c: for Mary	
Coollidge	10 : 13 : 0=3
William Bond for taking care of William	} 14 : 19 : 7—
Godding in his last Sicknefs from y <sup>e</sup> 14 day	
March 1771 to y <sup>e</sup> 4 d of august next	} 0 : 13 : 2 : 1
Ebenezer Stone ju <sup>r</sup> : for Boarding Ruth Maddox	
Nath <sup>ll</sup> Stone for 2 pair of Shoes for y <sup>e</sup>	} 0 : 9 : 11—
poor & Mending a Chair	
Sam <sup>ll</sup> : Fisk for Boarding James Daucy	0 : 18 : 0—
Sam <sup>ll</sup> : Cook for Boarding Ditto	1 : 4 : 0—

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Simon Hastings for Labour and Meterials at y <sup>e</sup> minifterial place	7 : 19 : 2
John Remington for Clothing for James Daucy	0 : 9 : 6
Marshal Spring for Medicine & attendance	
on W <sup>m</sup> . Godding &c —	1 : 5 : 0
Owen Warland for keeping y <sup>e</sup> Grammer School	16 : 18 : 8=2
Joseph Hay for his wives keeping School	3 : 4 : 0
Elijah Bond for D <sup>o</sup>	3 : 4 : 0
Hannah Bright for keeping School	3 : 4 : 0
Hannah Cook for D <sup>o</sup>	3 : 4 : 0
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	68 : 6 : 1' 2

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At this Meeting m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Learned one of the Late Surveyors of Highways bro<sup>t</sup>: his list of Highway Rate and it Appeared that it was worked out and it was Accepted by y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen. ———

The following Accounts were bro<sup>t</sup>: into the Selectmen in order to their being lay'd before the town (Viz)

Jedidiah Leath for Sharping a plow Share — 0 " 1 " 0  
for Spikes for y<sup>e</sup> Bridge ————— 0 " 4 " 4    0 " 4 " 4

David Bemis for 137 feet of plank for treadways Bridge	0 " 11 " 8
Stephen Harris for Boarding Ruth Maddox & for timber <sup>for</sup> a Bridge —————	} 0 " 17 " 0
Jonas White for Labour at Treadways Bridge ———	
David Sanger for timber —————	0 : 3 : 8
David Sanger for Serving Constable in y <sup>e</sup> year 1766	1 : 0 : 0
Simon Hastings for Labour and Meterials ———	0 : 15 : 11
Samuel Fisk for Serving Afsefsor y <sup>e</sup> year past ———	0 : 18 : 0
Mofes Stone for Ditto	0 : 18 : 0
Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown for Serving Treafurer & Afsefsor y <sup>e</sup> year past	3 : 11 : 4

Added at Meeting Jon<sup>a</sup>: Bemis for Boarding Ruth Maddox  
0 : 7 : 8 : 2

Daniel Sawin for Serving Constable in y <sup>e</sup> year 1766 & of town	
Carrying two perfons out —	1 : 4 : 0 —
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	12 : 15 : 7 : 2

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At a Gen<sup>l</sup> Town-Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the Publick Meeting House in s<sup>d</sup>: Town on Monday the Second day of March AD: 1772. for the Choice of town officers and other affairs as Setforth in the Warrants for the Said Meeting. ~

Voted & Chofe m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone Moderator for y<sup>e</sup> Meeting

Voted & Chofe for Selectmen	—	{	m <sup>r</sup> : John Remington
			Dea <sup>n</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> : Fisk
			m <sup>r</sup> : Nehe <sup>h</sup> : Mason
			m <sup>r</sup> Tho <sup>s</sup> : Clark
			m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> : White

Voted & Chofe for Town-Clerk & Trefurer Jonathan Brown

Voted & Chofe for Afesors	— —	{	Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown
			Dea <sup>n</sup> : Sam <sup>l</sup> : Fisk
			m <sup>r</sup> : Mofes Stone

Voted & Chofe for Constables mifur<sup>s</sup> Josiah Capen & John Stratton

Voted & Chofe for Collectors of Tax's m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen & m<sup>r</sup> John Stratton and that they give Bond as useyll

Voted & Granted the Sum of 6 pounds to pay y<sup>e</sup> Collectors for their Service

Voted & accepted m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger to Serve Constable & Collector in the Room of m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Capen —————

Voted & Chofe for Wardens mifur<sup>s</sup> Edward Harrington ju<sup>r</sup> & Nathan Coollidge

Voted & Chofe Sealer of Leather m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Sanderfon —————

Voted & Chofe Fence Viewers Mifur<sup>s</sup> Josiah Norcrofs & Tho<sup>s</sup> .Wellington

Voted & Chofe Surveyors of High-ways	{	m <sup>r</sup> : Thomas Harrington
		m <sup>r</sup> : Simon Hastings
		m <sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone
		m <sup>r</sup> Nath <sup>l</sup> : Harrington

Voted & Chofe Tythingmen m<sup>r</sup>: Mofes Hager & m<sup>r</sup>: Chris<sup>t</sup>: Grant ju<sup>r</sup>

Voted & Chofe Hogrievies Mifur<sup>s</sup> Simon Coollidge ju<sup>r</sup> & Stephen Whitney

Voted & Chofe Surveyors of timber &c mifur<sup>s</sup>: David Sanger Nath<sup>l</sup>: Coollidge & Jonas Coollidge

Voted & Chofe Howards mifur<sup>s</sup>. Jon<sup>a</sup>. Learned<sup>ju</sup><sup>r</sup> & John Tainter ju<sup>r</sup> —————  
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Voted & Chose Clerks of y<sup>e</sup> Markets mifs<sup>rs</sup>: Tho<sup>s</sup>: Wellington  
& Bez<sup>ll</sup>: Learned

Voted & Chose Cullars of Hoops Staves &c: mifs<sup>rs</sup>: Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Cook  
& Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Sanger —

Voted & Chose m<sup>r</sup>: Simon Hastings Saxton and Granted him  
£ 3 : 10<sup>s</sup> for his Service

Then the Votes were bro<sup>t</sup> in for a County Treafurer ———

Voted that Swine Shall not Run at Large y<sup>e</sup> present year ———

Voted & Chose a Com<sup>tee</sup> to Examin y<sup>e</sup> { m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup> Harrington  
Treat<sup>rs</sup> acc<sup>ts</sup> { m<sup>r</sup>: William Bond  
Dea<sup>n</sup>: Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Fisk

Then voted that this Meeting with the Remaining bufiness be  
[adjo]rned to next monday at one of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon at  
[y<sup>e</sup> Same] place

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At a Gen<sup>ll</sup>: Town-Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other Inhabitants  
of Watertown who are Qualified to Vote in town affairs Regularly  
Asembled at the publick Meeting Houfe in Said town on  
monday the Ninth Day of march AD: 1772. Pr: Adjournment —

The meeting being opened, m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>ll</sup>: Harrington was Dismifed  
from Serving Surveyor of Highways at his Desire, — — —

Then Voted & Chose mifs<sup>rs</sup>: William Bond & Phin<sup>s</sup>: Child  
Surveyors of highways

Voted and Appropriated the Interest money coming to y<sup>e</sup> town  
as it was last year (Viz) 5/4 to the School and the Remainder  
to y<sup>e</sup> minifter ———

Voted & Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 66<sup>''</sup> 13 : 4 as a Sallary for y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup>.  
m<sup>r</sup>: Seth Storer the Interest money to be part and Remainder to  
be aifest — ———

Voted & Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 33 : 6 : 8 to Support y<sup>e</sup> Grammer  
School ~

Put to vote whether it is y<sup>e</sup> minde of the town to have other  
Schools besides the Grammer School, and it past in the affirmative.

Voted that there be womens Schools as well as Writing Schools ~

Voted and Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 30 pounds to Support Said  
Schools, one half of Said Sum to Support the writing Schools &  
the other half to Support the womens Schools — — — — —

Voted to Choofe a Committe to take the Care of and provide  
Masters & mistrefses for Said Schools — — — — —

Voted & Chofe for Said Committe.~

{	m <sup>r</sup> : Richard Clark
	m <sup>r</sup> : William Bond
	m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen
	m <sup>r</sup> Elijah Bond
	m <sup>r</sup> Jonas Barnard
	m <sup>r</sup> : Daniel Sawin
	m <sup>r</sup> Simon Whitney

Then Voted & Accepted m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Coolidge to Serve Constable and Collector in the Room of m<sup>r</sup> John Stratton. — — — — —

Then Voted and Granted the Sum of £ 40 pounds to Support y<sup>e</sup> poor

Voted and Granted £ 60 pounds to Repair y<sup>e</sup> High-ways & townways

Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 12 : 15 : 7 : 2 to pay the town Creditors

Voted that y<sup>e</sup> afsefsors make a list of each perfons proportion <sup>of ye Highway grant</sup> <sup>^</sup> and give it to y<sup>e</sup> Surveyors in the Same manner as was don last year ———

Then Voted and Chofe m<sup>r</sup>: Ebenezer Stone ju<sup>r</sup> to take care of y<sup>e</sup> old Burying place, to keep up the fence and to Clear up the Briers and trees and to be allowed the feed and Locust trees for his Service

Put to Vote whether the town will Repair the old School-Houfe, and

and it pased in the Negative —————

The Businefs being don y<sup>e</sup> meeting was Difsolved

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1772 March y<sup>e</sup>: 3. Jonathan Brown was Sworn to y<sup>e</sup> faithfull Discharge of y<sup>e</sup> offices of Town-Clerk Town-Treafurer & Afsefsor

By John Hunt Justice of peace

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>l</sup>: Learned on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Day of march AD: 1772 — — — — —  
Four of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen took y<sup>e</sup> oath Required by law Relating to other Governments Bills of Credit (Viz) Dea<sup>n</sup>: Samuel Fisk m<sup>r</sup>: Neh<sup>h</sup> Mason m<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Clark & m<sup>r</sup> Samuel White. — after which the following perfons were Sworn to y<sup>e</sup> faithfull Discharge

of y<sup>e</sup> Several offices to which they were Chosen which are as follows (Viz).

Dea<sup>n</sup>. Samuel Fisk & m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone Afsefors  
 mifs<sup>rs</sup> David Sanger & Joseph Coollidge Constables \_\_\_\_\_  
 mifs<sup>rs</sup> Edward Harrington ju<sup>r</sup> & Nathan Coollidge Wardens —  
 m<sup>r</sup>. Isaac Sanderfon Sealer of Leather ~  
 mifs<sup>ur</sup> Josiah Norcrofs & Thomas Wellington Fence-viewers  
 mifs<sup>rs</sup> Thomas Harrington, Simon Hastings, Moses Stone, W<sup>m</sup>.  
 Bond & Phinehas Child Surveyors of High-ways — — — \_\_\_\_\_  
 mifs<sup>rs</sup> Moses Hager and and Christopher Grant ju<sup>r</sup>. Tything  
 men  
 mifs<sup>rs</sup> Simon Coollidge ju<sup>r</sup> and Stephen Whitney Hogrieves  
 mifs<sup>rs</sup> David Sanger, Nath<sup>l</sup> Coollidge & Jonas Coollidge Sur-  
 veyors of timber boards &c:  
 mifs<sup>rs</sup> Jonathan Learned ju<sup>r</sup> & John Tainter ju<sup>r</sup> Howards — —  
 mifs<sup>rs</sup> Thomas Wellington & Bezaleel Learned Clerks of the  
 Markets  
 m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Sanger Cullar of Hoops Staves &c \_\_\_\_\_  
 All Sworn by Jon<sup>n</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

at this meeting y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Signed orders on y<sup>e</sup> town-Treafurer  
 to pay the Several perions afternamed y<sup>e</sup> Sums offixt to their  
 names Viz

to Daniel Bond y <sup>e</sup> Sum of _____	10 " 13 " 0 " 3
to William Bond _____	14 : 19 : 7 —
to Eben <sup>r</sup> : Stone ju <sup>r</sup> _____	0 : 13 : 2 : 1
to Nath <sup>l</sup> Stone _____	0 : 9 : 11 —
to Sam <sup>l</sup> : Fisk _____	0 : 18 : 0 —
to Sam <sup>l</sup> : Cook _____	1 : 4 : 0 —
to Simon Hastings _____	7 : 19 : 2 —
to John Remington _____	0 : 9 : 6
to Marfhal Spring _____	1 : 5 : 0
to Owen Warland _____	16 : 18 : 8 : 2
to Joseph Hay _____	3 : 4 : 0 —
to Elijah Bond _____	3 : 4 " 0 —
To Hannah Bright _____	3 : 4 " 0
to Hannah Cook _____	3 : 4 " 0

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also to Simon Hastings for Serving Saxton y<sup>e</sup> Sum  
 of 3 : 0 : 0 : 0  
 to W<sup>m</sup> Bond for a Room to keep School in two  
 Winters 1 : 4 —

[an]d to the persons y<sup>t</sup> provided the plows 5 : 9 : 2 —

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Wellington on Monday y<sup>e</sup>. 16<sup>th</sup>. Day of march AD. 1772. In order to agree with some Person to take care of y<sup>e</sup> poor that were Maintained by the town & under the Emediate care of the Selectmen, persons not appearing to take them at a Reasonable price <sup>as</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen tho<sup>t</sup>. They appointed an other Meeting to be at the house of m<sup>r</sup>: Edward Richardson on Monday the 23<sup>th</sup> Day of march Instant at 4 of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon for y<sup>e</sup> Same purpose and ordered y<sup>e</sup> Clerk to put up a Notification at m<sup>r</sup>: Richardsons and at m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learneds which was accordingly don  
p<sup>r</sup>: Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Edw<sup>d</sup>: Richardson on Monday y<sup>e</sup>. 23<sup>d</sup>: Day of March Anno: Domini 1772. —————

They agreed that the Clerk give y<sup>e</sup> Several Surveyors of Highways their Districts in y<sup>e</sup> following manner (Viz). M<sup>r</sup>: Moses Stones to be the County Road from Cambridge line to Simon Hastings Shop, and the lane Called Parry's Lane to y<sup>e</sup> Road by Isaac Sanderfons and the Publick Road from thence to Edward Richardfons, and Jenifons lane, also the lane from his Houfe to y<sup>e</sup> County Road, from thence thr<sup>o</sup>: the lane to Nathan Coollidges —

M<sup>r</sup>: Simon Hastings District to be from his Shop to y<sup>e</sup> Great Bridge and the Roads South of y<sup>e</sup> River. — M<sup>r</sup>: Phinehas Childs District to be the Road from the Corner by Joseph Wellingtons Runing by Kings-Common, and So over the Hill where the Meeting Houfe Stood to the Great Road where the Meeting Houfe now Stands, and from his Houfe to m<sup>r</sup>: Isaac Sanderfons — and Masons lane, and the ways in the North-east Quarter. —

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Harringtons District to be the Road from Cambridge near Thomas Clark Runing under the Rocks to Waltham line above m<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Harringtons, and the Road by Jonas Barnards to Phinehas Child's — and the Road from the School-Houfe to John Stearns's, and also the Road from thence over to Cap<sup>t</sup>: John Tainters Corner, and the Road by Jonathan Bemis's to Waltham line, — M<sup>r</sup>: William Bonds District to be the Country Road from Watertown Great Bridge to Waltham line, and the Road by Dirty-green to m<sup>r</sup>: John Cooksons, also to work out the Sum of Five pounds in Such parts of m<sup>r</sup> Thomas

Harringtons Destrict under the Rocks as he may think proper. — at this meeting they agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Bond to take Care of and Board Mary Coollidge for one year at the Rate of four Shillings p<sup>r</sup> week and to have no further allowance except in case of Sicknefs —

then [they] Signed an order on y<sup>e</sup> treafurer to pay m<sup>r</sup>: Edward Richardfon Six \* it being y<sup>e</sup> Expence in putting out the poor —

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At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup>. Day of April Anno: Domini 1772.

They Agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Mofes Stone to take  $\sqrt{v}$  and Board Ruth Maddox fourteen weeks for which he is to have three Pistereens & her Labour — — — — —

They also Signed an order on the town Treafurer to pay y<sup>e</sup>

Sum of £ 15 : 16 : 10 to m<sup>r</sup> John Stratton in full for his, & his wives keeping School y<sup>e</sup> last year — — — — —

at this Meeting the Selectmen Received a Notification from Samuel Hager Informing that he had Received into his Houfe in Watertown one Phinehas Warrin & Eunice his wife & Mary their Daughter who came last from Waltham Some time in y<sup>e</sup> month of June last

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Nathaniel Coollidge on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of may Anno: Domini 1772.

They Signed an order on the town Treafurer to pay m<sup>r</sup>: Simon Hastings y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 0 : 11 : 2 : 2 for Mending the Meeting Houfe windows — — — — —

They having Received a precept from y<sup>e</sup> Sheeriff of y<sup>e</sup> County of middlefex Requiring them to afsemble y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants of Watertown to Choofe a Suitable perfon to Reprefent them in a Great & General Court Appointed to be Convened held & kept for his Majesty's Service at Harvard-Coollege in Cambridge on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of this Infant may - In observance whereof they ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to y<sup>e</sup> Several Constables to warn all y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to vote in the Choice of a Representative to meet at y<sup>e</sup> publick-meeting Houfe on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of

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this present month of may at two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon for that Purpose. —————

They also agreed to have an other Publick town-meeting on y<sup>e</sup> Same Day and at the Same place at three of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon and ordered y<sup>e</sup> Clerk to Direct y<sup>e</sup> Constables to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants who are Qualified to Vote in town affairs. To meet at said time & place to act on the following articles (Viz) First to Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting (2) To Hear y<sup>e</sup> Report of the Committe appointed to Examin the treafurers accounts and to act thereon as they See fitt. (3) To Grant money to Repair the Great Bridge and to act any thing Relating thereto they may think proper

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(4) To know the minde of the town whether they will Repair the School-House and do any thing Relating thereto they think best. (5) To hear the Petition of James Hay praying the town to grant him Some Releif under his present Needy Circumstances, (6) To Hear the accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to & grant money to pay the Same (7) To know the minde of y<sup>e</sup> town whether they will Build a Wharf at their Landing place at Samuels Key (So Called) in Cambridge and act any thing Relating thereto as they think proper (8) To know the minde of y<sup>e</sup> Town whether they will Build a Work-House and if they Agree thereto, Then to grant money therefor, and to act any thing Relating thereto as they See fitt. —————

The Next Day Warrants were Issued out Accordingly.

P<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a General Town-Meeting of the freeholder and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to vote in the Choice of a Representative Regularly Asembled at the Publick Meeting <sup>House</sup> in Said town on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of may Anno: Domini - 1772. The Meeting being opened The Votes being bro<sup>t</sup>: in Sorted & Counted it appeared that Cap<sup>t</sup>: Jonathan Brown was Chosen to Serve for and Represent them in the Great & General Court the Enfueing year —————

At a Gen<sup>l</sup> Town-Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to Vote in town affairs Regularly asembled at the publick Meeting in Said Town on

Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of May. AD 1772- to Transact Sundry affairs as Setforth in the Warrant for S<sup>d</sup>: Meeting ————  
Deacon Samuel Fisk was Chosen Moderator for y<sup>e</sup> meeting  
Then Voted & Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 10 pounds to Repair y<sup>e</sup> Great Bridge

after Some Debate the Vote was put whether the town will Repair the School-Houfe and it past in the affeirmative — —  
Then Voted to Choofe a Committe to View y<sup>e</sup> Said School Houfe & made Rep[ort]

Voted & Chofe for Said Committe	}	m <sup>r</sup> Simon Hasti[ngs]	
		m <sup>r</sup> David B	*
		m <sup>r</sup> Simon	*

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The fifth article Relating to m<sup>r</sup>: James Hays Request to the town & after a Longe Debate thereon — They Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 10 pounds as an addition to the Grant made at march Meeting last to help Support the poor — — — — —

Voted and Granted <sup>5</sup>12/ Shillings to pay m<sup>r</sup>. Israel Whitney for Some Stones to Repair Treadways Bridge (So Called — — — — —  
Then Voted to adjourn the meeting with the Remaining Bufinefs till the Next Monday at 4: of the Clock afternoon at this place — — — — —

The following is the Report of y<sup>e</sup> Committe Appointed to Examin the town Treafurers Accounts which was accepted (Viz)

We the Subscribers being Appointed by the town of Watertown to Examin the town Treafurers accounts have Attended that Service and find said acc<sup>ts</sup> well Vouch't and Right Cast

Watertown May y <sup>e</sup> : 14 <sup>th</sup> = 1772.	}	Nath <sup>l</sup> : Harrington	} Com <sup>tee</sup>
		Sam <sup>l</sup> : Fisk	
		William Bond	

At a General Town-Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to vote in town affairs Regularly asembled at the Publick Meeting Houfe in s<sup>d</sup>: town on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Day of may AD 1772. P<sup>r</sup>: Adjournment— The Meeting being Opened They Proceeded to act further on the (4)<sup>th</sup> article in y<sup>e</sup> Warning (Viz) 1. Voted to Grant money to Repair the School-Houfe (2<sup>ly</sup>) Voted & Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 18 pounds for

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that Purpofe (3) Voted to Chooſe a Committe to Repair s<sup>d</sup>:  
School-Houſe

4 Voted and Chofe for Said Committe — { m<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: White  
m<sup>r</sup>: Mofes Stone  
m<sup>r</sup> Simon Whitney

(5) Voted that the Chimney be Removed to Some other place  
Then the (7) article being Read—They Voted to Build a Wharf  
at Samuels Key (So Called) in the town of Cambridge — — —  
then voted to Chooſe a Committe to finde what the Charge may  
be &c —

Voted & Chofe for s<sup>d</sup>: Committe — — — { m<sup>r</sup>: Mofes Stone  
m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>: White  
m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen

Voted that ſaid Committe make Report to the town this day  
Fortnight.

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The (8<sup>th</sup>) Article being Read and after Debate thereon, they  
Voted to Build a work-Houſe — — — — —  
Voted to Chooſe a Committe of Five men to look out a Suiable  
place and Draw a proper plan or model for Said Houſe and make  
an Estimate of y<sup>e</sup> Charge and make Report to the town at the  
Adjournment of the Meeting — — — — —

Voted & Chofe for Said Committe { M<sup>r</sup>: Mofes Stone  
m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White  
m<sup>r</sup>: David Bemis  
m<sup>r</sup>: William Bond  
m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Sawin

Then the town voted that when the South pier of y<sup>e</sup> Great Bridge  
is Repaired that if the other towns Concerned conſent thereto  
it Shall be made wider — — — — —

Then they Voted and Adjourned this meeting to monday the  
Eighth Day of June Next at (4) of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon at this  
place

At a General Town-Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other Inhabitants  
of Watertown Regularly Aſſembled at the Publick Meeting-  
Houſe on Monday the eighth Day of June Anno-Domini 1772-  
Pr: Adjornment—

The meeting being opened —The Seventh article Read Relating  
to the Building a wharf at Samuels Kee (So Called) the Com-

mitte that were Chosen to Estimat the Cost of Building a Wharf at Said place made a Verbal Report— that it will Cost about one Hundred & Forty pounds (old Tenor) or in Lawfull money £ 18 : 13 : 4 to Build a good Wharf at said place

Then they Voted and Granted s<sup>d</sup>: Sum of £ 18 : 13 : 4 for s<sup>d</sup>: purpose

Then they Voted to Choofe a Committe of three men to Build s<sup>d</sup>: Wharf

Voted and Chofe for Said Committe — { m<sup>r</sup>: Mofes Stone  
m<sup>r</sup> Jonas Bond  
m<sup>r</sup> Neh<sup>h</sup> Mason

Then y<sup>e</sup> eighth article was Read Relating to Building a Work-Houfe and the Com<sup>tee</sup> Appointed to Look out for a Suitable place to Set Such a Building on &c Made a Report which is on file and after Some Debate on the affair a Motion was made and Seconded and the Vote was put whether the town will Reconsider their Vote at the last meeting for Building a Work Houfe and the Vote past in the Affirmative \_\_\_\_\_

The Bufinefs being don y<sup>e</sup> moderator Declared the mee[ting] Desolved \_\_\_\_\_

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At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham at the Houfe of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Nathaniel Coollidge on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup>. day of June Anno. Domini 1772 — — — — —

They Agreed to Repair the Great Bridge in Watertown as Soon as it can Conveniently be don and it is to Remain the Same Wedth that it now is—and it was agreed that it Should be laid about ten or twelve Inches higher than it now is at the South pier — They also Agreed to Choofe a Committe of three perfons to take Care and git the Work Don (Viz) one from each town. — —

Voted & Chofe for Watertown — m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel White  
for Weston — — L<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Stratton  
for Waltham — — Dea<sup>n</sup> Isaac Stearns

and it was Agreed to begin the work y<sup>e</sup> Next monday

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 31<sup>th</sup> Day of August AD: 1772. at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wellington They Signed their Approbation for mifs<sup>s</sup>: Edw<sup>d</sup>: Richardson, Bezaleel Learned, Thomas Wellington, & Cap<sup>t</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Coollidge for their Renewing their licences as Inn-holders,—and M<sup>r</sup>

Ezekiel Hall, m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Capen, m<sup>r</sup>: John Hunt junior for Retailors, They Likewise approbated & Recommended m<sup>r</sup>: Abner Craft for a Retailor.

And they Appointed a Meeting of the Selectmen of y<sup>e</sup> Several Towns Concerned in the Support of the Great Bridge in Watertown to be on the 14 day of September Next at 3 of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon at the House of Samuel Livermor Esq<sup>r</sup>: in Waltham and ordered the town-Clerk to notifie the Selectmen of Weston & Waltham of y<sup>e</sup> time and place and to Desire their attendance. Notifications were Sent to y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Weston and Waltham Accordingly

P<sup>r</sup>: Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at m<sup>r</sup>. Bez<sup>ll</sup>. Learneds on y<sup>e</sup> 18 Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup>: 1773. Sam<sup>ll</sup> Benjamin Applied for Some Relief for his Sifter Whitney and they agreed to git her a Baize Gown & peticoat & allow him 2/ Shilling p<sup>r</sup> week till further [ \* ]ers

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston and Waltham on Monday y<sup>e</sup>: 14<sup>th</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: Anno: Domini 1772. at the Houfe of Samuel Livermore Esq<sup>r</sup>: in Waltham The accounts that were bro<sup>t</sup>: in by Sundry perſons for y<sup>e</sup> Repairs of the Great <sup>Bridge</sup> in Watertown Since y<sup>e</sup> last Adjustment which was on the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1770. the Sum ammounting to £ 11 : 12 : 4 : 2 was proportioned & adjusted Signed by the Selectmen and Entered at large in the Second Book in y<sup>e</sup> Treafury

Watertowns part being	4 : 1 : 11
Westons D <sup>o</sup>	3 : 16 : 7 : 1
Walthams D <sup>o</sup>	3 : 13 : 10 : 1

11 : 12 : 4 : 2

At the Meeting aforesaid L<sup>t</sup>: Jonathan Stratton paid the Sum of 11/10<sup>d</sup> to the Treasurer of Watertown it being the Ballance which is due to Watertown after Weston has paid Said Stratton y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 3 : 4 : 8 : 1 for which Sum the Selectmen ordered the town-Clerk to give s<sup>d</sup>: Stratton an Order on y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Weston for the Sum of £ 3 : 16 : 7 : 1 which Sum will be in full of Westons part when paid of y<sup>e</sup> Sum proportioned as abovesaid

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an order was Given on y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Weston Accordingly and Signed by Order of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen      Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen the 23<sup>th</sup> Day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: AD 1772. at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Tho<sup>s</sup>: Wellington — They Signed an order on the town Trefurer to pay or Order y<sup>e</sup> payment out of the town Rate to each of y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants of the town what appeared by the Surveyors lists they had worked out in Repairing y<sup>e</sup> High-ways Since last march. — also to pay m<sup>r</sup>: John Clark £ 6 : 13 : 4 pence for his Service in keeping School— also one pound one Shilling and Seven pence one farthing to y<sup>e</sup> wid<sup>o</sup>: Elizabeth Wyth of Cambridge for her Boarding Ruth Maddox. — at this meeting m<sup>r</sup> John Remington gave in a Notification to y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Informing them that he had Received into his Family one Sarah Flagg who Came last from Concord on y<sup>e</sup>: 22<sup>d</sup> Day of September last paft. \_\_\_\_\_

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Fryday y<sup>e</sup>: 18<sup>th</sup>: Day of December Anno: Domini: 1772 at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned They agreed that the Clerk Should Diliver the late Samuel Hackletons Indentures to D<sup>r</sup>: Marfhal Spring \_\_\_\_\_ at this meeting James Hay made Application to y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen for Some Releif and they agreed that m<sup>r</sup>: John Remington Should Supply him with Nefsecaries to the Value of 2/8 p<sup>r</sup> week till further orders. — They also Signed orders on the Town-Trefurer to pay the Sum of £ 11 : 12 : 4 : 2 to the town Creditors which found the Meterials & Repaired the Great Bridge, also to pay the Sum of £ 12 : 15 : 7 : 2 to the Town Creditors agreable to the Grants made them the Last march Meeting, and the Sum of £ 66 : 13 : 4 to the Rev<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup>: Seth Storer which was Granted him as a Sallary for the present year, also the Sum of £ 6 : 10 : 0 to the Committe appointed to Repair the School-Houfe. \_\_\_\_\_

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup>: AD. 1773 at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Wellington ~ They Sold the Clothing & other things which belonged to Mary Coollidge at Publick Vendue for the Sum of £ 29 : 9 : 6 old Tenor — and ordered the Trefurer to pay the Sum of £ 1 : 12 : 0 to m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Wellington it being the Expence in his Houfe — —

a meeting on y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Day See y<sup>e</sup> (62) page \_\_\_\_\_

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at y<sup>e</sup> House of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Nathaniel Coollidge on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of January AD 1773 —

The wife of Joseph Bond & their two Children were bro<sup>t</sup>: from Charlstown & Dilivered to y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen to take Care of Whereupon they Agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Nehemiah Rand of Charlstown to take the Said Joseph Bonds wife & the Eldest Child and keep them till the first day of may Next & m<sup>r</sup>: Rand is to pay Four Shillings p<sup>r</sup>: week to y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen for y<sup>e</sup> Labour of m<sup>rs</sup>: Bond besides her, & her Childs Board ———

They Agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Jedidiah Leath to take the other Child of Joseph Bond for the present for 3/1 p<sup>r</sup>: week ———

and they Agreed with Joseph Coollidge to keep Ruth Maddox Six [we]eks for 13/6 old Tenor p<sup>r</sup> week. he is to fetch her from m<sup>r</sup> Mafons

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Also Agreed with m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Learned to take John Whitney ju<sup>r</sup> and to have his labour Six Weeks & to pay to y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen 14/ Shillings p<sup>r</sup>: week old Tenor ———

at this meeting a Petition was presented to y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Signed by a Large Number of the Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> town Desiring that they would Call a Town-Meeting that the Inhabitants may have an Oppertunity to agree upon Some Measures in order to Obtain a Redrefs of y<sup>e</sup> Many Greivances which the people of this as well as the other Colonies Labour under at this time ———Wherefore They ordered the Town Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to the Several Constables Requiring them to warn the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs to Afsemble at the publick Meeting House in said town on Monday y<sup>e</sup> first Day of February Next at one of the Clock afternoon to Choofe a Moderator for said Meeting — Secondly To Consider of the Greivances Mentioned in the Petition to the Selectmen for Calling this meeting as also any other that the Colonies in America in General or this Province in perticular Labor under and to hear the Pamphlet Read which the Selectmen have Received from Boston wherein the Rights of the people are Stated as also the Greivances are pointed out, and for the town to act any thing Relating thereto the town may think best. — — ———

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly

P<sup>r</sup>: Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the

Town of Watertown on Monday the first day of February AD. 1773.

Said Meeting being Called by the Selectmen in Compliance with a Circular Letter Received from the Com<sup>tee</sup> of Corroispondance of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Boston and at the Request of more than fifty of y<sup>e</sup> Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Watertown — — — — The meeting being opened & Dea<sup>n</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk being Chosen Moderator at the unanimous Desire of the town the Pamphlet containing the Votes & proceedings of the town of Boston at their meeti[ng] Nov<sup>r</sup>: y<sup>e</sup>. 20<sup>th</sup>. 1772, Containing also the State of y<sup>e</sup> Rights of the [Colo]nists and of this Province in perticular and of the

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Infringments and Violations of those Rights was Publicly Read and after Some Debate thereon the Town Proceeded to Choofe a Com<sup>tee</sup> to prepart Something that may be proper for the town to act on the affair before them and to make Report at y<sup>e</sup> adjournment of s<sup>d</sup>: Meeting was Adjourned to the Fryday following ———

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown February y<sup>e</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup>. 1773. By Adjournment the Com<sup>tee</sup> Appointed by the town the first Instant Reported according to order which was Read and is as followeth (Viz)———

Refolved that it is the Opinion of the town that the State of Rights of the Colonists in General and of this province in perticular as men as Christians and as Subjects are by the town of Boston very properly Stated, and the violations of those Rights perticularly pointed out and fully Demonstrated.— upon these very Important affairs the Sentiments of the town are more fully exprest in the following Remarks &c: When we take a view of the Numerous Instances wherein our Constitutional Rights & Charter priviledges are invaded, and Violently taken from us and the many perticulars where in we are Cruelly opressed — we are filled with fearfull Apprehensions that there is a Defign

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formed and plann <sup>^</sup> to opress but to Inslave us, which plann Seams to be Carrying into Execution with great Rapidity — The Consideration whereof fills us with great Grief & Anciety — For Rendering Such a wicked Defign abortive, we are willing to Contrabute to the utmost of our ability in any Constitutional way that may be thought Expedient in Conjunction with our Bretheren of the Community — for however deep Such a plann may be laid and how far Soever advanced towards a Completion, yet we



Don't look upon the Case Desperate It is not Impofsiable but the Snare may be broken and we may Escape; There are Several Considerations which Serve to Enliven our hopes, Particularly the People in General through the province Seam to <sup>be</sup> <sub>v</sub> Roused to a Sence of the Danger to which their Liberties & properties are exposed — and to use their utmost Endeavors to Recover & Secure them — we are also Incouridged by the Glorious Stand which the Representative Body of this people and the Hon<sup>l</sup>: his Majesty's Council are making in Defence of our Liberties and their united Indeavours ( with a fortitude) peculier to themselves, to Stem the torrent of tyranny and opprefion which Seams to threaten to overwhelm & Destroy us, Whereby they have merited y<sup>e</sup> applause and thankfull Acknowledgments of the whole province — and proved themSelves truly the Guardians of our Liberties, we are \* Especially incouridged by the <sup>Consideration of the</sup> <sub>^</sub> many Infntances wherein

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Divine providence hath Interposed in Behalf of this People in times of their most eminent Danger — and wrought Diliverance for them — and it is our Earnest prayer to the Supream Governer of the univrs who hath the Hearts of all men in his Hands that he would So order it in his providence that our Rights Liberties & priviledges Civil and Sacred may be Restored and Confirmed to us, that they may be wifely Improved peacably and uninterruptedly Enjoyed by us and our Defendants till time Shall be no more

Sam <sup>l</sup> : Fisk	} Committe
Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown	
Mofes Stone	
Sam <sup>l</sup> White	

Watertown Feb<sup>ry</sup>: y<sup>e</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup>. 1773.

The foregoing Report Read & accepted without opofion —  
Voted that the Town-Clerk enter the Same on the town Records and Return an attested Copy thereof to the Committe of Corrofpondance in Boston

Attest Sam<sup>l</sup>. Fisk Moderator ———

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned on Fryday y<sup>e</sup>. 5th: Day of February AD- 1773 ———

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They Agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Bond to take Joseph Bonds Child from m<sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Leaths and keep it for the present and he is to have 3/ p<sup>r</sup> week for his trouble — — — —

The Proceedings of the Committe Chosen by the town of Watertown March y<sup>e</sup>. 2<sup>th</sup> 1773. To take Care of the Schools & improve the money Granted for that Purpose the present year &c At a meeting of s<sup>d</sup>: Committe at m<sup>r</sup>: Learned's march y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>. 1772 They agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: John Clark to keep the Grammer School one month at the Rate of £ 250 pounds old Tenor p<sup>r</sup> year. to begin the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of march — — — — —  
At a Meeting of S<sup>d</sup>: Committe April y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup>. 1772. They <sup>agreed</sup><sub>v</sub> with m<sup>r</sup>. John Clark the present School-ma<sup>r</sup>ter to keep the Grammer School till the first of June next at the Rate of 250 pounds P<sup>r</sup> year

At a meeting of s<sup>d</sup>: Committe at m<sup>r</sup>: Wellington's may the 11<sup>th</sup> 1772 They Determined that there Should be a Vacancy in the G[rammer] School to begin the first Day of June — — —

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At Said Meeting they Agreed that there Should be five womans Schools opened to begin the first Day of June accordingly they agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: John Stratton's wife to keep a School at the East School Houfe, and with m<sup>r</sup>: Elijah Bonds wife to keep a School in their Houfe, and m<sup>rs</sup>: Rebecca Warrin to keep a School in m<sup>r</sup>: Phinehas Stearns's Houfe, and m<sup>rs</sup>: Hannah Cook to keep a School in their Houfe, and m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Hay wife to keep a School in their Houfe, Accordingly they kept School Eleven Weeks & one Day and an half each at two pounds old Tenor p<sup>r</sup>, week Said Mistrises to finde rooms or allow for them out of their wages. —  
At a meeting of s<sup>d</sup>: Committe at m<sup>r</sup>: Richardson's September y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>th</sup> 1772. They Agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: John Stratton to keep a School in the Towns School House to begin the 28<sup>th</sup> of September Instant and to keep till the 23<sup>th</sup> Day of October at the Rate of 250 pounds P<sup>r</sup> year — At s<sup>d</sup>: meeting the Committe Agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Palsgrave Wellington to keep the Grammer School a Quarter of a year at the Rate of £ 300 pounds old Tenor p<sup>r</sup> year to begin the 23<sup>th</sup> of October — —

At S<sup>d</sup>: meeting They also Agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: John Stratton to keep a School at the East School Houfe to begin the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of Novem-

ber and to keep twelve weeks & three Days at two Dollars p<sup>r</sup>: week — — — — —

At a meeting of S<sup>d</sup>: Committee at m<sup>r</sup>: Learneds January the 6<sup>th</sup>. 1773.

They Agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: John Stratton to keep a School in the West School Houfe to begin the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of February and to keep twelve weeks and three Days at two Dollars p<sup>r</sup>: week

At S<sup>d</sup>: meeting they agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Henry Bright to keep the Grammer School to begin the 27<sup>th</sup>. Day of January & to keep till the first Day of march at the Rate of 300 pounds old Tenor p<sup>r</sup>. year — — — — —

William Bond P<sup>r</sup>: Order

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At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Coollidge on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup>: Day of February AD. 1773.— They Agreed to Call a Publick Town Meeting to be on Monday the first day of march Next at twelve of y<sup>e</sup> Clock at noon at the Meeting Houfe and ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to y<sup>e</sup> Several Constables Requiring them to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at Said time & place for the Ends following (Viz)

First to Chooſe a Moderator for S<sup>d</sup>: meeting (2<sup>ly</sup>) To Chooſe Selectmen Town-Clerk & Treaſurer & all other town officers Required by law to be Choſe in the month of march annually — — (3<sup>ly</sup>) To Chooſe a Saxton & agree how he Shall be paid for his Service (4<sup>ly</sup>) To put in their Votes for a County Treaſurer (5<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of the town Whether Swine Shall Run at Large the present year — — (6<sup>ly</sup>) To Chooſe a Committe to Examin the Treaſurers Accounts (7<sup>ly</sup>) to appropriate the Interest money Coming to the town the present year. (8<sup>ly</sup>) To Grant a Sallery for the Rev<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup>: Seth Storer for the year Enſueing the year begining the first day of march next (9<sup>ly</sup>) To grant money to Support the Grammer & English Schools that may be agreed upon and act any thing Relating thereto the town may think fitt - (10<sup>ly</sup>) To Grant money to Support the poor (11<sup>ly</sup>) To Grant money to Repair y<sup>e</sup> Great Bridge (12<sup>ly</sup>) To Hear the Accounts of thoſe perſons the town is Indebted to & Grant money to pay y<sup>e</sup> Same (13<sup>ly</sup>) To grant money to Repair the High-ways and town-ways and act any thing Relating thereto the town may think

proper. (14<sup>y</sup>) To Hear the Pleas of any of y<sup>e</sup> late Constables for abateing any perticular Persons Rates in their lists and to act thereon as they See fitt, (15) To know the minde of the town whether they will take up the two Hinde Seats in the Body of y<sup>e</sup> meeting Houfe on both Sides & make pews and act any thing Relating thereto as they think proper (16) To know the minde of the town whether they will Sell or lease a town way that lies between the lands of m<sup>r</sup>: Christopher Grant and the Heirs of m<sup>r</sup> John Kemball Deceaft and to act thereon as they See fitt. (17) To Hear the Report of the Committes that were Appointed to Repair the School-Houfe & to Build a Wharf (at Samuels Key So Called) and to act any thing Relating thereto as the town think best, (18) To agree how Said Wharf Shall be Improved and act any thing on the affair they think best (19) To know the minde of the town whether they will appoint a Committe to finde out the Bounds of the Landing place near Dea<sup>n</sup>: Fisks Marfh & do any thing on the affair they think best (20) To know the mind of the town wheather they will Build a work-Houfe and ac[ any] thing Relating thereto they See proper — — — — —

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Likewise to notifie the town Creditors to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned on Fryday the 26 Day of this present month of February at 4 of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in the afternoon

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly  
Pr Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on Fryday the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of February AD. 1773. at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned the following acc<sup>ts</sup> were bro<sup>t</sup>: in & accepted by the Selectmen (Viz) —————

m <sup>r</sup> : Daniel Bond for Boarding &c for Mary Coollidge	3 " 9 " 8
m <sup>r</sup> David Bemis for a Coffen for s <sup>d</sup> : Coollidge	— 0 " 9 " 0
m <sup>r</sup> Simon Hastings for Diging a Grave for s <sup>d</sup> : Coollidge	— — 0 " 4 " 0
m <sup>r</sup> Samuel White for Gloves for s <sup>d</sup> . Coollidges Funeral	— — — 1 " 1 " 9 : 2
	<hr/> 5 " 4 " 5 : 2

Dea <sup>n</sup> : Samuel Fisk for provifions for James Hay	0 " 12 " 4
m <sup>r</sup> John Draper for D <sup>o</sup> for D <sup>o</sup> . — — — —	0 " 7 " 4 " 2

m <sup>r</sup> John Remington for D <sup>o</sup> to D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	5 " 6 " 10 " 2
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m <sup>r</sup> : John Remingtons other account being — —	6 " 6 " 7 " 0
	1 " 5 : 2 : 0
m <sup>r</sup> : Ezekiel Hall for Clothing for John Whitneys wife —	1 " 11 " 9 " 3
m <sup>r</sup> : Samuel Benjamin for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	0 " 11 " 5 " 0
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	2 " 3 " 2 " 3
m <sup>r</sup> : Jonathan Child for Boarding y <sup>e</sup> wid <sup>o</sup> Tabitha Learned	1 : 4 : 0 : 0
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Cap <sup>t</sup> : Nath <sup>l</sup> Coollidge for Labour &c= at the Great Bridge	4 " 1 " 8 —
m <sup>r</sup> Stephen Harris for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	0 " 19 " 4 —
The Committe for Repairing y <sup>e</sup> School Houfe —	28 " 3 : 11 : 3
The Committe for Building y <sup>e</sup> wharf — — —	31 " 17 : 6 : 0
M <sup>r</sup> Isaac Sanderfon for a Hammer to Seal Leather with — — — — —	0 " 1 : 9 : 2

The following accounts were bro<sup>t</sup> to the Selectmen to be laid before the town (Viz)

To Dea <sup>n</sup> : Sam <sup>l</sup> : Fisk for Serving Afsefsor the year past	0 " 18 : 0
To m <sup>r</sup> : Mofes Stone for like Service	0 " 18 : 0
To Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown for Service as Treaferer & afsefsor	3 " 11 : 4
To Cap <sup>t</sup> . Daniel Whitney for Stones for a Bridge	0 " 4 : 0
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	5 " 11 : 4

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At a Gen<sup>l</sup>: Town-Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to Vote in town affairs Regularly afsembled at the publick meeting-house in S<sup>d</sup>: Town on Monday the first Day of March AD. 1773 for y<sup>e</sup> Choice of town officers & other affairs as Setforth in the Warrants for s<sup>d</sup>: meeting ———

Voted & Chose m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone Moderator for S<sup>d</sup>: meeting

Voted & Chofe for Selectmen	{	M <sup>r</sup> : Mofes Stone & m <sup>r</sup> : Tho <sup>s</sup> : Clark	{	
		m <sup>r</sup> : Nehemiah Maſon		
		m <sup>r</sup> . Sam <sup>ll</sup> White		m <sup>r</sup> : Stone & m <sup>r</sup> Clark
		m <sup>r</sup> David Bemis		at their Deſire were
		m <sup>r</sup> Joſiah Capen		Excufed from Serving
		m <sup>r</sup> Jonas Bond		m <sup>r</sup> : Bond Refuſed to
				Serve & m <sup>r</sup> Sanger
				was Chofen in his
				Room ſee y <sup>e</sup> (73) page

Voted & Chofe Jonathan Brown Town-Clerk & Treafurer

Voted & Chofe for aſſeſſors —	{	Jonathan Brown
		D <sup>n</sup> Samuel Fiſk
		m <sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone

Voted & Chofe for Conſtables & Collectors m<sup>r</sup>: Tho<sup>s</sup>: Pattin & W<sup>m</sup> Bond

Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 6 pounds to pay y<sup>e</sup> Collectors for their Service

Voted & Chofe for Wardens miſs<sup>rs</sup>. David Coollidge & Eben<sup>r</sup>: Stetſon

Voted & Chofe for Sealer of Leather m<sup>r</sup>: Isaac Sanderſon

Voted & Chofe for Fence-Viewers miſs<sup>rs</sup>. Phin<sup>s</sup>. Stearns & Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Barnard

Voted & Chofe for Surveyors of High-ways	{	m <sup>r</sup> : Richard Clark
		m <sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone
		m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> : Barnard
		m <sup>r</sup> Tho <sup>s</sup> : Wellington

Voted & Chofe for Tythingmen miſs<sup>rs</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Soden & Jedidiah Leath

Voted & Chofe for Hogrieves miſs<sup>rs</sup> Isaac Prentic & Jonas Coolidge

Voted & Chofe for Surveyors of Timber &c Capt<sup>t</sup>: Nath<sup>ll</sup>: Coolidge & m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger

Voted & Chofe for Howards miſs<sup>rs</sup>: Isaac Sanderſon ju<sup>r</sup> & Jonas Barnard

Voted & Chofe for Clerks of the markets miſs<sup>s</sup>: Elifha Learned & W<sup>m</sup>: Hunt

Voted & Chofe for Cullars of Hoops Staves &c m<sup>r</sup>/: Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Cook & Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Sanger

Voted & Chofe m<sup>r</sup> Simon Haſtings Saxton & Granted him 3 : 10 : 0 for his Service

Then the Votes were bro<sup>t</sup>: in for County Treafurer \_\_\_\_\_

Voted that Swine Shall not Run at large the preſent year \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Chofe for a Com<sup>tee</sup> to Examin  
 y<sup>e</sup> Treaf<sup>r</sup> acc<sup>ts</sup>  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{m}^r: \text{Nath}^{\text{ll}}: \text{Harrington} \\ \text{m}^r: \text{Sam}^{\text{ll}} \text{ Fisk} \\ \text{m}^r: \text{John Remington} \end{array} \right.$

Voted & appropriated y<sup>e</sup> Interest money as it was last year (Viz)  
 5/4 to the School and the Remainder to y<sup>e</sup> minifter

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Voted & Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 66 : 13 : 4 for a Sallary for the Rev<sup>r</sup>  
 m<sup>r</sup> Seth Storer the Interest money to be part, & the Remainder  
 to be a<sup>l</sup>seft

Voted & Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 40 pounds to Support y<sup>e</sup> Grammer  
 School

Voted to have Writting Schools & Granted £ 20 pounds to Sup-  
 port y<sup>e</sup> Same

Voted to have womens Schools & Granted £ 15 pounds to Support  
 y<sup>e</sup> Same

Then Voted that this Meeting with the Remaining bu<sup>l</sup>inefs be  
 Adjourn'd to monday Next at one of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon at this  
 place

At a Gen<sup>l</sup> Town-Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other Inhabitants of  
 Watertown who are Qualified to Vote in town affairs Regularly  
 asembled at the Publick meeting House in s<sup>d</sup>: town on Monday  
 the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of march AD 1773. By Adjornment ———

The meeting being Opened They Voted & Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of  
 £ 24 pounds to Support the poor y<sup>e</sup> present year ———

Voted and Granted the Sum of £ 2 pounds to Support y<sup>e</sup> Great  
 Bridge

Then the accounts of y<sup>e</sup> town Creditors were Read ammounting  
 to the Sum of £ 5 : 11 : 4 which Sum was Granted to pay y<sup>e</sup>  
 Same

Voted & Granted £ 80 pounds to Repair y<sup>e</sup> High-ways & town-  
 ways and that the price of Labour be 3/ P<sup>r</sup> Day for a man & the  
 Like Sum for a Team — — — — —

Voted that the A<sup>l</sup>sefsors make out Lists of Each Inhabitants  
 proportion of s<sup>d</sup>: Sum of Eighty pounds & give the list to y<sup>e</sup>  
 Surveyors in the Same manner as they were the last year. — — —

Then they voted & abated Fanning Learneds Rates in Issaac San-  
 derfons lists & Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 1 : 5 : 9 : 3 to make it good  
 also abated y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 14/5 of Jonathan Felsendens Rates in the  
 s<sup>d</sup> Sanderfons Lists & Granted the like Sum to make it good — —

Voted & abated John Stearns's Rates in David Sangers lists & Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 1 : 17 : 8 : 3 to make it good \_\_\_\_\_  
 Then Voted to Reconsider y<sup>e</sup> vote & Grant of £ 15 pounds to Support womens Schools —  
 Then voted to appropriate what was left of the Grammer School last year to help Support the womens Schools  
 then voted that the money for writing & womens Schools [be] Equally Divided

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Then they Voted & Excused m<sup>r</sup> William Bond from Serving Constable the present year — — — — —  
 then the town being Informed that m<sup>r</sup>: Jonas Bond Declined Serving Selectman—they then Voted & Choſe m<sup>r</sup>. Nathaniel Harrington a Selectmen and <sup>he</sup> Refused to Serve — — —  
 Then Voted & Choſe m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger for a Selectman  
 Then Voted & Choſe m<sup>r</sup>. Samuel Nutting Constable in the Room of William Bond, and upon his plea to be Excused the town having Considered the Same Voted to Excuse him \_\_\_\_\_  
 Then they Voted & Choſe m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup> Harrington Constable in y<sup>e</sup> Room of m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Nutting but he being unwilling to Serve they Choſe m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Norcrofs for a Constable — — —  
 and m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger was accepted to Serve Constable & Collector in the Room of m<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Pattin, and m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Coollidge in the Room of m<sup>r</sup> Josiah norcrofs by a Vote \_\_\_\_\_  
 Then after Some Debate thereon the town Voted to take up the two Hind Seats in the Body of y<sup>e</sup> meeting Houſe & make Pews —  
 Then Voted that Said pews Shall be Sold to y<sup>e</sup> Highest Bider --  
 Voted to Choofe a Committe to Build Said Pews — — — — —  
 Voted & Choſe for Said Committe { m<sup>r</sup>: Moſes Stone  
 { m<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Fisk  
 { m<sup>r</sup>: David Bemis  
 Voted that the Committe Build y<sup>e</sup> Said Pews before Next may meeting & then make Report to the town — — — — —  
 Voted that the Pews to be built take in the little alleys So as to join to the other pews — — — — —  
 Voted & Choſe m<sup>r</sup>: Jonas Coollidge Surveyor of Timber &c — —  
 Then they Voted & adjourned the meeting with the Remaining buſineſs to monday next at this place at 2 of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon

Middleſex ſs: March the 8<sup>th</sup>. 1773.

Cap<sup>t</sup>: Jonathan Brown of Watertown Appeared and was Sworn



to the office of a Town-Clerk Town-Treasurer & aiseisor for  
 the town of Watertown, to which offices he was Respectively  
 Chose by Said Town and Sworn <sup>to</sup> the faithfull Discharge  
 thereof <sup>^</sup>

Before me Samuel Livermore Justice [of Peace]

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At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Learned  
 on monday the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of march AD 1773 \_\_\_\_\_

Four of the Selectmen took y<sup>e</sup> oath Required by Law Relating to  
 other Governments Bills of Credit (Viz) — — — — —

mif<sup>rs</sup> Samuel White David Bemis Josiah Capen and David  
 Sanger. — after which the following persons were Sworn to the

faithfull Discharge of the Several offices to which they were  
 Chosen (Viz) Dea<sup>n</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk & m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone Aiseisors

mif<sup>rs</sup> David Sanger & Joseph Coollidge Constables \_\_\_\_\_

mif<sup>r</sup> David Coollidge & Ebenezer Stetfon Wardens — — — —

m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Sanderfon Sealer of Leather \_\_\_\_\_

mif<sup>rs</sup> Phinehas Stearns and Samuel Barnard Fence-Viewers

mif<sup>rs</sup> Richard Clark, Mofes Stone, Sam<sup>l</sup> Barnard, & Tho<sup>s</sup>:

Wellington Surveyors of High-ways — — — — —

mif<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Soden & Jedidiah Leath Tythingmen \_\_\_\_\_

mif<sup>rs</sup> Isaac Prentice & Jonas Coollidge Hogrieves

mif<sup>rs</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Coollidge, David Sanger, & Jonas Coollidge Survey-  
 ors of Timber &c

mif<sup>rs</sup> Isaac Sanderfon ju<sup>r</sup> & Jonas Barnard Howards — — — —

m<sup>r</sup>: Elifha Learned Clerk of y<sup>e</sup> markets

m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Cook Cullar of Hoops Staves &c

Sworn by Jonathan Brown Town-Clerk

At this meeting the Selectmen Agreed with m<sup>rs</sup>: Lock of Wooburn  
 to take Joseph Bonds youngest Child and Board & provide for it

three months for which She is to have 19<sup>l</sup> Shillings P<sup>r</sup> week old  
 Tenor — — — —

and they Signed an order on the Town-Treasurer to pay the Sum  
 of £ 46 : 3 : 5 : 1 to the Several persons after named to each y<sup>e</sup>  
 Sum affixt to his name Viz

To Palsgrave Wellington — — 10" 0" 0

To John Stratton — — — — — 8" 0" 0

To Elijah Bond — — — — — 3" 0" 0

To Joseph Hay — — — — — 3" 0" 0

To Hannah Cook — — — — —	3" 0" 0
To Rebecca Warrin — — — — —	3" 0" 0
To Daniel Bond — — — — —	3" 9" 8
To David Bemis — — — — —	0" 9" 0
To Simon Hastings — — — — —	0" 4" 0
To Sam <sup>ll</sup> : White — — — — —	1" 1" 9 : 2
To Sam <sup>ll</sup> : Fisk — — — — —	0" 12" 4 —
To John Draper — — — — —	0" 7" 4 : 2
To John Remington — — — — —	6" 12" 0" 2
To Ezekiel Hall — — — — —	1" 11" 9" 3
To Samuel Benjamin — — — — —	0" 11" 5" 0
To Jonathan Child — — — — —	1" 4" 0 —

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46" 3" 5 : 1

## [75]

At a Gene<sup>ll</sup>: Town-Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other Inhabitants of of Watertown who are Regularly Quallified to Vote in town affairs being Meet at the Publick Meeting House in S<sup>d</sup>: town on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of March AD 1773. By Adjournment ~ The Meeting being Opened they Proceeded to act on y<sup>e</sup> (16) article and after Some Dabate thereon they Voted that the Selectmen Inquire into the Circumstances of the town way mentioned in Said article, and Make Reporte what <sup>they</sup> <sup>^</sup> think proper for the town to act on the affair at may meeting — — — — — Then the Report of y<sup>e</sup> Committe appointed to Repair the School-House was Read, and it was Voted to accept the Same, also Voted that the money Due from m<sup>r</sup>: Isaac Sanderfon by his Note of Hand be Appropriated to help Sattisfy the Committes account and that a Sum Sufficient with the Grant & appropriation to Sattisfie the Same Should be Afsest which is £ 1 : 10 : 5 : 3 The the Report of y<sup>e</sup> Committe Appointed to Build the Wharf at Samuels Kee So Called being Read none of y<sup>e</sup> Committe being Present it was Voted that the Consideration thereof be Refeer'd to next may Meeting — — — — — Then (18) <sup>th</sup> article being Read Relating to the Improvment of above-Said Wharf and the town Voted that the Selectmen let out the Same for the present as may be most for the Benfitt of y<sup>e</sup> town — — — — — The (19) <sup>th</sup> article being Read and after Debate thereon they Voted to Choofe a Committe to finde out & Settle the Bounds of y<sup>e</sup>

D<sup>n</sup>

Landing place near  $\wedge$  Samuel Fisks Marth & to make Report at  
may Meeting

Voted & Chofe for S<sup>d</sup>: Committe — — { Dea<sup>n</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown  
m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone

Voted to put of the Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> article Relating to a  
Work-House till next may meeting. — The businels of the  
meeting being don the moderator Declared it Disolv'd

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At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of march AD.  
1773. at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>l</sup>: Learned. — They Agreed  
with m<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Bond to take Care of & Board James Hays  
Eldest Child for three months at the Rate 42/ old Tenor P<sup>r</sup>  
week — and they Agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Henry Bright to keep the  
Grammer School three months from the Second Day of march  
Instant at the Rate of £ 40 pounds Lawfull money P<sup>r</sup>. year

They also Agreed to meet the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Edward Richardfon  
on monday the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of this present month of march to Let  
out the Wharf lately Built in Cambridge to the Highest Bider &  
Directed the Clerk to put up Notifications of the time and place  
of their meeting for s<sup>d</sup>: buisinel —

At this meeting it was Agreed that m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Capen and m<sup>r</sup>:  
David Sanger take Care of y<sup>e</sup> Great Bridge for the present.

at this meeting m<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Bond bro<sup>t</sup>: in his account for Boarding  
& nursing Joseph Bonds youngest Child 4 weeks and an half at 3/  
p<sup>r</sup> week — — — — — — — — — — — 0 : 13 : 6 —

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on y<sup>e</sup>. 29<sup>th</sup>. Day of march AD 1773.  
at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Edward Richardfon in order to Let out the  
Wharf lately built by y<sup>e</sup> town in Cambridge it being put up to  
be let to the Highest Bider it Appeared that m<sup>r</sup>. Christopher  
Grant <sup>jur</sup>  $\wedge$  bid y<sup>e</sup> Sum of  $1 : 15 = 4$  <sup>f</sup> <sup>s</sup> <sup>d</sup> which was the Highes Bid—  
Therefore it was Agreed that Said Grant Should have the Im-  
provement of Said Wharf for one year from S<sup>d</sup>: Day he giveing  
his note of Hand to the town Treadurer to pay Said Sum by y<sup>e</sup>  
Expiration of Said Term. and he gave his note accordingly — —  
at this meeting y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Signed an order on y<sup>e</sup> town Treadurer

to pay y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 45=15=11=2 to y<sup>e</sup> Several perfons &c in y<sup>e</sup> following manner (Viz).—

To Cap <sup>t</sup> : Nath <sup>l</sup> . Coollidge for taking Care of y <sup>e</sup> Bridge	4 " 1 " 8
To m <sup>r</sup> Stephen Harris for Labour at D <sup>o</sup> — —	0 " 19 " 4
To y <sup>e</sup> Committe for Repairing y <sup>e</sup> School House	18 " 0 " 0
To y <sup>e</sup> Committe for Building y <sup>e</sup> Wharf — —	18 " 13 " 4
to Isaac Sanderfon — — — — — — — —	0 " 1 " 9=2
to Israel Whitney — — — — — — — —	0 " 12 " 0
to m <sup>r</sup> Henry Bright in part for keeping school	2 " 13 " 4
to m <sup>r</sup> Daniel Bond — — — — — — — —	0 " 13 " 6
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	45 " 15 " 11 " 2

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At Said Meeting they Settled the Destricts of y<sup>e</sup> Surveyors of the Highways as follows (Viz) m<sup>r</sup>: Moses Stones to be the Country from Cambridge line below m<sup>r</sup>: Edward Richardfons to m<sup>r</sup> John Remingtons, and the Roads South of the River, and Jenifons Lane and the lane from s<sup>d</sup>: Stones to the Publick Road by Nathan Coollidges, and the North Publick Road from Richardfons to Vilas and the lane Called Parrys lane — and also to work Four pounds Lawfull money under the Rocks. —————

M<sup>r</sup>: Richard Clarks District to be from the Corner by Joseph Wellingtons the Road over Kings Common to the Road by Kemballs Corner at the foot of the meeting House Hill (so Called) and the Publick Road from thence to Vilas and also Mafons and Goddings & Chenerys Lanes —————

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wellingtons Destrict to be the Country Road from m<sup>r</sup>: John Remingtons to Waltham line and the Road by Dirtygreen and Cap<sup>t</sup>: Tainters lane as far up as his Houfe — and also to work out the Sum of five pounds under the Rocks. ———

M<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Barnards Destrict as follows (Viz) m<sup>r</sup>: Bemis's lane and from Cap<sup>t</sup>: Tainters North to John Stearns's Corner from thence by m<sup>r</sup>: Nathaniel Harringtons to Waltham line, also the lane by Cap<sup>t</sup>: Daniel Whitneys to the meeting House, also the lane from the School House over the old Meeting House Hill to Kemballs Corner, and from thence the Country Road to Samuel Warrins and from thence North the Road by Thomas Harringtons and under the Rocks to Thomas Clarks Gate —————

at this meeting they agreed that the Clerk write to y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen

of Weston to Send five or Six Hundred feet of good plank to the Great Bridge to Repair y<sup>e</sup> Same with \_\_\_\_\_

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the House of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Coollidge on monday y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>: Day of may Anno: Domini 1773 ~  
They Signed an order on the Treaferer to pay y<sup>e</sup> sum of £ 5 : 17 : 4 to m<sup>r</sup> Ameriah Fullar & his Brother in full for House Rent for James Hay the last year.— And they Directed the town Clerk to write an or[der] to the Selectmen of Weston to pay m<sup>r</sup>: Jonas Harrington ju<sup>r</sup> of [Water]town the Sum of £ 1 : 14 : 4 : 3 for 172 feet of Planck which [he] bro<sup>t</sup>: to y<sup>e</sup> Great Bridge in Watertown — — —

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The Selectmen haveing Received a Precept from the Sheriff of the County of middlefex for the Purpose hereafter mentioned, They ordered the Clerk to Issue out warrants Directed to y<sup>e</sup> Several Constables to warn all y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative to asemble and meet at the Publick meeting House on monday y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Day of may Currant at two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon to Choof a Suitable Person to Represent them in a Great & General Court or asembly appointed to be held & kept for his Majesty's Service at the Court Houfe in Boston on Wednesday the twenty-Sixth Day of this Infant month of may. They also Agreed to have an other Meeting the Same Day and at the Same place at 3 of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon and ordered the Clerk to Direct the Constables to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup>: town who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to meet at Said time & place for y<sup>e</sup> Ends following (Viz) First to Choofe a moderator for Said meeting — Secondly To Hear the Report of y<sup>e</sup> Committe appointed to Examin the Treaferers accounts and to act thereon as they See fitt ~

(3<sup>y</sup>) To know the minde of the town whether they have any objection to the Wall's Standing in the place where it now is against y<sup>e</sup> Land of John Draper which he purchafed of William Sanger & for the town to act thereon as they think proper. (4) To know the minde of the town whether will Sell the Spots where they Agreed to Build pews and if So then to make Sale thereof or otherwise to give their Committe Some further Directions Relating to Building the Same, and to appropriate the money that

may arise by the Sale thereof for the Repairs of the meeting House or other uses as may be thought proper, and to act thereon as they think best (5<sup>ly</sup>) To know y<sup>e</sup> minde of y<sup>e</sup> town whether <sup>they</sup> ^ will keep an English School the whole year, and if So to Choose a School-master, and also Choose a Committe to take Care of all the Schools that have been agreed upon or may be agreed to be kept, and to do any thing Relating thereto as may be thought proper. (6<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of the town whether they will appoint a Committe to See what peices or percells of <sup>Land</sup> ^ there is belonging to the town and agree how they Shall be Improved and to act any thing Relating thereto as may be thought proper — (7<sup>ly</sup>) To Hear the Report of any Committes that have been appointed for any perticular Services, and to act any thing thereon as they see fitt — (8<sup>ly</sup>) To finish any Busines that was Referred over to this meeting from the last march meeting. —

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly Dated the next Day

Pr Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Gen<sup>l</sup>: Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative Regularly Afsembled at the Publick Meeting-Houfe in S<sup>d</sup>: Town on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Day of may AD 1773.— The meeting being Opened and the Votes were Called for and after they were bro<sup>t</sup>: in and Sorted & Counted it appeared that Cap<sup>t</sup>: Jonathan Brown was Chosen to Represent the town in the Great & General Court for the year Ensueing. —

At a Gen<sup>l</sup>: Town Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly afsembled at the publick meeting House in s<sup>d</sup>: Town on monday the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of may Anno: Domini 1773. For transacting Sundry affair as Setforth in the warrants for s<sup>d</sup>: meeting

Voted & Chose Cap<sup>t</sup>: Jonathan Brown Moderator for y<sup>e</sup> meeting Then the Report of y<sup>e</sup> Committee appointed to Examin y<sup>e</sup> treasurers accounts were Read and Voted & accepted the Same See (80<sup>th</sup>) Page

Then y<sup>e</sup> (3) article was Read — and the town Voted that John Draper have Liberty to Continue & keep up his Wall or fence against y<sup>e</sup> River where it was when he purchafed the Land of William Sanger. — — — —

The (4) article being Read after Some Debate thereon the town Voted to make Some alterations in their first Instructions

Voted that the pews to be Built Should not go acrofs the Little alley & that the two Hinde Seats may be Removed two Inches forward & the fore Seat one Inch So as to make five Inches in the whole. and that the floor be laid the Same height as those behinde y<sup>m</sup>

Voted that the Committe appointed to Build s<sup>d</sup>: pews proceed to and git Said work don, by the first monday in August next ~

Voted that Said Committe make Sale of Said pews to y<sup>e</sup> Highest Bider as before Directed giving Notice of Said Sale both as to time & place Seasonably beforehand the purchafer to be an Inhabitant of the town. — — — — —

The (5) article being Read. — it was Voted to Choofe a Committe to take care of & provide for the Schools as to Mafters & miftrefse[s] for the year Ensueing. — — — — —

Voted & Chofe for S<sup>d</sup>: Committe — { m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>ll</sup>: Harri[ \* ]  
 { m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone  
 { m<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup> B[ \* ]

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The (6) article being Read it was put to Vote whether it is the minde of y<sup>e</sup> town to Choofe a Committe to finde out any peices or parcels of Land Belonging to y<sup>e</sup> town & make Report thereof at the Next meeting — it past in the affirmative

Voted & Chofe for Said Committe — { John Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 { m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>ll</sup>: Stone  
 { m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone

Then it was Voted that y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen let out the town way between m<sup>r</sup>: Christopher Grants Land & Land belonging to the Heirs of m<sup>r</sup> John Kemball Deceaf<sup>t</sup>: for y<sup>e</sup> present year and make Report at the adjournment of this meeting

Then the accounts of y<sup>e</sup> Committe appointed to Build the wharf at Samuels Key was Read & accepted ammounting to the Sum of £ 30 : 18 : 6<sup>s</sup> : 6<sup>d</sup> — and there being y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 12 : 5 : 2 Ballance

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due more than y<sup>e</sup> Grant for s<sup>d</sup>: Service it was Voted to put it off till the adjournment of this meeting — — —

Then the affair Relating to a work House which was put off from march meeting last to this meeting was Considered — and it was Voted that the Selectmen apply to the neighboring towns to See if they or any of them will joine in building one & Report to the town what is proper to be don

Then it was put to Vote whether this meeting with the Remaining businefs Should be adjourned to y<sup>e</sup> Second monday in August next and it past in the affirmative

it was accordingly adjorned to s<sup>d</sup>: Day at two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon at this place — — — — —

The Report of y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to Examin y<sup>e</sup> treaf<sup>r</sup> acc<sup>ts</sup> is as follows (Viz) — — — We the Subscribers being Appointed by the town to Examin the Treafurers accounts have attended Said Service & finde Said accounts well Vouched & Right Cast

John Remington	}	Com <sup>tee</sup>
Nath <sup>l</sup> . Harrington		
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Fisk		

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Bez<sup>ll</sup> Learned on the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of may AD: 1773. They Approved of m<sup>r</sup> Amos Bond being a Retailor in the Room of m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White & [a]nd ordered the Clerk to Certifie <sup>it</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> Court of Sefsions of y<sup>e</sup> [P]eace

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>. Bez<sup>ll</sup> Learned on monday the 31<sup>th</sup> Day of may Anno: Domini 1773.

They let the Lane between the Land of m<sup>r</sup>: Christopher Grant & the Heirs of m<sup>r</sup>: John Kemball Deceaf<sup>t</sup>: to m<sup>r</sup>: Phinehas Child to be Improved by him till the first Day of January Next for which he Agreed to pay y<sup>e</sup> Sum of twelve Shilling to the town-Treafurer for the use of the town and gave his note of Hand for the Same —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday y<sup>e</sup>. 12<sup>th</sup>. Day of July AD 1773. at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned they Signed an order on the Town-Treafurer to pay m<sup>r</sup>: Benjamin Fefsenden Six Shillings in full for the use of of his Horfe & Chaife for the use of James Hay — — — — —

and whereas Great Damage was don to the Meeting- Houfe last Saturday by Lightning — — They agreed to have a publick Town



meeting on monday y<sup>e</sup> ninth Day of August next at one of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon at the Publick Meeting Houfe and ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed the Several Constables to warn all y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to asemble & meet together at y<sup>e</sup> publick meeting House at Said time to act on the following articles (Viz) —

First to Choofe a Moderator for Said meeting (2<sup>ly</sup>) to grant money for Repairing the meeting House or to appropriate any Sum of money that may arife by the Sale of pews or otherwise to Said use. and also agree how S<sup>d</sup>. Houfe Shall be Repaired. and to do any thing Relating thereto that the town think Needfull (3<sup>ly</sup>) To act on any matter or thing that may be laid before the Town as they shall think best, and Likewise to give notice that the last may meeting Stands adjourned to the Same Day at two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon. —————

Warrants were Issued out accordingly Dated y<sup>e</sup> 28 Day Infant  
Pr Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Gen<sup>l</sup> Town-Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other Inha<sup>ts</sup> of Watertown who are Qualified to vote in town affairs Regularly Asembled & meet at the Publick meeting houfe in S<sup>d</sup>: Town on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Day of aug<sup>t</sup>: Anno: Domini 1773

Voted & Chofe m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Fisk Moderator of s<sup>d</sup>: meeting

Voted to Repair the Steple of y<sup>e</sup> meeting House and the the other parts, and to new paint all the windows and other works on the House that were painted before — — — — —

Voted that there Shall be Conducting wires put upon the Steple —

Voted & appropriated the Sum of 30 pounds out of the money that may arife by y<sup>e</sup> Sale of the new Pews if a Sufficent Sum may arife thereby, and if not then to asefs So much as to make up said Sum

Voted that y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen be a Committee to take care and git Said Repairs don — — — — —

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in October next at two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon at this this place — and the meeting was accordingly adjou'd

At a Gen<sup>l</sup> Publick Town Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders &c at y<sup>e</sup> publick meeting House in s<sup>d</sup>: Town on y<sup>e</sup> ninth day of August

AD 1773 By adjournment — Cap<sup>t</sup>: Jonathan Brown being moderator of y<sup>e</sup> meeting

Voted and Appropriated 24 & ½ Dollars that may arise by y<sup>e</sup> Sale of the pews to pay for Building the Same — — — —

Voted that the purchasers of y<sup>e</sup> pews Should pay ten Dollars as Soon as they are Struck of to them and one half of y<sup>e</sup> Remainder in 15 day & y<sup>e</sup> Remainder within one month after y<sup>e</sup> Sale — — —

Voted and Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 12 : 5 : 2 to Satisfie the account for Building the wharf — — — — —

Then the meeting was Defolved — — — — —

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At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> Day of August AD 1773. at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned. — They Agreed with mifs<sup>rs</sup> Simon Hastings Jonathan Learned ju<sup>r</sup> & William MacCurtain to Repair the meeting House at the Rate of 4/6 p<sup>r</sup> Day for their Labour they to finde themselves Board, and all their tools Ropes Blocks and all Nefsecary tackling only the town to pay 20/<sup>s</sup> Shilling for the use of Ropes &c: and y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen are to find all meterials = the workmen to begin as Soon as the Stuf is provided — at this meeting y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Signed an order on y<sup>e</sup> Treafurer to pay m<sup>r</sup>: John Stratton the Sum £ 11 : 1 : 3 : 2 in full for his keeping School Last year. — They also appointed a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham to be on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Day of this present month of august at 2 of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon at the House of Bez<sup>ll</sup>. Learned in Watertown and ordered the Clerk to notifie the Selectmen thereof—

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Watertown, Weston & Waltham on monday the 30<sup>th</sup>. Day of august AD 1773 at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Learned in Watertown the Charge that has arisen Since the last adjustment which was on y<sup>e</sup> 14 Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD. 1772 — The whole Sum being 9 : 7 : 10 was adjusted & Signed by the Selectmen of each town and Watertowns part is

	3 : 6 : 6
Westons D <sup>o</sup>	is- 3 : 2 : 0
Walthams D <sup>o</sup>	is- 2 : 19 : 4

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9 : 7 : 10

They also agreed to provide one String peice three Braces & as many Plank as is Nefsecary for the Repairs of the Bridge & Chofe m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Capen for Watertown, m<sup>r</sup>: Tho<sup>s</sup>: Rand for Weston,

and m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup>: Bridge for Waltham to make y<sup>e</sup> Neiseary Repairs at this meeting there was an order on y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Weston Signed to pay Jonas Harrington ju<sup>r</sup> of Weston y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 2 : 13 : 7 : 1 in [full] for the Plank which he had bro<sup>t</sup>: for the use of the Grea[t Bridge]

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And after y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Weston, Waltham were gon the Selectmen of Watertown Agreed with mis<sup>s</sup><sup>rs</sup> Jedidiah Leathe and Phinehas Stearnes to make the Iron Rods for y<sup>e</sup> Steeple of y<sup>e</sup> meeting House & they are to have four Shillings P<sup>r</sup> pound for them old Tenor \_\_\_\_\_

They also agreed to meet again on Thursday Next at 4 of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon at m<sup>r</sup> Edward Richardfons to approbate Suitable perfons for Tavern keepers & Retailors of Spiritous Liquors

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Edward Richardfon on Thursday the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD. 1773 —

They Approved of m<sup>r</sup>: Edward Richardfon, m<sup>r</sup>: Tho<sup>s</sup>: Wellington, m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned & Cap<sup>t</sup>: Nathaniel Coollidges Renwing their licences as Inn-holders—also m<sup>r</sup> Ezekiel Hall m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Capen m<sup>r</sup> Abner Craft m<sup>r</sup>: Amos Bond and of John Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: in the Room of his Son John who is Removed out of town Retailors of Spiritous Liquors \_\_\_\_\_

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup>: Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: Anno: Domini 1773 —

They Signed an order on the Town-Treasurer to pay m<sup>r</sup>. Henry Bright Six pounds in part for his Service in keeping the Grammer School the Present year—also the Sum of three pounds to m<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Bond in part for Boarding James Hays Daughter \_\_\_\_\_

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At a Publick Town Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Afsembled at the publick meeting House in Said Town on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Day of October AD- 1773 - By adjournment

Dea<sup>n</sup>: Samuel Fisk being Moderator \_\_\_\_\_

The Report of y<sup>e</sup> Committe Appointed to Build four new pews & to Sell the Same, was Read and Voted and accepted See below—  
Then the Selectmens account of the Charge of y<sup>e</sup> Repairs of the Meeting House ammounting to £ 71 : 1 : 11 : 3 was Read & Voted & accepted See Page (86)

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Then they Voted and Appropriated the further sum of 41:1:11:3 of the money that <sup>has</sup> <sub>^</sub> arisen by the Sale of the pews to Sattisfie Said account \_\_\_\_\_

Then they Voted that the Selectmen Should lay what Gravil is Necessary Round the meeting House to Secure the under pining —  
Then the Voted to have New Steps made to the meeting house  
Voted that the Selectmen git hewed Stones for the Steps to the front Door and make the other as they think best  
Voted that they Draw money out of the Treaury to provide the Meterials with \_\_\_\_\_  
they also voted that the Glafs that was left Should be kept for the use of the meeting House — — — — —  
Then The Meeting was Disolved \_\_\_\_\_

The Report of the Committe appointed to Build and Sell the pews is as follows (Viz)

We the Subscribers a Committe Appointed by the town of Water-town to Dispofo of the pews lately Built in the meeting-House have attended that Service and Sold Said four pews to the highest Bidders under the Same Regulation that the other pews were Dispofed of—<sup>s</sup>d. pews were Sold as followeth (Viz)

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	£	old	Tenor
N <sup>o</sup> : 1 Sold To m <sup>r</sup> : Simon Whitney for — — — —	281	—	0 — —
N <sup>o</sup> : 2 Sold To m <sup>r</sup> : Ezekiel Hall for — — — —	250	—	0 — —
N <sup>o</sup> : 3 Sold To m <sup>r</sup> : David Bemis for — — — —	185	—	0 — —
N <sup>o</sup> : 4 Sold To m <sup>r</sup> : Samuel Soden for — — — —	177	—	0 — —
	893 : 0 : 0		
Lawfull money.		119	: 1 : 4
	£		
Received of the Purchasers.	12		
Pr Cr. — — — — —	8	—	2 — 8
	_____		

Remains in Cash	£	3—17—4
Prime Cost of Said Pews		7 : 4 : 0
Expence of Sale — — — —		0 : 18 : 8
	£	8 : 2 : 8
		Mofes Stone
		Sam <sup>l</sup> : Fisk
		David Bemis

Watertown Oct<sup>r</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup>. 1773.

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The Selectmens account of the Charge for Repairing the meeting Houfe is as follows (Viz) —————

To m <sup>r</sup> : Simon Hastings for Labour & materials	11 : 13 : 2
To m <sup>r</sup> : Jonathan Learned ju <sup>r</sup> for Labour &c —	6 " 8 " 3
To m <sup>r</sup> William M <sup>c</sup> : Curtain for D <sup>o</sup> : — — —	5 " 17 " 0
To m <sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Leathe for Iron-work — — —	4 " 0 " 6
To m <sup>r</sup> Phinehas Stearns for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	2 " 10 " 6 " 2
To m <sup>r</sup> : Abner Craft for Nails &c — — — —	1 " 17 " 5 " 3
To m <sup>r</sup> : Samuel White for Labour & materials	3 " 15 " 4 " 3
To m <sup>r</sup> : David Bemis for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	18 " 9 " 2 " 2
To m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	10 " 16 " 3 " 1
To m <sup>r</sup> : David Sanger for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	4 " 14 " 2 —
To the Selectmen for Extra Expence — — —	1 " 0 " 0 —
	£ 71 " 1 " 11 " 3

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>l</sup>: Learned on monday the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of Oct<sup>r</sup>. Anno: Domini 1773 —————

They Signed an order on the town Treaferur to pay or order the payment of the Several Sums which y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants have worked out in Repairing y<sup>e</sup> High-way agreeable to y<sup>e</sup> Return of the Surveyors of the Highways also to pay the town Creditors the Sum of £ 5 : 11 : 4 which was Granted to them at the last march meeting See page (70) —————

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And at this Meeting Dea<sup>n</sup>: Samuel Fisk gave notice in Writting to the Selectmen that he had Received into his Family two Children from Boston (Viz) Thomas & John Pafon they came to him Oct<sup>r</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> 12. 1773 —————  
and m<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Clark notified that he had Received into his

Family one James Downing from Lynn on the first day of February last past. also one Daniel Jackson gave in a Notification Informing that he had Received into his house in Watertown one William Fullar and Elizabeth his wife & their four Children (Viz) Katy, Molly, John & Cornelius, See the notifications on file

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 22<sup>th</sup> Day of Nov<sup>r</sup>: Anno: Domini 1773. at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned — They Signed an order on the Town-Treasurer to pay m<sup>r</sup>: Henry Bright the Sum of twenty four pounds which with what has been ordered before will make the whole of his wages for keeping y<sup>e</sup> Grammer School in Watertown till the third Day of December next —————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Tuesday the Seventh Day of December Anno: Domini 1773. at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned- They agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Bond to Board the widow Tabitha Learned four weeks at three Shillings p<sup>r</sup> week, and with m<sup>r</sup>: Jonas White to Board Ruth Maddox four weeks at nine Shillings p<sup>r</sup> week old Tenor —————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of December Anno: Domini. 1773 at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Wellington, They Agreed to Call a publick Town-Meeting to be at the publick meeting House in Said town on Monday the third Day of January Next, and Then agreed to Adjourn their meeting to monday the 27 Day of this Infant December to meet again at Said Wellingtons to appoint the time of Day and also the Businesfs to be acted on at Said Meeting

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And on the Said 27 Day of Dec<sup>r</sup>: the Selectmen being meet according to Agreement They ordered the Town-Clerk to Issue out warrants Directed to the Several Constables to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at y<sup>e</sup> publick meeting-<sup>house</sup> in Said town on Monday y<sup>e</sup> Said Third Day of January 1774. at one of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon to act on the following articles (Viz)

First To Choose a moderator for Said Meeting. — Secondly To See if the town will agree upon any Method or way to prevent y<sup>e</sup> Estate of John Stearns from being taken from him for Debt and for the town to act any thing Relating thereto as they may

think best. Thirdly To See if the town will agree upon any way or means to widen and Repair the Great Bridge over Charls-River to make it more Safe pasing & Repasing over the Same, & Do & act any thing Relating thereto as the Town Shall think Necessary. ———

Fourthly For the town to take into Consideration the many Evils and Difficulties this province in perticular, as well as America in General Labour under by the Importation of Teas into this province Subject to Duties laid on the Same by an act of perliament, and to See if the Town can come into Some Measures to Discourage the Importation thereof, or at the last to Come into Some Resolutions that may prevent the Trade and Confumption of that article within the Town of Watertown untill Such time as the Duty Shall be taken off the Same, and for the town to act any thing Relating thereto as they may think best, ———

Fifthly. To See if the town will agree to Build pews in the Galleries in the Meeting House where the Back Seats are against y<sup>e</sup> windows, and to do any thing Relating thereto as they See fitt. — Warrants were Issued out accordingly

Pr: Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

Dated Dec<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup>: 1773.

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At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly asembled on monday the third Day of January Anno: Domini 1774. at the publick Meeting House in Said Town to Transact Sundry affairs as Setforth in the Warrants for Said Meeting ———

They Voted & Chose Dea<sup>n</sup>: Samuel Fisk moderator of s<sup>d</sup>: meeting Then the Second Article Relating to the Circumstances of John Stearns being Read and after Some Debate thereon — it was Voted that the Town-Treasurer be and is hereby Impowered in the name & Behalf of the town to pay and Sattisfie, or give Security for one half of the Sum for to Sattisfie an Execution that now lies against John Stearns & Thomas Harrington in Favor of Francis Dana it being the Proper Debt of Andrew White — — also Voted that the Selectmen be desired to proceed to finde out the Circumstances of John Stearns's Estate & Endeavor to bring his affairs to a Settlement as Soon as they can ———

Then the third article was Read Relating to the Great Bridge over Charls-River in Watertown and after Debate thereon they

Voted & thereby Impowered their Representative in the name and Behalf of the town to joine with the Representatives or any Committes that may be Appointed by the other towns Concerned in the Support of S<sup>d</sup>: Bridge, in Petitioning to the Great and General Court for Some Releif under the Great Burden of Supporting Said Bridge \_\_\_\_\_

Then it was moved & Voted that the meeting with the Remaining businefs be adjourned to the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>l</sup> Learned to meet there in half an Hour from this time —

The town being meet at M<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learneds House according to adjournment. The moderator Oppened the meeting and the article Relating to East India-Companys Sending Teas into this province subject to Duty, being read and <sup>after</sup> Consideration

and Debate thereon, The Town Exprest their <sup>^</sup>minds on this occation in manner and form as Entered on the next page

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Taking into Consideration the Distresed Scituation of this province as Well as the other Brittish American Colonies Occationed by the Brittish Parliments Claiming a Right to tax the Colonies & bind them in all Cafes Whatsoever — Thereby Denying us an Exclusive Right to tax our Selves and Disposing of our own properties. and have actually levied a Tax upon the Colonies by Imposeing heavy Duties on Sundry articles Imported by the Colonies for the Exprest purpose of Reifing a Renewal to the Crown, and the Injurious Application of the Revenues So unjustly Extorted from us (Viz) for the Support of Civil Government and Defraying the Charges of the Administration of Justice — The bad Effects whereof are already felt in this Colony by Rendering one Branch of the Legislative Court intirely Independent of the other for its Support, and the aspect is no less thretning with Respect to the Executive part of the Government. — having a tendency (as we apprehend) of Saping and finally overthrowing our Civil Constitution of Government and Introducing an arbitrary one. — The publick Distress is Greatly Increased by a late act of parliment, Impowering the East-India Company to Export their Teas to america Subject to Duties upon its being Landed, — and the proceedings of Said Company in Confequence of Said Act in Shiping a Very large Quantity for the Colonies a Large Quantity whereof hath lately arived in Boston Harbour. whereby the Inhabitants of Boston and the



Neighbouring towns has been greatly Alarmed, which has Occasioned the Inhabitants of Boston & the Neighbouring towns to assemble and Consult how the fatal Consequences of Landing & Vending Said Teas might be Prevented, and we are fully of oppinion that the people had a Right thus to meet & Consult for their Common Safty — We Read that the Jews in a State of Captivity & Slavery under an arbitrary King when a Decree was gon forth to Destroy them had Liberty to assemble together & Defend themSelves & Consult how to ward off the blow that was coming on them by Preventing the wicked Edict being Carried into Execution, — under Providence they were wonderfully Succeeded having the kind Influences of a good Mordica in their favour who not accusing them of Riot Sought their welfare & was accepted by the multitude of his Bretheren, — and we are also fully of oppinion that the people assembled at Boston on the 14<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> of December last, had no Design or Desire that the Tea on Board the Vefsel in the Harbour Should be Destroyed or any way Damaged but on the Contrary were very Desirous and used their utmost Endeavours that Said Tea might be Safely Returned to the [own]ers thereof

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But that the Distruction of the Tea was occasioned by the Custom Houfe officers and the Governors Refusing to grant a Clearance and pafs for the Vefsel that was Designed to Carry Said Tea back to the owner from whence it came — Being Influenced by y<sup>e</sup> foregoing Considerations Dreading of Slavery with which we Seem to be thretned and being True Friends to Liberty to which we have an undoubted Right, we would Exert ourSelves to the utmost of our power to avoid the former and Secure the latter. — and we would be Glad to be joined by all our Bretheren on the Continent (in like Tribulation) in this Laudable attempt, For this purpose we Refolve —————

First To indeavour to Discourage & as far as it lies in our power prevent the Importation or bringing of Tea into this province by the East India Company or any others, and accordingly Declare that for y<sup>e</sup> futer we will not purchase any Tea nor Suffer it to be used in our Families. ————— Second That we will have no Dealings with any Shopkeeper or Tradsmen or any other who Shall persist in Buying or Selling or using of Tea in their Families ————— Third We give it in Charge to our Selectmen for

the time being not to approbate any person for a Tavernkeeper or a Retailor who shall Supply any Company or persons with Tea or Shall persist in making use of it in their Families, and that they use their indeavours to prevent any Such from having their licences Renewed. ——— 4 That in case any Teas Should be Imported by the East India Company or any others into this province, we will to the utmost of our ability oppose the Receiving and using Said Tea ——— 5 That if any persons in this town Shall persist in Selling or Buying or Consuming any Teas Contrary to the true Intent & meaning of the foregoing Resolves they Shall be Looked on as inemical to their town & Country and treated accordingly ——— 6 That the foregoing Resolves be in force and fully Executed till the Duties aforesaid are taken off and no longer ———

Then it was put to Vote whether the foregoing Resolves &c: be agreeable to the town and it passed in the affirmative unanimously — and Voted that the town-Clerk Record the Same and transmit a Copy to the Committe of Correspondance for the town of Boston which was don accordingly & attested by

Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

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Then the article in the warrant for this meeting Relating to Building pews in the meeting House was Read & after Debate thereon, It was Voted to Build pews in the Galleries next to the windows from one Stair-way to the other Round in y<sup>e</sup> front of the House ———

Voted that they be Built at the Cost of the town

Then Voted to Choose a Committe to Build s<sup>d</sup> pews in Such way & manner as the Committe with the advice of the Selectmen Shall think most for the Benefit of the town and that they git Said work don by the Last Day of February next, and make Report to the town at next march meeting ———

Voted & Chose for s<sup>d</sup>: Committe —

{	m <sup>r</sup> : Josiah Capen
	Cap <sup>t</sup> : William Bond
	m <sup>r</sup> : Bez <sup>ll</sup> : Learned
	m <sup>r</sup> : Sam <sup>ll</sup> : Sanger
	m <sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Leathe

The Busines of the Meeting being don the moderator Declared the meeting to be Dissolved

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At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup>: Day of January AD. 1774

They Agreed with m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Bond to Board the wid<sup>o</sup> Tabitha Learned for the present at the Rate of three Shillings P<sup>r</sup> week

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston & Waltham at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Isaac Gleafon in S<sup>d</sup>: Waltham on the 24 Day of January AD 1774.

They Agreed unanimously to petition the Great and General Court to afford Some Releif in widning and Supporting the Great Bridge over Charls-River in Watertown and that the Representative of each town be Impowered as a Committe for that purpose

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Wellington on y<sup>e</sup> 21 Day of February Anno: Domini 1774 —

They Signed an order on the Town-Treasurer to pay m<sup>r</sup>: Moses Stone £ 12 : 5 : 2 it being what Remained Due to him for Building the wharf in Cambridge ——— and they agreed to have a publick

Town meeting on Monday the Seventh Day of march Next at twelve of y<sup>e</sup> Clock at noon at the publick meeting House & ordered

the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to y<sup>e</sup> Several Constables to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who

are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to asemble at the time and place afore Said to act on the following articles (Viz) First to

Choofe a moderator for Said meeting Secondly to Choofe Selectmen Town-Clerk & Treafurer and all other town officers Re-

quired to be Chofe in the month of march annually (3) To Choofe a Saxton and agree how he Shall be paid for his Service

(4) To put in their Votes for a County Treafurer (5) To know the minde of the town whether Swine Shall Run at Large the

prefent year (6) To Choofe a Committe to Examin the Town-Treasurers accounts (7) To appropriate the Interest money

coming to the town y<sup>e</sup> present year (8) To Grant a Sallary for y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup>: Seth Storer for the enfueing year the year beginning the

first day of march next (9) To Grant money to Support the Grammer & English Schools that may be agreed upon, and to

act anything Relating thereto the town may See fitt (10) To Grant money to Support y<sup>e</sup> poor, (11) To Grant money to Repair

the great Bridge and to act any thing Relating thereto they See fitt, (12) To hear the accounts of thofe perfons the town is In-

debted to and grant money to pay the Same (13) To Grant

money to Repair the High-ways & town-ways, and to act any thing Relating thereto they think proper, (14) To hear the pleas of the Constables for abating any perticular persons Rates in their lists, and to act thereon as they See fitt (15) To know the minde of the town whether they will Improve m<sup>r</sup>: John Stratton to keep the English School the whole year & to act thereon as they think proper, (16) To See if the town will provid firewood for the Schools and agree upon Some Method to Regulate the Same, and to act thereon as they See meet, (17) To know the minde of the town whether they will act any thing Rela[ting to] John Stearns's affairs, and to act any thing thereon as th[ey think] best.

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To Hear the petition of John Cookson & other praying that the Road by Dirty Green may be Repaired for the Reasons Setforth in Said petition (19) To Hear the Reports of any Committees appointed by the town and to act any thing thereon as they think best. — and Likwife to notifie the town Creditors to bring in their accounts to y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>ll</sup>: Learned on Fryday y<sup>e</sup> fourth day of march next at two of the Clock afternoon —————

Warrants were Issued out accordingly by me  
Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen on Fryday the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of march at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned AD 1774 —————

in order to take in the accounts of those persons the town is In- debted to the following accounts were bro<sup>t</sup>: in (Viz)

To David Bemis for Necessaries for y <sup>e</sup> poor —	0 " 18 " 0	
To Sam <sup>l</sup> White for Shoes for Ruth Maddox —	0 " 5 " 4	
To Jedi <sup>h</sup> Leathe for Joseph Bonds wife & Child	0 " 14 " 8	
Bridge {	To Ditto for Spikes for the Great Bridge	0 " 4 " 0
	To Josiah Capen for Labour & meterials for the Bridge — — — — —	2 " 0 " 10
	To David Sanger for D <sup>o</sup> . at Ditto — —	2 " 13 " 5 : 3
To D <sup>r</sup> Marfhal Spring for Medicine & attend- ance on y <sup>e</sup> poor — — — — —	1 " 2 " 4	
To David Sanger for Cash Lay'd out for the poor	4 " 2 " 8	
To Thomas Learned for Boarding y <sup>e</sup> wid <sup>o</sup> Tabitha Learned — — — — —	0 " 6 " 8	

To Abner Craft for things for the poor — — —	2" 5" 5
To Daniel Bond for Boarding the poor — — —	7" 12" 8—3
To Bezaleel Learned for Boarding y <sup>e</sup> wid <sup>o</sup>	
Tabitha Learned — — — — — — — — —	0" 18" 0—0
To Jonas White for Boarding Ruth maddox —	0" 6" 0—0
To David Sanger for Labour at the meeting House	1" 9" 10—
To Samuel White for D <sup>o</sup> — — — —	1" 16" 0

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the following accounts were allowed & a Grant made to pay them

To Samuel Fisk for Serving afsefsor y <sup>e</sup> year past	0" 18" 0
To Mofes Stone for like Service 18/ & Stones for a Bridge 9/	1" 7" 0
To Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown for Serving Treafurer & afsefsor	3" 11" 4
To Sam <sup>l</sup> Barnard for Stones for a Sluce	0" 5" 0
To John Kemballs Estate for a plow	0" 1" 6
To John Cook for timber & Sawing	0" 8" 8
To Isaac Sanderfon for Serving Constable in y <sup>e</sup> year 1765	0" 12" 0
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	7" 3" 8

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The account given by the School Committe is as follows (Viz)

There will be due to m<sup>r</sup>: Henry Bright the Ninth Day of this  
Infant March for three months Service in keeping the Grammer  
School y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 10" 0" 0—

There is due to m <sup>r</sup> : John Stratton for keeping the writing School 17 weeks at 12/ P <sup>r</sup> week	}	10 : 4 : 0
and for his wives keeping School 6 weeks @ 5/4		
There is due to m <sup>rs</sup> : Stearns the wife of John Stearns		3 : 0 : 0
There is due to m <sup>r</sup> Elijah Bond for his wives keeping the School last Summer	}	3 : 0 : 0
There is due to m <sup>r</sup> : Eires Tainter for his wives keeping School two weeks at their House		
and to m <sup>rs</sup> Sufanna Wales y <sup>e</sup> Sum of		3 : 0 : 0

Watertown March 7: 1774.

Signed

Nath<sup>l</sup>: StoneSam<sup>l</sup>: Barnard

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1774 March y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>: Bezaluel Learned gave in written Notifi-  
cations of Several perfons he had Received into town —————

Josiah Capen gave notice of a number of persons he had Received in

John Stearns <sup>gave</sup> notice of Sum he had taken in to his House —

Jonas White gave notice of a Family he had Received into town

Samuel Whitney gave notice of a Family he Received into the town, all the foregoing Notifications are in writing & are on file

———— also Davd Bemis gave in Several Notifications in

Writing of persons he had Received into his Family in Watertown

the Notifications are on file —————

This day orders were drawn on Weston to pay m<sup>r</sup> Jonas Har-

rington<sup>r</sup> £

1 : 1 : 2 : 2 for 106 feet of plank which he bro<sup>t</sup>: to

the Great Bridge in Watertown ————— also another order to pay

Cap<sup>t</sup> John Mirick for 137 feet of D<sup>o</sup> for D<sup>o</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 1 : 8 : 8=3

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At a Gen<sup>l</sup>: Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs Regularly asembled at the publick meeting-house in Said Town on Monday the Seventh Day of march AD 1774. for the Choice of town officers and other affairs as Setforth in the Warrants for the meeting. —————

Voted & Chose M<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Fisk Moderator for s<sup>d</sup>: meeting

Voted & Chose for Selectmen	{	m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> : White
		m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen
		m <sup>r</sup> David Bemis
		m <sup>r</sup> David Sanger
		m <sup>r</sup> Elijah Bond

Voted & Chose for Town-Clerk & Town-Treasurer Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown

Voted & Chose for aفسةsors	————— {	Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown
		m <sup>r</sup> : Sam <sup>l</sup> Fisk
		m <sup>r</sup> Moses Stone

Voted & Chose for Constables m<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: Nutting & m<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: Sanger

Voted & Chose Wardens m<sup>efrs</sup> Daniel Whitney ju<sup>r</sup> & Josiah Norcross

Voted & Chose Sealer of Leather m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Whitney —————

Voted & Chose Fence-Viewer m<sup>ifrs</sup> John Tainter ju<sup>r</sup> & Phinehas Child

Voted & Chofe Surveyors of High-ways { m<sup>r</sup>: Elijah Bond  
m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup>: Harrington  
m<sup>r</sup>. John Cook  
m<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore

Voted & Chofe Tythingmen mif<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco & Sam<sup>l</sup>. Cook

Voted & Chofe Hogrieves mifs<sup>rs</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>. Hager & Simon Coollidge  
ju<sup>r</sup>

Voted & Chofe Surveyors of Timber &c: David Sanger, Jonas Coollidge & Seth Norcrofs

Voted & Chofe Howards mifs<sup>rs</sup> William Chenery & Abraham Whitney

Voted & Chofe Clerks of y<sup>e</sup> Markets mif<sup>rs</sup> John Remington & W<sup>m</sup> Hunt

Voted & Chofe Cullars of Hoops Staves &c mifs<sup>rs</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>: Cook & Sam<sup>l</sup>: Sanger

Voted & Chofe m<sup>r</sup> Simon Hastings Saxton & Granted him £

3 : 10 - 0 for his Service

Then the Votes were bro<sup>t</sup>: in for a County Treafurer —————

Voted that Swine Shall not Run at Large y<sup>e</sup> prefent year ———

Voted & Chofe for a Com<sup>tee</sup> to Examin { m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Harrington  
y<sup>e</sup> Treaf<sup>r</sup> acc<sup>ts</sup> { m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk  
m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>: White

Then Voted that the meeting with the Remaining bufinefs be [adjo]rned to next monday at one of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon at this [place] which was accordingly don —————

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At a Gen<sup>l</sup> Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly asembled at the publick meeting House in s<sup>d</sup>: Town on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of march AD: 1774. by adjournment ~

Mr: Samuel Fisk being Moderator, The meeting being opened The (7) article in the Warrant being Read — it was Voted to appropriate the Interest money as it was Last year (Viz) 5/4 to y<sup>e</sup> Grammer School and the Remainder to the minifter. — —

The Voted & Granted as a Sallery for y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup>: Seth Storer for the year ensueing the Sum of 66 : 13 : 4 the Interest money appropriated to that use to be part & the Remainder to be aiseft

Voted to make the great Bridge over Charls-River in Watertown

So much wider as that Teams may pafs & Repafs by each other and that the Selectmen acquaint the Selectmen of the other towns with the Vote of this town and also endeavour to finde what the Charge thereof will be as near as they can & make Report at next may meeting — — — — —

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Voted & Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 30 pounds to Support the poor ~

£

Voted & Granted the Sum of 100 pounds to Repair the Highways & town-ways this year and that the aiseors make out lists of each Inhabitants part & Diliver the Same to the Surveyors as was don last year the price of Labour to be the Same as Last year —————

Then the accounts of Sundry perfons to which the town is In-

£ s d

debted was Read ammounting to the Sum of 7 : 3 : 8 which was Granted to pay the Same — — — — —

£

Voted 20 pounds out of the grant made to Repair the Highways be laid out to Repair the Road at Dirty-Green (So Called) —  
 Voted that the Constables Collect the Tax's this year & Granted three pounds to each of them for their Service they Giveing Bond as usual — — — — —

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Voted and Granted 40 pounds to support the Grammer School Then voted to have other Schools & granted the Sum of 30 pounds to Support the Same — — — — —  
 Voted that the grant made for other Schools be Laid out for Writting Reading & arethmatick and that there be two English Schools opened one at each end of the town at the Same time —

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Then it was Voted that the 14-15-16-17 and nineteenth articles in the Warrants be put of to next may meeting then to be Considered ~

Then the meeting was Difolved —————

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Middlesex is Watertown March y<sup>e</sup> 14. 1774

Jonathan Brown was Sworn into the offices of Town-Clerk Town-Treafurer & aiseior —

By Josiah Convers Justice peace

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>ll</sup>: Learned



on monday the 14 Day of march AD 1774. The persons after-named were Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of the Respective offices after mentioned (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_

mifs<sup>rs</sup>: Samuel Fisk & Moses Stone assessors \_\_\_\_\_

mifs<sup>rs</sup> Daniel Whitney & Josiah Norcross Wardens \_\_\_\_\_

m<sup>r</sup>: Stephen Whitney Sealer of Leather \_\_\_\_\_

mifs<sup>rs</sup> John Tainter ju<sup>r</sup> & Phinehas Child Fence-Viewers \_\_\_\_\_

mifs<sup>r</sup> Elijah Bond Nath<sup>l</sup>: Harrington John Cook & Amos Livermore Surveyors of High-ways — — — — —

m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco Tythingman — — — — —

mifs<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Hager & Simon Coollidge ju<sup>r</sup> Hogrieves

mifs<sup>rs</sup> David Sanger Jonas Coollidge & Seth Norcross Surveyors of timber &c

m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Sanger Cullar of Hoops Staves &c: — — — — —

all Sworn by Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At this meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen they agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Capen to keep & Board Ruth Maddox eight weeks and he to have Six Shillings p<sup>r</sup>. week old Tenor & her Labour \_\_\_\_\_

They also agreed with m<sup>r</sup> William Learned to Board the widow Tabitha Learned eight weeks for which he is to have 21/ Shillings old Tenor p<sup>r</sup> week & her Labour \_\_\_\_\_

at this meeting y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Signed an order on the town-Treasurer to pay m<sup>r</sup>: Storer s Sallary for last year it being 66-13-4 \_\_\_\_\_

also an order to pay the persons after named the Sums affixt to their names (Viz)

To m <sup>r</sup> Henry Bright	10 " 0 " 0
To m <sup>r</sup> John Stratton	11 " 16 " 0
to m <sup>r</sup> Elijah Bond	3 " 0 " 0
to m <sup>rs</sup> Stearns wife to John Stearns	3 " 0 " 0
to m <sup>r</sup> Eires Tainter	0 " 10 " 4
to m <sup>r</sup> Elkanah Wales	3 " 0 " 0
to m <sup>r</sup> David Bemis	0 " 18 " 0
to m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> : White	0 " 5 " 4
to m <sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Leathe	0 " 18 : 8
to m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen	2 " 0 " 10
to m <sup>r</sup> David Sanger	2 " 13 " 5—3
to D <sup>r</sup> Marfhal Spring	1 " 2 " 4—
to m <sup>r</sup> David Sanger	4 " 2 " 8—
to m <sup>r</sup> Thomas Learned	0 " 6 " 8—

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43 : 14 : 3 : 3

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Edward Richardfon on Monday the y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Day of march AD 1774 — They let the wharf in Cambridge that belongs to Watertown to m<sup>r</sup>: Phinehas Child for one year next enfueing to begin the thirtieth day of this Infant month of march for which y<sup>e</sup> Said Child is to pay £ 2 : 8 : 8 for y<sup>e</sup> Same and he accordingly gave his Note of Hand to y<sup>e</sup> Town-Treasurer for S<sup>d</sup>: Sum — at this meeting they Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay m<sup>r</sup> Samuel White 3/4 for the Expence of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at their last meeting with y<sup>e</sup> other Selectmen of Weston & Waltham about the Great Bridge, also to pay m<sup>r</sup>: Edward Richardfon 5/8 it being the Expence in leting out the Wharf — at this meeting m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen bro<sup>t</sup>: in an account for things &c procured for the poor ammounting £ 2 : 6 : 0 Lawfull money —

At a meeting of the Selectmen on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>: Day of April 1774 at the Houfe of m<sup>rs</sup> Dorothy Coollidge —

They agreed that y<sup>e</sup> Difticts for the Surveyors of Highways Should be as follows (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_

m<sup>r</sup>: John Cooks to begin at Waltham line on the Country Road & all that Road down to the Great Bridge, Including the Road by Dirty-Green and all the Roads that belong to the town on the South Side of the River, also the Country Road from the Great Bridge to the Barrs of Deacon Fisks pasture, and Cap<sup>t</sup>: Tainters lane to Whitneys Corner — and m<sup>r</sup>: Cook is to work out £ 20 pounds at Dirty-Green

M<sup>r</sup>: Nathaniel Harringtons Diftict to begin at Waltham line west of his House, and the lane Called Bemis's lane, and from thence over y<sup>e</sup> Hill northward to John Stearns's Corner, thence the lane by Cap<sup>t</sup>: Whitneys to the meeting Houfe and the Road to Jonas Barnards — also the Road from Samuel Warrins Round by Thomas Harringtons to Thomas Clarks Gate under the Rocks. \_\_\_\_\_

m<sup>r</sup>: Elijah Bonds Diftict as follows (viz) — To begin at Thomas Clarks Gate under the Rocks, thence Round by Kings Common by his houfe to Jonas Bonds & over the old meeting House Hill to y<sup>e</sup> School Houfe and the Road to Jonas Barnards and also the Back Road from Kings Common to Jon<sup>a</sup> Coollidge Goddings and the lane thru<sup>t</sup>: to Nathan Coollidges, and from m<sup>r</sup>: Sheds to Amos Livermores — — — — —

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M<sup>r</sup>: Amos Livermores District is to be from his own House South thro' Parrys lane and West on the Country Road to Deacon Fisks Barrs at the Southwest Corner of his pasture & Nuttings Lane, and from Parrys lane East to Cambridge line & Stones Lane with the Country Road on the North Side Westward to Jonas Bonds

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>ll</sup>: Learned on Fryday the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of April AD 1774. —

It being the year for Perambulating lines & Renewing the Marks between towns. The Selectmen that mis<sup>rs</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>. White & David Bemis Shall go on the line between Watertown and Cambridge also between Watertown & Waltham and that they attend that Service on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> day of this prefent month and to begin with Such as Cambridg appoint at Charls-River at eight of the Clock in the morning of S<sup>d</sup>: Day — also to begin with with Waltham men at Cambridge line at two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon They also Agreed that mis<sup>rs</sup>: Josiah Capen & David Sanger Should perambulate with Newton men to meet with them at two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon on y<sup>e</sup> Same day to begin at Charls-River — They Directed the Clerk to write to the Selectmen of the Several Towns aforementioned to give them notice of y<sup>e</sup> times and places aforeSaid & to desire their attendance — which was accord- ingly don by Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

at this meeting they Signed orders on the Treadurer to pay out of the Treadury the Sums affixt to y<sup>e</sup> Several perfons names hereafter mentioned (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_

To Abner Craft	2" 5" 5
To Daniel Bond	4" 12" 8" 3
To Bezaleel Learned	0" 18" 0—
To Jonas White	0" 6" 0—
To Sam <sup>ll</sup> : White	2" 1" 0—
To Josiah Capen	2" 6" 0—

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12" 9" 1 : 3

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on monday the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of april AD: 1774 at the House of m<sup>rs</sup>: Dorothy Coollidge — They

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Signed orders on the Treafurer to pay m<sup>r</sup>: Henry Bright 1 : 10 : 9  
in full for his keeping y<sup>e</sup> Grammer School in Watertown —also

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to pay y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 3 : 12 : 0 to m<sup>r</sup>: John Stratton in full for his  
Service in keeping School the year past —

They Appointed a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of y<sup>e</sup> Three towns  
Concerned in Maintaining the Great Bridge in Watertown to be  
at m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Gleafons in Waltham to be on Monday the 2<sup>th</sup> Day  
of may Next at 4 of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon & ordered y<sup>e</sup> Clerk to  
notify y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Weston & Waltham which was accordingly  
Don by me

Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on monday the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of may  
AD 1774. at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wellington — They  
having Received a Precept from the Sheriff of y<sup>e</sup> County of  
middlefex for the purpose hereafter mentioned. They ordered  
the Clerk to Issue out warrants Directed to the Several Constables  
Requiring them to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of  
Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Repre-  
sentative to asemble at y<sup>e</sup> publick Meeting House in Said town  
on monday y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>. Day of this present month of may at two of  
y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon to Chooße a perfon to Represent them in a  
Great & General Court appointed to be held and kept at the  
Town-House in Boston on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of this  
present month of may —

They also agreed to have an other meeting at 3 of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in the  
afternoon on the Same day at the Same place and that the Con-  
stables be Directed to warn all y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other Inhabitants  
who are Quallified to vote in town affairs to meet at Said time  
and place to act on y<sup>e</sup> following articles (Viz)

First to Chooße a moderator for Said meeting —

(2) To hear the Report of y<sup>e</sup> Committe appointed to Examin  
the Treafurs accounts and to act thereon as they see fit —

(3) To pafs any votes the town think proper on a list of juriors  
prepared by the Selectmen to be laid before them —

(4) To Chooße any town officers in the Room of any that Refufe

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(5) To grant money to widen & Repair the great Bridge & to act

any thing Relating thereto as the town may think proper —  
 (6) To Hear the petition of a number of persons praying the town to allow the Singers two pews in the Galleries for y<sup>e</sup> Reafons Setforth in their petition. (7) To know the minde of the town whether they will purchase the Estate of John Stearns, and to act any thing Relating thereto they think Necesary — (8) For the town to agree how they will Dispose of the pews that are Building the Galleries, and to do any thing Relating thereto they think best. (9) To know the minde of the town whether they will purchase a New Bell for the Meeting House out of the money arising by the Sale of pews, and to act thereon as they See fit. (10) To appropriate any Sum or Sums of money belonging to the town that Remain unappropriated (11) For the town to finde out any peices of Land that belong to y<sup>e</sup> town, and agree how they Shall be Improved and to act thereon as they See fit (12) To know the minde of the town whether they will Sell Samuel White a Small peice of Common Land, & to act thereon as they think best. —  
 (13) To act on the Several articles in the warning for March meeting that were Referred over to this meeting. —

Warrants were Issued out accordingly

Pr: Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown. Town-Clerk

At a Gen<sup>l</sup> Publick Town Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly asembled at the Publick Meeting Houfe in Said Town on Monday the Sixteenth Day of may Anno: Domini 1774 —

for the Choice of a Representative Cap<sup>t</sup>: Jonathan Brown was Chofen to Represent the town in the Great & General Court appointed to be held & kept at the Court-Houfe in Boston on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of this Infant month of may. —

Watertown May y<sup>e</sup>: 16<sup>th</sup> 1774  
 mifs<sup>rs</sup>: David Sanger & Joseph Coollidge were Sworn to the office of Constables and mifs<sup>rs</sup> William Chenery to the office of Howard and also Abraham Whitney. —

By Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Gen<sup>l</sup> Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs Regularly asembled at the publick Meeting Houfe in S<sup>d</sup>:

Town on monday y<sup>e</sup>: 16<sup>th</sup>: Day of may A: D: 1774- to transact the affairs as Setforth in the Warning of meeting \_\_\_\_\_

They Voted and Chose Dea<sup>n</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk moderator

Then Voted and accepted of the Report of y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to Examin The Town-Treasurer accounts

The Voted and accepted as list of Jurours which was prepared by the Selectmen Except mis<sup>rs</sup> Nathaniel Stone and Samuel Cook who are Excused from Serving \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Chose m: David Sanger to be Constable in y<sup>e</sup> Room of m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>: Sanger & m<sup>r</sup>: Joseph Coollidge in the Room of m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Nutting \_\_\_\_\_

Then Voted & Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 40 pounds to be Improved in widening and Repairing the Great Bridge over Charls-River in Watertown \_\_\_\_\_

Then the petition of William Bond & others praying that two pews in the front Gallary might be allowed to y<sup>e</sup> Singers was Read and after Debate thereon, they Voted & Granted y<sup>e</sup> prayer thereof & allowed the use of two pews During the towns Pleasure

The 7<sup>th</sup> article in the warning being Read and after Debate thereon the Question was put whether the town will purchase the Estate of John Stearnes if it is like to be Sold under the Value thereof

and it past in the affirmative

Then Voted to Choose a Committe with power to purchase Said Estate for the use of the town if they think proper \_\_\_\_\_

Voted and Chose for Said Committe — { m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White  
Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown  
m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone

Then Voted and Appropriated as much money as is due to the town on Bond or Note of Hand as will purchase the Same \_\_\_\_\_

Then Voted that the pews now a Building in the Gallaries Shall be Sold to Highest bider under the Same Regulations as those that were first Built \_\_\_\_\_

Voted that the Same Committee that were Appointed to Build the pews Shall have power to Sell the Same. \_\_\_\_\_

Then Voted that the purchasers Shall pay Six Dollars dow[n] earnest money on Each pew, & the Remainder in one m[onth]

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The 12<sup>th</sup> article being Read and after Consideration thereon they Voted to Choose a Committe to view y<sup>e</sup> peice of land which

m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel White Desired to purchase of the town and that they Report to the town at the adjournment of this meeting what is proper to be don thereon

Voted and Chose for Said Committe — { m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone  
m<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Soden  
m<sup>r</sup> Simon Whitney

Then Voted that this meeting with the Remaining bufiness be Adjourned to monday next at two of ye Clock afternoon and it was Accordingly adjourned \_\_\_\_\_

The following is the Report of the Committe on the Treaf<sup>rs</sup> accounts which has been accepted

Watertown may ye 13<sup>th</sup> 1774 —

We the Subscribers being appointed by the town to Examin the Treafurers accounts having attended Said Service and find Said accounts Well Vouched & Right Cast

Nath<sup>l</sup>: Harrington } Com<sup>tee</sup>  
Sam<sup>ll</sup>: White }

At a Gen<sup>l</sup> Town meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Regularly asembled at the pub<sup>l</sup>ick Meeting House in Said Town on monday the 23<sup>d</sup> Day of may AD 1774 - by adjournment the meeting being Opened,

The 9<sup>th</sup> article being Read and after Some Debate thereon the vote was put whether it be the minde of the Town to Choofe a Committe to Inquire at what lay they can purchase a new Bell and make Report at the adjournment of the meeting and it paft in the affirmative \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Chose for Said Committe — { m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen  
m<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hunt  
m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger

The 11<sup>th</sup> article being Read and after Debate thereon they then Voted & Choofe Dea<sup>n</sup>. Samuel Fisk to be a Committe man in the Room of John Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: who is out of ye Province they to Endeavor to finde out what peices of Land belong to the town, and Inquire further Relating to a peice of Land which m<sup>r</sup> Samuel White desires to purchase and make Report [a]t the adjournment of this meeting \_\_\_\_\_

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Then ye 14<sup>th</sup> article in the warning for march meeting being Read They Voted and abated Samuel Jenifons ju<sup>rs</sup>. Rates in m<sup>r</sup>

Isaac Sandersons Lists and Granted 1 : 4 : 6 to make it good. —  
Then Voted & abated s<sup>d</sup>: Jenifons Rates in Joseph Coollidges list  
provided he will give his note of hand to y<sup>e</sup> Same at Such time as  
the Selectmen Shall<sup>l</sup> Call upon him for y<sup>e</sup> Same and Granted y<sup>e</sup>  
Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ to make it good \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & abated John Reads Rates David Sangers lists & Granted  
y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 0 : 13 : 6 : 2 to make it good \_\_\_\_\_

also Voted & abated morgan m<sup>c</sup>: Conners Rate in s<sup>d</sup>: Sangers list  
for 1773. & Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 0 : 8 : 4 to make it good

Voted & abated Tom Humphrys Rates in s<sup>d</sup> Sangers lists and  
Granted 0 : 8 : 6 — to make it good \_\_\_\_\_

Then the town Voted that <sup>the</sup> Selectmen Should purchafe fire-  
wood for the Schools out of the Grants that were made to Sup-  
port them. \_\_\_\_\_

Then it was put to vote whether the Committe appointed to Build  
& Sell the pews Should pay the workmen out of the money arifing  
by y<sup>e</sup> Sale of them

and it pafsed in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative

Then it was Voted that this meeting Should be adjourned to y<sup>e</sup>  
last monday in June next at 4 of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in y<sup>e</sup> afternoon and it  
was accordingly adjour'd \_\_\_\_\_

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>ll</sup>: Learned  
on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 23d Day of may AD 1774. \_\_\_\_\_

They agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Convers Spring to take & Board the wid<sup>o</sup>:  
Tabitha Learned till y<sup>e</sup> last monday in June next, he to have 3/  
p<sup>r</sup> week

They also agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Moles Stone to take the Care of and  
Board Ruth maddox three months from this time he to have 6/6  
old Tenor P<sup>r</sup> week \_\_\_\_\_

at this meeting m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Cook was Sworn to the offices of  
Tything man & Cullar of Hoops Staves &c

By Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town- [Clerk]

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At a Gen<sup>ll</sup>: Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders and other  
Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town  
affairs Regularly Afsembled at the Publick meeting House in  
S<sup>d</sup>: town on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup>. Day of June Anno: Domini 1774.  
by Adjournment. \_\_\_\_\_

Dea<sup>n</sup> Samuel Fisk being Moderator. the meeting being opened



The Committe appointed to See at what price a Bell might be procured at, Reported that they had not made any Inquiry  
Then the Committe Appointed to Sell the pews made Report of their doings in Said affair which is as follows (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_

We the Committe Appointed by the Town to Dispose of the pews lately Built in the Galleries in the meeting House have attended that Service and Sold Said pews to the Highest Bidders under the Same Regulations that the other Pews wer Sold (Viz)

N <sup>o</sup> . (1) was Sold to m <sup>r</sup> : Bezaleel Learned in old	£
Tenor for	64 : 0 : 0
N <sup>o</sup> (2) To m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen for _____	59 : 0 —
N <sup>o</sup> (3) To m <sup>r</sup> Samuel Sanger for _____	63 : 0 —
N <sup>o</sup> (4) and (5) not Sold _____	
N <sup>o</sup> (6) To m <sup>r</sup> . Samuel White for _____	77 : 0 —
N <sup>o</sup> (7) To m <sup>r</sup> : David Coollidge for _____	56 : 0 —
N <sup>o</sup> (8) To m <sup>r</sup> David Stone for _____	53 : 0 —
N <sup>o</sup> (9) To m <sup>r</sup> Joseph Coollidge for _____	50 : 0 —
N <sup>n</sup> (10) To m <sup>r</sup> David Sanger for _____	55 : 0 —
N <sup>o</sup> (11) To m <sup>r</sup> John Draper for _____	60 : 0 —

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O: T: 537 : 0 : 0  
in L: M 71 : 12 : 0

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By Cash Received of the purchafers — — — — — 32 : 4 : —  
By y<sup>e</sup> purchafers notes payable to y<sup>e</sup> Treafurer — 39 : 8 : 0 —

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By Cash paid for Building y<sup>e</sup> pews \_\_\_\_\_ 13 : 4 : 0

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By the Expence of y<sup>e</sup> Sale &c \_\_\_\_\_ 58 : 8 : 0  
1 : 0 : 0

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By the Ballance Remaining due to y<sup>e</sup> town \_\_\_\_\_ 57 : 8 : 0

William Bond  
Bezaleel Learned  
Jedidiah Leathe  
Samuel Sanger

Then the Committe appointed to purchase John Stearnes's Estate Reported that they had agreed for s<sup>d</sup>: Estate for the use of the town, and were to give £ 269 : 6 : 8 for the Same, then the

Question [was] put whether it be the minds of y<sup>e</sup> town to accept Said [Re]port and it paſt in the Affirmative \_\_\_\_\_

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The Selectmen Informed the town that there not being a Sufficient Stock of ammunition belonging to the town they had purchafed four half Barrils of powder & purpoſe to purchaſe Some Balls & Flints, and after the town had Conſidered the matter they Voted and Appropriated the Sum of £ 20 pounds out of y<sup>e</sup> money ariſeing by the Sale of the pews to pay for s<sup>d</sup>: ammunition Then they Voted and appropriated the Remainder of the Said pew money (after the purpoſe'd Repairs of the Meeting-house are finiſhed) to help pay for John Stearns's Estate \_\_\_\_\_

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houſe of m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel on monday the 27 Day of June AD 1774. — They Agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Learned to take and Board the wid<sup>o</sup> Tabitha Learned 8 weeks for which he is to have 21/ Shillings old Tenor P<sup>r</sup> week — at this meeting they Sold Some old plank which belonged to the three towns Concerned in the Support of the Great Bridge to m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Capen for 15/ —

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houſe of m<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup>: Wellington on Tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Day of June A. D. 1774. — They Signed  
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an order on the town-Treafurer to pay m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger 1 : 3 : 1 for what he had Diſburſted for the Support of the poor &c —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on monday y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>. Day of July AD. 1774. at the Houſe of m<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wellington. They agreed to have a publick Town-meeting at the Publick meeting Houſe in s<sup>d</sup>: town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Day of this Inſtant month of July at Six of the Clock afternoon. And ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to the Conſtables to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to aſemble at Said time and place to act on the following Articles (Viz) —

First to Choofe a moderator for s<sup>d</sup>: meeting. (2) To agree how the Estate which was purchafed that belonged to John Stearns Shall be Improved. (3) To agree where the Ammunition that

has lately been purchafed Shall be kept, and to act thereon as they See fitt.

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(4<sup>y</sup>) To take into Confideration the Difficult and Diftrefed State to which this province in perticular as well as America in General are brought into by any late acts of y<sup>e</sup> Britifh Parlement. and to Agree upon Some proper meafures that will have a tendancy to Relieve us under the prefent Burdens Occationed thereby — (5) For the town to agree upon Some way to pay their part of the Expençe of the purpofed Congrefs. and to do any thing thereon they think proper — (6) For the town to act any thing Relating to the Settlement of the line between Watertown and Newton as may be tho<sup>t</sup>: best — (7) For the town to act any thing Relating to the widening and Repairing the Great Bridge they think proper. — (8) To know the minde of the town whether they will Sell Some peices of Land that belong to the town and to act thereon as they See fitt. — (9) To know the minde of the town whether they will grant Some Relief to the town of Boston under their present Diftrefed Circumftances and to Do thereon as they See fitt — (10) To hear the Report of any Committes that have been Appointed by the town and act thereon as they think proper — (11) To grant any Sum or Sums of money as may be thought Necefsary, and to act on any matters and things that may be tho<sup>t</sup>: proper at this meeting —  
Warrants were Issued out Accordingly —

By Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Gen<sup>l</sup>: Publick town meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly asembled at the Publick meeting in s<sup>d</sup>: town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Day of July Anno: Domini: 1774. to Transact the Several affairs as Set forth in the Warrat &c —

Voted and Chofe m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone for moderator —

Then Voted that the Selectmen Should have power to Lease out and Improve the Estate that was John Stearnes as they Shall think will be most for the benefit of the town —

\* that the ammunition that has lately been \* be kept in the meeting Houfe —

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The (4) article being Read together with a Covenant purposed to be Signed and after Some Debate thereon it appeared that the Form of the Covenan<sup>t</sup> was not altogether agreeable it being moved

& Seconded that a Committe<sup>v</sup> Should be Chofe to make a new Draft of what will be proper for the Inhabitants to Sign

Voted and Chofe for s <sup>d</sup> : Committe	}	m <sup>r</sup> : Mofes Stone Dea <sup>n</sup> : Sam <sup>l</sup> : Fisk Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen m <sup>r</sup> Nath <sup>l</sup> Stone
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Voted that they make Report at the adjournment of this meeting —

Then Voted & Granted the Sum of 1 : 13 : 8 towards y<sup>e</sup> Intended Congress as their part of the Expence — — — — —

Voted that this meeting with the Remaining bufineis be adjourned to the fourth monday in august next at three of the Clock afternoon at this place and it was Declared Accordingly adjourned. —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Bez<sup>l</sup>: Learned on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of August AD 1774. —————

They agreed to have a meeting with the Selectmen of Weston and Waltham on Thursday y<sup>e</sup> first day of September Next at three of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon to adjust y<sup>e</sup> Charge of the Repairs of the Great Bridge in Watertown that has arisen Since y<sup>e</sup> Last adjustment and Directed the Clerk to Send notifications to y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of s<sup>d</sup>: Towns to Inform them of y<sup>e</sup> time and place of the meeting — which was Accordingly don

By Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to vote in Town affairs Regularly asembled at the Publick meeting House in said Town on Monday the 22<sup>d</sup>. Day of August Anno: Domini 1774.

By adjournment — m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>. Stone being moderator —

The meeting being Opened the (6) article being Read Relating to y<sup>e</sup> line between Watertown and Newton it was Voted that the Selectmen be a Com<sup>tee</sup> with full power in Behalf of y<sup>e</sup> town to

Settle Said line with Such perfons as may be appointed in Behalf of Newton —

at this meeting it was Voted that the Selectmen are Desired to meet with Such perfons as may appear at a purposed meeting to be held at Concord on the thirtieth day of this present month which may be Sent from the Several towns in this County to Consult what may be proper to do in order to preferve our Charter Rights —

also voted that the Selectmen Shall have Reasonable pay for their time and Expence while in Said Service —

Then it was Voted that this meeting Should be adjourned with the Remaining businefs to the first monday in Sep<sup>r</sup> next at this place at 4 of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon. —

and the moderator Declared it was Accordingly adjourned

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham on the First Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1774 at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Gleafon Inn-holder in Waltham The accounts for the Repairs of the Great Bridge in Watertown which has arisen Since the Last adjustment which was on the thirtieth Day of August anno: Domini 1773. amounting to y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 8 : 9 : 0 was adjusted & proportioned and Signed by the Selectmen of each town

Watertown s Part being	3 : 0 : 0
Westons D <sup>o</sup> is	2 : 16 : 0
Walthams D <sup>o</sup> is	2 : 13 : 0

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8 : 9 : 0

\* the Settlement at Large in y<sup>e</sup> Second Book in y<sup>e</sup> Treafury [pag]e (70)

### [111]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly asembled at the publick Meeting House in Said on monday the 5<sup>th</sup> d Day of September AD: 1774. By adjournment. m<sup>r</sup>: Nathaniel Stone being Moderator. — The meeting being opened & the Resolves Entered into by the members of the County meeting held at Concord being Read. The Question being put whether they be agreeable to the minde of the town and it past in the affirmative — and it was ordered that they be Recorded in the town Book

\* torn

upon a motion made & Seconded, it was Voted that it is y<sup>e</sup> minde of the town the officers of the Melitia Company that Refide in the town Should Exercife all Such perfons as belonge to the <sup>towns</sup> &

all others that Refide therein two Hours in each & every week in armes &c. during the three fall months alfo take a view of the armes & ammunition of all the perfons borne on the alarm list and Report the State thereof to the town at the adjournment of this meeting. — also Voted that all perfons that are borne <sup>on</sup> the alarm & Training band list be provided with armes & ammunition accordingly by the First monday in October next — Voted that the Selectmen Secure the town Stock of ammunition in the best manner they Can —

Then it was Voted that this meeting with the Remaining Bufines be adjorned to the first monday in October next at one of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon at this place, and it was accordingly adjourned. At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on monday the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1774 at the Hous of m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>ll</sup>: Learned - They agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Learned to keep the wid<sup>o</sup> Tabitha Learned four weeks for three Shillings p<sup>r</sup> week, and with Convers Spring to keep Ruth maddox 4 weeks for nine Shillings p<sup>r</sup>: week old Tenor the Said Learned & Spring to have their Labour

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen men on monday y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1774. at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned They Approved of the following Perfons Renewing their licences (Viz) Thomas Wellington Bezaleel Learned, Edward Richardson, and the wid<sup>o</sup> Dorothy Coollidge — Inn-holders Ezekiel Hall, Amos Bond, Josiah Capen, & Abner Craft to be Retailors —————

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on Tuesday y<sup>e</sup>. 13<sup>th</sup>. Day of Sep<sup>r</sup> 1774 at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Wellington, They having Received a Precept from the Sheriff of y<sup>e</sup> County of middlesex Requiring them to afsemble y<sup>e</sup> freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to vote in the Choice of a Representative

They ordered the Clerk to Issue out warrants Directed to the Several Constables to warn all the freeholders &c Qualified accordingly to law to vote in in that affair to afsemble at the publick meeting House in Said town on monday y<sup>e</sup> third day of

october next at twelve of y<sup>e</sup> Clock at noon for Said purpose  
Warrants were Issued out accordingly ~

By Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Gen<sup>l</sup>: Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly assembled at the Publick meeting House in S<sup>d</sup>: Town on monday the 3<sup>d</sup>: Day of October Anno: Domini 1774. for the Choice of a Representative the votes were Called for, & being bro<sup>t</sup>: in & Numbered it appeared that Cap<sup>t</sup>: Jonathan Brown was unanimously Chosen to Represent the town in the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Court that was appointed to be held at Salem on the fifth day of this Instant month of October. \_\_\_\_\_

Then the town Voted to Choofe a Com<sup>tee</sup> to Draw up Some In-structions to give their Representative and Dea<sup>n</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk m<sup>r</sup> John Remington & m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Capen were Chosen for s<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> [Th]en the meeting was adjourned to 5 of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon

### [113]

At a General Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in Town affairs Regularly Asembled at the publick meeting House in S<sup>d</sup> town on monday the third Day of October Anno: Domini 1774. by Adjournment m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>. Stone being moderator \_\_\_\_\_

a motion was made & Seconded & it was put to vote whether it is the minde of the town that Jonathan Brown who is this day Chosen Representative Should joine with the Representatives of the Several towns in forming a Provincial Congress and it pa<sup>s</sup>t in the affirmative \_\_\_\_\_

Then it was put to vote whether the town will Choofe one or <sup>^</sup> more perfons to joine with the Representative in forming the Said Congress and it pa<sup>s</sup>t in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative \_\_\_\_\_

Then they voted & Chose for Delegates to joine S<sup>d</sup> Congress at Such time and place as may be appointed m<sup>r</sup>: John Remington and m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Fisk \_\_\_\_\_

Then a Motion was made to know y<sup>e</sup>. minde of the town Whether it is advifable for the Collectors of Tax's to pay any more money into the province Treafury at present and they voted that it was their opinion that they Should not till further orders from the town, and that the town will Save the Collectors harmless from all Charges that may arife by their So doing \_\_\_\_\_

The it was voted that the Collectors Should proceed to Compleat their Collections as Soon as may be and pay the money into the town Treafury till further orders of the town \_\_\_\_\_

Then voted that this meeting be adjourned to next Fryday at 4 of the Clock afternoon at this place. \_\_\_\_\_

At a Legal Town meeting at the Publick meeting House on Fryday y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1774 - it Appearing to be a thin meeting and the Clerk not being present, it was voted that the meeting Should be adjourned to monday y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Infant at 3 of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon at this place \_\_\_\_\_

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At a Publick Town meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly asembled at the Publick meeting House in S<sup>d</sup>: Town on monday the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: AD: 1774. by Adjournment m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone being moderator

The meeting being Opened. & the (7) article in the warrant

being Read, it was Voted that the Sum of 4 pounds be a<sup>s</sup>est towards the Repairs of the great bridge this present year & <sup>y<sup>e</sup></sup><sub>v</sub>

Remainder of the grant be left till further order of the Town. —

Then the Question was put whether the town will mount & Equip two peices of Cannon now Lodged in the Town at their own Charge and it past in the affeirmative. — Then it was

Voted to Choofe three perions as a Committe to git Said work don —

Voted & Choie for S<sup>d</sup>: Committe — { m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger  
m<sup>r</sup>: Jonas White  
m<sup>r</sup>: Abner Craft

Then Voted that the meeting Should be adjourned to Fryday the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of this present month of October at 3 o Clock afternoon And on y<sup>e</sup> Said 28<sup>th</sup> Day it was further adjourned to monday y<sup>e</sup> 31<sup>th</sup> Infant. \_\_\_\_\_

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Wellington on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup>: Day of Nov<sup>r</sup>: Anno: Domini 1774 They Agreed to have a publick Town-Meeting on monday the 21<sup>th</sup>: Day of this present month of November at one O: Clock afternoon at the Publick meeting House and ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to y<sup>e</sup> Several Conitables to warn the Inhabitants who are Quallified to to vote in town affairs to asemble at S<sup>d</sup>: time and place to act on the following articles (Viz)

First



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First to Choofe a moderator for Said meeting. Second to Grant money to pay for the two Carriages to the two peices of Cannon that were ordered to be procured at the Expence of the town (3) To give the Selectmen Some Instructions Relating to the Schools and to act any thing Relating thereto as the town may think proper. (4) For the town to Grant money to hire Preaching for the present or appropriate Some money for that Service and to act any thing Relating thereto that the town may think proper (5) For the town to do or act any thing that they may Judge Nefsecary for <sup>to</sup> Carry the Refolutions of the Continential and Provincial Congrefs's into Execution by any Grants of money or otherwise as they think proper.

Warrants were Issued out accordingly  
Pr: Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a General Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Afsembled at the Publick meeting House in s<sup>d</sup> Town on monday the 21<sup>th</sup> Day of November Anno: Domini 1774 —

They Voted and Chofe Dea<sup>n</sup>: Samuel Fisk moderator of s<sup>d</sup> meeting.

Voted and Granted £ 20 pounds to pay for the Carriages for the Cannon

They then Voted that £ 15 pounds only Should be Improved out of the money granted for Supporting Writting Schools this present year. \_\_\_\_\_

Voted that the money be Improved in manner as usual

Then Voted the Remainder of the Grant made for Writting Schools be Improved for hireing Preaching if Nefsecary \_\_\_\_\_

Then Voted that the Selectmen together with Dea<sup>n</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk take care to provide preaching for the present. \_\_\_\_\_

Voted that this meeting with the Remaining businefs be ad-journed to this day three Weeks at this place at one [of] the Clock afternoon. which was accordingly don \_\_\_\_\_

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Learned on monday the 21<sup>th</sup>: Day of Nov<sup>r</sup>: AD: 1774 \_\_\_\_\_

They Agreed with m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Learned to take & keep Ruth Maddox from this time till the annuversery Meeting of the town in March Next for which he is to Receive from the town two Shillings p<sup>r</sup> week and he is to have her Labour

At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Afsembled at the publick meeting Houfe in S<sup>d</sup>: Town on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup>. Day of December Anno: Domini 1774. by Adjournment Dea<sup>n</sup>. Samuel Fisk being Moderator - but not being able to attend m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel White was Chosen Moderator in his Room

A motion being made & Seconded it was voted to adjourn to the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Beza<sup>ll</sup> Learned to attend at 4 o Clock the Same day which was accordingly don \_\_\_\_\_

at Said time & place. The meeting being opened & after y<sup>e</sup> Reading the Afsociation entered into by y<sup>e</sup> Several Delegates of the Colonies in a Congress held at Philadelphia on y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> Day of October last — also the Refolutions of the Provincial Congress They Voted to Choofe a Committee of nine perfons to See that Said Afsociation & Refolutions be properly Executed

Voted & Chofe for Said Committee _____	}	m <sup>r</sup> : John Remington
		m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen
		m <sup>r</sup> . Sam <sup>ll</sup> : Soden
		m <sup>r</sup> Tho <sup>s</sup> : Clark
		m <sup>r</sup> David Sanger
		m <sup>r</sup> Nathan Coollidge
		m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>ll</sup> White
		Col <sup>o</sup> : W <sup>m</sup> Bond
		m <sup>r</sup> Edw <sup>d</sup> ; Harrington ju <sup>r</sup>

Voted that any three of Said Committee be a Quoram \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Chofe \_\_\_\_\_ to be Cap<sup>t</sup>: of the train

Voted & Chofe m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger to be Leiv<sup>t</sup>. \_\_\_\_\_

Voted that they appoint Such other officers as are needfull

Voted to Choofe a Committe to Draw out on Quarter of the Melitia Company as minit men agreable to the advice of Congress

Voted & Chofe for Said Committe —	{	Col <sup>o</sup> W <sup>m</sup> Bond
		L <sup>t</sup> Sam <sup>ll</sup> : Barnard
		En <sup>n</sup> John Stratton

[Then] the meeting was Difsolv'd

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Fryday y<sup>e</sup> 23 Day of December AD 1774. at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned ~

They Signed an order on the Town-Treasurer to pay the Remainder of what was due to the late Rev<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup> Seth Storer for his Service in the work of the ministry for the last nine months which amounted to 50 pounds which will be in full for his Service to his Decease — — — — —

They also Directed the Treasurer to pay or order the payment of what each Inhabitant worked out in Repairing the Highways Since last march, agreable to the Surveyors lists — and also to pay the town Creditors £ 7 : 3 : 6 which was granted to them at last march meeting in the following manner (Viz) — — — — —

To Da <sup>n</sup> : Sam <sup>l</sup> : Fisk for Serving afeſor y <sup>e</sup> year past	0 " 18 " 0
To m <sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone for D <sup>o</sup> : 18/ & Stones for a	
Bridge 9/ — — —	1 " 7 " 0
To Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown for D <sup>o</sup> and Treafurer — — —	3 " 11 " 4
To L <sup>t</sup> : Sam <sup>l</sup> : Barnard for Stones for a Sluce — —	0 " 5 " 0
To the Estate of John Kemball Dec <sup>t</sup> for a plow —	0 " 1 " 6
To m <sup>r</sup> John Cook for timber & Sawing — — —	0 " 8 " 8
To m <sup>r</sup> : Isaac Sanderfon for Serving Constable	
in 1765 —	0 " 12 " 0
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	7 " 3 " 6

and at this meeting they Agreed to have a Publick Town-Meeting on monday the Second Day of January next at one of the Clock afternoon and Directed the Clerk to Issue out warrants Directed to the Constables to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote for Representatives to aſemble at the Publick-Meeting House in ſaid town at ſaid time to Chooſe one or more Perſons to Reſent the town in a Provincial Congreſs Propoſed to be held at Cambridge on the firſt Day of February next. and to act anything Relating thereto as may be tho<sup>t</sup>: proper. Then to Chooſe a moderator for the meeting ———

Whereas the town is now Deſtitute of a Gopel miniſter, For to take into Conſideration what Steps is proper to be taken at this time, and whether the town will Set apart a Day for Fasting and prayer. to Seek the Divine preſence & Direction Relating to the Settling an other Gopel miniſter, and for the town to act any thing that they may Judge proper to be don Relating thereto. — and Likewiſe to warn all the Training Soldiers borne on the training liſt, & alſo all that are borne on the alarm liſt to appear at the meeting Houſe at half paſt one of the Clock th[e] Same-Day

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For the Town then and there if they think proper to Choose officers for the milletary Company, and Draw out minit men agreable to the advice of the provincial Congress, and to determin upon what pay they Shall have for their Service, and to Grant any Sum of money for that purpose they think fitt. — and to do or act any thing the town may Judge Necessary to put the Melitia of this town into the best posture of Defence. —————

Warrants were Issued out accordingly Dated the next Day- and Signed by me Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Legal Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in the Choice of Representatives asembled at the Publick Meeting Houfe in s<sup>d</sup>: Town on Monday the Second Day of January Anno: Domini 1775. for the Choice one or more perfons to Represent the town in a purposed Congress to be held at Cambridge on y<sup>e</sup> First Day of February Next.

Voted to Choose but one person for the purpose aforesaid ——— Then the votes were Called for bro<sup>t</sup>: in Counted & Sorted and it appeared that Jonathan Brown was unanimously Chosen

Then it was Voted that he Shall have power to Joine with the other members of the Congress when meet to adjourn from time to time and to any other place if they think proper, and to Continue their Sefsion & Sefsions until the Tuesday before the last Wednesday in May Next ———

Then m<sup>r</sup>: Nathaniel Stone was Chosen Moderator of the meeting to transact the Several Matters Contained in the Warrant. ~

Then a motion was made & Seconded and Voted to Choose a Committe to prepare a Draught of a proper Covenant for the Inhabitants of the town to Sign to, and to Make Report to the town at the adjournment of y<sup>e</sup> meeting

Voted & Chose for S <sup>d</sup> : Committe	{	m <sup>r</sup> : Christ: Grant
		Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown
		Dea <sup>n</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> : Fisk
		m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen
		m <sup>r</sup> : Mofes Stone

Then the third article was Read & it was Voted to Set apart Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of this present month of January

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the purpose mentioned in the warrant included in s<sup>d</sup>: article

Voted to Apply to all the Rev<sup>d</sup>: Gentlemen that were Pall-Holders to y<sup>e</sup> late m<sup>r</sup>: Storer to attend the Service of the Day & that the Rev<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup>: Cook & m<sup>r</sup>: Cushing Preach on the Day afore s<sup>d</sup>: and that the other Gentlemen Perform the Services as they agree

Voted that m<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Clark be desired to Invite m<sup>r</sup>: Cook & m<sup>r</sup>: Clark m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone Invite D<sup>r</sup>: Appleton, m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Capen Invite m<sup>r</sup>: Meriam and m<sup>r</sup>: David Bemis invite m<sup>r</sup>: Woodward & m<sup>r</sup>: Cushing —————

Voted that Divine Service begin at ten of the Clock in y<sup>e</sup> forenoon —

Voted that Dea<sup>n</sup>: Samuel Fisk be Desired to Entertain the ministrers —

Then the article Relating to the Military Company was Read and Some debate it was Voted to Choofe officers for the Company with the addition of one more Lieutenant then what was before Then they Voted & Choofe the following perfons for officers (Viz)

Samuel Barned Captain —  
 John Stratton 1 Lev<sup>t</sup> —  
 Phinehas Stearns 2 D<sup>o</sup>  
 Edward Harrington ju<sup>r</sup> Ensign

Samuel Sanger y <sup>e</sup> 1		Stephen Whitney	1	
Abner Craft — 2	} Serg <sup>ts</sup> .	Isaac Sanderfon ju	2	} Corporals
Chris <sup>r</sup> : Grant ju <sup>r</sup> 3		Mofes Stone ju <sup>r</sup> - -	3	
Josiah Capen ju <sup>r</sup> 4		Nath <sup>l</sup> : Bright	4	

Then it was Voted that the meeting Should be adjourned to monday the Sixteenth Day of this present month of January to meet at this this place at two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon ————— at the meeting afore Said the following vote was pafsed (Viz) — Voted & Granted the Sum of 53 : 19 : 2 to be Improved for Defraying the Necesfary Charges of this province as may be tho<sup>t</sup>: proper by the Provincial Congrefs, and to be paid to Henry Gardner Esq<sup>r</sup>. of Stow who has been Appointed Receiver General for the Province by y<sup>e</sup> late Congrefs. and that the aifeffors be Directed to Issue Warrants agreeable to Law for that Purpofe. — This vote was omitted in its proper place See above

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At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in Town affairs Regularly asembled at the publick Meeting Houfe in Said Town on monday the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of January AD. 1775. —

By Adjournment. M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Stone being moderator —  
The meeting being Opened. it was moved & Seconded to know whether the town <sup>will</sup> Choofe or Draw out minuit men and it was put to vote and it pafst in the Negative —

Then it was Put to vote whether the town will grant any money to incourage the learning the miliary art & it pafsed in the affiermative — Then voted to Grant and allow 4 Coppers to each man for his attendance once a week to learn miliary Exerfice, to be laid out for Refreshment. — also voted to allow one Shilling to pay for Fifing at each meeting —

Then Voted & Choſe the four Commiſion officers with the Sergants to be a Committe to lay the money out —

Then a motion was made to know the minde of the town whether m<sup>r</sup>: Isaac Biglow Should be Desired to Supply the Pulpit any longer than what he had already agreed to do, and it was voted that he be Desired to Supply Four Days more or till march Meeting

Then y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup>. appointed to prepare a Covenant Reported which was accepted —

Then it was Voted to adjourn this meeting with y<sup>e</sup> Remaining businefs to the first monday in February next at two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon to meet at this place. and it was accordingly adjourned

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly asembled at the publick meeting Houfe in Said Town on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of February Anno: Domini 1775 by Adjournment

m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone being moderator. — it was moved & Seconded that the meeting be adjourned to the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned which was accordingly don, The town being meet at m<sup>r</sup> Learned's after Reading the warrant. it was put to vote whether it be the minde of the town that the Committe appointed to mount y<sup>e</sup> great Guns do not Compleat the Same till after the Congrefs Rifles at it pafst in the affirmative —

Voted that y<sup>e</sup> Representative take advice of Some of the Congrefs Relating to y<sup>e</sup> purposed Afſociation in Such way and manner as

he thinks proper. ——— Then it was Voted that this meeting Should be adjourned to monday the 20<sup>th</sup> Instant at two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon to be held at the meeting Houfe which was accordingly don ———

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly asembled at the publick Meeting House in Said Town on monday the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of February AD. 1775 — By Adjournment m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone being moderator — after Reading an adrefs from the Congress to the Inhabitants of this province with the Refolves &c: and after Some Debate on the publick Affairs. it was Voted that the Committe appointed to mount the Great Guns Compleat the Same as Soon as may be. — The Buiness of the meeting being don it was Defolved ———

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Wellington on Tuesday the 21<sup>th</sup> Day of February Anno: Domini. 1775 They agreed to have the annual publick Town-meeting to be held at the publick meeting House in Said town on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of march next at nine of the Clock in the forenoon & ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to y<sup>e</sup> Several Constables to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at Said time & place for the Ends following (Viz) ———

First to Choofe a moderator for Said meeting ———

(2) To Choofe Selectmen & Town-Clerk & Treaferer and all other town officers Required to be Chofe in y<sup>e</sup> month of march annually — — — — —

(3) To Choofe a Saxton and agree how he Shall be paid for his Service

(4) To put in their Votes for a County Treaferer ———

(5) To know the minde of the town whether Swine Shall Run at large the present year ———

(6) To Choofe a Committe to Examin the Treaferers Accounts—

(7) To appropriate the Interest money coming to the town y<sup>e</sup> present year

(8) To Grant money to Support the miniftry the enfueing year —

(9) To Grant money to Support any Schools that may be agreed upon & act any thing Relating thereto as the town may See fitt —

(10) To Grant money to Support the poor ———

(11) To Grant money to Repair the great Bridge. ———

(12) To hear the accounts of thofe perfons the town is Indebted

to and Grant money to pay the Same \_\_\_\_\_

(13) To Grant money to Repair the High-ways & Town-ways and act any thing Relating thereto they think proper \_\_\_\_\_

(14) To hear the pleas of the Constables for abating any pericul[ar] persons Rates in their lists, and to act thereon as they See [fitt]

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(15) For to Determin in what way the Pulpit Shall be Supply'd for the present and act any thing Relating thereto the town shall think best. \_\_\_\_\_

(16) To agree how the ministerial place Shall be Improved & act any thing thereon as is tho<sup>t</sup>: best \_\_\_\_\_

(17) To know the minde of the town whether they will Sell or let out the Town-way between the Lands of m<sup>r</sup>: Christopher Grant and the Heirs of m<sup>r</sup>: John Kemball Deceas<sup>t</sup> and act thereon as they think best — — — — —

(18) To know the minde of the town whether they will allow m<sup>r</sup> Moses Coollidge liberty to Set a Shop on the towns land near the wid<sup>o</sup> marches, & act thereon as they See fitt ~

(19) To know if the town will abate m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Child any part of the Rent of the wharf for Reasons that may then be offered —

(20) For the town to Impower their Treasurer if need be to give Security in their name and behalf for the purchase of m<sup>r</sup>: John Stearns's Estate, and Determin how it Shall be Improved —

(21) For the town to take into Consideration the Difficult State of the public affairs, and do or act any thing Relating to Encourage the military, or any thing to forward the payment of the money Designed for the use of the province and act any thing Relating thereto as the town Judge best —

and Likewise to notifie the town Creditors to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>l</sup>: Learned on Fryday the third Day of march next at three of the Clock afternoon. \_\_\_\_\_

Warrants were Issued out accordingly the next Day

By Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

at the above-Said meeting m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone bro<sup>t</sup> in an acc<sup>t</sup> for Boarding Ruth Maddox &c amounting to the Sum of £ 1 : 2 : 5 : 3 which was allowed \_\_\_\_\_

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>l</sup>: Learned on Fryday the 3<sup>d</sup>. Day of march AD. 1775. For to Receive the



accounts of those persons to whom the town is Indebted the following were bro<sup>t</sup>: in (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_  
 m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Bond bro<sup>t</sup>: an account for Boarding Ruth Maddox  
 ten Weeks which comes to — — — — — 1 : 8 : 4 : 3

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bro <sup>t</sup> . forward — — — — —	1 : 8 : 4 : 3
m <sup>r</sup> Elijah Bond bro <sup>t</sup> an account for Boarding Ruth Maddox from y <sup>e</sup> 10 of Sep <sup>r</sup> : 1774 to y <sup>e</sup> 19 of Oct <sup>r</sup> : being 5 weeks & 4 days	} 0 : 6 : 8 —
For 2 day work at y <sup>e</sup> meeting House 50/ two loads of wood 120/	
m <sup>r</sup> : David Bemis account _____	1 : 2 : 8
To 1 pint of Rum for m <sup>r</sup> Learned /6 two	} 0 : 7 : 2
Buifhels of meal for m <sup>rs</sup> Goddard - - - 6/8 - - -	
other acc <sup>tt</sup> 2 days work at the meeting	
House	0 : 6 : 8
two Chests for powder — — — —	1 " 4 " 0
two loads of Wood for the School —	0 " 12 " 8
	2 : 3 : 4
	L 2 : 3 : 4
m <sup>r</sup> : Sam <sup>l</sup> : Whites Account	
For Labour & materials at y <sup>e</sup> meeting House —	0 : 14 : 11 : 1
also an other account for things for Jame Hay	1 : 18 : 4
For things for Ruth maddox — — — —	1 : 1 : 6
For John Stearns & wood for the School	1 " 8 : 0
	4 : 7 : 10
m <sup>r</sup> : Josiah Capens account for Sundry things for y <sup>e</sup> poor &c as may appear by his Account	9 : 4 : 4
m <sup>r</sup> : Tho <sup>s</sup> : Learned's acc <sup>tt</sup> : for Boarding the poor &c to this time	} 11 : 15 : 6
Convers Spring for Boarding y <sup>e</sup> wid <sup>o</sup> : Tabitha Learned 6 weeks	
W <sup>m</sup> Chenery for one Days work at the meeting House — — —	0 : 18 : 0
	0 : 3 : 4
m <sup>r</sup> David Sanger for things provided for the poor &c	3 : 12 : 2 : 2
and for Timber and Labour &c — — — —	0 : 18 : 8 : 0
also an other account for Timber & Labour at y <sup>e</sup> Great Bridge	1 : 7 : 0 —
	38 : 10 : 6 : 2

N: B out of these acc<sup>ts</sup> paid for y<sup>e</sup> poor £ 22 : 12 : 7 : 1

The following accounts were bro<sup>t</sup> to the Selectmen & allowed by the town (viz)

To D <sup>r</sup> : Marshal Spring for attendance on y <sup>e</sup> poor	2 " 16 " 6
To m <sup>r</sup> : Simon Hastings for Labour for the town	
&c	1 " 1 " 11
To Dea <sup>n</sup> Samuel Fisk for Serving afeſor 1774	1 " 0 : 0
To L <sup>t</sup> Mofes Stone for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	1 " 0 : 0
To Jonathan Brown D <sup>o</sup> and Treafurer — —	3 " 13 : 4
To Jedidiah Leathe for laying two plow Shares	0 " 16 : 0

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10 : 7 : 9

Military acc <sup>ts</sup> To Col <sup>o</sup> W <sup>m</sup> Bond for fifing —	0 : 6 : 0
To Cap <sup>t</sup> : Samuel Barnard for Expencc at trainings — —	1 : 0 : 5
To L <sup>t</sup> : John Stratton for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	2 : 7 : 10 : 2
To L <sup>t</sup> : Phinehas Stearnes for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	0 : 10 : 2 : 2
To Enf <sup>n</sup> . Edward Harrington for D <sup>o</sup> — —	0 : 10 : 4 : 2
—To Serjant Samuel Sanger for Fifing — —	0 : 7 : 0 : 0
To the wid <sup>o</sup> Dorothy Coollidge for Drink &c	1 : 10 : 2 : 3

This Sum is Granted by the town See Page (125) 16 : 19 : 10 : [9]

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At a Gen<sup>l</sup>: Publick Town Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Asembled at the publick meeting Houſe in Said Town on monday the Sixth Day of March AD. 1775. for the Choice of Town officers and other affairs Setforth in in the Warrants for Said meeting — — — — —

They Voted & Choſe Cap<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Fisk Moderator of y<sup>e</sup> meeting

Then Voted & Choſe the following perſons to Serve in the Several offices hereafter mentioned (Viz)

- |           |   |   |
|-----------|---|---|
| Selectmen | { | Enf <sup>n</sup> . Sam <sup>l</sup> : White |
|           |   | Josiah Capen Esq <sup>r</sup> .             |
|           |   | Serj <sup>t</sup> David Bemis               |
|           |   | L <sup>t</sup> David Sanger                 |
|           |   | Elijah Bond Esq <sup>r</sup>                |

For Town-Clerk & Town-Treafurer Jonathan Brown

For afsefsors — — — — — — — — — — { Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown  
Cap<sup>t</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk  
L<sup>t</sup>: Mofes Stone

For Constables Col<sup>o</sup> W<sup>m</sup>. Bond & m<sup>r</sup>: Amos Livermore — — —  
L<sup>t</sup>. David Sanger appeared & offered to Serve in Said Bonds  
Room who was accepted by a Vote of the town — — — — —  
Voted that Said Sanger and Livermore be Collectors of Tax's  
Voted & Granted 3 pounds to each of them for their Service they  
giving Security to the town as ufual —————

Voted for Wardens mifs<sup>rs</sup> John Hunt ju<sup>r</sup>: & Daniel Sawin  
For Sealer of Leather m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Whitney —————  
Fence Viewers m<sup>r</sup>: Simon Whitney & m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>l</sup> Learned ———  
Surveyors of Highway Elijah Bond & Josiah Capen Esq<sup>rs</sup>.  
Tythingmen Jedidiah Leathe & Edward Harrington ju<sup>r</sup>  
Hogrieves mifs<sup>r</sup> Isaac Prentice & Daniel Bond ———

Surveyors of Timber &c mif<sup>rs</sup> David Sanger & Jonas Coollidge  
Howards mif<sup>rs</sup> Bez<sup>l</sup> Learned & Phinehas Child ———  
Clerks of the Markets mif<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hunt & Abner Craft ———  
Cullers of Hoops Staves &c mif<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Cook & Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Sanger  
For Saxton m<sup>r</sup> Simon Hastings & granted him 3 : 10 : 0 for his  
Service — — — — — — — — — —

Then the votes were bro<sup>t</sup> in for a County Treafurer — — — — —  
Then it was put to vote whether Swine Shall Run at Large the  
Enfueing year it past in the negative — — — — — — — — — —

Chofe for a Com<sup>tee</sup>: to Examin y<sup>e</sup> { Cap<sup>t</sup>: Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Fisk  
Treaf<sup>rs</sup>: acc<sup>ts</sup> { m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>ll</sup>: Stone  
m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Harrington

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Then Voted and Appropriated the Interest money coming to the  
town as follows (Viz) 6/8 for y<sup>e</sup> Grammer School & y<sup>e</sup> Remainder  
towards the Support of the miniftry — — — — — — — — — —  
Voted & Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 66 : 13 : 4 for the Support of y<sup>e</sup>  
miniftry the Interest money to be part & the Remainder to be  
afseft —

Then Voted to adjourn to two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon —————  
Afternoon —————

Then Voted that the Grammer School Continue till next town  
meeting — — — — — — — — — —

Then voted & Granted 30 pounds to Support the poor ———  
 Voted & Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 4 pounds to Repair y<sup>e</sup> Great Bridge  
 Voted & Granted y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 40 pounds to Repair y<sup>e</sup> Highways &  
 townways and that the afsefsors make out lists in y<sup>e</sup> Same as was  
 don last year. — — — — —

The (15) article being Read and after Some Debate it was voted  
 that the Selectmen with Deacon Fisk provide a Supply for the  
 Pulpit till further order of the town — — — — —

(16) article being Read it was Voted to Choofe a Committe to  
 Consider the moft proper way to Improve the minifterial place  
 and to Report at the adjournment of this meeting — — — — —

Voted and Chofe for Said Committe — { Dea<sup>n</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk  
 { m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone  
 { m<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>ll</sup>: White

(17) article being Read it was voted to Choofe a Committe to  
 See into the Circumftances of the Town-way mentioned in s<sup>d</sup>:  
 artcle & Report at the adjournment what they think is proper for  
 the town to do with y<sup>e</sup> way

Voted and Chofe for said Committe — { m<sup>r</sup>: Jonas White  
 { m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone  
 { Cap<sup>t</sup>. Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown

(18) article Read the town voted that y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Shall grant  
 the Request of m<sup>r</sup>: Mofes Coollidge in behalf of the town if they  
 think proper — — —

also it was Voted the Selectmen make Such allowance to m<sup>r</sup>:  
 Phinehas Child Relating to y<sup>e</sup> wharfe as they think proper. Like-  
 wife Settle m<sup>r</sup>: W<sup>m</sup> Hunts account as they see best. ———

The accounts of y<sup>e</sup> perfons the town is Indebted to amounting to  
 the Sum of £ 16 : 19 : 10 : 1 : See page (123) being Read they  
 voted & Granted y<sup>e</sup> like Sum to pay y<sup>e</sup> Same ——— They Likewise  
 voted that Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Shall Receive the Sum of £ 10 pounds  
 out [of] the School money in part for his Service in y<sup>e</sup> General  
 Cour[t and] Congrefs — Then Voted & adjourned to monday  
 next 2 of y<sup>e</sup> Cl[ock]

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it was Voted before the adjournment of the meeting that every  
 man that appeared to Exerfice in either of y<sup>e</sup> military Companys  
 Shall Receive the Same allowance as before, till the adjournment  
 of the meeting ———

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of march: 1775. at

the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>l</sup>: Learned. They agreed with Josiah Capen Esq<sup>r</sup> to take care of & Board Ruth Maddox three months for which he is to have 16/ old Tenor per week & her Labour ~

At a Legal Publick Town meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly asembled at the Publick-meeting in Said Town on monday the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of march AD 1775 \_\_\_\_\_

by Adjournment. Cap<sup>t</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk being moderator \_\_\_\_\_  
The meeting being Opened. and the article being Read which Related to the miniferial place and after debate thereon and Considering the Verbal Report of the Committe that were Ap- pointed to Enquire into the matter. it was Voted to Chooſe a Committe to let out the Same or Such part thereof as they think proper \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Chofe for Said Committe. {  
Cap<sup>t</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk  
m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone  
          Josiah Capen Esq  
m<sup>r</sup>: Jonas White  
L<sup>t</sup>. David Sanger

The Committe appointed to view y<sup>e</sup> town-way by m<sup>r</sup> Christopher Grants Reported that it was not Necessary to Continue Said way and s<sup>d</sup>: Grant purpoſed to buy y<sup>e</sup> Same. and Then it was Voted that if S<sup>d</sup>: Grant will pay five pounds into the town Treafury for y<sup>e</sup> use of the town Said way Shall be Confirmed to him ~  
Then it <sup>was</sup> Voted that Jonathan Brown Town-Treafurer Shall, and is hereby empowered in the name & behalf of town to give Security for a part of the purchafe of John Stearnes place as he Shall Judge Necessary \_\_\_\_\_

Voted that the Selectmen Shall have power to Improve John Stearns's place as they think best. \_\_\_\_\_

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Then the accounts of y<sup>e</sup> Committe that were Appointed to mount and Equip the Cannon were Read & after Considering the Same — The town Voted to Chooſe a Committe to Examin The ac- counts and Report to the town at their next meeting

Voted & Chofe for Said Committe ~ {  
m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>. Stone  
          Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown  
L<sup>t</sup>: Phin<sup>s</sup> Stearnes

The (21) article being Read and it being moved to know if the town will Continue to encourage the learning y<sup>e</sup> military art and it was Voted that y<sup>e</sup> Same allowance be Continued as was allowed at former meetings (Viz) 4 Coppers per man each time he attends to Execife provided it be not more than once a week & allowance For Fifers as before \_\_\_\_\_

and it was Voted that the Constables be and hereby are directed to Collect all Taxes Committed to them as Soon as pofsiable and make Distres for y<sup>e</sup> Same where it is Necessary —

The Bufinefs of y<sup>e</sup> Meeting being don it was Difolved —

March y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup>: 1775. Jonathan Brown was Sworn to y<sup>e</sup> faithfull Difcharge of the offices of Town-Clerk Town-Treafurer afsefsor by. John Hunt Justice of y<sup>e</sup> peace \_\_\_\_\_

The Same day there not being any Justice of y<sup>e</sup> peace present The following perfons were Sworn to y<sup>e</sup> faithfull Discharge of the offices hereafter mentioned by Jonathan Brown — Town-Clerk

(Viz) Cap<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Fisk afsefsor \_\_\_\_\_

L<sup>t</sup>: David Sanger and m<sup>r</sup>: Amos Livermore Constables \_\_\_\_\_

mifs<sup>re</sup> John Hunt ju<sup>r</sup> and Daniel Sawin Wardens \_\_\_\_\_

m<sup>r</sup>: Stephen Whitney Sealer of Leather \_\_\_\_\_

m<sup>r</sup><sup>rs</sup>: Simon Whitney & Bez<sup>ll</sup> Learned Fence-Viewers ~

Elijah Bond and Josiah Capen Esq<sup>rs</sup>: Surveyors of Highways

m<sup>r</sup><sup>s</sup> Jedidi<sup>h</sup> Leathe and Edward Harrington ju<sup>r</sup> Tythingmen

m<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Bond Hogrieve \_\_\_\_\_

Mifs<sup>r</sup> David Sanger and Jonas Coollidge Surveyors of Timber &c

mifs<sup>r</sup> Bez<sup>l</sup> Learned and Phinehas Child Howards \_\_\_\_\_

adjutant Abner Craft Clerk of the markets \_\_\_\_\_

mifs<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Cook & Samuel Sanger Cullars of Hoops &c \_\_\_\_\_

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen the twenty fourth Day of May AD one Thoufand feven Hundred and feventy five. at the House of M<sup>r</sup> Barzaliel Learned they having Receiv<sup>d</sup> an Order from the Provential Congreís for the purpose hereafter Mentioned they Ordered the Clerk to Ifsue out Warrants Directed to the several Constables Requiring them to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualify<sup>d</sup> to Vote in the Choice of a Representative to Afsemble at the Publick Meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of this prefont Month

of may at one of the Clock afternoon then and there to Choose one or more fuitable perfons to Represent the Town in A Provincial Congress to be held and kept at Watertown on Wednesday the 31<sup>t</sup>. Infant <sup>may</sup> at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon ———

they also agree to <sup>^</sup>have another Meeting at three of the Clock in the afternoon of the fame Day at the same place & that the Conftables be Directed to Warn all the freeholders and Other Inhabitants who are Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs to meet at said time and place to act on the following Articles (viz)

First to Choose A Moderator for said Meeting ———

2<sup>d</sup> To Choose a Collector of Taxes in the Room of M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Coollidge Deceast ———

3<sup>d</sup> For the Town to Manifest their Minds Relating to the Pulpit being fupplied and to act any thing thereon they fhall think fitt ———

4 For the Town to act on any Matters that they think may be Necessary at this time in fuch way & Manner as may be thought Best ———

Warrants were Issued out accordingly  
P<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup>; Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Publk Town-meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative Regularly afsembled at the Publick meeting Houfe in Said Town on monday the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of may <sup>1775</sup> <sup>^</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup>: Jonathan Brown was Chosen to Represent the town in a Provincial Congress appointed to be Convened at the above Said Meeting-Houfe on the 31<sup>th</sup>: Day of this Infant month of may

at a Publick Town Meeting held at the Publick Meeting Houfe in S<sup>d</sup>: town on the above Said Day, of The freeholders & others Quallified to Vote in Town affairs being Regularly afsembled They Voted & Chofe Cap<sup>t</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk moderator for Said meeting ———

Then the Second article being Read then it was Voted to Choofe a Com<sup>tt</sup>. to Examin the lists of m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Coollidge Deceaft. Late Collector of Tax's — Voted & Chofe the present afsefsors for S<sup>d</sup>: Com<sup>tte</sup> - and that they be Impowered to appoint an other Perfon in his Room and to agree what he Shall have for his

Service & make Report to the town at the adjournment of this meeting the third article being Read it was Voted that y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen with Dea<sup>n</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk Continue to Supply the Pulpit till further orders. — Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to this Day Fortnight to this place which was accordingly Don. —

At a Publick Town-meeting on y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Day of y<sup>e</sup> Next month at the School Houfe nothing appeared necefary to be don it was further Adjourned to the 26 Day of June to meet at the House of m<sup>rs</sup>: Dorothy Coollidge There being but two Perfons that appeared the meeting Dropt —

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At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the House of L<sup>t</sup>: Thomas Wellington on monday the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of July — AD 1775

They having Rec<sup>d</sup>: a letter from the Colony Congreſs for that Purpoſe they agreed to have a Publick Town-meeting at the meeting <sup>House</sup> on monday the Seventeenth Day of this present month for the Choice of a Repreſentative or Representatives in a Great and General Court Appointed to be held & kept at the Said Meeting House in Watertown on y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> Instant. and they Directed the Clerk to Issue warrants Directed to y<sup>e</sup> Several Conſtables to warn all the Inhabitants Quallified to Vote in Said Choice to meet at S<sup>d</sup> time place for the Purpoſe aforeSaid —

attest Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town Clerk

At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in the Choice of a Repreſentative Regularly Aſsembled at the Publick meeting-Houfe in S<sup>d</sup> town on monday the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1775 Cap<sup>t</sup>: Jonathan Brown was Choſen to ſerve them in a Great & Gen<sup>l</sup> Court to be held at Watertown meeting Houfe on y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> Instant—

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1775. at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Joshua Davis. They Signed on order on the Treafurer to <sup>pay</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 38 : 10 : 6 : 2 to the following perſons each one the Sum affixt to his name being in full of their acct<sup>ts</sup> bro<sup>t</sup> in on the third Day of march last Viz



To Daniel Bond	1 : 8 : 4 : 3
To Elijah Bond	1 : 9 : 4 : 0
To David Bemis	2 : 10 : 6 —
To Sam <sup>l</sup> : White	5 : 2 : 9 : 1
To Josiah Capen	9 : 4 : 4 —
To Tho <sup>s</sup> : Learned	11 : 16 : 0 —
To Convers Spring	0 : 18 : 0 —
To W <sup>m</sup> Chenery	0 : 3 : 4
To David Sanger	5 : 17 : 10 : 2

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston and Waltham on the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD. 1775. — at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Isaac Gleason Inn-holder in Waltham the accounts for Repairing the Great-Bridge in Watertown which has arifen Since the last adjustment which was on the first day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1774. were adjusted and Signed by y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of each town the whole Sum being 9 : 7 : 3 —

of which Watertowns part is 3 : 7 : 0  
 Westons D<sup>o</sup> is . . 3 : 2 : 0  
 Walthams D<sup>o</sup> is . 2 : 18 : 3

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9 : 7 : 3

See the Settlemen at large in y<sup>e</sup> ( ) Book in y<sup>e</sup> Treafury  
 At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the House of L<sup>t</sup>: Thomas Wellington on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: AD: 1775. it was agreed that the wid<sup>o</sup>: Eunice Coollidge Should take care of and Board Mary Learned from the Second Day of this month at 5/4 p<sup>r</sup>: week till She lys-inn, then She is to have at the Rate 11/4 P<sup>r</sup> week for one month more from that time. —

They also Agreed to have a publick Town-meeting at the Publick Middle School-House on monday y<sup>e</sup>. 16<sup>th</sup>. Day of this present month at two of the Clock afternoon, and ordered the Clerk to Issue out warrants Directed to the Several Constables to warn the Qualified Voters to assemble at Said time & place to act on y<sup>e</sup> the following articles (Viz) First to Choo<sup>s</sup>e a moderator for Said meeting.

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Secondly To know the minde of the town whethey they will open one or more Schools, & Grant money to Support the Same, and Choofe a Committe to take care of and provide Masters, and to act any thing Relating thereto as the town may <sup>then</sup> think proper.

Third For the town to act on any Matters & things that they may Judge Necessary for the Benefit of the town

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly

attest Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the publick middle School-House in Watertown on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: AD 1775 to Transact the businefs Settforth in the warrant for Calling Said Meeting -

Voted & Chofe Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator

upon a Motion made & Seconded the Vote was put whether it be the minde of the town that this meeting be Adjourned to monday next at three of the Clock afternoon to this place to transact the businefs contained in the warrant and it past in the affirmative —

and the meeting was accordingly adjourned

Attest Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk moderator

At a Publick town meeting held & the middle publick School-House in Watertown on monday the twenty Third Day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: 1775 By adjour<sup>t</sup>.

Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: being moderator the meeting being opened the town proceeded

and

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The Second article being Read after Debate thereon the Question being put whether they will open any Schools and it past in the affirmative

Then it was Voted that there be a Grammer Schools kept three months. also Voted that there be kept two English Schools for three months one at each end of the town at the Same time.

Then Voted & Granted £ 30 pounds to Support s<sup>d</sup>: Schools

Then Voted to Choofe a Com<sup>tte</sup> to provide masters and fire-wood and to Inspect Said Schools

Voted & Chose for S<sup>d</sup>: Committee { M<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Bright  
 M<sup>r</sup>: Tho<sup>s</sup> Pattin  
 M<sup>r</sup>: Simon Whitney  
 Enf<sup>n</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup>: Harrington ju  
 M<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Soden —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House L<sup>t</sup>: Thomas Wellington on the twelfth Day of Feb<sup>ry</sup>: AD. 1776 —

They Signed an order on the Treaferer to pay the Rev<sup>d</sup>. D<sup>r</sup>. Samuel Cooper £ 20 pounds in part for his Service in the work of the miniftery in Watertown. —

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of L<sup>t</sup>. Thomas Wellington on Fryday the First Day of march AD 1776 —

They Agreed to have the Annual march meeting on monday the Eleventh Day of march Instant at nine of the Clock in the forenoon and Directed the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant Directed to Amos Livermore one of the Constables to warn the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to Vote in town affairs to afsemble at the Publick Meeting House in S<sup>d</sup>: town at the time beforementioned to act on the following Articles (Viz)

First to Choofe a moderator for S<sup>d</sup> meeting. Secondly to Choofe Selectmen Town-Clerk & Treaferer & all other town officers Required by law to be Chose in the month of march annually.

- (3<sup>d</sup>) To Choofe a Committe of Correspondance Agreeable to a Réfolve of the General Court. (4) To Choofe a Saxton & agree how he Shall be paid for his Service. (5) To put in their Votes for a County Register & Treaferer.
- (6) To Choofe a Committe to Examin the Town-Treaferer Accounts
- (7) To Appropriate the Interest money Coming to the town y<sup>e</sup> present year.
- (8) To Grant money to Support the miniftery the Ensueing year. —
- (9) To Grant money to Support the poor the year ensueing
- (10) To Grant money to Support the Repairs of the Great Bridge
- (11) To Hear the accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to & Grant money to pay the Same.
- (12) To Grant money to Repair y<sup>e</sup> High-ways & Town-ways y<sup>e</sup>

eusueing year and to act anything Relating thereto as y<sup>e</sup> town think proper.

- (13) To Hear the pleas of any Constables for abating any particular persons Rates in their lists & to act thereon as they think best.
- (14) To Hear the Report of the Com<sup>tee</sup> that was appointed to Improve the ministerial place the last year, and to Determine how it Shall be Improved the year ensueing
- (15) For the town to Confirm the town Road to m<sup>r</sup> Chris<sup>r</sup>: Grant that was agreed for if they think proper — — —
- (16) To know the minde of the town whether they will Straighten the line between the ministerial place and the Land of m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>ll</sup>: Learned. and to act thereon as they See fitt. (17) To know the minde of the town how the Estate of John Stearns Shall be Improved y<sup>e</sup> year ensueing, and to act thereon as they think best (18) To appropriate any Sum or Sums of money that are unappropriated as the town may think proper. (19) To Determine whether Swine Shall Run at large the ensueing year.

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(20) To Grant money to Support any Schools that may be Agreed upon & to act any thing thereon as they think Proper —

and Likewise to Notify the Town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of L<sup>t</sup> Thomas Wellington on Fryday y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Day of this present month of march at two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon ———

A Warrant was Issued out Accordingly Dated the next day Signed by Order of the Selectmen.

Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

The aforementioned meeting was afterward put off to monday the Eighteenth Day — — — —

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the House of L<sup>t</sup>: Thomas Wellington on Fryday the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of March AD 1776 to Receive the accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to the following were bro<sup>t</sup>: in (Viz) — The wid<sup>o</sup>: Eunice Coollidge for Boarding  
 mary Learned 10 days at /8 p<sup>r</sup> Day 0 : 6 : 8  
 to D<sup>o</sup> 24 weeks at 16/ p<sup>r</sup> week 19 : 4 : 0

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19 : 10 : 8

W <sup>m</sup> . Chenery to Nurfing Mary Learned's Child 17 weeks @ 4/	3 : 8 : 0
W <sup>m</sup> Learned to Boarding Mary Learned 6 weeks @ 4/8	1 : 8 : 0
Tho <sup>s</sup> : Learned to providing <sup>for</sup> & Boarding y <sup>e</sup> wid <sup>o</sup>	
Abigail Learned	27 : 11 : 4
Jonas White for Beef for James Hay	0 : 16 : 2
Sam <sup>l</sup> White for Sundrys for James Hay & others	1 : 18 : 4
David Bemis for D <sup>o</sup> for James Hay & others	1 : 10 : 6
Elijah Bond for D <sup>o</sup> and others	2 : 3 : 2 : 1
Moses Stone for things and Boarding Ruth Maddox	1 : 4 : 1 —
Sam <sup>l</sup> White for wood for the School	0 : 6 : 0 —
Josiah Capen for Beef for James Hay	0 : 11 : 7 —
David Sanger for things for the poor	2 : 12 : 8
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	£ 63 : 0 : 6 : 1

D<sup>r</sup> Marfhal Spring bro<sup>t</sup> in an account of Medecine and attendance on the poor amounting to — — 9 : 14 : 8 which was Referred to the town ———

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The Accounts following were bro<sup>t</sup>: in to be laid before the town (Viz) There being no grants made to pay them — — — —

m <sup>r</sup> Elijah Bond for 1 Day work @ the Highways	0 : 3 : 0
m <sup>r</sup> Tho <sup>s</sup> : Clark for Labour at Highways	0 : 8 : 0
m <sup>r</sup> Richard Clark for D <sup>o</sup>	0 : 6 : 0
Samuel Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup> : for D <sup>o</sup>	0 : 3 : 0

Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup> for Serving Afsefsor y<sup>e</sup> year past

	1 : 0 : 0
m <sup>r</sup> Moses Stone for like Service	1 : 0 : 0
Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown for Service of afsefsor & Treafurer the year past	} 3 : 13 : 4

Wid <sup>o</sup> Dorothy Coollidge for Rum y <sup>e</sup> 19 Day of april for the men in the Lexington Battle	} 0 : 12 : 8
her other Account for Training Expence	2 : 2 : 3 : 1
Major Sam <sup>l</sup> Barnard Training Expence	0 : 4 : 0 —
Cap <sup>t</sup> Phinehas Stearns for D <sup>o</sup>	0 : 4 : 0
L <sup>t</sup> Edward Harrington ju <sup>r</sup> for D <sup>o</sup>	0 : 9 : 4

Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk for D<sup>o</sup> 2 : 8 : 2 : 3

m<sup>r</sup>: John Draper for Bread at the Lexington  
Battle on y<sup>e</sup> 19 Day of April 1775 — } 1 : 1 : 4 —

£ 13 : 15 : 2 : 0

The above accounts were allowed at march Meeting

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At a Gen<sup>l</sup> Publick Town-meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs Regularly Afsembled at the publick meeting House in S<sup>d</sup>: Town on monday the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of march A. D. 1776 — for the Choice of Town officers & Transacting the other businefs as Setforth in the Warrant for Calling the meeting —

Voted & Chose Samuel Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: for moderator of y<sup>e</sup> meeting  
They they Voted & Chose the following perfons to Serve in the Several offices hereafter mentioned (Viz)

Selectmen	{	m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> : White
		Josiah Capen Esq <sup>r</sup>
		m <sup>r</sup> David Bemis
		m <sup>r</sup> David Sanger
	{	m <sup>r</sup> Elijah Bond

For Town-Clerk & Town-Treafurer Jonathan Brown

For Afsefsors	{	Sam <sup>l</sup> : Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup>
		Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown
		m <sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone

Constables mifs<sup>rs</sup> Simon Hastings & John Draper

Collectors mif<sup>r</sup> Simon Hastings & John Draper

Wardens mifs<sup>rs</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup>: Everit & Mofes Coollidge —

Sealer of Leather Isaac Sanderfon

Fence-Viewers mifs<sup>rs</sup> Jonas White & Phinehas Child

Surveyors of High-ways mifs<sup>rs</sup> Elijah Bond & Josiah Capen

Tythingmen m<sup>r</sup>: Amos Bond & Major Samuel Barnard

Hogrieves mifs<sup>rs</sup> Stephen Harris & Thomas Coollidge

Surveyors of Timber &c mifs<sup>rs</sup> David Sanger & David Bemis

Howards mifs<sup>rs</sup> William Chenery & Jon<sup>a</sup>. Coollidge Godding —

Clerks of the Markets mifs<sup>rs</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>. Cook ju<sup>r</sup> & Amos Bond

Cullars of Hoops Staves &c mifs<sup>rs</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>. Cook & Seth Norcrofs

Then Voted & Chose m<sup>r</sup>. Simon Hastings for Saxton and Granted him £ 3 : 10 : 0 for his Service

Voted & Chofe a Com<sup>te</sup> of Correspondance

{	Sam <sup>l</sup> : Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup> m <sup>r</sup> Nath <sup>l</sup> Stone m <sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone m <sup>r</sup> Jedi <sup>h</sup> Leathe m <sup>r</sup> Richard Clark
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Then a motion was made & Seconded that the meeting be adjourned to three of the Clock afternoon at the House [of] L<sup>t</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup> Wellington which was accordingly don

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Monday afternoon The town being meet according to adjournment & the meeting being Opened

Chofe for a Com<sup>te</sup> to Examin y<sup>e</sup> Tread<sup>r</sup> acc<sup>ts</sup>

{	m <sup>r</sup> : David Bemis Sam <sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup> m <sup>r</sup> Nath <sup>l</sup> Harrington
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Then Voted to appropriate y<sup>e</sup> Interest money as it was last year (Viz) 6/8 to the School & the Remainder for y<sup>e</sup> ministry —

Then Voted & Granted the further Sum of £ 40 pounds to be a<sup>s</sup>set to Support the ministrey — — —

Voted & Granted £ 100 pounds to Support the poor —

Voted & Granted £ 4 pounds to Repair the Great Bridge

Then Sundry accounts of persons to whome the town is Indebted was Read & accepted and the Sum of £ 13 : 15 : 2 Granted to Satisfie the Same See page (136)

Then they Voted that the £ 40 pounds Granted last year Should be worked out this year in the Same manner as was agreed upon ~

Then it was Voted that the meeting Should be adjourned till Fryday next at two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon at this place which was accordingly don ———

At a Gen<sup>l</sup>: Town-Meeting on Fryday y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> Day of March AD 1776 at the House of L<sup>t</sup>: Thomas Wellington by adjournment. The meeting being Opened — Several accounts were Read & accepted & the Sum of 13 : 15 : 2 was Granted to Satisfie the Same See page ( )

Then the Com.<sup>te</sup> appointed last year to Improve y<sup>e</sup> ministerial place Reported that they had let out part of Said place the year past for £ 20 : 1 : 0 which was accepted

Then it was Voted that m<sup>rs</sup> Storer have liberty to Improve part of the Houfe During the towns pleafore —

Then Voted to Choofe a Committe to take care of & Improve the minifterial place y<sup>e</sup> enfueing ~

Voted & Chofe for Said Committe { m<sup>r</sup>: Simon Whitney  
Major Sam<sup>l</sup> Barnard  
L<sup>t</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup>: Harrington

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Then Voted to Choofe a Committe with full power to give a Quit Claim Deed to Christopher Grant of a Town <sup>way</sup> which was agreed with him for y<sup>e</sup> last year

Voted & Chofe for S<sup>d</sup>: Committe { M<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>. Stone  
m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone  
m<sup>r</sup> Elijah Bond

Voted that the Selectmen take care of y<sup>e</sup> Estate of m<sup>r</sup>: John Stearns for the Benefitt of the town — — — — —

Voted to Appropriate any Sums of money that Remain unappropriated to Discharge the towns Debts — — — — —

Put to vote whether Swine may Run at large this year it paifed in the negative — — — — —

Then Voted to keep a Grammer School — — — — —

Then Voted & Granted £ 3 pounds to each of the Collectors provided they make up their whole accounts with y<sup>e</sup> Treaferer within Six months after they Receive their lists, & also give Bond as usual — — — — —

Then Voted & Chofe m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger Constable — — — — —  
the the Votes were bro<sup>t</sup> in for a County Register & Treaferer —  
The Businefs of y<sup>e</sup> Meeting being don it was Disolved —

March y<sup>e</sup> 1776 Jonathan Brown was Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of the offices of Town-Clerk Town-Treaferer & aifeisor by Abraham Fullar Jus<sup>ts</sup>. peace

The Several perfons hereafter Named were Sworn to the Several offices hereafter mentioned (Viz) —

Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: & m<sup>r</sup>: Mofes Stone Aifeisors ~

m<sup>r</sup> John Draper Collector of Tax's. Eben<sup>r</sup>: Everit & Mofes Coollidge Wardens

m<sup>r</sup> Phin<sup>s</sup> Child Fence-Viewer

m<sup>rs</sup> Elijah Bond & Josiah Capen Surveyors of Highways



m<sup>r</sup> Amos Bond Tythingman  
 m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Harris Hogrieve  
 m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis Surveyor of Timber  
 mif<sup>srs</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Cook ju<sup>r</sup> & Amos Bond Clerk of y<sup>e</sup> markents ---  
 Before me Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Jus<sup>t</sup>: peace

March 1776.

may the 13<sup>th</sup>e Simon Hastings was Sworn to the office of Con-  
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by me Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Jus: peace

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Learned on the  
 29<sup>th</sup> Day of April Anno 1776

They ordered the Clerk to Issue out a warrant to Warn one  
 Sarah Felsenden out of town who came last from Newton or  
 Cambridge in the month of march last past

They Signed an order on the town Trefurer to pay m<sup>r</sup>: John  
 Hunt ju<sup>r</sup> the Sum of £ 7 : 4 : 0 for keeping School three months

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of May  
 AD: 1776 at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Wellington —

They having Received a precept from the Sheriff of the County  
 Directing to asemble the Inhabitants to Choofe a Representative  
 or Representatives - They agreed to have a Town-Meeting on  
 Monday the 20<sup>th</sup>e Day of this present month of May for the  
 Choice of a Representative or Representatives to be at the publick  
 Meeting Houfe at two of the Clock afternoon —

Also to have an other meeting at three of the Clock at the Same  
 place on the Same Day to act on the following articles. (Viz)

First to Choofe a moderator for Said meeting. (2<sup>ly</sup>) To put in  
 their Votes for a County Register (3) To Choofe Town officers  
 in the Room of Such as Refufe to Serve. (4) To Determin  
 whether any Schools Shall be kept and to act anything thereon  
 as they See fitt (5) To hear any accounts that any perfons have  
 against the town and grant money to pay the Same as they may  
 think proper. ~ (6) To hear the Petition of Thomas Learned  
 praying the town to allow him the Household Furniture of his  
 Sifter Learned for the Reafons Setforth in the petition. (7) To

hear the Report of the Committe appointed to Examin the <sup>town</sup> Treafurers accounts & to act there on as they See fitt  
(8<sup>ly</sup>)

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(8) To act on all other matters & things that Properly ly before the town &c —

Warrants were Issued out accordingly Dated the next Day and Signed by order of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in the Choice of Representatives Regularly asembled at the publick Meeting House in said town on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Day of may AD 1776 — — — —

First the vote was put whether it is the minde of y<sup>e</sup> town to Choofe two persons to Represent the town in the Gen<sup>l</sup>: Court this present year & it past in y<sup>e</sup> affeirmative.

Then the Votes were Called for & were bro<sup>t</sup>: in Sorted and Counted & it appeared that Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: was Chofen. — Then the votes were Called for one other perfon & were bro<sup>t</sup>: in Counted & Sorted & it appeared that Samuel Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: was Chofen — — — —

Then a Refolve of the late House of Representatives Relating to the Congress of the thirteen united Colonies Declaring them In-dependant of Great-Britain - The Question was put to know y<sup>e</sup> minde of the town whether they will Stand by & Defend the Same with their lives and Estates & it past in the affeirmative unanimously.

At a meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly asembled at the Publick meeting House in S<sup>d</sup> Town on monday <sup>th</sup> the 20: Day of may AD: 1776 - To Transact Sundry town affairs as Setforth in y<sup>e</sup> warning

Voted & Chofe Samuel Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup> moderator of y<sup>e</sup> meeting

Then the votes were bro<sup>t</sup>: in for a County Register —

Then y<sup>e</sup> third article was Read & past over for y<sup>e</sup> present —

Then y<sup>e</sup> 4 article was Read & after Debate thereon it was Voted to Grant money for Support of Schools —

Then they Voted to adjourn the meeting with the Remaining

business to Tuesday the 4 Day of June next at 3 o Clock afternoon at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Wellington —

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may y<sup>e</sup> 20.<sup>th</sup> 1776 mis<sup>ss</sup> William Chenery & Jonathan Coollidge Godding were Sworn to the of office of Howards  
by Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Just<sup>s</sup>: peace

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>ll</sup>: Learned on monday the 20.<sup>th</sup> Day of may AD 1776 —  
They agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Jonathan Coollidge Godding to take and Board Ruth Maddox one month for which he is to have her Labour & 16/ Shillings p<sup>r</sup>: Week=old-Tenor. ———

At a meeting of the Selectmen on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> day of may at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup> Wellington They Signed an order on the town Treafurer to pay m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Henshaw ju<sup>r</sup> The Sum of thirty pounds in full for his preaching in Watertown, and the  
£  
Sum of 21 : 6 : 8 to m<sup>r</sup>: John Eddy which with what m<sup>r</sup> Capen paid him is in full for his Service in keeping School in Watertown also an other order to pay m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 16 : 8 : 0 Shillings for what he has Supplied James Hay with.—

At a Gen<sup>l</sup> Publick Town-meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly asembled at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Wellington on Tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>. Day of June AD: 1776. Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup> being moderator the meeting being upon an Adjournment —

The 4.<sup>th</sup> article being Read the Question was put whether their Should be any womens Schools kept this year and it past in the Negative —

Then it was put to vote Whether any School or Schools Should be kept this year & it past in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative

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Then it was Voted to Reconfider the vote for not keeping womens Schools, and Voted that five be kept for the Space of three months — — — —

Then Voted to Choofe a Committe of five perfons to take Care of  
and provide for Said Schools

Voted & Chofe for s <sup>d</sup> : Com <sup>tte</sup>	{	m <sup>r</sup> : Richard Clark m <sup>r</sup> : David Coollidge L <sup>t</sup> : Edw <sup>d</sup> : Harrington ju m <sup>r</sup> Jedi <sup>h</sup> Leathe m <sup>r</sup> : Amos Livermore
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Then D<sup>r</sup>: Springs Account for medicine & attendance on the poor  
was Read & Considered & the Sum of £ 8 : 6 : 8 was Granted to  
pay the Same. —————

Then m<sup>r</sup>: David Coollidge was Chofen a Fence-Viewer in the  
Room of m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White who was Excufed — — — —

m<sup>r</sup>: David Coollidge was Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of  
S<sup>d</sup>: office & m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger to the office of Constable at the  
Same time by Jon<sup>a</sup> B:rown Jus<sup>t</sup>: Peace ———

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on Fryday y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Day of June AD  
1776 at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Wellington They agreed with  
m<sup>r</sup>: Phinehas Child for a Room in the House where m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel  
Nutting lately Dwelt for the use of m<sup>rs</sup>: Hackleton the wife  
of John Hackleton it being the west lower Room for which  
he is to Receiue of the town at the Rate of Thirty Six shillings  
p<sup>r</sup> year for the time She Improves the Same —

at this Meeting Major Samuel Barnard was Sworne to the  
office of Tythingman. —

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At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on the Second Day of July AD 1776  
They agreed to call a Publick Town-meeting to be held the Same  
Day at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup> Wellington at four of the Clock in  
the afternoon —

Fist to Choofe a moderator for the meeting —

(2) To agree upon Some Proper method for Raising Watertowns  
part of the five Thousand men ordered for the Defence of this  
Country. and to Grant a Sum of money to forward the affair.  
and to act thereon as as they See fitt - and ordered the Clerk to  
Issue out a Warrant Directed to one of the Constables to warn  
the freeholders & Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote in  
town affairs to meet at Said time & place. — which was accord-  
ingly don emediately & Signed By Order of the Selectmen

Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Publick town-meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly asembled at the house of m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Wellington Innholder in s<sup>d</sup>. Town on the Second Day of July AD: 1776 For encourriaging y<sup>e</sup> Inlifting men for the Defence of the Country &c —————

Voted & Chose m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel White moderator of y<sup>e</sup> meeting  
Then Voted & Granted the Sum of Six pounds six fhillings & eight pence to each person that Shall inlist into the Service for the town of Watertown for the present Service till Watertowns proportion is Completed. —

Voted that the S<sup>d</sup>: Sum be allowed to those that inlist within two Days. — — — —

Voted that all those persons that are now out in the Service & those that are going be Excused from paying a pole tax toward the above voted Bounty. ———

Voted that the Town-Treafurer be impowered to hire the money to pay the Bounty untill Such time as the money Can be aíses -

Voted that the aísesors be Desired to aíses the Inhabitants of this town to Raife mony to pay this Bounty emediately in a Seperate list.

Voted

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Voted that the aísesors be Directed that where any persons hold lands by lease or otherwise that they lay the tax on the Landlords. —

attest Sam<sup>l</sup> White moderator

Then the meeting was adjourned to Fryday next at this place at 6 o Clock afternoon. —

At a Gen<sup>l</sup>: Publick Town-meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly asembled on the 5 Day of July AD 1776 at m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Wellingtons —

m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel White being moderator. The meeting being opened they proceeded to take into Consideration the affair mentioned in the warrant It was moved to allow the bounty Granted at the former meeting to Such as inlist on or before the fifteenth Day of this month which was Voted and allowed — Then it was

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of this month at Six of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon at this place which was accordingly don —

On the fifteenth Day of the month the town being met according to adjournment—it <sup>was</sup> Voted that the bounty be allowed till the thirty men be inlisted as Required as Watertowns proportion of the five Thousand —

Then the meeting Disolved —

See the Declaration of Independance Recorded in the last Pages of this Book

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on monday the 23 Day of September AD 1776 at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Wellington — They Agreed to Call a Publick Town-Meeting to be at the meeting-Houfe on monday the 30<sup>th</sup> day of this Instant month of Sep<sup>r</sup>: at two of the Clock afternoon First to Choofe a Moderator for the Meeting (2) To Consider & agree upon Some Proper Steps to be taken for the Settling a miniſter and to act thereon as they See meet (3) To Grant money to Support Schools and to act thereon as they they See best —

(4) For the town to agree upon Some Proper method for Raiſing men for the Defence of the united States of America and to act any thing Relating thereto the town may think best. —

(5) For the town to Direct in what manner the Houfehold Furniture of Fanning Learned Deceaſed Shall be Diſpoſed of —

(6) To hear the accounts of thoſe perſons the town is Indebted to and grant money to pay y<sup>e</sup> ſame

(7) To Choofe a Perſon to take Acknowledgments of Debts &c and alſo to warn all the Male Inhabitants of the town that are free being twenty one years of age & upwards to aſſemble at Said time & place to Consider and Determine whether they will give their Conſent that the preſent Houſe of Representatives with the Council Should agree upon a Form of Government for this State and to act thereon as they See beſt —

and the Clerk was Directed to Iſſue out warrants Directed to y<sup>e</sup> Conſtables to warn the Inhabitants to meet at Said time & place for ſ<sup>d</sup> Purpoſes. which was accordingly don

By Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town. Cler

The following Accounts were bro<sup>t</sup> in (Viz)

Thomas Pattin for wood for the School.	1 : 17 : 0
Simon Whitney for d <sup>o</sup> —————	1 : 4 : 0
Samuel Soden for D <sup>o</sup> —————	1 : 7 : 0

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4 : 8 : 0

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At a Gen<sup>l</sup>: Publick Town-Meeting held at the Publick meeting House in Watertown on monday the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD. 1776 to transact Sundry articles as Setforth in the warrants for the Meeting

Voted & Chofe Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator for y<sup>e</sup> meeting

Then the vote was put whether the town will proceed to Settle a minifter as Soon as they Conveniently can and it Past in the affirmative — — — —

Then they Voted to Choofe a Committe to look out for and provide Such perfons as they think proper for trial — — — —

Voted & Chofe for Said Committe { Mr: Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone  
Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Mr Mofes Stone

Then it was put to vote whether the town will keep writting Schools this year and it past in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative

also Voted to keep a Grammer School Some part of y<sup>e</sup> year

Voted that the Schools be opened the first Day of Dec<sup>r</sup>: next — —

Then the 4<sup>th</sup> article was Read and after Debate thereon it was Voted to Choofe a Committee to Consider thereon and Report what way they think will be best for the town to proceed in Raifing men for the Defence of america for the Futer & make Report at the adjou<sup>t</sup>:

Voted & Chofe for S<sup>d</sup>: Committe { m<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: White  
M<sup>r</sup> David Bemis  
m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen  
m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger  
m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone

Then the meeting was adjourned to monday next at two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon at this place —

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At a Gen<sup>l</sup> Publick town Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Asembled at the Meeting House in Said Town on the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: A D1776 By Ad-journment Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup> being moderator

Voted that two writting Schools be kept three months — — —

Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 60 pounds for the Support of the Schools the firewood Included

Voted that the first month the Schools be kept once a Day & the other two months twice a Day

Voted & Chose m<sup>r</sup>: Jonas White for one of y<sup>e</sup> School Committe — — — —

Then the town took into Consideration a Resolve of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Court of the 17<sup>th</sup> of September last Relating to a Form of Government and after Debate thereon — They voted unanimously that they give their Consent that the present House of Representatives with the Council Should Form a plan of Government for this State to be laid before the Several towns in the Same for their Consideration before it be Ratified —

Then they voted to adjourn this meeting with the Remaining bufiness to the first monday in Nov<sup>r</sup>: next at two of the Clock afternoon to be at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Wellington Innholder in this town which was accordingly don —————

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly assem<sup>l</sup>d on the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of Nov<sup>r</sup>: 1776. By adjournment at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>: Wellington — Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk being moderator —————

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The meeting being Opened There being but a few persons present it was moved to adjourn the meeting to this day three weeks to be held at the meeting <sup>House</sup> at two of the Clock afternoon and it was accordingly adjourned to finish the Remaining bufiness —————

At a Gen<sup>l</sup>: Publick Town-Meeting held at the Publick Meeting House in Watertown on the 25<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup>: 1776 by adjournment Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: being moderator. — The Committe appointed to Consider the matter Relating to Raising men for the Defence of the Country made Verball Report that they had not don any thing on the affair —————

Thn it was Voted not to act any thing on that article. — Then it was Voted to adjourn the meeting to Six of the Clock this Evening to meet at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: Wellington. — The town being meet. They Proceeded to the Sixth article. Then m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Capens account was Read & accepted and the Sum of £ 1 : 18 : 6 was Granted to pay y<sup>e</sup> Same

Voted & allowed m<sup>r</sup>: David Bemis account & Granted the Sum £ 0 : 17 : 9 to pay the Same —————



Then the account of Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: was Read & Voted that the Selectmen Examin the Same & allow what they think is Right. — Then they voted & Chofe John Remington Esq<sup>r</sup>: to take the Confesion of Debts &c ——— Then the meeting was Difolved ———

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Wellington on the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of march AD 1777. They agreed to have a Publick town-meeting on the tenth day of this present month of march at nine of the Clock in forenoon at the Publick meeting House & Directed the Clerk to Issue out warrants Directed to the Several Constables to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to asemble at Said time & place to act on the following articles (Viz) First to Choofe a moderator for the meeting ———

(2) To Choofe Selectmen Town-Clerk & Treafurer & all other town officers that are Required to be Chofe in the month of march annually. (3) To know the minde of the town whether they will come into Some method to proportion the Charge that has already been by hireing men to go into the Service. and to act any thing thereon as they think proper ~

(4) To know the minde of the town what method they will take to Raife Watertowns proportion of men to Compleat the Continental Army, and to act thereon as they think proper (5) to Choofe a Committe of Correfpondance &c agreeable to a Refolve of the General Court. (6) To Choofe a Saxton & agree how he Shall be paid for his Service (7) to put in their Votes for a County Register & Treafurer (8) To appropriate the Int<sup>r</sup>: money coming to the town the present year ———

(9) To Choofe a Committe to Examin the town Treafures acc<sup>ts</sup> (10) To grant money to Support the miniftery y<sup>e</sup> year Enfueing (11) To grant money to Support the poor the year Eufueing — (12) To grant money to Support the Repairs of the Great Bridg (13) To Hear the accounts of thofe perfons the town is In debted to & grant money to pay the Same ———

(14) To Grant money to Repair the Highways and Town-ways the enfueing year and to act any thing Relating thereto <sup>as</sup> the town think Proper ———

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(15) To Hear <sup>the pleas</sup> ^ of any late Constables for abating any Particular persons Rates in their lists, and to act thereon as they think best. — (16) To Hear the Report of Committe that was Appointed to Improve the ministerial place the last year, and Determin how it Shall be Improved the year enfueing (17) To know how the Estate of John Stearnes Shall be Improved the year enfueing and to act thereon as they think best, (18) To appropriate any Sum or Sums of money unappropriated as the town may think best ——— (19) To Determin whether Swine Shall Run at large the enfueing year — — — — — (20) To grant money to Support the Grammer School & other Schools that may be agreed upon and act any thing thereon as they think Proper ——— And Likewise to notify the town Creditors to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Learned on Fryday the Seventh day of this present month of march at two of the Clock afternoon ———  
Warrants were Issued out accordingly & Signed  
By order of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen                      Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Fryday the Seventh day of March AD 1777 at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned for Receiving the accounts of those persons the town is Indebted the Following accounts were bro<sup>t</sup>: in (Viz)

To Samuel Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup> for entertainment for Preachers from Nov <sup>r</sup> : the 20 <sup>th</sup> . 1774 to march y <sup>e</sup> 2 <sup>d</sup> . 1777	—————	14 : 1 : 2
To Elijah Bond for his wives keeping School last year		5 : 4 : 0
To Mofes Hager for Hay for Doc <sup>r</sup> Cooper	—————	1 : 4 : 0
To John Hunt for keeping School	—————	6 : 0 : 0

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And the following accounts were bro<sup>t</sup> in for Charge for the poor (Viz) David Bemis for Supplys from the 15 day of march 1776 to the 7<sup>th</sup>: of march 1777                      7 : 7 : 5 : 1  
Sam<sup>l</sup>: White for d<sup>o</sup>: from July 10. 1776 to march 7<sup>th</sup>. 1777                      9 : 0 : 1 : 1  
Elijah Bond d<sup>o</sup>: march. 1776 to march 7<sup>th</sup>. 1777    3 : 5 : 7 : 0  
David Sanger for d<sup>o</sup> for the wid<sup>o</sup> murch              0 " 18 —  
Amos Livermore for Board &c for Ruth Maddox    3 : 13 : 2 : 2

Sarah Godding Boarding Mary Learned s Child from march y <sup>e</sup> 14. 1776 to march y <sup>e</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> . 1777	} 8 : 14 : 0 —
Tho <sup>s</sup> Learned for Boarding Aaron Learned from march y <sup>e</sup> 15. 1776 to march the 12 <sup>th</sup> - 1777	} 3 : 4 : 6
William Chenery for Boarding & Nurſing Mary Learned s Child from march 15 <sup>th</sup> . 1776 to march 7. 1777	} 10 : 1 : 4
Simon Hastings to Diging the Graves for y <sup>e</sup> wid <sup>o</sup> Abigail Learned & Tabitha Learned	} 0 : 9 : 0
Phinehas Child for eight & a half months house Rent for m <sup>rs</sup> Hackleton	} 1 : 5 : 6
wid <sup>o</sup> Hannah Harris for Delivering Mary Learned	} 0 " 6 : 0
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	48 : 4 : 8 : 0

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Proceedings of the School Committe for the Town of Watertown  
1777. - - -

At a Meeting at M<sup>r</sup> Richardſons June y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Agreed to open five  
womens Schools & Employ the following perſons (Viz) M<sup>rs</sup>:  
Dorothy Brewer to keep School her Houſe 13 weeks @ eight  
Shillings P<sup>r</sup> week - - - - -

m<sup>rs</sup> Sufanna Shed to keep <sup>a</sup> School in the west School-House

15 weeks & 4 days @ Six <sup>^</sup>hillings and eight pence P<sup>r</sup>  
week 5 : 4 : 2

m<sup>r</sup> Elijah Bonds wife to keep a School in his House  
13 weeks @ eight Shillings p<sup>r</sup> week — 5 : 4 : 0

m<sup>r</sup> Andrew Whites wife to keep a School in his His  
house 13 weeks @ eight Shillings p<sup>r</sup> week — — 5 : 4 : 0

and with m<sup>rs</sup>: Lydia Anderſon to keep a School in the  
east School House 15 weeks @ Six fhillings and eight  
pence p<sup>r</sup>: week ————— 5 : 4 : 2

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20 : 16 : 4

At a Meeting at m<sup>rs</sup>: Coollidges December y<sup>e</sup> Sixth 1777.

Agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: John Stratton to keep a School in the East  
School House three months at four pounds p<sup>r</sup> month - 12 : 0 : 0

and with m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Bisco to keep a School in the west  
 School. House three months @ Four pounds ten shillings  
 &/8  
 √ p<sup>r</sup> month — — — — 13 : 12 : 0

and with m<sup>r</sup>: John Remington ju<sup>r</sup> to keep the  
 Grammer School one month for four Pounds 4 : 0 : 0

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50 : 8 : 4

and accordingly the Schools were opened the 23<sup>d</sup> Day of De-  
 cember — — —

Jed<sup>h</sup>; Leathe P<sup>r</sup> Order ~

The Committe also bro<sup>t</sup> in an account for wood provided for the  
 School amounting to — — — 6 : \*

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At a Gen<sup>l</sup> Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other In-  
 habitants of who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs Regular-  
 ly afsembled at the meeting-House in s<sup>d</sup> Town on monday the  
 tenth Day of march AD. 1777. for the Choice of Town officers  
 & other affairs as Setforth in the Warrant for S<sup>d</sup>: meeting ———  
 Voted and Chofe M<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone for Moderator

For Selectmen { John Remington Esq<sup>r</sup>:  
 m<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: Soden  
 M<sup>r</sup>: Elijah Bond  
 m<sup>r</sup> Nathan Coollidge  
 m<sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Leathe

N B Mef<sup>s</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: White, Richard Clark & David Sanger were  
 Chofen & at their Request were Excused —

Town-Clerk & Town-Treafurer Jonathan Brown

Voted & Chose for afsefsors ——— { Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown  
 Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Bisco

For Constables & Collectors Mef<sup>s</sup>: Chris<sup>t</sup> Grant ju<sup>r</sup> & Amos  
 Bond

Wardens Mef<sup>s</sup>: Edm<sup>d</sup>: Fowle & William Hunt

Sealer of Leather Stephen Whitney ———

Fence-Viewers Josiah Capen Esq<sup>r</sup> & m<sup>r</sup>: W<sup>m</sup>. Hunt

Surveyors of High-ways Mef<sup>s</sup>: Amos Livermore and John  
 Draper ———

Tythingmen Mef<sup>s</sup> David Coollidge & Jon<sup>a</sup> Child ———

Hogrieves Mef<sup>s</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hunt & John Draper ———

Surveyors of Timber &c. Mefs<sup>rs</sup> David Sanger & David Bemis  
 Howards Phin<sup>s</sup> Child & Abraham Whitney ———  
 Clerks of the markets <sup>m<sup>er</sup></sup> Amos Bond & John Hunt  
 Cullars of Hoops Staves &c Seth Norcrofs ———  
 afternoon being meet

Voted & Chofe Com<sup>tte</sup> of Correspondance {  
 m<sup>r</sup>: Rich<sup>d</sup> Clark  
 m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen  
 m<sup>r</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup>: Richardfon  
 m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger  
 m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Harris

Then the Votes were put in for a County Treas<sup>r</sup> & Register  
 Chofe for Saxton m<sup>r</sup> Simon Hastings & granted the Sum of £ 3  
 pounds for his Service

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Then the 3<sup>d</sup> article was Read & after Debate thereon it was  
 Voted that the town will beare the whole Charge of the war in  
 Equal proportion as They pay other Tax's  
 Voted to Choofe a Committe to bring in an account of what has  
 already arifen &c

Voted & Chofe for s<sup>d</sup>: Committee — {  
 Maj<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>: Barnard  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Phin<sup>s</sup> Stearns  
 Clerk Nathan Coollidge  
 m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis  
 m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger  
 L<sup>t</sup>: Josiah Capen ju<sup>r</sup>  
 m<sup>r</sup> Elijah Bond

Voted that y<sup>e</sup> Committee bring in a perticular account what  
 each man has don \_\_\_\_\_

Then the 4<sup>th</sup> article being Read after Debate thereon ~

Voted to Choofe a Committe to procure men at y<sup>e</sup> Expen<sup>ce</sup> of  
 the Town \_\_\_\_\_

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee for s<sup>d</sup>: purpose — —

Voted & added m<sup>r</sup>: Simon Whitney — — L<sup>t</sup>: Chris<sup>t</sup>: Grant ju<sup>r</sup>

Voted that y<sup>e</sup> Committee give £ 24 pounds P<sup>r</sup> man - if they Cannot  
 be had for lefs & have Power to hire money for y<sup>t</sup> Purpofe in  
 the name & behalf of the Town \_\_\_\_\_

Then they Voted and adjourned the meeting to this day week to  
 meet at this place at one of the Clock afternoon

Middlesex vs Watertown March y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>: 1777 ———

Then the persons afternamed appeared & were Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of the Several offices to which they were Chosen (Viz) Chris<sup>r</sup> Grant ju<sup>r</sup> & Amos Bond Constables, Amos Livermore, & John Draper Surveyors of Highways, — David Coollidge & Jon<sup>a</sup>: Child Tythingmen alson John Draper Hogrieve, and Phin<sup>s</sup> Child Howard, and Amos Bond Clerk of the market ———

Before me Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Just<sup>t</sup>: Peace

March y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup>. 1777 the following perfons were Sworn into y<sup>e</sup> offices hereafter mentioned (Viz) Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: & m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco afsefsors m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Whitney Sealer of Leather ——— mifs<sup>rs</sup> Josiah Capen and W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Fence Viewers W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Hogrieve — mifs<sup>rs</sup>: Dav[id] Sanger & David Bemas Surveyors of Timber &c ——— M<sup>r</sup> John \* Clerk of y<sup>e</sup> market ———

Before Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown J[ust: Peace]

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown held at the Meeting House on monday y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Day of march AD 1777 ———

By Adjournment m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone being moderator

John Remington Esq<sup>r</sup>: Resigned the office of Selectman

Then m<sup>r</sup> Simon Whitney was Chosen who Refused to Serve

Then m<sup>r</sup> John Cook was Chosen a Selectman —

Then the Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to Consider what Services perfons have don in the war & made Report ———

Their Report being Read after Debate thereon

Voted to Recommit the Report & add four more to the Committe.

Voted & Chose mefs<sup>rs</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: White, Daniel Sawin, Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: & m<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hunt ———

Then m<sup>r</sup>: Edward Richardson Excused himself from Serving on the Committe of Correspondance and m<sup>r</sup>: David Coollidge was Chosen in his Room

Chose for a Com <sup>tee</sup> to Examin y <sup>e</sup>	{ Sam <sup>l</sup> : Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup> m <sup>r</sup> W <sup>m</sup> Hunt m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> White
Trea <sup>rs</sup> acc <sup>ts</sup> :	

Voted to appropriate the Interest money coming to the town a

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it was last year (Viz) 6/8 to the miniftery & the Remainder to the Grammer School — — — — —  
 Voted & Granted 40 pounds to be afsest for the Support of the miniftery for the year enfueing ————  
 Voted & Granted £ 6 pounds to Repair the great Bridge  
 Voted & Granted £ 3 pounds to each of the Collectors upon the Same Conditions as it was the last year ————  
 Then the Vote was put whether Swine Shall Run at Learge & it past in the negative ————  
 Then Voted that the meeting be adjourned to monday the 31 Day of this present month at 2 O: Clock at this place

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At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on monday y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> day of march AD 1777. at m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>ll</sup>: Learneds — They Agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Elijah Bond to take Mary Learned for three months at the Rate of 7/6 P<sup>r</sup> week She to have the Benefitt of her Labour. ———— and with m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Soden to take Mary Learneds Child three months at the Rate of 3/6 p<sup>r</sup>: week ———— and with m<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Coollidge to take Ruth Maddox for three months at the Rate of p<sup>r</sup> week he to have her Labour

At a Publick Town-Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the publick meeting House in Said town on monday the 31<sup>th</sup> Day of march AD 1777 - By adjournment m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>ll</sup> Stone being Moderator ———— The meeting opened The 14<sup>th</sup> article being Read it was Voted that y<sup>e</sup> Surveyors of the Highways work out the Remainder of the last years grant in the highways at the price it was the last year ———— 15<sup>th</sup> Article was Read and no abatements of Rates made ———— Then the Report of the Committe appointed to take care of the minifterial place the last year was Read and it appeared that a Ballance of £ 25=0 : 8 Remained in the hands of the Com<sup>the</sup> Still due to the town which was Voted and accepted —  
 Then Voted to Choofe a Committe to take care of Said place for the year enfueing —

Voted & Choife for Said Committe ———— { m<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup> White  
 m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger—  
 m<sup>r</sup> Simon Whitney

Voted that s<sup>d</sup>: Committe Repair the Barn & fences on the minifterial place as they think needfull and pay for the Same out of the money coming for Rent last year \_\_\_\_\_

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Voted that the Selectmen take care of and Improve the Estate that was m<sup>r</sup>: John Stearn's as usual. \_\_\_\_\_

20 article Read and the Town Voted that one School Should be kept the whole year. \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Chose for a Com<sup>tee</sup> to take care of & provide for the School \_\_\_\_\_

}	Sam <sup>l</sup> : Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup> :
	m <sup>r</sup> David Bemis
	m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> White

Voted that the Committe may employ either a Lattin or English School-master as they think best \_\_\_\_\_

Voted y<sup>t</sup> the School be kept Some part of the time in each of the three School Houfes \_\_\_\_\_

M<sup>r</sup> John Cook Excused himself from Serving a Selectman and Major Samuel Barnard was Chosen in his Room

Then the Report of y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to Consider what Services each perfon has don for the town the present war was Read & was Voted & accepted and is as follows (Viz)

Watertown 20<sup>th</sup> of march 1777 \_\_\_\_\_

The Com<sup>tee</sup>: Appointed by the Town to take into Consideration the Services don for the town in the present war, and what each Soldier Shall be allow'd for their Respective Services, Exclufive of the pay from the Continent or State beg leave to Report as follows (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_

(1) That there be paid by the town to each non-Commifion officer & Soldier that engaged in the Service for eight months in 1775 the Sum of £ 2 pounds each y<sup>e</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 35 is £ 70 : 0 : 0

(2) That there be paid by the town to each non-Commifion officer & Soldier that march<sup>d</sup> from Cambridge to New-York & from thence to Canada twenty pounds each 19 in Number } 380 : 0 : 0

(3) That there be paid by the town to each Non-Commifion officer & Soldier that march<sup>d</sup> to New-York & engaged in the Service one year £ 10 each being four in Number } 40 : 0 : 0

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Carried forward      £ 490 : 0 : 0



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	Bro <sup>t</sup> : forward - -	490 : 0 : 0
(4 <sup>ly</sup> ) That there be paid by the town to each non-Commision officer and Soldier that engaged for one year & marched for Ticonderoga in aug <sup>t</sup> : 1776 £6 each Number being 6 is	}	36 : 0 : 0
(5 <sup>ly</sup> ) That there be paid by the town to each non-Commision officer and Soldier that engaged in the Service in July 1776 for five months Exclusive of those <sup>yt</sup> were <sup>^</sup> hired £ 5 each y <sup>e</sup> Number being 5 is		
(6) That there be paid by the town to each non-Commision officer and Soldier, that engaged in the Service for two months and marched for New-York Oct <sup>r</sup> : 1776 £ 5 each (exclusive of those that were hired) being 9 in number is	}	45 : 0 : 0
(7) That there be paid by the town to each non-Commision officer and Soldier that engaged in the Service for three months and marched to New-York in Dec <sup>r</sup> : 1776. Exclusive of those that were hired £ 8 one only went — — — — —		
		£ 604 : 0 : 0

(8) That there be paid by the town to the following Perfons the Respective Sums affixed against their names, being money Expended by them for the benifet of the present War (Viz)

To Cash paid by David Stone — — — — —	6 " 13 : 4
To D <sup>o</sup> by John Draper — — — — —	6 " 13 : 4
To D <sup>o</sup> by Richard Everitt — — — — —	6 " 13 : 4
To D <sup>o</sup> by Sam <sup>l</sup> White — — — — —	7 " 13 : 4
To D <sup>o</sup> by Simon Whitney — — — — —	7 " 13 " 4
To D <sup>o</sup> by William Leathe — — — — —	6 " 13 " 4
To D <sup>o</sup> by Nathaniel Bright — — — — —	6 " 13 " 4
To D <sup>o</sup> by Ezekiel Hall — — — — —	7 " 0 " 0
To D <sup>o</sup> by Mofes Coollidge — — — — —	6 " 13 " 4
To D <sup>o</sup> by Nathaniel Bemis — — — — —	6 " 13 " 4
To D <sup>o</sup> by Joel White — — — — —	6 " 13 " 4
To D <sup>o</sup> by Samuel Soden — — — — —	7 " 5 : 4
To D <sup>o</sup> by Elijah Bond — — — — —	4 " 6 : 8
To D <sup>o</sup> by Josiah Capen — — — — —	6 : 13 : 4

To D° by Samuel Barnard —————	7 : 13 : *
To D° by Mofes Stone — — — — —	7 : 5 : *
To D° by Jonas White no bounty rec <sup>d</sup> from y <sup>e</sup> Town	3 : *
Carried over £ 11[2 : 15:4]	

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	bro <sup>t</sup> : over ———	112 : 15 : 4
To Cash paid by John Stimson — — — — —	6 " 13 " 4	
To D° by Stephen Whitney — — — — —	3 " 0 : 8	
To D° by Simon Hastings — — — — —	6 : 13 : 4	
To D° by Daniel Whitney — — — — —	7 : 5 : 4	
To D° by Nathaniel Co <sup>l</sup> lidge — — — — —	7 : 5 : 4	
To D° by Amos Bond — — — — —	6 " 13 : 4	
To D° by Jofiah Norcrois — — — — —	6 " 13 : 4	
To D° by Thomas Clark — — — — —	7 : 5 : 4	
To D° by Thomas Harrington — — — — —	6 " 13 : 4	
To D° by John Cook — — — — —	6 " 13 " 4	
To D° by Bezaleel Learned — — — — —	6 " 13 " 4	
To D° by Thomas Pattin — — — — —	10 " 13 : 4	
To D° by Phinehas Stearnes — — — — —	7 " 5 " 4	
To D° by Samuel Hager — — — — —	11 " 0 : 0	
To D° by Samuel Benjamin — — — — —	6 " 0 : 0	
To D° by Edmund Fowle — — — — —	4 " 18 : 0	
To D° by Jonathan Child — — — — —	4 : 17 : 4	
To D° by Eires Tainter — — — — —	4 " 13 : 4	
To D° by Peter Harrington — — — — —	4 : 0 : 0	
To D° by Elkanah Wales — — — — —	10 : 0 : 0	
To D° by Oliver m <sup>n</sup> Roe — — — — —	7 " 10 : 0	
To D° by Elifha Learned — — — — —	10 : 0 : 0	
To D° by Ephraim Jones — — — — —	4 : 0 : 0	
To D° by Samuel Nutting —————	10 : 0 : 0	
To D° by Amos Livermore — — — — —	8 " 6 : 0	
To D° by Samuel Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup> —————	7 : 0 : 0	
To D° by Jonathan Brown Esq <sup>r</sup> ———	10 : 12 : 0	
To D° by David Bemis —————	11 : 0 : 0	
To D° by William Cookran — — — — —	10 : 0 : 0	
To D° by John Cookson — — — — —	10 : 0 : 0	
To D° by Marfhall Spring — — — — —	10 : 0 : 0	
To D° by Eben <sup>r</sup> Stedfon — — — — —	10 : 0 : 0	

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To D <sup>o</sup> by Samuel Cook — — — — —	10 : 0 : 0
To D <sup>o</sup> by Nathaniel Harrington — — — — —	10 : 0 : 0
To D <sup>o</sup> by Samuel Whitney —————	10 : 0 : 0
To D <sup>o</sup> by Christopher Grant — — — — —	10 : 0 : 0
To D <sup>o</sup> by Solomon Prentice — — — — —	10 : 0 : 0
Carried up	406 : 0 : 8

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bro <sup>t</sup> up — — — — —	406 : 0 : 8
To Cash paid by Isaac Sanderfon — — — — —	10 : 0 : 0
To D <sup>o</sup> by Ebenezer Stone — — — — —	10 : 0 : 0
To D <sup>o</sup> by Nathaniel Stone — — — — —	8 : 12 : 0
To D <sup>o</sup> by Phinehas Harrington —————	9 : 0 : 0
To D <sup>o</sup> by David Sanger — — — — —	8 : 6 : 8
To D <sup>o</sup> by John Chenery —————	10 : 0 : 0
To D <sup>o</sup> by Richard Clark —————	3 : 6 : 8
To D <sup>o</sup> by Daniel Sawin —————	0 : 6 : 0

£ 465 : 12 : 0

The within Report is Submitted to the town <sup>by</sup> <sub>^</sub> their Said Committe

Sam<sup>l</sup> Barnard P<sup>r</sup> Order

Then the Question was Put whether that Deceaf<sup>d</sup> Soldiers &c Taxes Should be Stopped out of their allowance it past in the affirmative —————  
and the meeting was Difsolved ———

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at m<sup>r</sup> Bez<sup>l</sup> Learneds on the third day of April AD 1777. They agreed with m<sup>r</sup> John Cook to take care of the Great Bridge the year enfueing —————

At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 25 Day of April AD 1777 at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>: Wellington They agreed to Call a Publick Town-meeting to be at the meeting House on monday the 28<sup>th</sup> day of this present month at 4 O: Clock afternoon to Choofe a moderator for the meeting & (2) To agree upon Some method to Raife Seven men to go & march to the State of Rhod-Island agreedle to an order of the General Court —————

and ordered the Clerk to Issue out warrants for that Purpose which was accordingly done

By Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Cle[rk]

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At a Publick Town meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs Regularly Asembled at the Publick meeting House on monday the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of April AD 1777. \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Chose m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone moderator of y<sup>e</sup> meeting  
Then the article Relating to Raifing Seven men to join the army at providence was Read and after Debate thereon — The town Voted to Chooße a Committe of Seven perfons to procure s<sup>d</sup> men on as easie termes as they can \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Chose for S<sup>d</sup>: Com<sup>tte</sup>

{	m <sup>r</sup> : Moses Stone
	Cap <sup>t</sup> : Phin <sup>s</sup> Stearnes
	Maj <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> : Barnard
	L <sup>t</sup> . Josiah Capen
	m <sup>r</sup> Stephen Harris
	m <sup>r</sup> Jonas White
	m <sup>r</sup> Nathan Coolidge

Com<sup>tte</sup>

Then Voted that the Said <sup>^</sup> Shall have power in the name & Behalf of the Town to hire money to pay the men they may hire to go into S<sup>d</sup>: Service

At a meeting of the Selectmen on monday the 12<sup>th</sup> day of may AD 1777. at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>: Wellington They agreed to have a Toun meeting on monday y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> Day of this present month of may at the Meeting house at two O Clock afternoon to Chooße one or more Perfons to Serve as Representatives in the General Court the ensueing year. — and also to have an other Toun Meeting at the Same place at 3 O Clock the Same day to act on the town affairs hereafter mentioned (Viz)

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First to Chooße a moderator for the meeting \_\_\_\_\_  
(2<sup>ly</sup>) To act on the Several articles in the warning for march meeting which were Referred over to this meeting (Viz)  
the making Grants for the Poor & Schools & for Town Creditors

and abating Tax's & Such other matters as were not then acted upon - (3<sup>ly</sup>) To Choofe any Town officers in the Room of Such as have Refused or Neglected to take the Oaths Required by Law — (4<sup>ly</sup>) To give Directions to the Committe appointed to take care of the Ministerial Place and Determin how it Shall be Improved the present year. — (5<sup>ly</sup>) To make Grants of any Sums of money if Need be for past Services in the present war, and for further Services's and do any thing thereon as the town may think Proper — (6<sup>ly</sup>) To Choofe any Committee or Committees Required to be Chofe to See to the putting any laws of this State into Execution — (7<sup>ly</sup>) To hear any Reports of Committees that have been Appointed for Peticular Services and to act anything thereon as The town may See fitt. —————

(8<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of the Town whether they will allow one or more Hospitals for Enoc lating for the Small-pox. —————

(9<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of the town whether they will Erect a Newpound or Repair y<sup>e</sup> old one and do anything thereon as they See fitt. —————

(10<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of the town whether the persons the town purpose to allow any Sums of money to for past Services Shall Exhibit their accounts under oath and to act thereon as they See fitt —————

The Town-Clerk was Directed to Issue out warrants Directed to the the Several Constables to warn the Inhabitants to meet at the times and place aforementioned

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Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative Regularly afsembled at the Publick meeting Houfe in s<sup>d</sup> Town on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of May AD 1777. —————

They made Choice of Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: to Serve for & Represent the Town in the Great and General Court the enfueing year —————

At a Gen<sup>l</sup>: Publick Town-meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Afsembled at the Publick Meeting Houfe in Said Town on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of may AD: 1777: for

Transacting Several affairs as Setforth in the warning of the meeting

They Voted & Chose m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone moderator of y<sup>e</sup> meeting  
Then they Proceeded on the (4<sup>th</sup>) article & Voted that the Committee be Directed to Improve the ministerial place the present year in the Best manner they Can for the Benefitt of the town ~ the 8<sup>th</sup> article being Read but no vote was obtained for Liberty of any Hospital — — — — —

(9) article Read and Voted that the Selectmen Repair the pound for the present —————

(10) article Read & Voted that the Several persons that are to be allow'd money for their past Services in y<sup>e</sup> war Should Exhibit their accounts upon oath

Then Voted that the meeting with the Remaining <sup>business</sup> be adjourned to y<sup>e</sup> Second monday in June Next at two O:Clock afternoon in this place —————

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of may AD 1777. They Agreed with m<sup>r</sup> Moses Coollidge to finde the widow Hackleton House Room three months for which he is to have Eighteen Shillings —————

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly asembled at the Publick meeting House in Said Town on monday the Ninth day of June AD 1777 ——— By adjournment ———

M<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone being moderator —————

They Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 100 pounds to Support the Poor the present year ———

Voted & Granted to Support the School £ 50 pounds ———

Then the accounts of the Several persons were Read & allow'd which are as follows (Viz) —————

To Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup> for Serving a seisor — — — 1 " 4 " 0

To Moses Stone for d<sup>o</sup> — — — — — 1 " 4 " 0

To Jonathan Brown for d<sup>o</sup> & Treafurer — — — 3 " 17 " 4

—————  
6 : 5 : 4

To Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown for Service in the General	}	12 : 0 : 0
Court and provincial Congresses — — — — —		
to Sam <sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup> : for Service in Congress — —		5 : 0 : 0
to John Remington for d <sup>o</sup> — — — — —		4 : 5 : 0
to m <sup>r</sup> Jonas White on account — — — — —		0 : 12 : 0
to m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen on d <sup>o</sup> — — — — —		0 : 12 : 0

Voted & Granted the Said Sums amounting to 28 : 14 : 4  
to pay the Same — Then Voted that the Selectmen Settle the  
account of the wid<sup>o</sup> Eunice Coollidge —————

Then they Voted and abated the following Rates in the late  
Constables lists (Viz) in Joseph Coollidges

Stephen Greeleafs for 1772 — — —	0 " 15 : 3 : 3
Sam <sup>l</sup> Jenifons for D <sup>o</sup> —————	1 " 17 : 8 —
W <sup>m</sup> Godding for 1772 & 1773 — —	0 " 13 : 9 : 0
Jonathan Learneds for 1774 — —	0 " 2 : 1 : 2
John Crane for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	0 : 6 : 0 —
Eben <sup>r</sup> : Hovey for D <sup>o</sup> —————	0 " 10 " 10 —

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5 " 5 : 8 : 1

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In David Sangers lists for 1773 Phin <sup>s</sup> Gates	0 : 11 : 6 : —
1774 Tho <sup>s</sup> Drapers — — —	0 " 10 : 0 —
Jonathan Brewers — — —	1 " 1 : 2 —

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2 : 10 : 8

and Granted the Several Sums to make  
it good —————

Then the account of the Committe appointed to hire Seven men  
for Soldiers to go to providence was Read amounting the Sum of  
35 pounds and it was Voted that the former Committe that were  
appointed to hire men Should pay Said 35 pounds with the  
money which is in their Hands.—

Then Voted that the meeting be adjourned to the 23<sup>d</sup> Day of this  
month to meet at this place at two of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon ———  
which was accordingly done — — — — —

At a Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Water-  
town Regularly asembled at the publick Meeting House in S<sup>d</sup>:  
Town on Monday the 23<sup>d</sup> Day of June AD 1777. By adjourn-  
ment — — — — M<sup>r</sup>: Nathaniel Stone being moderator — — —

The (6) article being Read. Then the following persons were Chofen to put the Act against — monopoly & opprefion into Execution Viz

Mefs<sup>rs</sup>: David Bemis, Simon Whitney, Jedidih: Leathe Jonas White & Mofes Stone, \_\_\_\_\_

Then the Votes were Called for <sup>for</sup> a person to procure & lay Before the Court of Special Sefions Such Evidance as may be had against any persons that are inimical to the american States

which being bro<sup>t</sup>: in it appeared that John Remington<sup>Esq<sup>r</sup></sup> was Chofen \_\_\_\_\_

The wid<sup>o</sup> Eunice Coollidges two accounts as allowed by y<sup>e</sup> Select-  
men [we]re accepted (Viz) the first amounting to

11 : 12 : 0

Then the Second to — — — — 27 : 4 : 6

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38 : 16 : 6

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Then they Voted & Granted the Sum of 1183 : 0 : 10 pence to be Raiked by a Tax. to be paid to the Several persons or their Legal Representatives, that have done Services in the present war, and that have Advanced moneys for the Support of the Same, The persons first making Oath to the payment of the Value affixed to their Several names, or produce proper Receipts from the officer or officers to whome they paid the Same, Agreeable to the Report of the Committe Chofen by the town to Consider S<sup>d</sup>: Services. — Then Voted the above mentioned Sum be afsefised as Soon as Conveniently may be in a list by it Self \_\_\_\_\_

Then the meeting was Difsolved \_\_\_\_\_

at the aforementioned meeting Mefs<sup>rs</sup>: Jonas White and Thomas Learned were added to the Com<sup>tee</sup> of Corrofpondance

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>ll</sup>. Learned on monday the 23<sup>d</sup> Day of June AD 1777. \_\_\_\_\_

They Agreed with m<sup>rs</sup>: Jenifon the wife of W<sup>m</sup> Jenifon to take and Board Ruth Maddox three months at the Rate of 5/3 P<sup>r</sup> week. \_\_\_\_\_

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of July AD: 1777. at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Wellington \_\_\_\_\_

They Signed an order on the treafurer to pay the Sum of Fifty pounds one fhilling & Ten pence to the persons here after Named the Several Sums affixed to his Name (Viz) — — \_\_\_\_\_



To Dorothy Brewer — — — —	5 : 4 : 2
To Sufanna Sheed — — — —	5" 4" 2
To Elijah Bond — — — —	5" 4" 2
To Andrew White — — — —	5" 4" 2
To Lydia Anderfon — — — —	5" 4" 2
To John Remington ju <sup>r</sup> — — — —	4" 0" 0
To Josiah Bisco — — — —	13" 12" 0
To Jed <sup>h</sup> Leathe for wood	} 6" 9" 0
for the School — — — —	
	<hr/> £ 50" 1" 10

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Watertown June y<sup>e</sup> 26. 1777

We the Subscribers being Appointed a Committee to Perambulate the lines between this & the Neighbouring Towns have attended that Service and have Renewed the Several Marks as Agreed to by the Committees of the other towns.

Sam <sup>l</sup> : Soden	} Com <sup>tee</sup> : —
Jed <sup>h</sup> : Leathe	
Nathan Coollidge	
Samuel Barnard	

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Watertown Weston. & Waltham on y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD. 1777 at the House of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Isaac Gleason Inn-holder in Waltham the acct<sup>ts</sup> of the Charge that has Arisen for the Repairs of the Great Bridge In Watertown Since the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1774. which amounted to the Sum of £ 25 : 11 : 8 were proportioned and Signed by the Selectmen of each town of which Watertown part or proportion was — 9" 2 : 9  
 Westons D<sup>o</sup>: was ————— 8" 7 : 7  
 Walthams D<sup>o</sup> was ————— 8" 1" 4

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£ 25" 11 : 8

See the Settlement Ent<sup>d</sup>: at Large in the Second Book in the Treafury

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Edward Richardfon on Fryday y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD. 1777. They approved of Mef<sup>s</sup>: Edward Richardfons Samuel Wellingtons and m<sup>rs</sup>: Dorothy Coollidges Renewing their licences as Inn-

holders and mefs<sup>rs</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: Cook, Amos Bond, David Bemis ju<sup>r</sup>:  
 Mofes Coollidge & Abner Craft as Retailors — — — — —  
 at this meeting m<sup>r</sup>: John Chenery gave in a Notification of his  
 Receiveing into his Houfe one John Larrabee & Martha his wife  
 and their two Children (Viz) Thomas & Sarah who came last  
 from Boston about the first Day of December 1775. being of the  
 Poor of Boston —————

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of October anno:  
 Domini 1777 - m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger brought in an account of his  
 Expences for the Support of the poor last year ammounting to  
 the Sum of twenty pounds & ten pence — —

20 : 0 : 10

and also bro<sup>t</sup>: in an account of y<sup>e</sup> things that were  
 Sold that belonged to the widows Abigail and  
 Tabitha Learned ammounting to y<sup>e</sup> Sum of — —

18 : 1 : 8

1 " 19 : 2

also bro<sup>t</sup>: in an account for Expence in Selling the  
 Said goods of Seventeen Shillings — — — — —

0 : 17 : 0

and then a Ballance was due to S<sup>d</sup>: Sanger of £ 2 : 16 : 2  
 which the Selectmen Signed an order on y<sup>e</sup> Treafurer to pay ———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel  
 Wellington on the third day of nov<sup>r</sup>: Anno: Domini 1777-

They Agreed to have a Publick-Town-Meeting on monday y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Day of Nov<sup>r</sup>: Currant at one of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon at the meeting  
 House to act on the following articles (Viz)

First to Choofe a moderator for the meeting —————  
 Second to Choofe a Committe to provide for the Families of Such  
 perfons as are gon into the Continental army for y<sup>e</sup> town of  
 Watertown, & to act any thing Relating thereto as the town may  
 think proper. ——— (3) to Grant money to pay for y<sup>e</sup> Armes  
 Ammunition & Bread that the Selectmen provided for the meletia  
 and to act any thing Relating thereto as they See fitt. ——— (4) To  
 know the minde of the town whether they will allow any thing to  
 Such perfons as are in the Service as a Reinforcement to the Con-  
 tinetial army, and to do and act any thing Relating thereto as they  
 may See fitt. (5) To know the minde of the town whether they

will do any thing Relating to the Settlement of a minifter. & to act any thing Relating thereto as they may See fitt. — (6) To act on any other matters that may be thought Necesary ——— Warrants were Sent to the Constables Signed By order of the Selectmen

Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown      Tow[n Clerk]

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At a Publick Town Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Asembled at the publick meeting House in Said Town on monday the tenth day of November AD. 1777. to transtact Several Matters Contained in the Warrant for Calling the meeting ———

They Voted & Chose m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel White Moderator ——— the Second article being Read & the Question being put whether they will Choofe a Committe to provide for the poor Families of perfons in the Continental army

It paft in the Negative ———

Then the Selectmens accounts for Armes &c was Read & and the Sum of £ 52 : 16 : 2 was Granted to pay <sup>for</sup> the Same also the Sum of 13 : 4 : 0 was Granted to pay for the Flour provided by them for the use of the melitia ———

Then Voted that the Selectmen Should Sell the Lead and Gun-Locks that they Bought and be accountable to the town for the money arising by the Sale thereof

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: Wellington on monday the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of Nov<sup>r</sup>: AD. 1777 —

They Signed an order on the Treafurer to pay m<sup>r</sup> Nathan Coollidge £ 4 : 10 : 0 which Sum he paid to help the wid<sup>o</sup> Murch to Greenwich ——— They also agreed to have a Publick Town-Meeting at the Meeting House on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> Instant at one of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon to Choofe a perfon for a Gospel Minifter and to act any thing Relating thereto they think best. — and Directed the Clerk to Issue Warrants for that purpose — which was Accordingly done

attest Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders and other In-

habitants of Watertown Regularly assembled at the Publick meeting House in Said town on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of Nov<sup>r</sup>: AD 1777. for the Choice of a Gospel Minister &c: as mentioned in the Warning for Said meeting. — — — — —  
 Voted & Chose Samuel Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator of y<sup>e</sup> Meeting  
 The Town being Informed that the Church had made Choice of m<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Adams for their minister Voted unanimously for the Said m<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Adams approveing of & Concurring with the Church in the Choice they had made ——— Voted to Chooſe a Committe Consisting of Seven to Consider (and make Report at the adjournment of this meeting) What Salary or Support it will be proper for the town to offer Said m<sup>r</sup> Adams for his encouragement

Voted & Chose for s<sup>d</sup> Committe ——— {  
 m<sup>r</sup>: David Bemis  
 m<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>ll</sup> White  
 m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone  
 m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone  
 m<sup>r</sup> Jedi<sup>h</sup> Leathe  
 Sam<sup>ll</sup> Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>:  
 m<sup>r</sup>: Elijah Bond

Voted & adjourned this meeting to monday Next at two of the Clock afternoon at this place ———  
 Attest Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk moderator ———

At a meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Assembled on monday the First Day of Dec<sup>r</sup>: AD. 1777. By adjournment. ——— Samuel Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: being moderator.- The Committe Chofen on monday last & Directed to make Report at the adjournment beg leave to Report as followeth (Viz)

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That m<sup>r</sup>: Adams have the use and Improvement of the ministerial place both the homeſted and Marſh and also the ministerial pew in the meeting House during his ministry in Watertown, & That m<sup>r</sup>: Adams have a Grant of one Hundred pounds Lawfull money p<sup>r</sup> annum as a Sallery during his ministry

in Watertown as aforesaid

^ and in confideration of the Extraordinary price of the Necessaries of life the Sum of one hundred & Fifty pounds in Addition to his Sallary for the first year and they promis in future to make Such additional Grants to his Sallary the first mentioned hundred pounds as the State of the medium and the price of the Necessaries of life Shall make to appear Just and Reasonable. \_\_\_\_\_

David Bemis Pr: Order

Watertown Dec<sup>r</sup>: 1<sup>n</sup>: 1777.

Then the town Voted and Accepted the foregoing Report — — Voted to Choofe a Committe to wait on M<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Adams & p<sup>r</sup>esent him a Copy of the Votes of the Town, and to know if he will accept of the purpofals

Voted & Chofe for s<sup>d</sup>: Committe } Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_  
m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Jonathan Brown on the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of Dec<sup>r</sup> AD 1777 \_\_\_\_\_

They Agreed to Call a Publick Town-meeting to be at the Meeting House on the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of the Same Month at two of the Clock afternoon to manifest their minds Relating to the Quartering Some of the officers of the army lately Commanded by Gen<sup>l</sup> Burgoyne in Watertown, and to act thereon as they think proper. — and Directed the Clerk to Issue warrants to the Constables for that purpose which was accordingly don

Pr Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Toun-Clerk

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At a Publick Town meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Asembled at the Meeting House in Said Town on the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of December AD 1777.

They Voted & Chofe Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator of y<sup>e</sup> meeting

then the article Relating to Quartering Burgoynes officers was Read & after a fair and Candid Debate thereon the following vote p<sup>r</sup>ased unanimously (Viz) That it is The Opinion of this town that the Quartering the British officers amonge the Inhabitants thereof, at this time, is very Dangerous to the peace & Safty of the town as well as the publick, and therefore we Cannot give our consent thereto \_\_\_\_\_

Then they Chose the Selectmen to be a Committe to Inform the D. Q. Master, and Such of the Inhabitants of the town as were Inclined to Receive S<sup>d</sup>: officers into their families or houses of this Vote \_\_\_\_\_

Then the meeting was Defolved — — — — —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of January AD: 1778. at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>: Wellington They Signed an order on the town Treafurer to pay m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel White £ 4 : 10 : 0 for taking The late Fanning Learned's Child: and also to pay m<sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Leathe the Sum of £ 2 : 8 : 0 which he paid m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Jenifon for Boarding Ruth Maddox, —

Jan<sup>ry</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> 12. 1777 Phin<sup>s</sup> Child gave in a notification

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 12 Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup>: AD. 1778. They ordered the Clerk to Issue Warrants directed to the Constable to warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown to assemble at the meeting House on Fryday the 16 Instant at one of the Clock afternoon to hear the articles of Confederation Read and to act on the Same &c \_\_\_\_\_

Warrant Issued accordingly p<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown [Town-Clerk]

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At this meeting they Signed an order on the town Treafurer to pay into the hands of Samuel Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup> the Sum of one Hundred pounds to pay for Supplying the Pulpit he to be accountable for the Same

At a Publick Toun-Meeting held at the Meeting-House on Fryday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup>: AD 1778.

Voted & Chose Dea<sup>n</sup>: Nathaniel Stone moderator then adjourned to the House of m<sup>r</sup> Bez<sup>l</sup> Learned and being there Assembled, the articles of Confederation & per<sup>pe</sup>tual union between the united

States of America as Purposed <sup>^</sup>by Congrefs were Read & <sup>^</sup>Considered, and Voted that the Representative be and he is hereby fully Impowered & Instructed to do and act any thing he Shall Judge proper in order to their being Rattified & Confirmed — Then the meeting was Desolved \_\_\_\_\_

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>: Wellington on the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of February AD: 1778 \_\_\_\_\_

They Directed the Clerk to Issue out warrants to the Several

Constables to warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to asemble at the publick Meeting House on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of march Next at nine O: Clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles (Viz) — — — —

First To Choofe a Moderator for the meeting (2<sup>ly</sup>) To Choofe Selectmen Town-Clerk and Treafurers & all other town officers Required by law to be Chofe in the month of march annually

(3<sup>ly</sup>) To Choofe a Saxton & agree how he Shall be paid for his Service

(4<sup>ly</sup>) to put in their votes for a County Treafurer \_\_\_\_\_

(5) to Determin whether Swine Shall Run at large y<sup>e</sup> present year

(6) To Choofe a Committe to Examin the town-Treafurers accounts —

(7) To appropriate the Interest money Coming to the town y<sup>e</sup> present year

(8) To Grant money to Support the miniftery the present year \_\_\_\_\_

[(9) To Gra]nt money to Support the poor — — — — — (10)

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(10) To Grant money to Support the Great Bridge — — — — —

(11) To Grant money to <sup>pay</sup> the Collectors of Tax's (12) To Grant money to Repair <sup>^</sup> the High-ways & Town-ways and agree upon a Method to perform the Service —

(13) To Grant money to pay what was hired to pay the Bounty to the Continental Soldiers (14) To Grant money to pay Such perfons as have been in the Service for which no allowance has been made and to act any thing thereon the town think proper — — — —

(15) To know the minde of the town whether they will Call in the money that is due to them & Appropriate it for Defraying the Charge of the war, and act thereon as they See fitt.

(16) To pafs on a list of Juriors that is prepared by the Selectmen (17) To Determin what Improvement Shall be made of the minifterial place and the place that was John Stearnes's (18) To Determin in what manner the money Shall be paid to the perfons that have been in the Service or have paid money therefor agreeable to the Grants that have been made for them (19) To know the minde of the town What Steps Shall be taken with James Hay in order for his

Supporting himself & family. ————— and also to notify the Town-Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Wellington on Fryday the Sixth day of march next at two O.Clock afternoon ————— Warrants were Issued Accordingly and Signed P<sup>r</sup>: order of the Selectmen

Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

The Com<sup>tee</sup>: Appointed to provide for the School For the year 1777 Agreed with m<sup>r</sup> John Remington ju<sup>r</sup> to Keep the Grammer School eight months from y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> of June 1777 at £5 pounds

P month —————	40	:	0	:	0
paid by m <sup>r</sup> : David Bemis for wood for the School —	4	:	*		
paid by Sam <sup>l</sup> White for wood for the School ———			*		
Sam <sup>l</sup> White } Com <sup>tee</sup> £4					
David Bemis }					

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Wellington on Fryday the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of march AD 1778. for Receiving the accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to the following accounts were bro<sup>t</sup>: in (Viz) —————

Sam <sup>l</sup> Soden for provisions for James Hay and y <sup>e</sup> } wid <sup>o</sup> Hackleton —————	4	:	9	:	5
Wid <sup>o</sup> Vela for Boarding Mary Learned's Child } to Elijah Bond for Support of James Hay and } Sarah Learned's Child - - - - - }	13	:	13	:	6
Sam <sup>l</sup> White for Boarding Aaron Learned - - - - - } Dr Willian Gamage ju <sup>r</sup> : for medicine &c for m <sup>rs</sup> } Hackleton's Child ————— }	5	:	0	:	6
William Chenery for Board for Mary Learned's Child } Moses Stone ju <sup>r</sup> for Boarding Ruth Maddox — — } Zacharias Shed for Carting James Hays Goods — } Sarah Godding for Boarding Mary Learned's Child. } Thomas Coollidge for Boarding Ruth Maddox — } John Sawin for Boarding the wid <sup>o</sup> Hackleton's Child } Moses Coollidge for house Room for y <sup>e</sup> wid <sup>o</sup> } Hackleton ————— }	2	:	4	:	9
Nathan Coollidge for Supplying James Hay & the } wid <sup>o</sup> Hackleton's Child ————— }	4	:	17	:	0
Samuel Barnard for Supplys for y <sup>e</sup> Poor ~ } Jedidiah Leathe for d <sup>o</sup> ————— }	0	:	6	:	8
	1	:	16	:	0
	3	:	0	:	0
	5	:	0	:	0
	3	:	15	:	0
	5	:	14	:	0
	2	:	10	:	0
	11	:	8	:	5
	3	:	11	:	0
	17	:	17	:	0
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	85	:	3	:	3

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accounts for which no grant is made that were bro<sup>t</sup> in viz

To David Sanger for Services as p <sup>r</sup> : account ———	4 : 16 : 8
To Sam <sup>l</sup> : White p <sup>r</sup> d <sup>o</sup> ———	2 : 2 : 8
To Elijah Bond p <sup>r</sup> d <sup>o</sup> ———	2 : 8 : 0
To David Bemis p <sup>r</sup> d <sup>o</sup> ———	4 : 2 : 8
To Josiah Capen p <sup>r</sup> d <sup>o</sup> ———	2 : 2 : 8
To Richard Leathe for making Carriages ———	2 : 16 : 0
To Hugh Maſon for d <sup>o</sup> &c ———	3 : 1 : 8
To Seth Norcroſs for Caſting Bullets ———	0 : 10 : 0
To John Draper for Baking &c ———	2 : 12 : 0
To Sam <sup>l</sup> Fiſk for 12 Days in taking the Invoice & } making the Rates @ 8/ p <sup>r</sup> day ——— }	4 : 16 : 0
To Joſiah Biſco for d <sup>o</sup> ———	4 : 16 : 0
To Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown for d <sup>o</sup> ———	4 : 16 : 0
To d <sup>o</sup> for Serving Treafurer ———	6 : 0 : 0
	45 : 10 : 4

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At a Gen<sup>l</sup>: Publick Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to vote in town affairs Regularly aſsembled at the Meeting houſe in ſ<sup>d</sup>: Town on Monday the ninth day of march AD 1778. for the Choice of Town officers & other affairs as Setforth in the warning for ſ<sup>d</sup> meeting ———

They Voted and Chofe Dea<sup>n</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone moderator ———  
Then Voted & Chofe the following Town-officers as hereafter mentioned viz.

For Selectmen ———	{ m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> : Soden m <sup>r</sup> Jedid <sup>h</sup> Leathe maj <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>ll</sup> : Barnard m <sup>r</sup> Rich <sup>d</sup> : Clark m <sup>r</sup> Nathan Coollidge
For Town-Clerk & Toun-Treafurer	Jonathan Brown Eſq <sup>r</sup> .
For Aſſeſſors - - - -	{ m <sup>r</sup> Joſiah Biſco L <sup>t</sup> Amos Bond m <sup>r</sup> Jed <sup>h</sup> : Leathe
For Conſtables Meſ <sup>rs</sup> : David Coollidge & Eires Tainter ———	
For a Committe of Correſpondance Inſpection and Safty - - - - -	{ m <sup>r</sup> : Sam <sup>l</sup> : White m <sup>r</sup> David Bemis m <sup>r</sup> David Sanger Cap <sup>t</sup> Phin <sup>s</sup> Stearnes Excufed m <sup>r</sup> Daniel Sawin

Wardens Mefs<sup>rs</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup> Bright & Amos Bond ———  
 Sealer of Leather m<sup>r</sup>: Stephen Whitney — — — —  
 Fence-Viewers Mefs<sup>rs</sup>: John Draper & Jonas Hastings  
 Surveyors of Highways mefs<sup>rs</sup> Solo<sup>n</sup> Prentice & David Bemis  
 Tything men mef<sup>rs</sup>: John Draper & Tho<sup>s</sup>: Learned — ———  
 Hogrieves mefs<sup>rs</sup>: John Randal & Jonathan Craft  
 Surveyors of Timber &c mefs<sup>rs</sup> David Sanger & David Bemis  
 Howards Mefs<sup>rs</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup> Bright & Amos Bond ———  
 Clerks of the Markets L<sup>t</sup>: Josiah Capen ju<sup>r</sup> & L<sup>t</sup> Amos Bond —  
 Cullar of Hoops Staves &c m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger ———  
 For Saxton m<sup>r</sup>: Simon Hastings & Granted 6 pounds for his  
 Service, ———  
 Then the Question was put whether Swine Shall Run at Large  
 & it past in y<sup>e</sup> negative  
 Com<sup>tee</sup>- to Examin y<sup>e</sup> Treaflu<sup>rs</sup> acc<sup>ts</sup>- { Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 m<sup>r</sup> Moses Stone  
 m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis  
 Voted & appropriated the Interest money as follows \*  
 to the School and the Remainder to the Minister

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Voted & Granted to Support the Poor the Sum of £150  
 To Repair the Great Bridge y<sup>e</sup> Sum of - - - 6  
 To pay the Collectors of Tax's - - - - - 6  
 (Viz) three pounds to each — — — — —  
 to Repair the Highways & Townways - - 150  
 Voted that the price of Labour in working at s<sup>d</sup>: ways  
 Shall be 9<sup>s</sup> for a man & 9<sup>s</sup> for a Team p<sup>r</sup> Day—eight Hours to  
 be Accounted a day ———  
 Voted that the afeersors make a list or afeersment and Commit the  
 Same to the Surveyors that each person may work out his propor-  
 tion of Said Sum  
 The 13<sup>th</sup> article was put off to the adjournment  
 The 14 Article being Read. it was Voted to Chooße a Committe to  
 procure a list of the persons that have done Service in the War  
 Since there has been any allowance made, and Report what their  
 Service has been. & Report what is proper to be don thereon ~

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Chofe for Said Committe	{	Cap <sup>t</sup> Phin <sup>s</sup> Stearnes m <sup>r</sup> David Bemis Maj <sup>r</sup> : Sam <sup>l</sup> Barnard m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> White m <sup>r</sup> Elijah Bond L <sup>t</sup> Josiah Capen ju <sup>r</sup> L <sup>t</sup> Amos Bond m <sup>r</sup> Jonas White Serg <sup>t</sup> Mofes Stone m <sup>r</sup> : Daniel Sawin m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco
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Then Voted that the money now in the Treaury that was on Interest before be appropriated to help pay what money has been hired to pay Soldiers —————

Then they Voted & accepted the lists Juriors

Then Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Monday the twenty third Instant at one O.Clock afternoon at this place

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Middlefex fs: Watertown March ye 13<sup>th</sup>: 1778. —————

The following perfons appeared & were <sup>Sworn</sup> into the Several offices hereafter mentioned (Viz)

Mefs<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Bisco & Jedidiah Leathe — Afsefsors

m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup> Bright. Warden. m<sup>r</sup>: Stephen Whitney Sealer of Leather

M<sup>r</sup>: John Draper & Jonas Hastings Fence Viewers —————

m<sup>r</sup> John Draper Tythingman m<sup>r</sup>: John Randal Hogrieve

m<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Bright Howard, & L<sup>t</sup>: Josiah Capen ju<sup>r</sup> Clerk of the market — — — — —

Sworn by Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Just<sup>t</sup>: Peace

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March ye 23<sup>d</sup>: 1778 L<sup>t</sup>: Amos Bond was Sworn into the offices of afsefsor, Warden, Howard, & Clerk of the market — — — —

Nath<sup>l</sup> Bright & Mofes Coollidge Constables, — — — — —

mefs Solomon Prentice & David Bemis Surveyors of Highways

David Sanger & David Bemis Surveyors of Timber &c

Sworn by Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Just<sup>t</sup> Peace

At a Publick Toun-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabi-

tants of Watertown Regularly assembled at the Meeting Houfe in Said town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> Day of march AD 1778.

By Adjournment Dea<sup>n</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone being moderator —————

m<sup>r</sup>: David Coollidge paid his fine having Refused to Serve Constable, & Nath<sup>l</sup> Bright was Chosen Constable — — — — —

m<sup>r</sup> Eires Tainter paid £12 pounds which was accepted in lieu of his serving Constable, and m<sup>r</sup>: Stephen Whitney was Chosen Constable & at his Request was Excused this year

m<sup>r</sup> Moses Coollidge was Chosen Constable — — — — —

m<sup>r</sup> Elijah Bond was Chosen one of the Committe of Corrospondance in the Room of Cap<sup>t</sup> Phin<sup>s</sup> Stearnes.

m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>: Barnard ju<sup>r</sup> was Chosen a Hogrievie ~

Voted & Granted the Sum of £500 towards paying the Bounty to the Continental Soldiers

Voted that the Same Committe take Care of y<sup>e</sup> ministerial place that had the Care of it the last year — — — — —

Voted that the Committe Notify mi<sup>s</sup> Storer & m<sup>r</sup> \* to Remove out of the houfe as Soon as m<sup>r</sup> Crafts \*

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Voted that the Committe put up the fences & Secure the Place as <sup>they</sup>

^ Judge Necessary — — — — —

Voted that the Selectmen take Care of the place that was John Stearnes & Improve it as they think best —————

Voted that the Sums that was Granted to each Soldier Shall be paid to them or their order — — — — —

Voted that M<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Bright be a Collector of Tax's

Voted that M<sup>r</sup> Moses Coollidge be a Collector of Tax's

Then the Committe appointed to Consider what Service perfons have don in the present war for which there has been no allowance made was Read and after Debate thereon the Vote was put whether the Same Shall be Accepted and it pait in the Negative

Then Voted to Commit the Report to a New Committe to Consider and Report what they think is proper to be don thereon and also to Report a plan for the Raifing men in futer in an Equitable manner —————

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Voted & Chofe for S<sup>d</sup>: Com<sup>tee</sup> {

M<sup>r</sup>: Jedi<sup>h</sup> Leathe  
 Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone  
 m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis  
 Dea<sup>n</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone  
 m<sup>r</sup> Simon Whitney  
 m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Whitney  
 L<sup>t</sup>. Chris<sup>r</sup> Grant ju<sup>r</sup>  
 m<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Clark  
 m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen  
 m<sup>r</sup> Jonas Barnard

Voted that Said Committe make Report at the Next Town Meeting —————

Then the meeting was Defolved —————

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: Wellington on the First day of april AD 1778. they agreed to have a Town Meeting at the meeting house on the Sixth day of this month at two o:Clock to act on Several matters [Setfo]rth in the Warrants which are on file —————

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned on monday the 23d Day of march AD : 1778 —————

They Signed Orders on the Treaferur to pay the Several perfons the Respective Sums affixt to each of their names Viz

<p>To Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk ---- 1 : 4 : 0</p> <p>to Mofes Stone --- 1 : 4 : 0</p> <p>to Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown --- 3 : 17 : 4</p> <p>to d<sup>o</sup> ----- 12 : 0 : 0</p> <p>to Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk ----- 5 : 0 : 0</p> <p>to John Remington - 4 : 5 : 0</p> <p>to Jonas White --- 0 : 12 : 0</p> <p>to Josiah Capen --- 0 : 12 : 0</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">28 : 14 : 4</p>	<p>To Sam<sup>l</sup>: Soden --- 4 : 9 : 5</p> <p>to the wid<sup>o</sup> Vila -- 13 : 13 : 6</p> <p>to Elijah Bond --- 5 : 0 : 6</p> <p>to Sam<sup>l</sup> White ---- 2 : 4 : 9</p> <p>to D<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Gamage - 4 : 17 : 0</p> <p>to W<sup>m</sup> Chenery --- 0 : 6 : 8</p> <p>to Mofes Stone ju - 1 : 16 : 0</p> <p>to Zach<sup>s</sup> Sheed ---- 3 : 0 : 0</p> <p>to Sarah Godding -- 5 : 0 : 0</p> <p>to Tho<sup>s</sup>: Coollidge - 3 : 15 : 0</p> <p>to John Sawin ---- 5 : 14 : 0</p> <p>to Mofes Coollidge - 2 : 10 : 0</p> <p>to Nathan Coollidge 11 : 8 : 5</p> <p>to Sam<sup>l</sup> Barnard --- 3 : 11 : 0</p> <p>to Jedi<sup>h</sup> Leathe --- 17 : 17 : 0</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">85 : 3 : 3</p>
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They also Signed an order to pay the Selectmen that Served y<sup>e</sup> last year the Sum of 65 : 0 : 2 which Sum they paid for armes Flour &c —————

At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs asembled at the public meeting Houfe in S<sup>d</sup>: Town on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>: Day of April AD : 1778 By adjournment \_\_\_\_\_

Dea<sup>n</sup>: Nathaniel Stone being Moderator \_\_\_\_\_

Voted that the Ordination of m<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Adms be on the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of this present month of April \_\_\_\_\_

Voted to Chooſe a Committe to provide for the ordination

Voted & Choſe for s <sup>d</sup> : Com <sup>tee</sup> —	{	m <sup>r</sup> : Moſes Stone
		Sam <sup>l</sup> : Fisk Eſq <sup>r</sup> .
		m <sup>r</sup> David Bemis
		m <sup>r</sup> Jonas White
		m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> White
	}	m <sup>r</sup> Jedi <sup>h</sup> Leathe

Voted that the Committe draw £100 pounds out of the Treafury for the above Service & be accountable for y<sup>e</sup> Expenditure of the Same \_\_\_\_\_

Voted that m<sup>r</sup>: Adams's Sallary <sup>be</sup> <sub>^</sub> Aſſeſt as Soon \* be

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Voted that a Grammer School & two writting Schools be kept from the middle of Nov<sup>r</sup>: next till the first Day march next following - - -

Voted & Granted £100 pounds to Support S<sup>d</sup> Schools

Voted to Chooſe a Committe to take care of & provide for Said Schools \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Choſe for s <sup>d</sup> Com <sup>tee</sup> —	{	Sam <sup>l</sup> : Fisk Eſq <sup>r</sup> —
		m <sup>r</sup> David Sanger
		m <sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore

Voted that the Schools be kept twice a day (Viz)

three Hours in the forenoon & three in the afternoon

Votd & Choſe for a Committe to view the pound & Report what is proper to be don (Viz)

Committe—	{	m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen
		m <sup>r</sup> Moſes Stone
		m <sup>r</sup> David Bemis

The Committe made verbal Report that they had attended the

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Service and had found all the timber unfitt for use and that is<sup>it</sup> necessary to build a new one ———

Then it was Voted that they endeavor to finde what the Cost of a New one will be and Report to y<sup>e</sup> town at the adjournment - - - Then they took under Consideration the Report of the Committe Relating to the men that have don Service in the War & have had no allowance

Voted that the men that went in perfon & thofe that hired others be paid alike for the Service — — — — —

Voted that the following twelve perfons that were to Reinforce the Nothern Army have 30 pound each

(Viz) Daniel Parker	Jacob Sanderfon
Sam <sup>l</sup> Sprague	Zach <sup>h</sup> : Shed
Henry Bradfhaw	Benj <sup>n</sup> Capen
Mofes Hager	Jedid <sup>h</sup> Leathe
Jon <sup>a</sup> : Stone	Jon <sup>a</sup> : Livermore
John Sawin	Peter Richardfon

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Nov<sup>r</sup>: The nine that were Raifed to Guard the prifoners at Cambridge (Viz)

Ruggles Whitney	Stephen Harris
Jon <sup>a</sup> : Craft	Tho <sup>s</sup> : Learned—
David Bemis ju <sup>r</sup>	Sam <sup>l</sup> : Wellington
Thad <sup>us</sup> Fullar ~	James Mallard
	Daniel Mafon

The nine men for Dorchester heights (viz) ———

Seth Norcrofs	Josiah Learned
Pennuel Park	Andrew Stimfon
Jon <sup>a</sup> : Child	Daniel Coollidge
Phin <sup>s</sup> Child	Benj <sup>n</sup> Hurd
Benj <sup>n</sup> Hastings	

1778 Jan<sup>ry</sup>: to Reinforce the Guards at Cambridge being twenty three men (Viz)

Edw <sup>d</sup> : Harrington ju <sup>r</sup>	Joshua Stratton
Sam <sup>l</sup> : Bond	Simon Coollidge ju <sup>r</sup>
Nath <sup>l</sup> : Bemis	<sup>n</sup>
Luke Bemis	Coverfe Spring
Tho <sup>s</sup> : Prentice	W <sup>m</sup> Learned
Rich <sup>d</sup> Everit	James Stone
Nath <sup>l</sup> : Coollidge	George Alen

Step <sup>n</sup> Cook	John Vila
W <sup>m</sup> Sanger	Joseph Bright
W <sup>m</sup> Morfe	Andrew White
Phin <sup>s</sup> Jenifon	Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown ju <sup>r</sup>
Joseph Child	Edm <sup>d</sup> : Fowle

March Eighteen men to go to the lines for one month all thefe to have their wages with what is allowed them by y<sup>e</sup> Continent & State

^ made up to Six pounds p<sup>r</sup> Month - - - Then the Report Relating to Raifing men for the futer was Read & Committed to a new Com<sup>ttie</sup> to be taken in to a New Draught

Chofe for S<sup>d</sup>: Committe { m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen  
Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco

Then the meeting was Adjourned to monday \*  
of this month at 3: OClock afternoon at this pl[ace] \*

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At a Publick Town meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in Town affairs Regularly Asembled at the Publick meeting Houfe in S<sup>d</sup>: Toun monday the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of April AD. 1778. By adjournment Dea<sup>n</sup>: Nathe<sup>l</sup>. Stone being Moderator —

The accounts of thofe perfons the town is Indebted to were Read & accepted and the Sum of 45 : 10 : 4 was Granted to pay the Same - - - -

Then the Com<sup>tte</sup>—Appointed to take care of the minifterial place & Repair the Barn fences &c made Report of their doings thereon and there Appeared to be a Ballance in their hands of 25 : 17 : 2. which was Voted & Accepted See the Report on File —————

Votd & accepted the Report of the Committe on the plan for Raifing men for the Service in the army See the Report . . .

Voted that the Meletia officers with the Committe of Corroſpondance be a Committe to procure men for the Publick Service in the army at the Expenſe of the Toun - - - - —————

Voted that Said Committe have power in the name & Behalf of the Toun to hire money if Need be for Said Service

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Day of may AD 1778. at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned They Agreed to have a Toun meeting for the Choice of a Representative or Representatives at the meeting House on Monday the 18 day of this Infant month of may at two O:Clock in the afternoon for S<sup>d</sup> purpose. and also an other meeting at three O.Clock the Same day at the Same place to act on the following Articles (Viz) — — — First to Choofe a Moderator for Said Meeting —————

(2<sup>ly</sup>) For the toun to grant money or do any thing they think necessary to Incourage the Raifing men for Recruiting the army as they think best — — — — —

(3<sup>ly</sup>) For the Toun to Determin what Sums of money Shall be afeft at this time (4<sup>ly</sup>) For the Toun to make grants to Such men as have been in the Service that were omitted before. if they See fitt- (5) For the town to make provision for Building a pound and to act thereon as they think best. (6<sup>ly</sup>) To know if the Town will Call in the money that is due on Bond or note of Hand & appropriate it to Such ufes as they See fitt. (7) To know the minde of the town what Shall be don Relating to the Counterfitt money that has been taken for the Service of the Town and to act thereon as they See fitt. (8<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of the town whether they will allow of a Hospitall for Enocculating for the Small pox and to Act thereon as they See fitt (9<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the Reports of any Committees and act thereon as they See fitt. and also act on any other Matters that they may Judge Necessary at this time —————

Warrants were Issued out to y<sup>e</sup> Constables Directing them to warn the Inhabitants to meet at Said times & place for S<sup>d</sup> purposes. Dated may y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1778 —————

By Order of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen —————  
Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Regular Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of Representatives held at the Publick Meeting House in S<sup>d</sup>: Town on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Day of may AD 1778 ————— They made Choice of Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>. to Serve for & Represent the Town the year enfueing in the General Court —————

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly Afsembled at the Publick Meeting House in S<sup>d</sup>: town on monday the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of may AD 1778. to transact Sundry town affairs as Sett-forth in the Warrants \_\_\_\_\_

They Voted & Chofe D<sup>n</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone moderator \_\_\_\_\_

Then they Voted to Choofe a Committe to Examin what Expençe the town has been at in hiring men for Service in the War & Report to the town — —

Voted & Chofe for S<sup>d</sup>: Committe { Mr: Mofes Stone  
Mr: David Sanger  
Mr: Sam<sup>l</sup> White -  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Phin<sup>s</sup> Stearnes  
Maj<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Barnard

Then Voted that the Selectmen be joined to the Committe of Corroifpondance & Melitia for Raifing men to Recruit the army Voted & Granted a further Sum of £5 pounds to each of the men that went to the White plains in the year 1776

Voted that the men that went to the Northward in the year 1776 with Cap<sup>t</sup>: Edw<sup>d</sup>: Harrington be allowed a further Sum of 1: 13: 4 each \_\_\_\_\_

[Vo]ted y<sup>t</sup> the Committe appointed to hire men Report [wh]at they Should Receive \_\_\_\_\_

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Voted to Choofe a Committe to Build a Pound for y<sup>e</sup> prefent

Voted and Chofe for S<sup>d</sup>: Committe — { Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown  
m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen  
m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone

Voted that the Town Treafurer Call in all the money that is due to the town on Bond or Note as Soon as may be - - - - -

Voted & appropriated Said money to help Defray the expence of the present War — — — — —

Voted that the Treafurer Report what money is due to the town as aforesaid & from whome due

Voted that the Selectmen take an account of the money that any perfons have Received for the use of the town that is Counterfit and lay the Same before the Toun at the adjournment of this meeting

Then the meeting was Adjourned to the first Monday in June Next at this place at three O:Clock afternoon \_\_\_\_\_

At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Asembled at the Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the First day of June AD. 1778 By Adjournment Dea<sup>n</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone being moderator

Voted & Granted a further Sum of £3 pounds p<sup>r</sup>: month to each of the men that went to Cambridge to Guard the prisoners & also to each of those that went afterwards as a Reinforcement to s<sup>d</sup> Guards and <sup>to</sup> the men that went to Roxbury lines in addition to what was granted them before. \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Granted the Sum of £720 pounds to hire men to go into the Continental army. also voted & Granted the Sum of £270 pounds to pay the men to go to Peks-kiln

Granted to Wellington & Crane for the \*  
8 months 40/ each £4 pounds they being ommitted \*

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Voted & granted the Sum of twenty two pounds to Cornelius Park for his Service the first eight months and for his Service for one year in going to New-York & Canada — — —

The Committe appointed to enquire into the whole Expençe that the<sup>e</sup> town had been at in hiring men for the Service Reported

See their Report on file - - - - -

Voted that the Sum of 2443 " 18 " 11 be asept as Soon as may be to pay the men according to the Several grants made them

Voted & Granted the Same Sums of money to Cap<sup>t</sup> Phin<sup>s</sup>: Stearnes and Leutenants Josiah Capen & Amos Bond as were allow'd the privates that Served with them \_\_\_\_\_

The Committe appointed to Inquire what Sums of money had been Received by perfons for the use of the town that was Counterfit Reported the following (Viz)

Jed <sup>h</sup> Leathe	10 : 0 : 0
Sam <sup>l</sup> : Barnard	8 : 0 : 0
Jonathan Brown	1 : 10 : 0
John Draper	5 : 6 : 0
David Sanger	6 : 10 : 0

£31 : 6 : 0

Then they voted & granted the above Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ to make it good: Voted that if any of the persons above named Receive any

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thing for s<sup>d</sup> Counterfitt money it Shall be for the benefit of the town \_\_\_\_\_

The Committe on the town-Treafurers accounts Reported as follows (Viz)

Watertown June 1<sup>h</sup>: 1778

We the Subscribers a Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed by the s<sup>d</sup>: town to Examin the Town-Treafurers acc<sup>ts</sup>. have attended that Service

& <sup>finde</sup> his accounts for the year 1774-1775-1776 & 1777 Well vouched and Right Cast. \_\_\_\_\_

Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk  
David Bemis

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June AD 1778: They appointed a publick Toun-meeting of all The freeholders & other male Inhabitants of Watertown who are 21 years of Age that are free. to be held at the Dwelling House of m<sup>rs</sup>: Dorothy Coollidge on monday the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of may Instant. First to Choofe a moderator—

(2<sup>ly</sup>) To take into Consideration a New Form of Government purposed by a Convention of y<sup>e</sup> late General Court ordered to be laid before the Inhabitants for their approbation or Disapprobation and to act thereon as they See fit \_\_\_\_\_

(3<sup>ly</sup>) For to know the minde of the town whether they will Sell the two pews that were Reserved for y<sup>e</sup> Singers and to act thereon as they think proper. (4<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the Report of a Committe Relating to the Raifing men for the Service of the war. and to act thereon as they See proper. (5<sup>ly</sup>) To pafs on James Hays account for Labour on the ministerial place & make a Grant to pay the Same if they think proper (6<sup>ly</sup>) To act on any other Matters that may then be thought Necessary.

Warrants were Issued directing the Constables to warn the Inhabitants to meet at Said time & place for s<sup>d</sup>: purposes. & Signed By Order of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen

Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Publick Town-Meeting of the Male Inhabitants of Watertown that were 21 years of age that are free held at the publick House of m<sup>rs</sup>: Dorothy Coollidge on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of June AD. 1778. Dea<sup>n</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone was Chofen Moderator of The

meeting. The purposed Form of Government being Read & after Debate thereon. The Question was put whether they Approve of the Same. and it pased in the Negative unanimously. there being Sixty Voters present —————

Voted that the Representative endeavor to prevent any thing being don Relating to a New Constitution at present. —————

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Then a Report of a Committe appointed to Report a Plan for a more easie & Just way of Raifing men for the Publick Service was Read & accepted which is on file. Then Voted to Chooße a Committe to devide the Inhabitants into Lotts agreeable to s<sup>d</sup>: Report — Voted that they Shall be paid 12/ each for each day they Shall Spend Necessarily in the Service —————

Voted & Chose for S<sup>d</sup>: Comtt<sup>e</sup>—

{	Sam <sup>l</sup> : Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup>
	Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown Esq <sup>r</sup>
	m <sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone
	m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> : White
	m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco

Then James Hays Account was Read & the Selectmen were appointed to Settle the Same £5 pounds being allow'd  
Then the Meeting was Difsolved —————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Learned on the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of June AD: 1778: They agreed to have a publick Town-meeting at the Meeting House on Saturday the 27 Day of this present month of June at 4:O:Clock afternoon to act on y<sup>e</sup> following articles (Viz) First to Chooße a Moderator for the meeting. Secondly to agree upon a Method to raife four men to go into the Service of the united States to do duty in the State of Rhoad. Island & to make a Grant of a Sum of money to encourage the Inlistment of the men for that Service or any futer Service & to do & act any thing thereon that may be thought Necessary: (3) To hear the accounts of any persons to whome the town is Indebted & Grant money to pay the Same. and also to Chooße a Committe to Settle accounts with those persons that have Received money out of the Treafury. and to act on any other matters that may be tho<sup>t</sup> Necessary: Warrants were Issued out accordingly

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At a Publick Town-Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote Town affairs Regularly Asembled at the meeting Houfe on Saturday the 28 day of June AD : 1778.

Voted & Chofe Samuel Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator of y<sup>e</sup> meeting Then voted to Reconsider their vote of y<sup>e</sup> 4 Infant Relating to Raifing men &c: Voted to Chooſe a Committe to hire 4 men for the Service at Rhoad Iſland - and also men for other Services as often as they are ordered by proper Authority with full power to hire money in the Name & behalf of the town for Such Services as often as Occation may Require: They to Continue a Com<sup>tee</sup> for S<sup>d</sup> purpoſe during the towns Pleaſure

Voted & Chofe for Said Committe— | M<sup>r</sup>: Moſes Stone  
| M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> White  
| L<sup>t</sup>: Amos Bond

Voted that to allow S<sup>d</sup>: Committe Reasonable pay for their Service — — — — —

Then Voted to Chooſe a Committe to Settle accounts with thoſe perſons that have hired Received money out of the town ——— Treafury

Voted & Chofe for Said Committe | M<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger  
| M<sup>r</sup>: Jedi<sup>h</sup> Leathe  
| M<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>. White

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on monday the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of July AD 1778: at the Houſe of m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Learned. They Provided & appointed m<sup>r</sup>: Jonas Whites Barn yard to be a publick Pound for the present & appointed his Son m<sup>r</sup>: Joel White to be pound keeper till further orders — — — — —

They also agreed to allow the wid<sup>o</sup> Mary Vila 12/s p week from this time till further orders for Boarding Mary Learned's Child  
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At this meeting they Signed an order on the town Treaf<sup>r</sup>. to pay the Sum of £1054 : 12 : 8 to Such perſons as had been in the War or had paid money for Such Service, agreable to the Severall grants made them

at this meeting m<sup>r</sup> Jonas Bond Sent a Notification to the Selectmen Informing them that he had Received a Female Child in to his Family to Board Named Betſey Johnſton who came Laſt from

Cambridge on the first day of August Last past Supposed to be a poor Child

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on monday the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: 1778 They Approved of Bezaleel Learned. Edward & Richardson Renewing their licences as Innholders and Amos Bond, Moses Coollidge & Josiah Capen as Retailors and Recommended David Bemis for a Retailor in the Room of his Son David Deceased - - - and at a Meeting at m<sup>rs</sup>: Dorothy Coollidge on Fryday the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: 1778 They Approved of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Abner Craft and Samuel Cook for Retailors, and Approbated Jonathan Craft: & Recommended him for a Retailor \_\_\_\_\_

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen (on y<sup>e</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1778)—Viz of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham at Cap<sup>t</sup>: Isaac Gleasons in Waltham they adjusted & proportioned & Signed the acc<sup>ts</sup> for the Repairing the Great Bridge in Watertown which had Arisen

Since the last adjusment which <sup>was</sup>  $\wedge$  on y<sup>e</sup> 18 day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1777. amounting to the Sum of £2 : 14 : 6

Watertowns Part of Said Sum being _____	0 19 3
Weston Ditto being _____	0 17 11 2
Walthams Ditto being _____	0 17 3 2
	£2 14 6 0

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At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on monday y<sup>e</sup> day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: 1778 at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Learned they Agreed to Call a Publick Town meeting to be at the Meeting House on monday the Second day of November Next at one O:Clock afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)

(1) To Choofe a moderator (2) To Determin in what manner the ministerial place Shall be Improved, and agree how the Pulpit Shall be Supplied for the Futer, and Determin whether the town will Defray the Expencc of the Funeral of the Late Rev<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Adams. to do and act any thing thereon y<sup>t</sup> the town think proper. (3) To put in their votes for a County Treafurer. (4) to Choofe a Committee to finde what peices of Land Belong to the town that have not been Disposd of and Determin whether the town will Sell them or any of or take Such Methods as may be thought proper to Remove any Incumbrances from off them, and act thereon as they See fitt- (5) To hear the Reports of any Com-

mittees and act thereon as they See fitt. (6) To do any thing further that may be thought Necessary for Building a Pound. (7) To know the minde of the town What Sums of money or Whether any that have been hired to Raife Soldiers Shall be afsest at this time, and Determine what Shall be further don thereon — (8) To know whether any thing further Shall be don Relating to <sup>ye</sup> Schools, and act thereon as they See fitt— (9) To Grant any further Sum of money for the Support of the poor or other Services as may be thought Proper— (10) To abate any Perfons Rates y<sup>t</sup> the town may think Proper.— Lastly to act on any other matters as may appear Necessary at this time as the town may think Proper. — The Clerk was Ordered to Issue out Warrants directed to the Constables Requiring them to Warn a Meeting at s<sup>d</sup>: time & place for the purposes as abovementioned which was accordingly don

P Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Publick Town meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs Regularly Afsembled at the publick meeting Houfe in Said town on monday the Second Day of November AD. 1778—For Transacting Sundry affairs as Mentioned in y<sup>e</sup> Warrant &c Voted & Chose Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: for Moderator of y<sup>r</sup> meeting Voted that m<sup>rs</sup>: Adams have the use of the ministerial Houfe & other Buildings belonging to the ministerial place till the first day of April Next — Voted that y<sup>e</sup> Sallary of the late Red<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Adams be paid to m<sup>rs</sup> Adams his wid<sup>o</sup> till Six weeks after his Death. —

Voted to Choofe a Committe to Supply the pulpit at present

Voted & Chose for Said Committee	{	M <sup>r</sup> : Sam <sup>l</sup> : White
		m <sup>r</sup> David Sanger
		m <sup>r</sup> David Bemis
		m <sup>r</sup> : Moses Stone ju <sup>r</sup>
		m <sup>r</sup> Elijah Bond

Then the Expence of the Funerel of y<sup>e</sup> late m<sup>r</sup> Adams was laid before the toun and after Considering y<sup>e</sup> Same they Voted to accept the account & Voted & Granted the Sum of £44 " 16 : 0 to Sattisfie y<sup>e</sup> Same —



(3) article Read & the votes were bro<sup>t</sup>: in for a County Treafurer —

(4) article Read & Considered & Voted to Choofe a Committee to Inquire and See what peices of Common or other land belonge to the town & make Report — — — — —

Voted & Chofe for S<sup>d</sup>: Committee { m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen  
Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>  
m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis  
Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>  
m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White

Then Several Reports of Committees were Read and are as follows (Viz) one Signed by Mofes Stone & others being a Committee for hiring men for the war &c the account ammounting to £342 " 12 " 0 which was Voted & Granted. one other Signed by Sam<sup>l</sup> Soden & others for like Services ammounting to £974 : 3 : 0 which Sum was also Voted & Granted —————

David Sanger & others a Com<sup>tee</sup>: to Settle with Such perfons  
Received money out of the treafury Reported their  
\* gs which was accepted See the Reports on

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Then they Voted to Build a pound as Soon as Conveniently Can be — Voted that the Same be built with Timber Voted that it be Built on the Same Ground where the last pound was. ——— then Voted to Choofe a Committee to Build Said pound

Voted & Choofe for Said Committee m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone  
m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen  
m<sup>r</sup> Simon Whitney

Then Voted that the Remainder of the Charge that the town has been at in hiring men for the war be a<sup>l</sup>se<sup>l</sup>st as Soon as may be — Then a motion was made & Seconded to adjourn the Meeting to the House of m<sup>r</sup> Bez<sup>l</sup>: Learned at Six O'Clock this Evening which was accordingly don —————

At Said time & place the meeting being opened They Voted & Granted £50 pounds as a further Sum to Support the poor ——— also Voted & Granted £100 pounds as addition to the former grant for Support of Schools —————

The town being Informed that they had no Deed of y<sup>e</sup> minifterial

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place which was purchased Some time past of Cap<sup>t</sup>: John Brown they Voted to Chooſe a Committee to Enquire into that affair and Endeavor to obtain a title from Said Brown. and make Report of their doings to the town at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted & Chofe for Said Committee		Sam <sup>l</sup> : Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup> Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown Esq <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> : White
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Then Voted that the Selectmen Improve a larg tree near M<sup>r</sup> Sanderſons for the use of y<sup>e</sup> Schools or Poor as they See fitt. —  
Then the meeting was adjourned to monday Next to Meet at m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>ll</sup>: Learneds at two O:Clock afternoon

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Aſsembled at y<sup>e</sup> House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>ll</sup>: Learned on monday y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Day of Nov<sup>r</sup>: AD 1778 By Adjournment. Sam<sup>ll</sup> Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: being Moderator

The article Relating to a pound being Read & after debate thereon. They voted & Granted the Sum of £40 pounds to be applied to y<sup>e</sup> Building one —————

Then they took into Confideration the affair of the title to the ministerial place and after Some Debate thereon they Voted to Chooſe four perſons as an Addition to the Committee on Said affair —————

Voted & Chofe on S <sup>d</sup> : Committe	{	W <sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup> m <sup>r</sup> Simon Whitney m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen m <sup>r</sup> David Bemis
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Then the meeting was adjourned for half an hour to give the Committee time to Confer with Cap<sup>t</sup>: John Brown on y<sup>e</sup> affair —

The Town being again Met according to Adjournment They proceeded on the affair Relating to the ministerial place — The Committe Informed the town that they had not Come into any Agreement with Cap<sup>t</sup> John Brown

They voted to Diſmiſs that Committe and Chooſe a new one but after  
✓ further Consideration thereon they Voted to Reconfider y<sup>t</sup> vote and Voted to make an addition to y<sup>e</sup> Committee

Voted & added to Said Committe { M<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone  
 m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger  
 Maj<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Barnard  
 m<sup>r</sup> Jedi<sup>h</sup>. Leathe

Voted that the Committe be Injoined to attend y<sup>e</sup> Bufinefs

Voted that they be unanimous in their proceedings and Determination in order to make their doings Valid \_\_\_\_\_

Then voted y<sup>t</sup> this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday next at four O:Clock afternoon to meet at this plac

B[y] Reason of a Severe Storm the Inhabitants not appearing at the time aforesaid the Meeting Defolved of Course

### [197]

A a Meeting of the Selectmen on monday y<sup>e</sup> 16th day of Nov<sup>r</sup>: AD: 1778 at m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>l</sup> Learned: They agreed to have a publick Town meeting on monday the 30<sup>th</sup> day of this Instant November at two O:Clock afternoon at the meeting House for y<sup>e</sup> ends following (Viz)—

First to Choofe a moderator of the Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

(2<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the Report of y<sup>e</sup> Committe Appointed to Settle the affair Relating to the ministerial place with Cap<sup>t</sup>: John Brown & to Grant money to Defray the Charge thereof and to act anything Relating there to the matter that may be tho<sup>t</sup>: proper \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>ly</sup> To Inquire ino the doings of y<sup>e</sup> Committee y<sup>t</sup>: were Chofen in the year 1755. to Sell the old ministerial place and Common lands together with the Farm at Princetown and to act on the affair as the town may think proper \_\_\_\_\_ (4<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of the town whether they will Choofe a Collector or Collectors of Tax's and agree what they Shall have for their Services. and to make a further allowance to the Collectors already Chofen and to act thereon as they See proper. \_\_\_\_\_ Lastly to act on any other matters that may be tho<sup>t</sup>: proper & Necessary at this time ~

Warrants were Issued out accordingly p Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Town-Cle

At a publick Town-meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Qualified to vote in town affairs Regularly assembled at the meeting Houfe in s<sup>d</sup>: Town on monday the 30<sup>th</sup>: day of Nov<sup>r</sup>: AD: 1778 \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Choe Dea<sup>n</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone Moderator of y<sup>e</sup> Meeting The Committe appointed to Settle the matter Relating to y<sup>e</sup> ministerial place with Cap<sup>t</sup>: John Brown Delivered their Report. which being Considered was Voted & accepted

Then it was Voted that the Sum of £157 : 1 : 0 which was the Expençe attending the affair Should be hired for the Present to Defray Said Expençe. — — Then Voted that Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: town-Treafurer be & hereby is Impowered and Directed in his Said Capacity to hire the money and give his Note of hand in behalf of the town for the Same  
 the third article being Read they Voted to Choofe a Committe<sup>of</sup> to enquire into the doings a Committe C[hosen] in the year 1755 to Sell the miniferial<sup>^</sup> p[lace]

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Voted & Chofe for S<sup>d</sup>: Committe — {  
 W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone  
 m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> White  
 m<sup>r</sup> Simon Whitney  
 m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis  
 Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 m<sup>r</sup> Jedi<sup>h</sup> Leathe  
 m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Soden

They voted that they make Report of their doings at the Next town meeting ————— Then the meeting was Desolved —————  
 At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Learned on the First day of Dec<sup>r</sup>: AD. 1778  
 They Signed an order to the town-Treafurer to pay the Sum of Eleven Hundred & thirty Nine Pounds 17/8 Pence to Sundry Perfons that have don Services in the war each one the Sum that was Granted to them ~

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 22<sup>d</sup> day of February 1779 at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Bez<sup>ll</sup> Learned They Agreed to have the annual Town Meeting to be on the Eighth day of March Next at 9: O Clock in the morning at the meeting Houfe and Directed the Clerk to Issue Warrants Directed to y<sup>e</sup> Constables to Warn meeting of the Inhabitants at Said time & place for the Following purposes (Viz) First to Choofe a moderator for the meeting— (2) To Choofe Selectmen Town-Clerk & Treafurer & all other town officers Required by law to be Chofe in the month of march annually (3) To Choofe a Saxton & agree how he Shall be paid for his Services (4) To put in their votes for a County

Treasurer (5) to Determin whether Swine Shall Run at Large the present [year]

(6)

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(6) To Choose a Committe to Examin the Treasurers accounts  
 (7) To Grant money to Support the ministry the present year and to act any thing thereon the town may think proper. (8) To grant money to Support the poor (9) To grant money to Support the Great Bridge. (10) To hear the accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to & Grant money to pay the Same. (11) To Grant money to pay Collectors of Tax's and act any thing Relating thereto they think Proper. — (12) To agree what School or Schools Shall be kept and Grant money to Support the Same (13) To Determin how the ministerial place & the place that was John Stearnes Shall be Improved and to act any thing Relating thereto they See fitt (14) To abate any perticular persons Rates in any of the Constables or Collectors lists if the town think proper. (15) To grant money to Repair the Highways & Townways and agree upon a Method to perform the Service. (16) To know the minde of the town whether they will Sell or Lease a Small peice of Land between the Mill-Creek and the land that was the Late Nathl: Harris's and to act thereon as they See fitt — (17) To know the minde of the town whether they will purchas Choose a Committe to purchase grain for the use of the Inhabitants of the town & to act thereon as they think Proper — (18) To know the minde of the town whether they will Build a house for the use of the poor & do anything Relating thereto they think Necessary — (19) To know the minde of the town whether they will Reconvey the Estate that was John Stearnes's to him again and do any thing thereon that may be thought proper (20) To know the minde of the town whether they will join with Some of the Inhabitants of Newton in Petitioning the General Court to annex them to Watertown & to act thereon as they See fitt — (21) To hear the Reports of any Committees and to act thereon as they See fitt — and also to notify the town Creditors to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen at the house of m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Learned on thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of march next at 3. O Clock afternoon ———

Warrants were Issued accordingly

P Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town Clerk

At this meeting the Selectmen Signed an order on the Tre[asurer] to pay Josiah Capen 4 : 10 : 0 Interest money

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at m<sup>r</sup> Bez<sup>ll</sup>: Learneds on the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of march 1779. They Signed an order on the Treaferur to pay to the Adminiftratrix of the Estate of the late Rev<sup>d</sup>: Daniel Adams Deceafed the Sum of £93 pound it being the whole of the Sallary due to the Deceafed. and also the Sum of £32 pounds to m<sup>rs</sup>: Silence Adams the wid<sup>o</sup>: of the Said Deceafed it being a Grant made her by the town—and also the Sum of £48 p 9 : 0 to Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: for Cash advanced by him for Preaching & for wood for the School &c \_\_\_\_\_

At this meeting the following accounts were Prefented and Allowed (Viz):

To Samuel Soden for Supplys &c for the poor the year Past as p <sup>r</sup> account — — — — —	28 : 3 : 0
To Jed <sup>h</sup> Leathe for d <sup>o</sup> : P D <sup>o</sup> _____	34 : 5 : 2
To Samuel Barnard for d <sup>o</sup> p d <sup>o</sup> _____	6 : 18 : 0
To Richard Clark for d <sup>o</sup> p d <sup>o</sup> _____	3 : 11 : 0
To Nathan <sup>l</sup> Coollidge for d <sup>o</sup> p d <sup>o</sup> _____	10 7 : 10
To Mary Vila for Boarding mary Learneds Child to this day being one year _____	} 35 : 14 : 0
To the wid <sup>o</sup> Bethiah Hackleton for her Child one year ending the eighth Infant - - - - -	
To John Sawing for Boarding one other of Hackletons Children one year ending the fifth day of this month of march _____	} 15 : 12 : 0
To Elifha Learned for the poor — — — — —	
To Thomas Learned for d <sup>o</sup> . — — — — —	5 : 18 : 6
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	169 : 17 : 6
To David Sanger for wood for y <sup>e</sup> School } the present year — — — — — }	13 : 4 : 0
To Amos Livermore for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	13 : 10 : 0

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We the Subscribers appointed by the Toun to take Care of the Schools the Proceeding year have Proceeded as followeth (Viz) — Your Com<sup>tte</sup>: Employed m<sup>r</sup>: John Stratton to keep the east School three months @ £18 p<sup>r</sup>: month - - - - - £54 : 0 — and m<sup>r</sup> Wight to keep the middle School }  
two months @ 20 pounds p<sup>r</sup> month — — — — — } 40 : 0 — and m<sup>r</sup>: John Remington ju to keep the west }  
£ } 70 : 0 —  
School three months & ½ @ 20 p<sup>r</sup> month. }

Expended for wood for the Schools — — — — 36 : 0 —

£ 200 : 0 :

Watertown, March 8<sup>th</sup>: 1779

Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk  
David Sanger } Com<sup>tee</sup>  
Amos Livermore }

Town Creditors accounts are as follows (Viz)

To Josiah Bisco for Service as an aisefsor the year  
past — — — — — 38 : 8 : —  
To Amos Bond for D<sup>o</sup> — — — — — 33 : 12 : —  
To Jed<sup>h</sup> Leathe for D<sup>o</sup> — — — — — 36 : 0 —  
To Jonathan Brown for Service as Treaferur &c 60 : 0 —  
to Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk for providing for minifsters &c — 7 : 6 —  
To Jed<sup>h</sup> Leathe for Repairs for the minifterial place 3 : 2 —  
To John Tainter for D<sup>o</sup> — — — — — 1 : 15 —  
To Daniel Sawin for D<sup>o</sup> — — — — — 2 : 3 —  
To Simon Hastings for D<sup>o</sup> — — — — — 4 : 15 —

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Mr<sup>s</sup>: Silence Adams for Boarding Min- }  
isters &c as p account — — — — — } — 44 : 10 : allow'd

Voted that y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Settle y<sup>e</sup> account and give an order on  
the Treaferur for payment See Page (208) —————

[202]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabi-  
tants of Watertown Regularly asembled at the Publick meeting  
Houfe in Said Town on monday the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of March AD 1779  
for the Choice of Town officers & other affairs as Setforth in the  
Warrant for Calling y<sup>e</sup> Meeting

Voted & Chofe Dea<sup>n</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone for Moderator —————

Then Voted & Chofe the Several Perfons to Serve in y<sup>e</sup> Several  
offices hereafter mentioned (Viz)

Selectmen {  
M<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: White  
M<sup>r</sup> David Bemis  
M<sup>r</sup> David Sanger  
Maj<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Barnard  
M<sup>r</sup>: Amos Livermore

For Town Clerk & Town-Treaferur Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>

Afsefsors — { Mr: Josiah Bisco  
 L<sup>t</sup> Amos Bond  
 Mr Jed<sup>h</sup> Leathe

Constables Mefs<sup>rs</sup>: David Coollidge & Ezek<sup>l</sup>: Hall

Committee of Corrospondance Safty &c { Mr Rich<sup>d</sup> Clark  
 Mr Jed<sup>h</sup> Leathe  
 Mr Elijah Bond  
 Mr Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Soden  
 Mr Daniel Sawin

Wardens Mefs<sup>r</sup> Elka<sup>h</sup>: Wales: & Eben <sup>r</sup>: Everit  
 Sealer of Leather m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Whitney  
 Fence Viewers mefs<sup>r</sup> John Draper & Jonas Hastings  
 Surveyors of Highways Me<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>ll</sup> Bright & Tho<sup>s</sup>: Learned  
 Tythingmen mefs<sup>s</sup> Edmund Fowle & Jonathan Child  
 Hogrieves mefs<sup>r</sup> John Stimson & Phin<sup>s</sup> Jenifon  
 Clerks of the markets L<sup>ts</sup>: Josiah Capen & Amos Bond  
 Surveyors of Timber &c mefs<sup>rs</sup> David Sanger & David Bemis  
 Howards Mefs<sup>rs</sup> Ezek<sup>l</sup>: Whitney & Richard Richardfon  
 Chofe for Saxton Phin<sup>s</sup>: Jenifon & Granted the Sum of 20 pounds  
 to pay him for the Service \_\_\_\_\_  
 Then the Question was put whether Swine Shall Run at Large  
 the present year & it past in y<sup>e</sup> Negative  
 Then the Meeting was adjourned to two O:Clock in [the] after-  
 noon

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Afternoon The meeting being Opened they Proceeded and Choofe  
 for a Com<sup>tee</sup>: to Examin the Treaf<sup>rs</sup>: acc<sup>ts</sup> &c { Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 m<sup>r</sup>: Jed<sup>h</sup> Leathe  
 m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> White

Then Voted & Granted the Sum of £500 to Support y<sup>e</sup> miniftery  
 Then the votes were bro<sup>t</sup>: in for a County Treafurer \_\_\_\_\_  
 Voted that the Committee that were last Chofen to Supply y<sup>e</sup>  
 pulpit Continue in Said Service the year enfueing if needed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Voted & Granted to Support the poor the Sum of 250 Pounds  
 Voted & Granted to Support the Great Bridge ~ 10 pounds  
 Voted to keep a Grammer School the whole year. & to keep two  
 writing Schools three months in the Winter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Voted & Granted 500 pounds to Support Said Schools \_\_\_\_\_



Voted that the Selectmen take care of the ministerial Place for the Present \_\_\_\_\_

Chose for a Com<sup>tee</sup>: to take care of y<sup>e</sup> School — { Tho<sup>s</sup>: Pattin  
Jed<sup>h</sup>: Leathe  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Soden  
Chris<sup>r</sup> Grant ju<sup>r</sup>  
Josiah Bisco

Voted & Granted the Sum of 500 pounds to Repair the Highways and townways the present year. and that the price of Labour be 40/ p<sup>r</sup> Day for a man & the Like Sum for a Team \_\_\_\_\_

Voted to Chooſe a Committee appriſe the peice of land near the mill-Crick and to leafe or Sell the Same or any part thereof to the Highest Bider and any other peices that they Judge will be for the Benefit of the town & that make Report how far they have Proceeded at the adjournment of the meeting

Voted & Chose for Said Committee \_\_\_\_\_ { Sam<sup>s</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Sam<sup>l</sup>: White  
W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
David Sanger  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Clark

Voted to Chooſe a Committee to Purchase grain for the use of the Inhabitants of the town and that they be Impowered to hire money if Need be for Said Service

Chosen for Said Committee \_\_\_\_\_ { m<sup>r</sup> Jed<sup>h</sup> Leathe  
L<sup>t</sup> Josiah Capen ju<sup>r</sup>  
m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>: Soden  
m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>: Cook  
m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Parker

The Town Creditors accounts were Read and Allowed [See] Page (201)

### [204]

Voted to Chooſe a Committee to See if they can provide a Houſe for the use of the poor and make Report of their doings at the adjournment of this meeting

Chose for Said Committee { m<sup>r</sup> Simon Hastings  
m<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore  
m<sup>r</sup> Moſes Stone

Then they took into Consideration the Request of John Stearnes Relating to his purchasing his Place Again & after Debate thereon—They voted to Chooſe a Committee to Inquire into the Circumſtances thereof & to make Report at the adjournment of this meeting.—

Voted & Chose for S<sup>d</sup>: Committe — { m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Capen  
 m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis  
 maj<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Barnard  
 m<sup>r</sup> Jed<sup>h</sup>: Leathe  
 m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> White

Then they Voted to Choofe a Committe to Joine with Such of the Inhabitants of Newton as they may think Proper, to Petition the General Court to annex them to Watertown—Voted that the Selectmen Chofen for the year enfueing be Said Committe — The Committe Appointed to enquire into the doings of the Committe Chofen to Sell the ministerial place in the year 1755. <sup>&c</sup> <sup>^</sup> made a written Report which was ordered to lie on file. also the Committe appointed to See what Peices of Common Land belonged to the town Reported Several Certain peices See the Report on file — Then it was Voted to adjourn the meeting to monday Next at 3 O:Clock afternoon at this place  
 Manual Graces Rates in Constable Simon Hastings Lists was abated at the meeting on y<sup>e</sup> 15 d of March being O : 16 : 10

## [205]

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the meeting Houfe on monday the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of march AD : 1779 by adjournment Dea<sup>n</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone being Moderator. The meeting being opened—M<sup>r</sup> David Coollidge moved to the town to <sup>be</sup> <sup>^</sup> Excused from Serving Constable the present year — and the Question was put whether the Town would Excuse him & it past in y<sup>e</sup> Negative  
 M<sup>r</sup> Ezekiel Hall gave Information to the town by m<sup>r</sup>: Simon Hastings that he Should not Serve as a Constable—and then the Votes were Called for a new Choice —  
 and M<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Benjamin was Chofen first Constable and M<sup>r</sup>: Jonathan Child was Chofen the Second Constable  
 Samuel Benjamin being Notified by a Constable to attend at the meeting to be Sworn but Refused & The town Proceeded & Chose m<sup>r</sup> Moses Hager in his Room —  
 Then a Motion was made to know the minde of the town whether they would Reconvey the Estate that was John Stearnes's to him again—  
 And it was Voted that if the Said John Stearnes Shall Pay the the Sum that was given for Said place when it was purchafed with Interest for the Same from the time the purchafe was made to the

time it is paid again together with what Charges has arisen thereon then it shall be Conveyed to him again ———

Then voted & Chose Mefs<sup>res</sup> William Hunt Moses Stone and Samuel Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup> for to give the Said Stearnes a Deed of the place in the Name & behalf of the town on the Conditions before mentioned-

Then the Committe Appointed to Look out for a House for the poor Reported that they had viewed a Building which did not answer the purpose — and they were Directed to look further & Report again at the adjournment ———

The Committe appointed to hire men to go into the Service in the War Reported that they had hired men for the Service to the amount of £80 : 18 : 2 and the town Voted & Granted the Same Sum. ———

Jonas White ju<sup>r</sup> Sent in an Account for bringing Some Powder &c from Boston amounting to the Sum of 12/<sup>s</sup> which was Voted & Granted.

Then it was Voted that the Constables Should be Collectors of Tax's, & granted them £9 pounds each for the Service - - - - -

Then the meeting was adjourned to monday [ \* ] at this place

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Bez<sup>ll</sup> Learned on monday 15<sup>th</sup>: day of march 1779. The following Perfons were Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of the Several offices to which they were Chofen (Viz) ———

Mefs<sup>r</sup>. Josiah Bisco, Amos Bond & Jed<sup>h</sup>. Leathe Afsorsors ———

Stephen Whitney Sealer of Leather — — — — —

Jonas Hastings Fence Viewer, — Nath<sup>l</sup> Bright & Tho<sup>s</sup> Learned Surveyors of Highways — Edm<sup>d</sup>: Fowle & Jonathan Child Tythingmen

L<sup>t</sup> Josiah Capen Clerk of the markets. ——— David Sanger & David Bemis Surveyors of Timber &c ———

Richard Richardfon Howard — all Sworn By

Jon<sup>s</sup>: Brown Just<sup>s</sup>: Peace ———

At the Said Meeting the Selectmen Signed orders on y<sup>e</sup> Treaferur to Pay the Several perfons the Several Sums Set against their Names (Viz) ———

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To David Sanger	4 : 16 : 8	To Sam <sup>ll</sup> : Soden	28 : 3 : 0
To Sam <sup>l</sup> White	2 : 2 : 8	To Jid <sup>h</sup> Leathe	34 : 5 : 4
To Elijah Bond	2 : 2 : 8	To Sam <sup>ll</sup> Barnard	6 : 18 : 0
To David Bemis	4 : 2 : 8	To Rich <sup>d</sup> Clark	3 : 11 : 0
To Josiah Capen	2 : 2 : 8	To Nathan Coollidge	10 : 7 : 10
To Rich <sup>d</sup> Leathe	2 : 16 : 0	To wid <sup>o</sup> Vila	35 : 14 : 0
To Hugh Mafon	3 : 1 : 8	To Beth <sup>h</sup> : Hackleton	23 : 8 : 0
To Seth Norcrofs	0 : 10 : 0	To John Sawin	15 : 12 : 0
To John Draper	2 : 12 : 0	To Elifha Learned	6 : 0 : 0
To Sam <sup>l</sup> Fisk	4 : 16 : 0	To Tho <sup>s</sup> : Learned	5 : 18 : 6
To Josiah Bisco	4 : 16 : 0	To David Sanger	13 : 4 : 0
To Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown	10 : 16 : 0	To Amos Livermore	13 : 10 : 0
To Simon Hastings	6 : 0 : 0	To John Stratton	54 : 0 : 0
To Mofes Coollidge	3 : 0 : 0	To m <sup>r</sup> Wight	40 : 0 : 0
To Nath <sup>l</sup> Bright	3 : 0 : 0	To John Remington ju-	
			36 : 0 : 0
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	£56 : 15 : 0		£326 : 11 : 8

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Bez<sup>ll</sup>: Learned on y<sup>e</sup> 17 Day of march AD 1779

They Settled m<sup>rs</sup>: Silence Adams's account and allowed £44: 10—shillings & Signed an order on the Toun Treafurer to pay Said Sum to m<sup>rs</sup>: Adams in full of the Same acc<sup>tt</sup>- --- at this meeting they Signed Orders on y<sup>e</sup> Treaf<sup>r</sup> [to p]ay the Several Sums hereafter mentioned

(Viz)

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To the following Perfons the Sum affixt to his name which was granted for to make good the Counterfit money Received for the use of the town (Viz)

Jed <sup>h</sup> : Leathe	10 : 0 : 0	} Counterfit money
Sam <sup>l</sup> : Barnard	8 : 0 : 0	
Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown	1 : 10 : 0	
John Draper	5 : 6 : 0	
David Sanger	6 : 10 : 0	

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£31 : 6 : 0

also the Sum of £43: 16: to the following Perfons for their Ex-  
pence of m<sup>r</sup>: Adams's Funeral (Viz) 

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To m <sup>r</sup> David Bemis	19 : 16 : 0
to m <sup>r</sup> : Jed <sup>h</sup> Leathe	24 : 0 : 0

to m<sup>r</sup>: Simon Hastings 1 : 0 : 0

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44 : 16 : 0

And an order to Pay the following Persons their Several accounts for Labour at the Great Bridge (Viz) —

To John Cook 0 : 9 : 6  
 to Daniel Cook 2 : 5 : 0  
 to y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen for last year 1 : 0 : 0  
 £3 : 14 : 6

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the meeting Houfe on Monday the 22<sup>d</sup>: Day of March AD: 1779 ———

Dea<sup>n</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone being moderator — — — — —

M<sup>r</sup>: David Coollidge was Excused from Serving Constable by paying £15 pounds which was voted & accepted as his turn

M<sup>r</sup>: Oliver m<sup>n</sup>. Roe was Chofen Warden & Sworn ———

M<sup>r</sup>: Eben<sup>r</sup>: Stetson was Chofen a Clerk of the Market

M<sup>r</sup>: William Leathe was Chofen Hogrievie & Sworn

L<sup>t</sup>: William Warrin was Chofen Fence Viewer & Sworn

Voted & Chofe m<sup>r</sup>: Eben<sup>r</sup>: Everit Constable & was Sworn

Chofe m<sup>r</sup>: Moses Coollidge to be Constable to Serve in the Room of m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Child—and m<sup>r</sup> Coollidge was Sworn

Chofe Inspectors of the Market {  
 M<sup>r</sup>: Joel White  
 M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Warrin  
 M<sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen ju<sup>r</sup>

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Voted that the Committe appointed to Sell or leafe the Land Near the mill-Crick proceed to Sell the Same to the Highest Bider—and that it be put up in two or more Lott — — — — —

Voted that the Selectmen be Directed to Improve the minifterial place in Such manner as they think will be most for the Advantage of the town

Voted that the Necessary Expence of the Selectmen while they are in the actual Service <sup>of the town</sup> be Borne by the town

Middlefex fs April y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup>: 1779 Then Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> Appeared & was Sworn to <sup>the</sup> offices of Town-Clerk & Town-Treasurer

Before me Jonas Dix Justice of Peace

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of may 1779 at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>l</sup>: Learned they agreed to have a Publick town meeting at the meeting House on Monday the 24 day of this Instant may at two O:Clock afternoon to Choofe one or more Representatives for the year Enfueing and also to have an other meeting at three O:Clock afternoon the Same day & at the Same place to tranfact Town affairs &c — (Viz) To Choofe A Moderator (2) To Consider a Refolve of the General Court for forming a new Constitution or Form of Government, and to act thereon as the town Shall See Proper — (3) To know the minde of the town whether the town will lease out the Fifhery in the town and to act any thing Relating thereto that may be thought Proper. — — — — — (4)

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- (4) To know the minde of the town whether they will do any thing Relating to the Hay-Market and do and act anything thereon as they Judge Proper. —————
- (5) To Agree upon ways & means to Raife Soldiers for the Publick Service when Called upon by lawfull Authority ———
- (6) To Confirm a town-way to m<sup>r</sup>: Chris<sup>r</sup> Grant upon Such terms as was formerly agreed upon, and to do anything thereon y<sup>t</sup> may be thought Necefsary (7) To know the minde of y<sup>e</sup> town whether they will grant any further Sum to Support Schools and to Agree upon Some proper places for keeping y<sup>e</sup> Schools make Such Necefsary Rules for Regulating the Same as may be thought Proper — (8) To hear the Report of any Committees that have been Appointed to any Peticular Services and to act thereon as they See fitt — (9) To appropriate any Sums of money that has Arifen by Sale of Lands or otherwise, as may be thought Proper — (10) To know the minde of the town whether they will Sell or leafe any perticular peices of land or other Priviledges near the Great Bridge and to Act thereon as they think Best — (11) To know y<sup>e</sup> whether the town will pay for the Repairs of the wid<sup>o</sup> Goddards fence and to do what <sup>they</sup> think Proper thereon ———

Warrants were Issued to the Several Constables for said Purpofes Dated May y<sup>e</sup> 17. 1779. P<sup>r</sup> Order of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen  
Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town Clerk

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative Regularly Asembled at ye Publick meeting House in s<sup>d</sup>: town on Monday ye 24<sup>th</sup> Day of may AD: 1779. Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: was Chofen to Represent the town in the General Court the year enfueing —————

At a Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote Regularly Asembled at the Meeting House in S<sup>d</sup>: town on the : 24<sup>th</sup> Day of may AD : 1779 — — — Voted & Chofe M<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>ll</sup>: White Moderator —————

They took into Consideration a Resolve of the Gen<sup>ll</sup>: Court Relating to a new Constitution or Form of Government and after Debate thereon the Question was Put Whether they Chuse at this time to have a New Constitution or Form of Government made & it Past in ye Negative twenty being against it but three for it then the Second Question mentioned in s<sup>d</sup> Resolve was Put and it Paused in the Negative —————

Then the article Relating to the Fishery was Read and Considered — and they voted to Choof a Committe to Examin & See if the town have Power to let the Fishery & if So then to Lease it out for one year but if otherwise then to petition the General Court in the name & behalf of the town for to be Impowered by law to let it for the benefitt of the town, Voted & Choofe for s<sup>d</sup>: Committe Samuel Fisk & Jonathan Brown Esquires and m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark —————

The article Relating to ye Hay-market was Read & Considered & m<sup>r</sup>: Joseph Hay was Chofen weigher of Hay for the Present ——— Then

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Then they voted to Choofe a Committe to hire men to go into the Service when Called for —————

Voted & Chofe for S<sup>d</sup>: Committe ————— { m<sup>r</sup> Mofoes Stone  
m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> White  
L<sup>t</sup> Amos Bond

Voted to Choofe a Committe with full power in the name & behalf of the town to give m<sup>r</sup> Chris<sup>r</sup>: Grant a Deed of the town way formerly agreed for he Performing the Conditions then Agreed to — Voted & Chofe for S<sup>d</sup>: Committe Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Then they Considered the article Relating to ye School and Voted that it be a moveing School —————

Voted that the Committe Divide the money & time of the School in the three Several parts of the town according to the grant. — the 8th article being Read two Committes made Report of their doing which were Voted & Accepted (Viz) — on the Treafurers Accounts as followeth (viz) — We the Subscribers being Appointed to Examin the Treafurers Acc<sup>ts</sup>: have attended that Service, and find Said Accounts Well Vouch,t and Right Cast —  
 Watertown May 21<sup>st</sup>. 1779.

Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Fisk  
 Jed<sup>h</sup>. Leathe  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> White

(2<sup>ly</sup> The Com<sup>tte</sup> Appointed by the town to make Sale of any peices of Land belonging to the town that might be Spared Beg leave to Report as followeth (Viz)

Your Com<sup>tte</sup> on the 29<sup>th</sup>. of march last Sold to m<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Parker a Small peice of Land Near m<sup>r</sup>: Pattins Shop for £221 — and on the fifth Day of April following they Sold a Small peice of Land Near M<sup>r</sup> Remingtons Corn Mill to m<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Learned for —————

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The Expence of the Com<sup>tte</sup> at Sundry meetings and the Sales above-mentioned —————

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Watertown May 24<sup>th</sup>. 1779. Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk p o[rder]

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(9th) Article Read & they voted & Appropriated the Said Sum of £425 Pounds the Neat Produce of the afore-s<sup>d</sup>: Sales for to help towards the Supplying the Pulpit.

Then the tenth Article being Read Relating to the Selling or leasing Lands Near the Bridge & it was Voted that the Committe Appointed on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March last for Like Purpofes Proceed in Selling or Leasing Such peices of Land or priviledges Near Said Bridge as may Conveniently be Spared, in Such manner as may be most beneficial to the town

(11) article being Read Relating to the paying for the Repairs of the wid<sup>o</sup> Godards fence — and they voted to Chooße a Committe to inquire into the affair & make Report at the Next meeting —



Voted & Chose for S<sup>d</sup>: Com<sup>tee</sup> { Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>:  
 m<sup>r</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup>: Richardfon  
 m<sup>r</sup>: Jonas White

Then the Meeting was Defolved —————

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>l</sup> Learneds on monday the 31<sup>th</sup> day of may 1779. They Agreed to give the Surveyors of Highways their Destricts as follows (Viz) To <sup>mr</sup> Thomas Learned the Westerly Destrict (Viz) all y<sup>e</sup> Roads West of the way that Leads from the meeting House over the hill North to Cambridge line on both Sides of the River in Watertown, & under the Rocks from y<sup>e</sup> wid<sup>o</sup> Sarah Clarks Barrs Westward to Waltham line ————— and to Nath<sup>l</sup>: Bright the East Destrict The Road from the meeting House North over the Hill to Cambridge line and under the Rocks to the wid<sup>o</sup> Sarah Clarks Barrs together with all the Roads in Watertown east of y<sup>e</sup> first mentioned Road — They were given to them [accor]dingly

P Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 1779 at m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learneds They Agreed to Call a Publick Town-Meeting to be held at the meeting House on Wednesday the Seventh day of July Next at 4 O Clock afternoon for the following Purpofes (Viz) First to Choofe a Moderator for the meeting— (2<sup>ly</sup>) To conider & adopt any measures for Appretiation of the Currency and to act any thing thereon that they may Judge Necessary & proper (3<sup>ly</sup>) To see if the town will give any Intruction or Directions to their Committe of Corroisondance who are Invited to meet in Convention at Concord on the 14<sup>th</sup>: Day of July next for the abovesaid Purpofes and to act any thing thereon they See fit (4<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of the town whether they will Come into any measures for the Settling a Gospel minister and to act thereon as they think Proper. (5<sup>ly</sup>) For the town to Grant and order the Aiseising the monies that have been paid for Raising Soldiers and to act theron as they See fitt — (6<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the Reports of any Committees that have been Chofen by the town & act thereon as they See fitt —————

Warrants were Issued June y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>. 1779

P<sup>r</sup> order of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen —————  
 Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Asembled at the meeting House on Wednesday y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup>. Day of July AD 1779 they Voted & Chose Dea<sup>n</sup>: Nathaniel Stone Moderator —

The article being Read relating to taking Measures for the Appreciating the Currency as Recommended by the Inhabitants of Boston & other Places after Considering the Same. They voted to Choose a Com<sup>tee</sup>. to Consider y<sup>e</sup> Same and Report what is Proper to be don thereon & Repo[rt] as Soon as may be

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Voted & Chose for S<sup>d</sup>: Committe Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk & W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>rs</sup>: m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger m<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: Cook & Jonathan Brown Then Voted that Said Committe Sit emediately. who Proceeded & Cosidered the matter & in about one Hours time Returned & made the following Report (Viz)

We the Inhabitants of Watertown in Town meeting asembled July y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup>. 1779 Taking into our Serious Consideration the Critical Scituation of our Publick affairs, and the Resolutions heretofore Taken by our Delegates in Congress. Plichting our faith & Sacred Honour that we would Support with our lives & Fortunes the Independancy of the united States of America, and also Considering the great Depreciation of our currency (which Necesarily emitted by Congress, for the Expres purpose of procuring to us and our Posterity peace liberty & Safty) Occationed by the enormous rise of every article of Confumption both foreign & Domistick the rise of which is princeple to be attributed to those enimies of our Country who have Monopolized the Same, for the Preventing of which abuses ( and in order to do Justice to those Sons of of Freedom who have nobly dar'd to face our Enemy in the field, and who for the Sake of their Posterity, & that they might again pertake of the Bleisings of Citizens have for a time put on the armour of war & become Soldiers) many of the Capitol Towns of y<sup>e</sup> united States have been adopting modes of economy and Regulating the prices of many Articles of life both Forign & Domistick, which will have a Natural tendency to Appretiate our currency. — Therefore in Conformity to So laudable Examples, & in order to further afsist our Bretheren in the Mercantile Part of the Community in their late worthy Resolutions to lower the Prices of Such foreign Marchandize as may Come to their hands for [ \* ]

Do

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Do hereby Vote & Refolve (1<sup>ly</sup>) That we highly approve of the late Resolutions of the Merchants of the Town of Boston else where in this State, and also of the doings of the Said Town of Boston and their purpofal for Calling a Convention at Concord in the County of middlesex on the 14<sup>th</sup>: Day of this Infant July for the purpose of Deviseing ways & means for lowering the prices of all the Necessary articles of life both foreign & Domistick. and for the effectually Appreciating our Currency — (2<sup>ly</sup>) Voted that the town will by their Committee meet at Concord on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July Infant for the purpose afore Said. — (3<sup>ly</sup>) Voted That in order to Cooperate forthwith with the Merchants in their Glorious attempt for the lowering the prices of every Necessary of life, it is Resolved that the produce of our Respective Farms Shall not advance in price in the least Degree from what they now are upon Condition the late Resolution of the Merchants Respecting forign Articles shall Continue but the Same shall lower in the Same Proportion as forign articles do, and that we will use our utmost exertions y<sup>t</sup>: the Several Machanicks in this Town lower in Like Proportion — and in order that this Vote be Carried into Compleat Execution, Voted (4<sup>ly</sup>) That a Committee of Seven be Chosen whose business it Shall be to ascertain as Nearly as may be, the prices of forign & Domistick articles and to Determin what proportion they ought in equity to bear each to the other, and publish their doings monthly and Cause the Same to be posted up at the Meeting Houfe and other places of Publick Resort in this Town, which Shall Regulate the prices of all the Articles Mentioned in Said Notification for the time therein Specified: and if any person or persons Shall be So lost to all Sence of honour, love of their Country, or their own Interest as to Violate in the least Degree the true Intent & meaning of this Resolution, by Selling their produce at a higher price than Establihed by Said Committee from time to [time]

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Said Person or Persons So offending Shall be deemed enemies to their Country and Cryed as Such by the Town-Clerk for Six months after at every Publick meeting of the Town. This Resolution to hold good & Voted untill the State at large shall have Adopted some permanant mode of Regulating the Same — (5<sup>ly</sup>) Voted that the Selectmen be directed without los of time to Transmit Copies of the proceeding of this meeting to the

towns of Newton & Waltham praying them to adopt Some Such method, in order that we may be mutually Afsifting in the only Feazable way poifsiable that we can think of (for the Appreciating our Currency and thereby Rendering our Independancey Sure & Secureing to us and our Posterrity Peace, Liberty, and Safty ———

Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Pr Order of y<sup>e</sup> Committe

The foregoing Report being Read by Parragraphs was Voted & Accepted ——— Then Voted & Chofe the following Perfons to be a Committee for y<sup>e</sup> purpofes Mentioned in the foregoing Refolves (Viz) ———

Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk & W<sup>m</sup>. Hunt Esq<sup>rs</sup>: Mifs<sup>rs</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup> Cook, Daniel Parker, Simon Whitney, Amos Bond, and Samuel White, ———

Voted that the Com<sup>tee</sup> of Corroisondance be fernifhed with a Copy of the Proceedings of the meeting to Carry to Concord. ———

Voted that the meeting with the Remaining businefs be Adjourned to monday y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> Infant 4: O:Clock afternoon in this place —

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At a Legal Publick Town meeting held at the meeting House on monday the 26<sup>th</sup>: Day of July 1779 by Adjournment. The Town being Informed that Dea<sup>n</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone the moderator being unable to attend the meeting. They Voted & Choofe Samuel Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: moderator in his Room ———

Then the Refolves &c: of the Convention lately held at Concord were Read and after Debate thereon the Question was put whether the town do accept and approve of the Same and it Past in the affirmative unanimously ——— Then they voted to Choofe a Committe of Seven perfons to regulate & Settle the Prices of Such Articles as may be thought Proper ———

Voted & Chofe for S <sup>d</sup> : Committe	{	Sam <sup>l</sup> : Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup> m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> White m <sup>r</sup> Daniel Parker m <sup>r</sup> Richard Clark m <sup>r</sup> Jedi <sup>h</sup> Leathe L <sup>t</sup> Josiah Capen m <sup>r</sup> : Tho <sup>s</sup> : Pattin m <sup>r</sup> Phin <sup>s</sup> Jenifon m <sup>r</sup> : Sam <sup>l</sup> Cook
They voted & added the two last to the Committe ———		

Then voted to adjourn the meeting with the remaining businefs to Fryday Next two O: Clock afternoon to meet in this Place which was Accordingly don ———

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the meeting House on Fryday the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of July AD. 1779 by adjournment Sam<sup>ll</sup> Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: being Moderator. The meeting being opened, the 4<sup>th</sup> article being Read Voted not to act any thing thereon — The 5<sup>th</sup> & Sixth articles being Read the Com<sup>tee</sup>: for Raising Soldiers Reported the Expence attending the Raising men for Rhoad. Island & the Continental army amounting to £ 3226" [ \* ] which was Voted  
 \* torn  
 & accepted .See the Report on [file]

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Then the Committe Appointed to Build a Pound Reported the Charge they had been at in performing the Said Service amounting to the Sum of £ 124 : 19 : 8 which Report was Voted & accepted (See the Report on file)

Then they voted to Choofe a Committe of five perfons to Consider & Report what Sums of money will be proper to Afsefs at this time

Voted & Chofe for S<sup>d</sup>: Committe { W<sup>m</sup>. Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>:  
 L<sup>t</sup> Amos Bond  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 L<sup>t</sup> Josiah Capen

Voted that the Several Collectors of Tax's that have not Completed their Collections & Settled their accounts be Directed to Report to the town at their next meeting y<sup>e</sup> names of the Several Perfons who have not paid their tax's with the Sums they Still owe. \_\_\_\_\_

Then the Committe for Settling the prices of Produce <sup>of</sup> labour &c made Report, which is as follows (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_

Watertown July y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>. 1779 —

The Committe Appointed by the town of Watertown, at a Meeting of Said town on the 26 Ins<sup>t</sup>: in Compliance with the 5<sup>th</sup> Refolve of the Convention at Concord on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July Ins<sup>t</sup>: being met & being Sensiable of the Importance of the Bufinefs Committed to them, the great Necessity of its being Completed and the Accuracy Required in fixing the prices of y<sup>e</sup> articles of Confumation in a due Proportion Proceeded with utmost Care & Deliberation to Compleat the Same, but finding it Impofsiable to extend to every Article in each Branch, were under the Necessity of Including many of them under the General Term of all

other Articles in the usual Proportion the bad Consequences which might attend Such General Regulation they hope is Prevented in a Succeeding Refolve, in which they beg leave to Report — Refolved That from & after the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of aug<sup>t</sup>: Next — — The following articles of marchandize Country Produce Labour [ \* ] addition to articles Stated by the Convention at

Concord

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Concord on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July Inf<sup>t</sup>: be not Sold at a higher price, nor Charged more for, in this Town or elsewhere, by any Person or persons belonging to this Town, than is hereafter affixt. to them, Except Hay & Milk in Boston Market (Viz)

Prices Regulating the Innholders ———

A Dinner 18/ Horfe keeping P night 17/ Oats P Pottle 5/ —  
 Punch P Bowle 30/ W-<sup>tn</sup>/ Flip P mug 12/ W. I Tody P Bowle  
 12/ Yoak of Oxen P Night at English Hay — 18/ ———

Tanner ———  
 Sole Leather P<sup>m</sup>: . . 20/  
 Curried Calf Skins Single equal  
 to 6<sup>th</sup> Sole Leather  
 all other articles in the usual  
 Proportion ———

Labour ———  
 a man P Day find himself 60/  
 a man P Day & found . . 40/

Teaming ———  
 P mile not Exceeding 90 miles  
 out P Ton ——— 18/-  
 man & Team P Day } £5 : 10  
 finding themselves }  
 man & Team found P day  
 found £4-

Shoemaker ———  
 mens best Shoes P<sup>r</sup> Pair £ 6  
 Womens best d<sup>e</sup>- 4 : 10  
 all other articles in the  
 usual Proportion ———

Blacksmith ———  
 Narrow axe 7 : 10 —  
 Shoeing a horfe }  
 Round with Refined } 5 : 0 —  
 Iron & Steel }  
 Shoeing oxen in y<sup>e</sup> } 10 : 0 —  
 Same manner ——— }  
 all other articles in the  
 usual Proportion ———

Mechanicks finding themselves  
 P<sup>r</sup> Day - - - - - 72/  
 d<sup>e</sup> & found ——— 52/

Sadler  
 a best Hogskin Sadle Compleat  
 £ 70  
 a best Double Run'd Curbed  
 Bridle — 12—  
 a best Single Run'd d<sup>e</sup>- 6  
 All other articles in the usual  
 Proportion ———

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Leather Dreser ———		d° a d° Breeches d°	4
best Sheeps Wool P <sup>B</sup> /	22/6	all other articles in the usual	
best Wafh <sup>d</sup> Leather	} 56/3	Proportion	
Dresed Sheepskins			
Single ———		Boating from Boston ———	
all other articles in the usual		P Boat Load - - -	£ 18 <sup>0</sup> /15 —
Proportion ———		P hoghead - - -	25/ ———
		P <sup>r</sup> barril - - -	7/6 ———
Taylor ———		Barber — Shaving 3/ o[ther]	
making a mans best worked		articles in the usual Propor-	
Coat	£ 8	[tion]	
d° a d° waistcoat d°	4		

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Weaver ———		Currier	
For weaving $\frac{7}{8}$ Cotton &		Curring Calf Skins	24/—
linnen Cloth		d° a Hide	£ 4—
P Yard @	6/3	all other articles in the usual	
d° yard wide Tow @	6/3	Proportion ———	
5/4 all Wool d°	9/—		
all other articles in the usual		Tallow Chandler	
Proportion		Candles P pound	18/
Joiner ———		hard Soap <sup>B</sup>	10/
Common Mehogany Desk	£ 20	Soap P Barril	£ 15
d° Round top Case			
Drawers	£ 130	Butcher	
d° 4 feet Table	£ 27	Raw Hides P <sup>B</sup>	3/
all other articles in the usual		Raft Tallow p <sup>r</sup> B	9/—
Proportion ———			
Hatter ———		Flax p <sup>r</sup> B 12/ Pota <sup>s</sup> p <sup>r</sup> peck-	12/
best beaver Hatt	£ 40	milk p <sup>r</sup> Quart 2/ Oats p <sup>r</sup>	
best Felt d°	4—	Buflhel 48/	
all other Articles in the		Barley p <sup>r</sup> Buflhel	£ 4 : 10—
usual Proportion ———		Malt p <sup>r</sup> d°	£ 4 : 10—
Potter ———			£ 130
Quart mugs P <sup>r</sup> Doz <sup>n</sup>	50/	Horfe hire p <sup>r</sup> mile 5/ Chaife hire p <sup>r</sup> mile 5/	
d° Single “ “	5/	all Articles of European Manufactures at the Same Rates that	
all other articles in the usual			
Proportion ———			

they Shall be affixed to them by the Town of Boston. —————  
 Refolved. 2<sup>d</sup>: That a Committe of Infpection be Chofe &  
 Directed to See that the Proceedings of the Convention at Con-  
 cord. & of this Town be carried into the most Rigid & Effectual  
 Execution —————

Refolved 3<sup>d</sup>: That Should any Perfon dare to ask more for any  
 article, than the Proportion commonly known to be between Such  
 articles, & those in the Same Branch, whose Prices are here fixed,  
 the Committe of

Infpection

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Infpection Shall be Authorifed & Directed to affix Such price  
 to that article as they Shall find to be in Proportion to those  
 already Fixed, and any Perfon exceeding the Price so fixed, on any  
 article Shall be Subject to the Same Penalty as if he had Violated  
 the Proceeding of the Convention at Concord. —————

Refolved 4<sup>th</sup>:

That Should the Committe of Infpection or either of them  
 Neglect to carry into the moft Rigid & Effectual Execution The  
 proceedings of the Convention at Concord and of this town he or  
 they offending Shall be Considered as <sup>not</sup> ^ having the Faith &  
 Confidence of the Town, & unworthy to Serve it in any Capacity  
 hereafter —————

Signed by Order of the Committe Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Chairman  
 The foregoing Report being Read & Considered it was Voted to  
 accept the Same

Voted & Chofe for a Com<sup>tt</sup>: of  
 Infpection

{ Mr Jedi<sup>h</sup> Leathe  
 Major Sam<sup>l</sup> Barnard  
 W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Abner Craft  
 M<sup>r</sup> David Bemis  
 M<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark  
 M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Parker

Then the town Voted and Refolved further (Viz)  
 That the Committe of Infpection be Directed to Transmitt to  
 the Towns of Newton, Waltham, Westown, Sudbury, Natick,  
 Sheurburn & needham a Copy of the Proceedings of this town  
 Inclofing the Same in a Letter to the Selectmen of the Several  
 towns abovenamed Requesting that the Proceeding aforesaid be  
 laid before each Town at their meeting to Carry into Execution  
 the Proceedings of the Convention at Concord, & in Such of thofe  
 Towns as hav[e] had a meeting for that Purpofe, to lay the Same



befo[re] the Committe Chofen to Compleat said proceed[ings]

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That there may be as great an agreement in the Prices of the Several Articles Fixed, as the Situation of each Town will admit of. on which Agreement we Conceive will depend the greatest force for carrying the whole into Execution. — — — — —  
 Resolved That whenever the Committe of Inspection or either of them Shall arrest any person who Shall or may be Supposed to have Violated the Proceedings of the Convention or of this town in order that y<sup>e</sup> Supposed Transgression may be Regularly enquired into and any Controverfy or Opposition is made by y<sup>e</sup> Supposed Transgressor or in Case he Neglects to give information respecting his Place of abode, or Refuses to answer to Such Questions as may be asked him by Said Committe or either of them, in every Such Case Said Committe or either of them are to Call upon and order every or any Inhabitant to assift in Securing the person thus offending in order that he be Proceeded with Agreeable to the Resolution of Said Convention, — and if any Inhabitant of the town Shall Refuse or Neglect to Aid & assift Said Committe or either of them, when thus Called upon, he or they Shall Suffer the like Punishment as is provided for the Committe upon Neglect of their Duty as aforesaid, both of which offences are to Instantly enquired of by the Town upon Complaint to the Selectmen ———  
 Then the meeting was Defolved ———

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At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of aug<sup>t</sup>: AD 1779 at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned ———  
 They Agreed to Call a Publick town meeting to be at the meeting Houfe on monday the 23<sup>th</sup>: Instant at 3 O: Clock afternoon to Choose Delegates or Delegates to meet at Cambridge in Convention the First day of Sep<sup>r</sup>. next in order to Form a New Constitution or Form of Government. — also to Choose a Delegate or Delegates to meet at Concord the First Wednesday of Oct<sup>r</sup>: Next in order Further to Regulate the prices of things &c: and to give Such Instructions to Such Delegates as may be Chofen as may be thought Proper — and to Choose a Moderator  
 (2) To hear the Reports of any Committes that have been appointed for any perticular purposes, and to act thereon as may

be thought proper — (3) To hear the pleas for abateing any per-  
 ticular persons Rates, and act thereon as they See fit — (4) To  
 make Such further Grants of money for Supporting Preaching  
 or further Releif of the poor or any other Necessary Charges as  
 may be thought best — (5) To hear the accounts of any persons  
 the Town is indebted to & Grant money to pay the Same (6) For  
 y<sup>e</sup> town to Consider what is proper to be don for the Repairing  
 and widning the Great Bridge, and to Act thereon as may be  
 thought Proper (7) & Lastly to act on any other matters that  
 Appear Necessary —————

Warrants' were Issued out accordingly

Pr Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town Clerk

At the aboveSaid Meeting they appointed a Meeting of the  
 Selectmen of Weston & Waltham to adjust the Charge of the  
 Great Bridge the Last year to meet at m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Wellingtons in  
 Waltham on the 26<sup>th</sup> Infant 3 o: Clock afternoon. Letters were  
 Sent to the Selectmen of Sai[d] towns P order of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen  
 J Brown Town [Clerk]

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders and other In-  
 habitants of Watertown Regularly Afsembled at the Meeting  
 House in S<sup>d</sup> town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> Day of August AD 1779 —  
 Voted and Choſe Samuel Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: moderator —————

Then it was Voted to Choſe two persons to Represent the Town  
 in the Convention to be held at Cambridge. Then the votes were  
 Called for one & it Appeared that Samuel Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: was Chofen-  
 Then y<sup>e</sup> votes were Called for one other and it Appeared that  
 Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: was Chofen —————

Then it was Voted to Choſe two persons to attend the Con-  
 vention at Concord to Represent the Town —————

Voted & Choſe M<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: White & M<sup>r</sup>: Richard Clark

Then the Committe of Inſpection made a Representation of the  
 doings of M<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Cook for a Supposed Violation of the  
 Orders of the Convention which after Debate thereon it was  
 Voted to put of the further Consideration thereof to the adjourn-  
 ment of the Meeting. ——— Then the meeting was adjourned  
 to the Second Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: Next at this place at 4: O:Clock  
 afternoon —

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, and Wal-  
 tham on the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of Aug<sup>t</sup>: AD 1779 — at the Houſe of M<sup>r</sup>:  
 Samuel Wellington in Waltham They adjusted: & Proportioned

& Signed the accounts for Repairing the Great Bridge in Watertown which had Arisen Since the last Adjustment the whole amounting to the Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ £ 112 " 8 " 0

Watertowns Part of Said Sum being	39 " 18 : 9—3
Westons d <sup>o</sup> _____	37 " 19 : 6 : 3
Walthams d <sup>o</sup> _____	34 : 9 : 7 : 2
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	112 : 8 : 0 : 0

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At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Asembled at the Meeting House on Thursday the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>; AD. 1779 ——— By Adjournment. Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: being Moderator ———

They took into Consideration the Representation made by the Committe of Inspection Relating to m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Cooks Supposed violation of the Resolves of the Convention Lately held at Concord and after Consideration of the matter the Question was put whether it is the minde of the Town that m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Cook has don any thing in Violation of y<sup>e</sup> Resolves of Said Convention & it Pafsed in the Negative Unanimously

Then Voted that the Committe aforeSaid Publish the doings of the town in favour of m<sup>r</sup> Cook ———

Then m<sup>r</sup> Jedi<sup>h</sup>: Leathe Presented an account for Money he Paid Samuel Benjamin for Carting amounting to the Sum of £30 : 4—0 which was allowed and Granted

m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Pattin bro<sup>t</sup>: an account Repairs &c of the School House amounting to £ 32 : 11 . 0 which was Objected to and it was Voted that the Selectmen Settle the Matter as they Judge Just & Right. ———

Then the meeting was Adjourned to monday the 13<sup>th</sup> Instant at 2 O: Clock afternoon at this place ———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the Sixth Day of Sep<sup>r</sup> 1779 at m<sup>rs</sup> Dorothy Coollidges They Approved of mes<sup>rs</sup> Edward Richardfon and John Bullard & m<sup>rs</sup>: Dorothy Coollidge being licenced for Taveners & me<sup>s</sup>r Amos Bond, David Bemis, Abner Craft, Sam<sup>l</sup> Cook, mary Cockran & Daniel Parker to be Retailors & Recommended m<sup>r</sup> Bullard & m<sup>r</sup> Parker for that Purpofe

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At this meeting orders were Signed on the Treaferur to pay the

Sum of £ 34 : 16 " 9 to m<sup>r</sup> Nathan Coollidge in full of his account the last year, and also to pay the Sum of £ 115 : 8 : 0 for the Repairs of the Bridge the year past in the following Manner (Viz)

To David Sanger _____	6 " 0 " 0
To Francis Brown _____	8 " 10 : 0
To Simon Hastings _____	7 " 0 " 0
To W <sup>m</sup> Leathe _____	0 " 18 " 0
To Jonas Harrington j <sup>r</sup>	90 " 0 " 0
For Expences in Settleing	3 " 0 " 0

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£ 115 " 8 " 0

At a Publick Town Meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup> AD 1779 held at the meeting House by Adjournment Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: being moderator. They Proceeded Fifth article being Read M<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark bro<sup>r</sup>: an account for Service in Convention amounting to

£ 21 : 4 : 6

also m<sup>r</sup> Jedi<sup>h</sup> Leathe for D<sup>o</sup>. \_\_\_\_\_ 21 : 4 : 6

Which was allowed & Granted \_\_\_\_\_

Then Several Lists of Rates which has not been Collected were Read and it was Voted that the Collectors Proceed to Collect their Rates within two months from this time and make up their account with the Treafurer Voted that if the Collectors or Constables do not make up their Accounts within two Months the Treafurer Shall Send out Executions against all Delinquent Collectors without Delay \_\_\_\_\_

the following accounts were Voted allowed & Granted (Viz)

To Cap<sup>t</sup> Phins Stearnes for Service in the War £45 : 0 : 0

To L<sup>t</sup>: Amos Bond for D<sup>o</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 22 : 12 : 0

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67 : 12 : 0

Granted \_\_\_\_\_ Leathe to pay \_\_\_\_\_ 0 : 0 : 0

Voted that Com<sup>tt</sup>: Report the names of the officers that have don Service in the War which have had no Grant

Chose for a Com<sup>tte</sup> Mef<sup>s</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Parker David Bemis [Jon]<sup>a</sup>.

Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Clark &

\* Bond

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Voted that all the Grants that have been made for Soldiers & other Services Should be Afseft all which ammount to the Sum of £ 3468 : 19 : 9 \_\_\_\_\_

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Voted to Choofe a Committe to Consider & Report what is proper to be don Relating to the Repairing and Widening the Great Bridge & to make Report

Voted & Chofe for S <sup>d</sup> : Com <sup>te</sup>	}	M <sup>r</sup> Dainel Parker M <sup>r</sup> David Bemis Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown Esq <sup>r</sup> W <sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup> m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> White m <sup>r</sup> Rich <sup>d</sup> Clark L <sup>t</sup> Amos Bond
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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 1779 at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Bez<sup>ll</sup>: Learned they agreed to have a town meeting on the 14 day of this Infant month of Oct<sup>r</sup>: at 3 O: Clock afternoon at the meeting House. To agree upon Some way to Raife nine men to go into the Publick Service Agreeable to the Order of the General Court ——— also to take Some Proper Measures for filling up Watertowns Proportion of the Continental Army. and to Grant Such Sums of money as may be thought Necessary for Said Services, & to act any thing Relating to the Same that may be thought Necessary & proper —

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in Watertown on Wednesday y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: AD 1779 for the purposes Setforth in the Warrant for the Meeting  
 Voted & Chofe Wm Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator of the Meeting  
 Then voted to Raife a Sum of money to hire men for the Service in the War. ——— Voted & Granted £ 1500 pounds for Said Service and voted that it be Afesfeds emediately  
 Voted that it be paid into the Treafury by monday next 6 : O Clock afternoon — Then Voted that Mifi<sup>rs</sup> David Bemis & David Sanger be of the Committe in the Room Sam<sup>l</sup> Whi[te and] Amos Bond who are Excufed for the Present ———

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At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on the 22<sup>d</sup>: Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> AD 1779 at m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Learned. They Signed an order on the Town-Treafurer to pay £ 84 : 19 : 8 to m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone & others for Building the pound. & also to pay the Several Sums which y<sup>e</sup> Committe for hiring men &c: have given their Obligations for, and to pay m<sup>r</sup> Caleb Gannett £ 60 pounds for two days Supplying the Pulpit. ———

M<sup>r</sup> Josiah Sanderfon gave in a Notification for Sufanna Wilton which he had Rec<sup>d</sup> into his Family and M<sup>r</sup> David Bemis gave in one Relating to Sarah Fuller he Received into his Family (See the Notification on file) —————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of Dec<sup>r</sup>: 1779 at the House of M<sup>r</sup> Bez<sup>l</sup>: Learned They Signed an order on the Treaferer to pay m<sup>r</sup> R Roswell Eliot £ 240 pounds for Six Days Preaching — They also Agreed to have a publick Town meeting at the Meeting Houfe on monday y<sup>e</sup> 20 Infant at one O:Clock afternoon to act on the following articles (Viz) First to Choofe a moderator for the meeting — (2) To Grant money to Supply the Pulpit & to act any thing Relating thereto the town may think proper — (3) To grant money to Support Schools & to act any thing proper to be don Relating thereto ————— the town may thing Proper — (4) To give Infructions to their Delegates that belong to the Convention Relating to their Conduct at the Next meeting of that Body (5) To know whether they will abate any perfons Rates and to act thereon as they See fitt. (6) To hear the Reports of any Committees and to act thereon as they See proper. (7) To act on any other matters that then may be thought Necessary. ————— Warrants were Issued to the Constables Accordingly By order of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen

Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, and Waltham on the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of December AD 1779 at the Houfe of L<sup>: W<sup>m</sup> Hager in Waltham they adjusted & Proportioned the Charge that had arifen for the Repairs of the Great Bridge in Watertown Since the Last Adjustment the whole amounting to the Sum of £ 148 : 0 : 0 —————</sup>

Watertowns part of s <sup>d</sup> : Sum being	52 : 11 : 10
Weston's d <sup>o</sup> being	50 : 0 : 2
Waltham s d <sup>o</sup> being	45 : 8 : 0
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	148 : 0 : 0

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly asembled at the Publick meeting House in Said town on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of Dec<sup>r</sup>: AD: 1779. — Voted & Chofe Samuel Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator ————— Then Voted & Granted £ 1000 pounds to Supply the Pulpit —

Voted that three Schools be kept for the Present (Viz) one at each School Houfe \_\_\_\_\_

Then Voted & Granted £ 750 pounds to hire Schooling \_\_\_\_\_

Voted that the money be Equally Divided at the three Schools —

Voted & Granted £ 300 pounds to Supply fire-Wood for the Schools —

Then it was voted that only one of the Delegates that were appointed to attend the Convention Should attend at a time at the Next Sefsion Except on the time of Pafsing on the whole Form \_\_\_\_\_ Then the meeting was Defolved \_\_\_\_\_

The Same day the Selectmen Signed an order on the Town-Treasurer to pay the Perfons afternamed the Sums affixt to their Names Viz

For Repairs of y <sup>e</sup> Great Bridge	{	To W <sup>m</sup> Chenery	4 : 10 —
		to Sam <sup>l</sup> White	4 : 10 —
		to David Sanger	4 : 10 —
		to Amos Livermore	4 : 1*
		to m <sup>r</sup> f Dorothy Coolidge	12 : *
			£ 30 *

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of January AD 1780 at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Learned They Signed orders on the Treasurer to pay the following Sums (Viz) to the School Committe to pay m<sup>r</sup> Lane & others for Board &c the Sum of £ 310 : 0 : 0

also to pay Said Com<sup>tee</sup> for the Repairs of y<sup>e</sup> House 32 : 11 : 0  
and to Pay m<sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Leathe the Sum of }  
which he paid Samuel Benjamin for Carting } 30 : 4 : 0  
and also an order to Pay or Order y<sup>e</sup> payment of the Sums the Inhabitants have worked out in Mending the Highways &c \_\_\_\_\_

and to pay m<sup>r</sup> Chris<sup>r</sup>: Grant ju<sup>r</sup> for Collecting — 3 : 0 —  
to Amos Bond for Like Service \_\_\_\_\_ 3 : 0 —  
to Eben<sup>r</sup> Everit for Like Service in 1779 \_\_\_\_\_ 9 : 0 —  
to Mofes Coollidge for d<sup>o</sup> the Same year \_\_\_\_\_ 9 : 0 —  
to Phin<sup>s</sup>: Jenifon for Serving Saxton \_\_\_\_\_ 20 : 0 —  
to Cap<sup>t</sup>: Phin<sup>s</sup> Stearnes for Service in the War — 45 : 0 —  
to L<sup>t</sup>: Amos Bond for D<sup>o</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 22 : 12 —  
to m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark for attending Convention  
at Concord 21 : 4 = 6

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to Jedi <sup>h</sup> Leathe for d <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	21 : 4 : 6
	£ 526 : 16 : 0

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: Bez<sup>l</sup> Learned on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Feb<sup>r</sup>: AD 1780 — They Signed an order on the Treasurer to pay £ 52 pounds to the widow Mary Vila for Boarding Mary Learned's Child from the Second day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: 1779. to the Second day of Jan<sup>r</sup>: 1780 being 13 Weeks — and to pay the Committe for Supplying the pulpit one £ 1000 pounds for that Purpose — They ordered the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant directed to Constable Everit to Warn Diadama White out of Town She Came last from Waltham in December Last. Past her Circumstances being Such that they Refuse to accept <sup>her</sup> to be an Inhabitant of Watertown —

A Warrant was Issued Accordingly  
Pr Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>th</sup> Day of Feb<sup>r</sup>: AD 1780 at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Bez<sup>l</sup> Learned \_\_\_\_\_

They Agreed to have a Publick Town-Meeting on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> day of this Instant month of February at two O: Clock in the afternoon at the Publick Meeting House for the following Purpose (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_

First to Choose a moderator of the meeting \_\_\_\_\_

(2) For the town to agree upon Some Method for the Settling a Gospel minister and to act any thing Relating thereto that may be thought Proper. or otherwise to agree upon Some way to Supply the Pulpit in Some other manner as may be thought best. They also agreed to have the Publick Annual Town meeting on Monday the Sixth Day of march Next at the meeting House at Nine O: Clock in the forenoon for to Choose a Moderator for the Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

(2) To Choose Selectmen Town-Clerk & Treasurer & all other Town offices Required to be Chose in the month of march Annually —

(3) To Choose a Saxton and Agree how he Shall be paid for his Service — (4) To put in their Votes for a County Treasurer (5) To Determin Whether Swine Shall Run at Large the enfueing year.



- (6) To Choose a Committe to Examin the Treafurers accounts—  
 (7) To grant money to Support the miniftery the year enfueing,  
 (8) To grant money to Support the Poor ——— (9) To grant  
 money to Repair the Great Bridge and to agree upon Some way,  
 thoroughly to Repair y<sup>e</sup> Same and to act thereon as they See fitt  
 ——— (10) To grant money to pay the Collectors of  
 Tax's ——— (11) To grant money to Repair the High-  
 ways & Townways and Agree upon a Method to perform y<sup>e</sup> Ser-  
 vice (12) To hear the accounts of thofe perfons the town is  
 Indebted to and grant money to pay the Same
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(13) To grant money to Support the School or Schools and act  
 any thing Relating thereto that may be thought Proper. (14) To  
 hear the pleas of the Collectors for abateing any Perfons Rates &  
 to act thereon as They See fit — (15) To know the minde of the  
 town whether they will Lease out the Fishery in the town and  
 do & act any thing Relating thereto they may think Necessary. —  
 ——— (16) For the town to Appoint a Committe to See what  
 peices of Land belonge to the town and to act any thing Relating  
 thereto the Town may think Proper. (17) To See if the town will  
 Sell any Pews in the meeting Houfe that belong to the town and  
 to act any thing Relating thereto they may think Proper — (18)  
 To know if the town will make Some further Grant to m<sup>r</sup>  
 Ebenezer Everit for his Service in Collecting Tax's and to act  
 thereon as they See fit — (19) To hear the Report of any Com-  
 mittees that were appointed for perticular Services & to act  
 thereon as they think best. — and also to Notify y<sup>e</sup> Town  
 Creditors to bring in their accounts to y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on Fryday  
 the third day of march Next at 3 O Clock afternoon at the House  
 of m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Learned ———

Warrants were Issued Dated y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup>: Infant  
 P<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At the Meeting afore Said L<sup>t</sup>: Josiah Capen and M<sup>r</sup>: Joseph  
 Hay were Appointed by the Selectmen to be Meafurers of Wood  
 Bark &c: agreable to a Law of this State ———

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At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting Houfe in  
 Watertown on the Twenty Eighth Day of of February AD: 1780.

for to Consider what is proper to be don Relating to the Settling a Minister ———

Voted & Chofe Dea<sup>n</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone Moderator ———

Then the article Relating to the Settling a Minister was Read and the Question was Put whether the Town will Proceed to Settle a Minister as Soon as Conveniently may be & it Pafsed in the affirmative

Then the Question being Put whether the Town are Desirous to hear any more Perfons before they Proceed to the Choice and it Pafsed in the Negative ———

Then Voted that the meeting be adjourned to this Day Fortnight at two O:Clock afternoon to meet at this Place to Proceed to the Choice of a Minister ———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at m<sup>r</sup> Bez<sup>l</sup> Learneds on the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of Feb<sup>r</sup>: AD 1780 — They Signed an order on the Treaſurer to pay Samuel White & others a Committe for hiring men for the war the Sum of 67 : 15 - 0 for their Service in full of their Accounts, also to pay m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco one £ 100 pounds for one months Service in keeping the School ———

At a meeting of the Selectmen at m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Learneds on the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of march AD 1780 the following acc<sup>ts</sup>

(Viz) m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>ll</sup> White for Supplys for the poor ———	31 " 7 " 0
m <sup>r</sup> David Bemis for d <sup>o</sup> ———	28 " 7 " 0
Major Sam <sup>l</sup> Barnard for d <sup>o</sup> ———	22 " 10 " 0
m <sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore for d <sup>o</sup> ———	213 " 7 " 6
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	£295 " 11 " 6

m <sup>r</sup> David Bemis for keeping m <sup>r</sup> Wheatons horse	50 : 8 : 0
Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown for hay for D <sup>r</sup> Cooper &c — —	6 : 4 : 0

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Asembled at the publick Meeting House in s<sup>d</sup>: Town on Monday the the Sixth Day of March AD: 1780 for the Choice of Town officers & other affairs as Setforth in y<sup>e</sup> Warrants & Voted & Chofe Dea<sup>n</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone Moderator ———

Then Voted & Chofe the the Several Perfons hereafter named to Serve in the Several offices hereafter mentioned — ——

Mef<sup>s</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup> White, David Bemis, David Sanger Sam<sup>l</sup> Barnard

and Amos Livermore for Selectmen who at their Request Were Excused —

Then Chofe for Selectmen — { Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>  
m<sup>r</sup>. Mofes Stone  
Dea<sup>n</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone  
M<sup>r</sup> Jedi<sup>h</sup> Leathe

Town-Clerk & Town-Treasurer Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> —

Aifefors — { Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco

Constables Mef<sup>s</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup>: Livermore & Ezek<sup>l</sup> Hall

Wardens Mif<sup>s</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>: Cooke & Simon Whitney —

Sealer of Leather M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Whitney —

Fence-Viewers Mef<sup>s</sup> John Draper & Jonas Hastings

Surveyors of Highways Mif<sup>s</sup> David Coollidge, Rich<sup>d</sup> Clark & Phin<sup>s</sup> Harrington

Howards Abraham Whitney & Daniel Mafon. —

Tythingmen <sup>m</sup> <sup>rs</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Nutting & Tho<sup>s</sup> Pattin —

Surveyors of Timber &c m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger & L<sup>t</sup> Jofiah Capen

Clerks of the Markets Jedidiah Leathe & Eben<sup>r</sup>: Everit —

Hogrieves: Richard Richardfon, & Elkanah Wales —

Chofe Phinehas Jenifon Saxton & Voted that he have two Contributions for his Service —

Then the Votes were bro<sup>t</sup> in for a County Treasurer —

Then the Vote was Put whether Swine Should Run at Large  
it Pafsed in the Negative —

Chofe for a Committe to Examin { M<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Parker  
the Treafurers acc<sup>tt</sup>s — { Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>  
W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>

Voted & Granted to Support the Poor £ 100 pounds

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Then Information was given that the Great Bridge was in great Danger of being Carried of by the Ice it was moved that a Committe be Chofe to take care & git help to cut away the ice to prevent the Bridge from being Destroyed if Poifible —

Chofe for Said Committe — { Jonas White  
Josiah Capen  
David Sanger

Then they Voted to Choofe a Committe to Joine with Such Perfons as may be Appointed by the towns of Weston & Waltham

or either of them, to Devise ways & means for Widning & Repairing the Great Bridge —————

Chofe for Said Committe ————— { Mr: Daniel Parker  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Phin<sup>s</sup> Stearnes  
 Mr David Bemis  
 Mr Sam<sup>l</sup> White  
 W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>

Voted & Granted £ 3000 Pounds to Repair the Highways &c voted that the Price of Labour be £ 9 pounds P<sup>r</sup> Day for a man & the like Sum for a team and that the Afsefsors make out list of each Perfons Proportion as has been ufual

Then it was Voted that the meeting Should be Adjourned to the third monday in the Prefent month two O Clock afternoon to meet in this Place & it was accordingly adjourned

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on monday y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Day of March AD: 1780 The following perfon were Sworn to the Several offices hereafter mentioned (Viz) —————

Jonathan Livermore & Ezekiel Hall Constables  
 Stephen Whitney Sealer of Leather. Jonas Hastings Fence Viewer  
 David Coollidge, Richard Clark. & Phin<sup>s</sup>: Harrington Surveyors of Highways. Daniel Mafon Howard, Richard Richardson Hogrieve,— March y<sup>e</sup> 20. 1780 Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: afsefsor Simon Whitney Warden, Tho<sup>s</sup>: Pattin, & William Warrin Tythingmen, Jedi<sup>b</sup>. Leathe & Eben<sup>r</sup>: Everit Clerks of the Markets — John Draper Fence-Viewer

Sworn P Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Ju[ \* ]  
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At the meeting aforementioned they Signed an order on the town Trefurer to pay the Several Sums (Viz)

To me <sup>rs</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> White for Supplys for the Poor	31 : 7 : 0
to David Bemis for d <sup>o</sup>	28 : 7 : 0
to Sam <sup>l</sup> Barnard for d <sup>o</sup>	22 : 10 : —
to Amos Livermore for d <sup>o</sup>	213 : 7 : 6
and to m <sup>r</sup> Bemis for keeping m <sup>r</sup> : Wheatons <sup>horfe</sup> }	50 : 8 : 0
to Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown for 6 hundred of Hay for D <sup>r</sup> Cooper	1 : 16 : 0
and for Indentures for binding poor Children	4 : 8 : —

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£ 352 : 3 : 6

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At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Publick Meeting House on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March AD 1780. By adjour<sup>t</sup>: it being for the Choice of a Minister — Dea<sup>n</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone being Moderator —

Votes were Called for & being bro<sup>t</sup>: in & Sorted and Counted & it Appeared that M<sup>r</sup>: Richard Rofewell Eliot was unanimously Chofen —

Then it was Voted to Choofe a Committe to consider and Report what is Proper to give m<sup>r</sup> Eliot as a Sallery to Encourage him to Settle in the town as a minister —

Chofen for s <sup>d</sup> Com <sup>te</sup> —	}	Sam <sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup>
		Dea <sup>n</sup> Nath <sup>l</sup> Stone
		m <sup>r</sup> : Sam <sup>l</sup> White
		m <sup>r</sup> David Sanger
		m <sup>r</sup> David Bemis
		maj <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Barnard
		m <sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore
		m <sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone
		m <sup>r</sup> Richard Clark
		m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco
L <sup>t</sup> : Amos Bond		

Then it was Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday Next at five O Clock afternoon at this Place which was Accordingly don —

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At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Publick meeting Houfe in said Town on monday the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of march AD 1780 P Adjournment — Dea<sup>n</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone being moderator. The meeting being opened the Seventh article being Read. They Voted and Granted £ 5000 pounds to Support the miniftry. They Voted & Granted 1000 Pounds to Repair the Great Bridge. Voted that the Constables be the Collectors of the Tax's Then the accounts of thofe Perfons the Town is Indebted to were laid before the town and the following Sums were Granted (Viz) To the Selectmen that Served the Last year being Their Necessary Expences — £ 140 : 16

To m <sup>r</sup> Samuel White for Service in Convention —	34 : 6	—
To m <sup>r</sup> Richard Clark for d <sup>o</sup> —	34 : 6	—
To m <sup>r</sup> Simon Hastings for mending Glafs &c —	6 : 0	—
To m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco for Serving Afeisor last year	100 : 0	—
To L <sup>t</sup> : Amos Bond for d <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	100 : 0	—

To m <sup>r</sup> Jed <sup>h</sup> : Leathe for d <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	100 : 0 —
To Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown for Serving Treaferer ———	250 : 0 ———

765 : 8:—

Then they Voted that there Shall be three Schools kept four months begining the middle of November next one of Said Schools to be a Grammer School. Then Voted & Granted to Support s<sup>d</sup>: Schools y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 2000

Then Voted & abated Jed<sup>h</sup>: Learned Rates in all the Constables lists amounting to the Sum of

Voted & abated Sam<sup>l</sup> Hartwells Rates & Sam<sup>l</sup> Barnard ju<sup>r</sup> d<sup>o</sup> in Mofes Coollidges lists amounting to ———

Voted & abated in Amos Bonds lists D<sup>r</sup> Osgoods and W<sup>m</sup>. Adams Rates amounting to ———

John Draper Presented a list for abatements (Viz) D<sup>r</sup> Osgoods Bertholomew Peirces, W<sup>m</sup> Oliver, William Baxter & Daniel Coollidges, and it was Voted that the afsefsors allow Such as they think proper. Then it was Voted to Grant the Like Sums to make them good ———

Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 48 pounds to pay mefrs \*  
Mofes Stone, David Bemis & David Sanger for hiring me[n]

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Then Voted to Choofe a Committe to Lease out the Fishery if they find there is any law in favor thereof but if otherwise to Petition the General Court for Power So to do ———

Voted & Chofo for S <sup>d</sup> : Com <sup>tte</sup> ———	{	Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown Esq <sup>r</sup>
		W <sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup>
		m <sup>r</sup> John Draper
		Sam <sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup>
		m <sup>r</sup> David Bemis

Then voted to Choofe a Committe to See what peices of Land belong to the Town & make Report thereof ———

Chofo for Said Committe ———	{	m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> White
		W <sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq
		m <sup>r</sup> David Sanger

Then Voted to Choofe a Committe to See what pews that belong to the town & make Report at the Next meeting

Choofe for Said Committe ———	{	Sam <sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup>
		m <sup>r</sup> David Sanger
		m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> White

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Then m<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Everit moved that he might have Some further Grant or allowance for his Service in Collecting Tax's & the Question being put whether any Should be allowed & it Paised in the Affermative —————

Then it was Voted to put of the further Consideration to the Next meeting. Then the meeting was adjourned to M<sup>r</sup> Bullards at 7 O Clock this evening at which time They being meet. M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Nutting was Excufed from being Tythingman, & L<sup>t</sup>: W<sup>m</sup> Warrin was Chofen in his Room, alfo m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco was Excufed from Serving Afsefsor & M<sup>r</sup> Elijah Bond was Chofen in his Room

This day being the time to which the Town meeting was adjourned to hear the Report of the Committe that was appointed to Consider what Sallary is proper to offer m<sup>r</sup> Richard Roswell Eliot to encourage him to Settle &c the Committe accordingly Reported which was voted and Accepted & is on file — Then Voted to Choofe a Com<sup>tee</sup> to present the Votes of the town to M<sup>r</sup>: Eliot for his Consideration Chofe for Said Committe — Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: Dea<sup>n</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone & M<sup>r</sup>: Mofes Stone

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At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham on the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of march AD 1780 — at the Houfe of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Isaac Gleafon Inn-holder in Waltham the accounts for the Repairs of the great Bridge in Watertown amounting to the Sum of £ 722 : 4 : 4 was adjusted and Signed by the the Selectmen of said Town's —————

Watertown's Part being	£ 256 : 12 : 5
Weston's d <sup>o</sup> —————	244 : 0 : 8
Walthams d <sup>o</sup> —————	221 : 10 : 11

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722 : 4 : 4

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the third day of April AD 1780. at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> John Bullard — They Signed an order on the Treafurer to pay the Sum of £ 722=4=0 to the perfons that did the Service and provided the Meterials for the Repairs of the Great Bridge as abovementioned — also an order to pay the following Sums

(Viz) To Seth Hastings for keeping School	275 : 0 ———
To Jon <sup>a</sup> Remington for d <sup>o</sup> —————	275 : 0 ———
To Josiah Bisco for d <sup>o</sup> —————	175 : 0 ———

To Sam<sup>l</sup> Soden for d<sup>o</sup> Wood — 75 : 0 —

To Tho<sup>s</sup> Pattin for d<sup>o</sup> — 90 : 0 —

To Jed<sup>h</sup> Leathe for d<sup>o</sup> — 60 : 0 —

and to Jed<sup>h</sup>. Leathe to Pay m<sup>r</sup> Dinsdell Houfe Rent 40 : 0 —

& to y<sup>e</sup> wid<sup>o</sup> Vila for Boarding Mary Learneds Child

13 weeks 78 : 0 —

to the wid<sup>o</sup> Learned for Houfe Rent for Mary } 7 : 16 —

Learned for 26 Weeks ————— }

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£ 1075 : 16

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of May AD: 1780. at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: John Bullard they agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone & m<sup>r</sup> Jed<sup>h</sup>: Leathe Should Perambulate the lines betwixt this and the adjacent towns on Fryday the 19<sup>th</sup> Infant to Begin with Cambridge at 7 oClock in the morning at the

River; with Waltham at 11 oClock beforenoon <sup>at the Rocks</sup> ^ & with Newton at 4 afternoon of the Same day —————

Notice was Sent to y<sup>e</sup> Selectm[en]

P<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk —————

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of may AD 1780. at m<sup>r</sup> John Bullards — They agreed to have a Town meeting on monday the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of the present month of may at the meeting House to Chooife a perfon or perfons to Reprerent the town in the General Court the year enfueing and also an other meeting the Same day at the Same place to act on the following Articles (Viz) to Chooife a moderator ———

(2) To Chooife town officers as are Needfull in the Room of Such as do not Serve. (3) to do any thing that may be thought Needfull Relating to the minifterial place. or for the Settling m<sup>r</sup>: Eliot and to make Such further Grant of money as may be Judged Needfull for that Service (4) To Consider & make Such grants to m<sup>r</sup>: Ebenezer Everit and any other Collectors as they think Proper ——— (5) To know the minde of the town Whether they will Build any more Pews, or Sell any that belong to the town and Act thereon as they See Proper ——— (6) To Consider what is further Necessary to be don Relating to the Repairs of the Great Bridge & act thereon as they See fitt. (7) To Consider of and Act any thing the town may think proper Relating to John Stearnes's place ———



(8) To do any thing further Relating to the Schools that may be thought proper ——— (9) To hear the Reports of any Committees & make any Necessary Grants of money or do any thing Elfe that may be thought proper ———

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly aſsem<sup>d</sup>: on monday the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of may AD 1780 for the Choice of a Representative The Town being meet the vote was Put whether the the town will Send more than one perſon to Reſeſent them in the General Court & it paſſed in the Negative ——— Then the Votes were Called for, for one Perſon which were bro<sup>t</sup>: in Counted & Sorted it appeared there was no Choice. then they were Called for again bro<sup>t</sup>: in Counted & Sorted and it appeared that Jonathan Brown Eſq<sup>r</sup>: was Chofen —————

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At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly aſſembled at the meeting Houſe in ſ<sup>d</sup>: Town on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of may AD 1780 for tranſacting Sundry town affairs

They Voted & Choofe Dea<sup>n</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone Moderator ——— Then they Voted & Choſe m<sup>r</sup>: Moſes Stone an Aſeſor in the Room of m<sup>r</sup> Elijah Bond who Declined to Serve, and m<sup>r</sup> Stone Declined to Serve & L<sup>t</sup>: Amos Bond was Chofen in his Room — then m<sup>r</sup> John Draper was Chofen Hogrieve in the Room of M<sup>r</sup> Elkanah Wales who Declined to Serve —————

Then the article Relating to the miniſterial Place was Read and it wa Voted to choofe a Com<sup>te</sup> to View the Premifes & Report what Repairs are Neceſſary, & make Report at the Next meeting —

Voted & Choofe for Said Committee { M<sup>r</sup> David Bemis  
M<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup> White  
Cap<sup>t</sup>: Phin<sup>s</sup> Stearnes

Then they voted and Granted M<sup>r</sup>: Eben<sup>t</sup>: Everit the Sum of one Hundred Pounds with what was Granted before for his Service as Collector for the year Paſt: —————

Then the Article Relating to Schools was Read and after a Number of Questions were Put no alteration Relating to the Schools Obtained —

Then it was Voted that the meeting with the Remaining buſineſs Should be adjourned to Monday Next at 3 O Clock afternoon in this place & it was Accordingly Adjourned —————

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the meeting House on Monday the 22<sup>d</sup>: Day of may AD: 1780 by Adjournment Dea<sup>n</sup>. Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone being moderator, the third article in y<sup>e</sup> warrant Relating to the ministerial place <sup>&c</sup> being Read there was Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 900 pounds to Repair y<sup>e</sup> ministerial place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Voted that the time for ordaining m<sup>r</sup> Eliot be the third Wednesday in June Next \_\_\_\_\_  
 Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 1500 Pounds to Defray the Expence of the ordination \_\_\_\_\_  
 Voted to Chooſe a Committe to take care of & provide for the ordination  
 Voted & Chofe for Said Committee M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup>: [ \* ] M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> White, Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Cook m<sup>r</sup> Simon Wh [ \* ] m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis, m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White \_\_\_\_\_

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Then Voted that the Sums Granted be aſſe<sup>t</sup> as Soon as may be  
 Then the Article Relating to Pews was Read & the town Voted y<sup>t</sup> the two pews in the Gallery that belong to y<sup>e</sup> Town Should be Sold to the highest. Bider under the Same Regulations as the other pews were Sold & that the Committee appointed to See what Pews belong to the town, Should be the Committee for Said purpose \_\_\_\_\_

Then a motion was made & it was Seconded to Sell the two hind Seats in the womens Side below which was Voted \_\_\_\_\_ and it was also voted to Sell the two hinds Seats on the mens Side and after Consideration thereon it was Voted to Reconfider the two last Votes — — — — — \_\_\_\_\_

Then it was Voted to Chooſe a Committee to Repair y<sup>e</sup> ministerial Place \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Chooſe for Said Committee — { m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis  
 m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger  
 L<sup>t</sup> Amos Bond

Then the article Relating to the great Bridge was Read \_\_\_\_\_ and the Committee Appointed to Consider that matter Reported a plann for Repairing & widening Said Bridge which was Voted & Accepted \_\_\_\_\_

Then Voted to Chooſe a Committee for Said Purpoſe \_\_\_\_\_

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Voted & Chofe for Said Committee { Mr Daniel Parker  
 M<sup>r</sup> David Sanger  
 M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> White

Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 220 pounds in Silver money or other money &c Equivent thereto for Said Purpofe

Voted that the Said Sum be aifeft if the other towns agreed to go on with the Said Repairs and not otherwise

Then the article Relating to John Stearnes place was Read, & after Debate it was Voted that the Selectmen take care of that affair \_\_\_\_\_

May y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup>: 1780 The lines between this and the adjacent Towns were Perambulated & Renewed

By us

Mofes Stone }  
 Jedidiah Leathe } Com<sup>tee</sup>

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At a Publick Town meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown on the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of may AD 1780. to Consider of a New Form of Government. &c \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Chofe Dea<sup>n</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone Moderator of y<sup>e</sup> meeting

Then the Said Form of Gover<sup>t</sup>: was Read to the Town then the Meeting was Adjourned to three O: Clock afternoon — — —

Afternoon the town being again meet the form aboveSaid being Again Read after Some Debate thereon, it was Voted to Choofe a Committee to hear & State the Objections that may be made by any Perfons & make Report at the Adjournment of the meeting

Voted and Chofe for s<sup>d</sup>: Committee { Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>:  
 Dea<sup>n</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone  
 m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Parker  
 W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
 L<sup>t</sup> Amos Bond  
 m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>: Cook  
 Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 m<sup>r</sup> Jed<sup>h</sup>: Leathe  
 m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco

Adjourned the Meeting to Tuesday Next at 3; o Clock in y<sup>e</sup> afternoon at this place \_\_\_\_\_

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting Houfe on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of may AD: 1780 By Adjournment Dea<sup>n</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone

being Moderator. the Meeting being opened They Voted & Chose Mr: Daniel Parker an Afesfor — Then the Article Relating to John Stearnes Place was Read. Then it was Voted to receive the money now in the Hands of Meis<sup>rs</sup>: Josiah Capen, & David Bemis which belongs to Said Stearnes's Estate as Part of the Purchase of the Place. — Then they voted to Chooſe a Committee to Consider what is proper to be don Relating to Schools and to Report.

Voted & Chose for Said Committee Meis<sup>rs</sup>: Tho<sup>s</sup>: Pattin Rich<sup>d</sup>: Clark Sam<sup>l</sup> Barnard, Jed<sup>h</sup>: Leathe, & Sam<sup>l</sup>: White —————

Voted that the money Arising by the Sale of the two pews that are ordered to be Sold be Appropriated to Repair the Buildings and fence on the minifterial place — Then the Meeting adjourned to Tuesday Next at two oClock afternoon in th[ \* ]

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At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting House on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of June AD: 1780. by adjournment to Consider the Purposed New form of Government The Com<sup>tee</sup> to whome the Consideration thereof was Referred made Verbal Report that no very Meterial alteration was Necefsary in their Opinion. The Said Form was again Read & after Consideration thereon they came to the following Vote (Viz) —————

Voted that the Form of Government or Civil Constitution Agreed upon by the Convention, is Agreeable to the minds of this town and that our Delegates in Convention be and hereby are Directed to Adopt the Same. provided it be Agreeable to the minds of two thirds of the Inhabitants of this State to make Such alterations as will render the Same Conformable to two thirds of the Inhabitants of Said State — and to agree upon a time when the Same Shall take Place —————

There were 46 Voters preſent 43 Voted to accept the Same and two against it and one Declined to act either way

Then the meeting was Defolved —————

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the meeting Houſe on y<sup>e</sup> Sixth day of June AD 1780. By adjournment ————— Dea<sup>n</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone being Moderator. the Meeting being Opened They Voted & Chose m<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Maſon an afesfor who at his Deſire was Excufed. —————

Then they Voted & Chose the following perfons for a Committee to hire Men to Serve in the Army (Viz) L<sup>t</sup> Josiah Capen m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco, & Mofes Stone ju<sup>r</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Voted that Said Committee have full Power to hire men on the best terms they can for the Service of this town in the War. — Then the Committee appointed to Consider what is Proper to be don Relating to Schools Reported which was not accepted which is on file, Then it was Voted that this Meeting Should be ad-journed to the Next monday 3: O Clock at this place which was Accordingly don \_\_\_\_\_

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At a Publick Town Meeting held at the meeting House in Water-town on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of June AD 1780. By adjournment — Dea<sup>n</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone being moderator — the meeting being opened — The Committee appointed on the affair of the Great Bridge Reported that the other Towns Concerned in the Support Declined to do any thing Relating thereto on the Pur-pofed Plann. which Report was accepted & is on file. — Then the Committee appointed to Sell y<sup>e</sup> two pews Reported which is as follows (Viz) The Committe Chosen by the Town to Sell two Pews in the womens Gallary have performed that Service. — And report as followeth \_\_\_\_\_

Sold the Pew N<sup>o</sup>: 5 To M<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup> Bemis for - - - - 1402 : 0 —  
Sold N<sup>o</sup>: 4 To m<sup>r</sup> Joel White for - - - - 1136 : 0 —

£ 2538 : 0

Paid to the Committee appointed by the Town to Repair the Buildings and fences on the minifterial Place - - - - 900 : 0 —  
the Expence of the Vendue for the Sale of the Pews 37 : 4 —

there Remains in the hands of the Committee £ 1600 : 16  
Watertown June y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>: 1780.

Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk  
Sam<sup>l</sup> White  
David Sanger — } Committee

Then the town voted & appropriated the above Said £ 1600 pounds to be Improved to pay the Expence of the ordination the Committe to be Accountable to the town for the Expenditure of the Same — Then the town voted to add two more perfons to the Committee for hiring men — Then Voted & Choſe W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup> and

m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger ——— Then the following Vote Past Relating to the Schools (Viz) That a Committee be Chosen who Shall Receive the names of all Such persons who incline to Expend their money for Winter Schools, & also for Summer Schools. & that the whole money taxed for Schools shall be aised by itself, & neither party Shall have a right to take from the Treasury any more money that Shall be paid into the Same, by those that belong thereto, & those that Subscribe for Winter Schools Shall not have Liberty to Send to the Summer Schools, & those that Subscribe for Summer Schools Shall not Send to winter Schools to the end every person may have the Benefit of the moneys he Shall be aised as aforesaid

Chosen for a Committee to Receive	}	M <sup>r</sup> Eben <sup>r</sup> : Everit
y <sup>e</sup> names &c		W <sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup>
		M <sup>r</sup> Moses Stone

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Then the town Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 12000 Thousand pounds to Raise men & procure Cloathing for the use of the Army agreeable to the Resolves of the General Court ———

Then it was voted that the Sum afore Said be emediately aised, and Collected by Next monday Night ———

Then the Meeting was Defolved ———

Middlesex Ss Watertown June y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup>: 1780. Then Mefs<sup>rs</sup> Moses Stone, Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone & Jed<sup>h</sup>: Leathe three of the Selectmen took the oath Required by law to Quallifie them to do the Duty of Aisers

Before me Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Just<sup>s</sup>: Peace ———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at M<sup>r</sup>: Bullards on the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of July AD: 1780 — They Agreed to Call a Publick Town Meeting to be held at the Meeting House on Wednesday Next at 4 O:Clock afternoon to Act on the following Articles (Viz) ———  
 First to Choose a Moderator of the Meeting. (2) To agree upon Some more Speedy method for the Collecting of the Tax's by Choosing more Constables or Collectors or in Such other way as may be thought best. (3) To agree upon Some Method for Raising a Number more Soldiers agreeable to the Resolves of the General Court. (4) To Grant any Sums of money that may be thought Necessary for Said purpose. (5) To Hear the Accounts of Those persons the town is indebted to and Grant money to pay the Same (6) To Hear the Reports of any Committees and

to Act thereon as the town may think Proper — And to act on any other matters that may be thought Necessary at this time—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at m<sup>r</sup> Bullards on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1780 They Signed an order on the town treasurer to Pay the Sum of Seven Thousand & Seventy five Pounds ten Shillings to L<sup>t</sup>: Josiah Capen & others a Committe to hire men Middlefex, is: July y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1780 then m<sup>r</sup> John Draper appeared and was Sworn to the office of Hogrieve \_\_\_\_\_

Before me Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Just: Peace  
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At the Meeting afore Said they Signed orders on the Town Treasurer to pay the Sums aftermentioned (Viz)

To Sam <sup>l</sup> White & others Selectmen the last year it being their Expences — — —	}	140 : 16 : 0
To Sam <sup>l</sup> White for Service in Convention —		
to Richard Clark for d <sup>o</sup> _____		34 : 6 : 0
to Simon Hastings for Mending Glafs ———		34 : 6 : 0
to Josiah Bisco for Serving Afsefsor last year		6 : 0 ———
to Amos Bond for d <sup>o</sup> _____		100 : 0 ———
to Jed <sup>h</sup> Leathe for d <sup>o</sup> — — — — — — —		100 : 0 ———
to Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown for Serving Treaf <sup>r</sup> : the year Past		250 : 0 ———
to Mofes Stone, David Sanger, & David Bemis for hiring, <sup>men</sup>		48 : 0 ———
also to Francis Brown for Stone & Gravil Carried to the Great Bridge — —	}	30 : 0 ———
and to pay Josiah Capen & others a Committe to hire men to fill the Continental Army		
and to pay y <sup>e</sup> Rev <sup>d</sup> : M <sup>r</sup> Rich <sup>d</sup> Roswell Eliot— in part for his Service in the Ministry —	}	12000 : 0 —
als to pay Jed <sup>h</sup> Leathe for Labour at the great Bridge		
		2000 : 0 ———
		0015 : 0 ———
		£ 14858 : 8 : 0

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Asembled at the meeting on Wednesday y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>: Day of July AD 1780. for the Purposes Setforth in the Warrant ——— Voted & Chose Dea<sup>n</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone Moderator of the meeting — —then m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Livermore Re-

quested to be Excused from Serving as Constable & the Question being Put it Pased in the Negative — Then the Committe Appointed to hire men to go into the army Reported and it Appeared that there was a Ballance due to them of £ 7075=10=0 which Sum was Voted & Granted — — — — — Then they Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 12000 Pounds to hire men Agreeable to the Last Refolves of the General Court — — — Voted that the Committe Appointed to hire men before Proceed to git the Remainder as Soon as may be — also Voted & Impowered s<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>te</sup> to hire money in Behalf of the town for said purpose ——— Voted & Granted £ 3000 Pounds to enable the Selectmen to procure the four Horfes Required by a Refolve of the General Court Voted that the aforesaid Grants be Afseft as Soon as may be — Then vo[t]ed] to Adjourn this Meeting to Wednesday Next 4 OClock afternoon at this [place]

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Afsembled at the Meeting on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of July AD: 1780 By Adjournment — They Meeting being Opened They proceeded ——— and Voted & Granted the further Sum of £ 6000 pounds to hire Men in Addition to the former Grant made for for that Purpofe —Then an account of the Expences of the ordination of M<sup>r</sup> Eliote was presented and Read & after Some Debate thereon it was Voted to Choofe a Com<sup>te</sup> to Examin the Same & Report what is proper to be don thereon.

Chofe for Said Committee ——— {  
 Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown  
 David Sanger  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Soden  
 Jed<sup>h</sup> Leathe  
 W<sup>m</sup> Hunt

Then they Voted that this meeting Should be Adjourned to monday the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of this present month then to meet in this Place at 4 O Clock afternoon ———

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Afsembled at the Meeting House on monday the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of July AD 1780 By Adjournment. There being but a Small number of Perfons present. it was Voted further to Adjourn to the Seventh day of August Next



at 4 O Clock afternoon to meet at This place — which was Accordingly don \_\_\_\_\_

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 1780 — They Signed an order on the Treafurer to pay the Sum of £ 7075=10 . 0 to L<sup>t</sup> Josiah Capen & others a Committee appointed to hire men for to go into the Army \_\_\_\_\_

And at their meeting on the 24 Day of the Same month they Signed an order to pay the Same Com<sup>te</sup> £ 14000 pounds for the like purpose, and Also an Order to pay m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Cook £ 900 pounds in part of his Expençe for the ordination

### [250]

At a Publick Town Meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>: Day of Aug<sup>t</sup>: AD 1780 by Adjournment. to Consider the Reports of Some Committees They not being fully Ready & but a few Perfons Present The meeting was Defolved — — — — —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston & Waltham at the House of Mifs Dorothy Coollidge in Watertown on Monday the 21<sup>th</sup>: Day of August: 1780 - to View the Great Bridge & to provide for the Repairs of the Same — They Agreed to Choofe a Committee to confist of one Man from each town concerned to provide Meterials & git the Service don as Soon as may be \_\_\_\_\_

Chofe for Said Committe { m<sup>r</sup>: Jed<sup>h</sup>: Leathe for Watertown  
m<sup>r</sup>: Israel Whittemore for Weston  
m<sup>r</sup> Abner Sanderfon for Waltham

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of aug<sup>t</sup>: AD 1780— They ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to the Several Constables to Warn the Inhabitants of the Town who are Quallified according to the new Constitution to meet at the Meeting House on monday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>r</sup> Next at two O: Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for a Governor L<sup>t</sup>: Governor & Senators ——— and to Warn Such of the Inhabitants of the town as are Quallified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Same place at 3 o Clock afternoon the Same day to act on the following Articles (Viz) (1) To Choofe a Moderator (2) To agree upon Some Method to provide the Cloathing ordered by the General Court & to act any thing thereon that may be thought Necefsary (3) To make Some further provifion

for the Payment of the Rev<sup>d</sup>: M<sup>r</sup>: Eliots Sallary (4) To make a further Grant for the Repairs of the Great Bridge and to act anything Relating thereto that may be thought Proper — (5) To Hear the Reports of any Committees and to act thereon as may be thought best. (6) To País upon any accounts that may be laid before the town and to make Such further grants of money as may be tho<sup>t</sup>: Necefsary — also to act on any other Matters that may be tho<sup>t</sup>: Necefsar[y]  
Warrants were Issued Accordingly —————

## [251]

At a Publick Town-Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified according to the New Constitution or Form of Government Regularly Asembled at the Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD: 1780 — to give in their Votes for a Governor. Lieu<sup>t</sup> Governor and five Senators.

the Votes for a Governor being Called for were bro<sup>t</sup>: in counted & Sorted & it Appeared that the ——— Hon<sup>ll</sup>: John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup> had forty five Votes for Governor and the Hon<sup>ll</sup> James Bowdoin had forty three votes for Leiv<sup>t</sup> Governor which was the whole Number that were bro<sup>t</sup>: in for Said officers —————

Then the votes were bro<sup>t</sup>: in for Senators Sorted & Counted & it Appeared that the following Gentlemen had the Number of Votes against his name (Viz)

The Hon <sup>ll</sup> : Stephen Hall Esq <sup>r</sup> : — — —	1
Hon <sup>l</sup> James Prefcott Esq <sup>r</sup> — — —	29
Hon <sup>l</sup> Josiah Stone Esq <sup>r</sup> — — —	31
Hon <sup>l</sup> Abraham Fullar Esq <sup>r</sup> — — —	32
Hon <sup>ll</sup> Oliver Prefcott Esq <sup>r</sup> — — —	3
Hon <sup>l</sup> John Tyng Esq <sup>r</sup> —————	21
Jonas Dix Esq <sup>r</sup> : —————	2
Nath <sup>l</sup> Gorham Esq <sup>r</sup> : — — —	31
Samuel Thatcher Esq <sup>r</sup> — — —	6
Josiah Capen Esq <sup>r</sup> —————	1
Cap <sup>t</sup> Stephen Dana —————	1

At a Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Asembled at the Same time and Place to Tranfact Sundry town affairs as Setforth in the Warning of the Meeting ——— Voted & Chofe William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator and it being near Night they voted to adjourn the

Meeting to Wednesday Next at three O: Clock afternoon at this place and it was Accordingly Adjourned  
 Middfex fs Sep<sup>r</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>: 1780. Jonathan Brown was Sworn agreeable to Law to Quallifie him to Serve as an afeisor \_\_\_\_\_

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At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting Houfe on the Sixth Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1780 By adjournment. \_\_\_\_\_

The meeting being Opened they proceeded to consider the article Relating to Cloathing \_\_\_\_\_

Voted that money be hired to procure the Cloathing by the Selectmen

Voted and Granted £ 4000 pounds towards the Support of the Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Rooswell Eliot \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Granted £ 2500 pounds to Repair the Great Bridge \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Granted £ 600 pounds to Repair y<sup>e</sup> ministerial Buildings

Voted that Selectmen Infure the Labourers at the Bridge y<sup>t</sup> their wages be made good when they Receive the Same

Voted & Granted £ 15000 pounds to pay the hire of Soldiers gon into the Army \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Granted Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: £ 120 pounds for his Service in Convention being 10 Days — — — \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Granted to Jonathan Brown for like Service it being 17 Days the Sum of £ 204 pounds \_\_\_\_\_

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup> John Bullard on the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1780. They Approbated m<sup>r</sup>: Edward Richardfon, m<sup>rs</sup> Dorothy Coollidge & m<sup>r</sup> John Bullard for Innholders & Mifs<sup>rs</sup> Amos Bond. Mofes Coollidge, David Bemis, and: Sam<sup>l</sup>: Cook for Retailors. \_\_\_\_\_

at this meeting m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Coollidge Notified of his Receiveing Lois Flagg into the town \_\_\_\_\_

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at m<sup>r</sup> John Bullards on the fifth Day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: 1780. They Agreed to have a Town-meeting on Wednesday the Eleventh day of this month of October at the meeting House at two O:Clock afternoon for the Choice of a Representative — also to have an other meeting at 3 O Clock the Same <sup>day</sup> at the Same place to act on y<sup>e</sup> following articles (Viz)

First to Choose a moderator (2<sup>ly</sup>) To agree upon a Method to procure a Quantity of Beef agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court. — and to Grant a Sum of money for that Purpose and to act anything Relating thereto that may be thought Proper. (3<sup>ly</sup>)

To abate any Particular Persons Rates that may be thought proper. (4<sup>ly</sup>) To act anything Relating to the Schools that may be thought proper \_\_\_\_\_

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly

P J: Brown Town-C[lerk]

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified (according to the New form of Government) to vote for the Choice of a Representative held at the meeting Houfe on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of October AD: 1780. They being Regularly Afsembled. The Votes were Called for and being bro<sup>t</sup>: in Counted it appeared that Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: was unanimously Chofen \_\_\_\_\_

And at an other meeting at the Same Place the Same day of the Inhabitants who are Quallified according to Law to Vote in town affairs Regularly afsembled to act on Sundry articles as Setforth in the warning of the meeting &c \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Chofe Dea<sup>n</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone moderator \_\_\_\_\_

Then a Refolve of the General Court Requireing a Quantity of Beef was Read & after Consideration thereof They \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Chofe m<sup>r</sup>: Jonas White as a Committe to Purchafe the Beef Required by Said Refolve \_\_\_\_\_

Voted to Chooſe a Committe to hire the Sum of £15000 pounds in the name & behalf of town to purchafe s<sup>d</sup>: Beef \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Chofe for Said Committee — { W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Soden  
m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> White

Then Voted & Granted the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds and Voted that the Same be afesed & paid into the town Treafury by the first day of January Next. for to Repay the money that may be hired as above Said \_\_\_\_\_

Then they voted & abated John Larrabees Rates in Mofes Coollidges lists & Granted the Sum of £ 33 : 5 : 0 to make it good

then Voted & Chooſe for a Committe { m<sup>r</sup> Simon Whitney  
m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Soden  
m<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore

Then the meeting was Defolved

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Wal-

tham on the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of October AD 1780. at the House of Cap<sup>t</sup> Isaac Gleason Innholder in Waltham to Settle the account of the Charge that had Arisen for the Repairs of the Great Bridge in Watertown Since the Last Adjustment amounting to y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 6376 : 0 : 0 was proportioned & Signed by the Selectmen of each town \_\_\_\_\_

Watertown Part of Said Sum being	2335 : 14 : 6
Westons d <sup>o</sup> is _____	2223 : 4 : 2
Walthams d <sup>o</sup> is _____	1018 : 1 : 4

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£ 6577 : 0 : 0

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: AD 1780 at m<sup>r</sup>: John Bullards. They Signed an order on the Town-Treas<sup>r</sup>: to pay the Sum of £ 6577 pounds to the Persons that found the Meterials & did the Labour in Repairing the Great Bridge according to the last Adjustment ~

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup>: John Bullard on the 22<sup>d</sup> Day of December AD 1780. They agreed to have a Publick Town Meeting at the Meeting house on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> Instant at one O Clock afternoon & ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to Warn the Inhabitants to meet at s<sup>d</sup> time and place to Act on the following Articles (Viz)

First to Choo<sup>s</sup>e a moderator (2) To Agree upon Some Method to Procure a Quantity of Beef agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court or to provide money to Pay in lieu thereof. and to Act thereon as may be thought Proper — (3) To Agree upon Some Method to raise men to fill the Continental Army and to Act any thing Relating thereto that may be thought proper — (4) To hear the Reports of any Com<sup>tee</sup> and to Act thereon as they See proper (5) To do any thing Relating to the Schools as may be thought proper —

Warrants were Issued out accordingly

Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-[Clerk]

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Asembled at the Meeting House on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of December AD: 1780 — Voted & Choo<sup>s</sup>e Dea<sup>n</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone moderator \_\_\_\_\_ Then a motion was made to adjourn the meeting to 4 o Clock to

meet at m<sup>r</sup> John Bullards the meeting was Accordingly adjourn<sup>d</sup>  
 The Town being meet at Said time & place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Then they Voted to Choofe a Committee to Consider & Report  
 what is Proper to be don Relating to the Raifing men \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Choofe for S<sup>d</sup> Committee {  
   Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>  
   m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis  
   m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone  
   m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger  
   m<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Clark  
   m<sup>r</sup> Simon Whitney  
   m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco

The Com<sup>tee</sup> after Considering the matter made Verbal Report  
 that a Committe <sup>be appointed</sup> ^ hire men to fill the Continental Army  
 which was Voted & Accepted —

Voted & Chofe for Said Committee - {  
   M<sup>r</sup> David Sanger  
   L<sup>t</sup> Josiah Capen  
   L<sup>t</sup> Amos Bond

Then Voted & Granted 1600 Dollars in hard money to hire S<sup>d</sup>:  
 men \_\_\_\_\_

Then Voted that Said money be afeft as Soon as may be and  
 that it be paid into the Treafury by the 25 Day of January Next  
 — Then it was Voted that any perfons that Choofe to pay in  
 Paper money that 75 paper Dollars in the old Currency Shall  
 be Received in lieu of one Silver Dollar

Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 24000 pounds to purchafe the  
 Beef Required by the Gen<sup>l</sup> Court for the use of the army

Then Voted to Choofe a Committee to Receive the money of  
 the Collectors & pay for the Beef

Voted & Chofe for Said Committee {  
   M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Parker  
   M<sup>r</sup> Simon Whitney  
   Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>

Voted to Choofe Collectors to Collect the above Sums \_\_\_\_\_

Then Voted & Choofe mif<sup>rs</sup> Mofes Stone ju<sup>r</sup>: & Edm<sup>d</sup> Fowle  
 who were Sworn into the office by Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Jus<sup>t</sup>: Peace

Then they Voted that the Schools be kept till the Grant be  
 Expended & then Cease till further orders \_\_\_\_\_

Then the meeting was Defolved \_\_\_\_\_

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at m<sup>r</sup> Bullards on monday the 8<sup>th</sup>  
 day of January AD: 1781 They Agreed that at the Request.  
 Some of the Inhabitants of the Town. to have a Publick Town-

Meeting at the meeting House on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of this present month at two O: Clock afternoon for the following Purpofes (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_

(1) To Choofe a moderator (2) To Choofe a Constable or Collector if they See fitt. (3) To hear the Report of the School Committee and make Such further Grants to Support the Schools as may be thought proper (4) To take Some Meafures for the Speedy Collecting the Tax's already afest. (5) To provide for the emediate Payment of the Monies borrowed for the use of the town. and Act any thing Relating thereto that may be thought Proper (6) To hear the Reports of any Committees and do any thing Relating thereto they See fit (7) To make Such further Grants of money as are Necessary \_\_\_\_\_

Warrants were Issued accordingly one Directed to m<sup>r</sup> Hall as Constable and the other m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>: Soden who was Appointed to Warn the Deftrict By Order of the Selectmen

At a Publick Town-Meeting held at the meeting House in Watertown on the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of Jan<sup>y</sup>: 1781 to Tranfact Several thing mentioned in the Warrants for Calling the meeting. &c They Voted & Chofo Deacon Nath<sup>l</sup>: Stone moderator — Then they Voted & Chofo m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone<sup>j<sup>v</sup></sup> Constable Then the article Relating to Schools was Read & the Committe made Verball Report Relating to the Expenditure of the money Granted for that Purpofe — Then the Question was Put whether the town will Grant any further Sum at this time & it pafsed in the Negative — then the article Relating to the money borrowed Then they Voted to Choofe a Committee to finde what the town owes on Notes &c. and to Consider what Shall be allowed as Depretiation & make Report. \_\_\_\_\_

Chofo for Said Committee { W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
m<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup>: Clark  
L<sup>t</sup> Amos Bond

Then the Committee appointed to hire men was Laid on the tabl was Read & accepted & the Ballance of £ 747 : 18 - 0 was allowed \_\_\_\_\_

then the account for Repairing the ministerial place was Read & accepted amounting to £ 1681 : 19 : 0 See y<sup>e</sup> accounts on file— Then they Voted to allow the present Committee for their \* & Expence in hiring men \_\_\_\_\_

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## [257]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup> John Bullard on Fryday the 23<sup>d</sup> Day of Feb<sup>y</sup>: AD 1781. They agreed to have the annual March Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March Next at 9: o Clock in the morning at the meeting House & directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants directed to the Constables to Warn the Inhabitants who are Quallified to vote in town affairs to meet at Said time & place for the following purposes (Viz) First to Choofe a moderator of y<sup>e</sup> meeting (2) To Choofe Selectmen Town-Clerk Town-Treafurer & all other town officers Required to be Chofe in the month of march Anually (3) To Choofe a Saxton and Agree how he Shall be paid for his Service ——— (4) To Determin whether Swine Shall Run at Large the enfueing year — (5) To put in their Votes for a County Register & Treafurer — — — (6) To Grant money for Schools & to Agree what Schools Shall be kept & do any thing Relating thereto that may be thought best — — — (7) To do any thing Relating to John Stearnes place that may be tho<sup>t</sup> best. (8) To know if the town will provide a place for James Hay that he may be Removed out of the Town of Cambridge. (9) To do any thing further that may Appear Necesfary for Raifing men to fill the Continental Army — (10) To hear the Accounts of those perfons the town is Indebted to and Grant money to pay the Same ——— (11) To Choofe a Committee to Examin the Treafurers Accounts ——— (12) To Grant money to Support the Poor. and Such other Services as may be thought Necesfary (13) To Grant money to Repair the Highways and act any thing Relating thereto that may be thought proper — (14) To hear the Reports of any Committees. and Act thereon as may be thought best. (15) To do any thing Relating to the Leafing the Fifhery that may be thought Proper ——— also to notify the town Creditors to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen at m<sup>r</sup> John Bullards on Fryday he 2<sup>d</sup> Day of march Next at 2: O Clock afternoon

Warrants were Issued Feb<sup>y</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> 26. 1781

Attest Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

## [258]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> John Bullard on the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of March AD 1781 for to Receive the Accounts of those Perfons to town is Indebted the following were Prefented (Viz) by the Committee for providing for the School &c  
Due to m<sup>r</sup> Oliver W: Lane for keeping School 625 : 0 : 0



To M <sup>r</sup> Seth Hastings for d <sup>o</sup>	562 : 10 : 0
To m <sup>r</sup> Jon <sup>a</sup> : Remington for d <sup>o</sup>	500 : 0 : —
To m <sup>r</sup> Simon Whitney for Wood	104 : 3 : 4
To m <sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore for d <sup>o</sup>	104 : 3 : 4
To m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Soden for d <sup>o</sup>	104 : 3 : 4
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	£ 2000 : 0 : 0

Sam <sup>l</sup> Fisk Acc <sup>tt</sup> : for the poor &c	188 : 5 : 0
to Nath <sup>l</sup> Stone for d <sup>o</sup>	126 : 17 : 0
to Mofes Stone for d <sup>o</sup>	66 : 6 : 0
to Jed <sup>h</sup> Leathe for d <sup>o</sup>	263 : 16 : 0
to Amos Livermore for d <sup>o</sup>	18 : 0 : —
to Jonathan Brown for Service Relating to Beef	24 : 0 : —
to Jonas White for Collecting Beef &c	496 : 8 : —
to Jed <sup>h</sup> Leathe for d <sup>o</sup>	45 : 0 : —
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	£ 3228 : 12 : 0

The Selectmen Signed an order on the Town Treafurer to Pay the Above Sums —————

At the above meeting the following Accounts were bro<sup>t</sup>: in to be laid before the town for their allowance (Viz) —————

### [259]

At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs Regularly Asembled at the Meeting House in Said town on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of March AD 1781 for the Choice of town officers & other things as Mentioned in the the Warrants for Calling the Meeting —————

Then m <sup>r</sup> Daniel Parker was Chofe } moderator of the meeting — — } Voted & Chofe for Selectmen —————	{ m <sup>r</sup> Rich <sup>d</sup> : Clark m <sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore m <sup>r</sup> Daniel Whitney m <sup>r</sup> Daniel Parker L <sup>t</sup> . Chris <sup>t</sup> Grant ju <sup>r</sup>
Chofe for Town-Clerk & Town Treafurer	Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown Esq <sup>r</sup> :
Chofe for Afsefsors — — — —	{ m <sup>r</sup> Nath <sup>l</sup> Bright m <sup>r</sup> Jon <sup>a</sup> : Stone m <sup>r</sup> Francis Brown

Chofe for Constables <sup>m</sup> Stephen Whitney & m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Sanderfon  
 Chofe for Wardens mefs<sup>r</sup> Richard Richardfon & William Warrin  
 For Fence Viewers m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Bemis & L<sup>t</sup> William Warrin  
 Sealer of Leather m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Whitney —————  
 Surveyors of Highways D<sup>r</sup> Marfhall Spring & M<sup>r</sup> Amos Liver-  
 more  
 Tythingmen mefs<sup>rs</sup>. Peter Harrington & Daniel Bond ———  
 Howards mefs<sup>r</sup> Abra<sup>m</sup> Whitney & Daniel Mason  
 Surveyors of Timber mefs<sup>rs</sup> David Sanger & John Capel  
 Clerks of the Markets Cap<sup>t</sup>: Abner Craft & m<sup>r</sup> Jed<sup>h</sup> Leathe  
 Hogrieves D<sup>r</sup> Marfhall Spring and L<sup>t</sup> Amos Bond ———  
 Chofe m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Jenifon Saxton. Then Voted that he Shall  
 have two Contrabutions for his Service for the year ~  
 Voted that Swine Shall not Run at Large this year ———  
 (6) article being Read it was Voted to keep one School all the  
 year to be kept the three Summer & the three Winter months in  
 the middle School House & the other Part of the year to be kept  
 at each end of the Town to be equally Divided also two more  
 Schools 3 months in the winter one <sup>School</sup> ^ at the West end & the  
 other at the East end of the town — — — —————  
 Voted & Granted £ 6000 pounds to Support y<sup>e</sup> Schools  
 Voted & Chofe for a Committee to take the care of the Schools  
 W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: m<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore & m<sup>r</sup> Simon Whitney  
 Then they Voted to Chooſe a Committee of three men to Look  
 into the matter Relating to John Stearnes place and make Report  
 at the Adjournment — — — —————  
 Votes were bro<sup>t</sup>: in for a County Register & Treaſurer ———

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Voted & Chofe for Said Committee - - { m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> White  
 W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 L<sup>t</sup> Amos Bond

Then the Article Relating to James Hay was Read & Referred  
 to the Selectmen ——— . . . .

the the article Relating to Raiſing men was Read & it was Voted  
 that the Collectors Should be Called upon by the Treaſurer —  
 — before the adjournment & upon Failure for him to Issue  
 his Executions . . . .

Voted that the Committee appointed to hire men for the army  
 be Authorized to hire money for that Purpoſe — — — —

Then Voted to Raiſe Six hundred Mill'd Dollars or the Value

thereof in Paper money. and that the Afsersors be directed to aiseis Said money as Soon as may be — — —————

Then the meeting was adjourned to next monday two O Clock afternoon at this place —————

Middlefex fs march ye 5<sup>th</sup>: 1781 Then D<sup>r</sup> Marfhall Spring Appeared & took the Oaths of Surveyor of Highways & Hogrievie, and L<sup>t</sup>. Amos Bond the oath of Hogrievie Before me Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Just<sup>t</sup>: Peace

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the meeting Houfe on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup>: day of March A D1781. by adjournment — — — Mr<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Parker being Moderator. the Meeting being opened an adrefs from the General Court to the Inhabitants being Read a motion being made & Seconed it was Voted that the Rev<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup> Eliot Should be Desired to Read the Same to the Congregation on the Lords Day —

then Voted that m<sup>r</sup> Ezekiel Hall Should be a Committee to waite on m<sup>r</sup> Eliot for that Purpose —————

Then the accounts of Several perfons &c. that the town is In- debted to were Read and are as follows (Viz) —————

Sam <sup>l</sup> : Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup> for Serving Asefsor the year past on which the town allowed the Sum of	330 : 0 : 0
To Dea <sup>n</sup> : Nath <sup>l</sup> : Stone for Like Service	384 : 0 : 0
To m <sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone for like Service	360 : 0 : 0
To m <sup>r</sup> Jed <sup>h</sup> Leathe for like Service	592 : 0 : 0
To Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown for like Service	384 : 0 : 0
To Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown for Serving Treafurer	450 : 0 : 0
To the Selectmen for Expence the last year	366 : 0 : 0
To the Wid <sup>o</sup> Mary Vila for Boarding Mary	} 726 : 0 : 0
Learned Child 48 Weeks at £ 15 pounds P week	
	3592 : 0 : 0

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Then they Voted Choife for a Committe to Exam the Treaf<sup>s</sup> acc<sup>ts</sup> { m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White  
m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Parker  
m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Harrington

then the Selectmen that were Chofen on the fifth Inftant Refused to Serve in that office. and the town Proceeded to another Choice

Chofe for Selectmen { M<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Parker  
 W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Bisco  
 L<sup>t</sup> Amos Bond  
 m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Bright

& Francis Brown

Then Mefs<sup>rs</sup>: Jon<sup>a</sup>: Stone ^ were Excused by a Vote from Serving as afsefsors the Present year — — — — —

Then they Voted that the three last Chofen Selectmen Shall be the Afsefsors the Present year (Viz) m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco L<sup>t</sup> Amos Bond & m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Bright - - - -

Voted that the Afsefsors Shall have 4<sup>s</sup>/ Silver money P day or Equivelent in Paper — — — — —

Then they Voted to Choofe a Com<sup>tee</sup>. to Purchase a Barrack for to Put the Poor into —

Chofe for S<sup>d</sup>: Committee { m<sup>r</sup> Simon Hastings  
 m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Parker  
 m<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore

Then Voted to Raife £ 15 pounds on a Single Poll and the Same Proportion on Estates to defray the Expence of Repairing the Highways this year. — then voted that the Price of Labour in working out the highway Rate Shall be £ 30 pounds P day for a man and the like Sum for a good team - - -

Then they Voted to Choofe two more Surveyors of Highways

Voted & Chofe Surveyors of Highways { m<sup>r</sup> David Coollidge  
 m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Harrington

Then Voted to Choofe a Com<sup>tee</sup> to Consider what Rates ought to be abated & make Report. ———

Chofe for Said Committee { m<sup>r</sup> Jed<sup>h</sup> Leathe  
 m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger  
 m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis

Then Voted to Choofe two Collectors of the town Tax's ———

Chofe for Said Collectors ~ { m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Mason  
 L<sup>t</sup> William Warrin

then it was moved to adjourn the meeting to monday next at two O:Clock to meet at this Place which was accordingly don —

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup> John Bullard on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of march 1781. mefs<sup>rs</sup> Josiah Bisco, Amos Bond and Nath<sup>l</sup> Bright were Sworn into the office of Afsefsors — — and m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Sanderfon to the office of Constable. Amos Liver-

more, and David Coollidge Surveyors of Highways. — Nath<sup>l</sup>. Bemis and William Warrin Fence-Viewers. Cap<sup>t</sup>: Abner Craft & m<sup>r</sup> Jed<sup>h</sup>: Leathe Clerks of the Markets -

By Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Just<sup>s</sup>: Peace —————

At a Meeting of The freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Asembled at the Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of March AD: 1781. by adjournment — M<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Parker being Moderator: The Meeting being opened the (12) article being Read they Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 8000 pounds to provide a House for the Poor and to Support them this year —————

then the Committe Appointed to Purchase a Barrack Informed that they had Purchased one for the use of the town ——— they Voted to Chooße a Committee to look out for a place whereon to Set the Same

Voted & Chofe for Said Committee — { m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis  
m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Soden  
m<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore  
m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco  
m<sup>r</sup> John Cook

Then it was Voted to open a Subscription on foot to pay for the Barrack that has been purchased the persons that Subscribe to be paid out of The tax's to be made for that Purpose the Sum that each person Shall Subscribe — — — — —

Then they Voted to abate the Sums which each person (that Went into the army last Summer for Six months) was taxed during the time of Six months from his inlistment —————

thomas Saffords & Ruggles Whitneys accounts were Read and it was voted that s<sup>d</sup> accounts lye till it was know what town Mary Giles belongs to as they Respected her —————

Then they Voted to Excuse m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup>: Harrington from Serving Surveyor of Highways after which m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Whitney was Chofen — Then they Voted to Excuse L<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Warrin from Serving a Collector. — Then they Voted to Excuse m<sup>r</sup>: Stephen Whitney from Serving Constable upon his paying twenty five Milled Dollars or oth[er] money Equivelent which is to be Considered as his turn

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Then they Voted & Chofe m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Cook Collector of Tax's — Voted & Chofe M<sup>r</sup> Abraham Whitney Constable —————

Then Voted that all other matters be Referred to the Next Town-Meeting —————

Then the meeting was Defolved —————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of march 1781 at the House of m<sup>r</sup> John Bullards. the Several persons afternamed were Sworn into the Several offices aftermentioned (Viz) m<sup>r</sup> Peter Harrington Tythingman. m<sup>r</sup> Step<sup>n</sup> Whitney Sealer of Leather - m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Whitney Surveyor of Highways — — —  
Sworn by Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Just<sup>s</sup>: Peace

At this Meeting the Selectmen Signed an order on the town treafurer to pay the Ballance of the Committees account for Service the last year being in full for Raifing men &c the whole Amounting to the Sum of £ 747 : 18-0—

At this meeting they Directed the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant to Warn the Inhabitants of the town who are Quallified to vote for the Choice of Governours & Senators to Meet at the Meeting on Monday the Second Day of April Next at two O Clock afternoon to give in their votes for Governours & Senators also for Such as are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to meet at the Same place at 3: O Clock the Same day in the afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)

(1<sup>st</sup>) to Choofe a moderator ————— (2<sup>ly</sup>) To do any thing further that may be tho<sup>t</sup>: Necessary for providing a Houfe for the Poor, and act thereon as they think best — (3<sup>ly</sup>) To take into Consideration a Letter from the Committees of Corroifpondance meet at East-Sudbury Relating to the Tender act; and to act thereon as they think Proper ————— (4<sup>ly</sup>) to hear the Reports of any Committees and act thereon as may be tho<sup>t</sup>: best. — (5<sup>ly</sup>) to act any thing Relating to abatement of Tax's or the Fishery or any other matters that were Referred to this meeting (6<sup>ly</sup>) to put in their Votes for a County Treafurer if they think Proper ————— (7<sup>ly</sup>) To Choofe any town officers in the Room of Such as Refufe or Neglect to Serve. —

Warrants were Jssued accordingly

Pr Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town. Clerk

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified according to the Con-

stitution to to Vote in the Choice of a Governor. L<sup>t</sup>: Governor & Senators Regularly Asembled at the meeting House in Said Town on Monday the Second Day of April 1781. —

The Meeting being Opened and the Votes were Called for, for a Governor and were bro<sup>t</sup> in Counted & Sorted and it Appeared that His Excellency John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup>. had twenty five Votes and that the Honor<sup>le</sup>: James Bowdoin had Sixteen Votes also the Honor<sup>le</sup>: Samuel Adams had one Vote —————

Then the votes were Called for <sup>for</sup> five Senators which being bro<sup>t</sup>:

in Sorted & Counted and it appeared <sup>^</sup> the following Gentlemen had the number of Votes Set against their Respective names (Viz) —

The Hon <sup>le</sup> James Prescot Esq <sup>r</sup>	27
James Rufsel Esq <sup>r</sup>	9
John Tyng Esq <sup>r</sup>	24
Josiah Stone Esq <sup>r</sup>	31
Eleazor Brooks Esq <sup>r</sup>	2
Abra <sup>m</sup> Fullar Esq <sup>r</sup>	25
m <sup>r</sup> : Tho <sup>s</sup> : Parker	8
maj <sup>r</sup> : Joseph Hoimer	13
Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown Esq <sup>r</sup> :	1

At a Publick town-Meeting the Day above Said of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly Asembled at the Meeting house to act on Sundry Matters Mentioned in the Warrant

They Voted & Choſe Daniel Parker Esq<sup>r</sup>: moderator ———

then the Committee appointed look out for a place to Set the houſe on for the poor: Reported that it was their Opinion that s<sup>d</sup> Houſe Should be Set either on the South Side of the River upon the Bank West of the Great Bridge, or upon a peice of Town Land Near Convers Springs Houſe ———

Then it was Voted that it Should be Set on the Bank of the River as abovementioned — — — — —

Then the Letter from the Committees of Corroſpondance was Read and Voted

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That the late Act for taking of the Tender of the money was not Agreeable to the mind of the town — — — —

Then they Voted to Choofe a Committee to Prepare Inſtructions for their Repreſentative Directing him to uſe his influence in the General Court to git <sup>the</sup> tender Put on again — — — — —

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Voted & Chofe for Said Com<sup>tee</sup> ~ {

- L<sup>t</sup>: Josiah Capen
- m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>: Soden
- m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco
- m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> White
- W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>
- m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White
- m<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup>: Clark

Then they voted to adjourn this meeting till Tomorrow to meet in this Place at 3: O: Clock afternoon — — — — —

At a Gen<sup>l</sup> Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting Houfe on the third Day of April 1781. By Adjournment ———

Daniel Parker Esq: being Moderator — — — — —

The Meeting being Opened they Proceeded to Buifnefs ———

Voted to Relinquish on half of the Building that was purchafed for the town to the Committee that bought the Same — — —

Voted to Choofe three men to be a Committee to Remove s<sup>d</sup> Building to the Place that has been Agreed by the town on the South Side of the River in Watertown - - -

Voted & Chofe for Said Committee {

- M<sup>r</sup>: Simon Hastings
- M<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore
- m<sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Leathe

Voted that Said Committee Apply to the Inhabitants of the Town to See what they will Subscribe for help to move s<sup>d</sup> Building

Voted that Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup>: Day of the present month be the time for moving the Same if the Weather Permit &c

Voted the Tax's Set to the Soldiers in m<sup>r</sup> Edmund Fowles Lists Shall be abated if they go into the Continenjial Army ———

Voted & Chofe m<sup>r</sup>: William Harrington in the Room of m<sup>r</sup> Abraham Whitney who had Refused to Serve ———

Voted & Chofe m<sup>r</sup> Joel White Collector in the Room of m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Cooke who Refused to Serve ———

then the Committee appointed to Prepare Inſtructions to be given to their Reſepentative Laid a Draft thereof on y<sup>e</sup> Table which was Read & not accepted and Recommitted to the Same Committee — —

Then they Voted to adjourn the meeting to m<sup>r</sup> John Bullards to meet in half an Hour from this time which will be at 7 O Clock

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The town being Met at M<sup>r</sup> Bullards According to adjournment



but there being no Convenient Room that they Could have the Meeting was by a Voted Adjourned to M<sup>rs</sup>: Dorothy Coollidges to there in a Quarter of an Hour - - They being met according to adjournment a Motion being made and Seconded They Voted to Reconsider all the Votes that had been Paised on the third article in the Warrant Relating to the Tender act (so Called) Then they Voted that their Representative be Directed to use his Endeavour in the General Court that the Tender act that was Lately Repealed be Revived So far as it Concerns the tender — Then it was Voted that the Names of the Persons that voted for the Infruction & thofe against it be taken by Yeas & Nays — which are as follows (Viz) —————

Nays	Yeas
Mofes Stone	Jedidiah Leathe
Josiah Mixer	Mofes Coollidge
Mofes Stone ju <sup>r</sup>	Abraham Whitney
W <sup>m</sup> Warrin	Hugh Mason
Sam <sup>l</sup> White	Amos Livermore
Edm <sup>d</sup> : Fowle	Josiah Capen
W <sup>m</sup> Hunt	Sam <sup>l</sup> Barnard
Jon <sup>a</sup> : Stone	Elijah Bond
Nathan Coollidge	Jonas White
Tho <sup>s</sup> Pattin	Josiah Sanderfon
Josiah Norcrofs	Phin <sup>s</sup> : Child
Sam <sup>l</sup> Cook	Sam <sup>l</sup> Spring
Henry Bradfhaw	Josiah Bisco
Daniel Parker	Daniel Sawin
Sam <sup>l</sup> Richards	Jon <sup>a</sup> : Child
	Simon Hastings
	Benj <sup>n</sup> . Capen
	Jon <sup>a</sup> : Coollidge Godding
	Daniel Mason
	Eben <sup>r</sup> : Everit
	W <sup>m</sup> Harrington
	Rich <sup>d</sup> . Everit
	Francis Brown
	Sam <sup>ll</sup> Soden
	Simon Whitney

Then they Voted & Chofe m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Cook Collector of Tax's who Refused to Serve - - - - -  
Then they Chofe m<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Everit & he Refused to Serve —  
Then they Chofe m<sup>r</sup> Henry Bradfhaw who accepted ~

then m<sup>r</sup>: W<sup>m</sup> Harrington was Sworn into the office of Constable and m<sup>r</sup> Henry Bradfhaw into the office of Collector

By Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Just<sup>s</sup> Peace

Then the Meeting was Adjourned to monday the 16<sup>th</sup> Day [of] this month to meet at the Meeting <sup>houfe</sup> at 4 O Clock afternoon

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of M<sup>rs</sup>: Dorothy Coollidge on monday the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of may AD 1781 ———

They agreed to have a Town Meeting at the meeting House on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> of may Instant at two O Clock afternoon for the Choice of a Representative ——— also an other Meeting at three O: Clock afternoon the Same day & at the Same Place to act on the following articles (Viz) First to Chooſe a Moderator (2<sup>ly</sup>) To do any thing further that may be thought Neceſſary for the finishing the Houfe for the Poor: — (3<sup>ly</sup>) to abate any Perſons Rates the town may think proper — (4<sup>ly</sup>) To do any thing Relating to the Collectors Settling their accounts that may be thought Proper (5<sup>ly</sup>) To appoint a Committee to Settle with the Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Eliot for the laſt year: and make Proviſion for his Support for the year enfueing; (6<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of the town whether they will do any thing Relating to the Fencing the Miniſterial place and act thereon as they think Proper (7<sup>ly</sup>) To make Such grants of money as may be tho<sup>t</sup> for the Benefitt of the town ——— (8<sup>ly</sup>) To appropriate the fines ariſing by Perſons Refuſing to Serve in any town offices, or in any other ways; as the town think beſt; (9<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the Reports of any Committees and act thereon as they ſee fitt, (10) To appoint a Committee to See what peices of Land belonge to the town and to act any thing Relating thereto that may be tho<sup>t</sup>: beſt; (11<sup>ly</sup>) To act on any other Matters that may be then thought Neceſſary —————

Warrants were Iſſued to the Conſtables & Signed

By order of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen — Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified according to the Conſtitution to vote in the Choice of a Representative held at the Meeting Houſe on monday the 14<sup>th</sup> day of may 1781. being Regularly Aſſembled the Major part of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen being Preſent: Jonathan Brown Eſq<sup>r</sup>: was Chosen by the major Part of the Electors to Reſent the town y<sup>e</sup> enfueing year in the General Court to be held at the State Houſe in Boston on the Laſt Wednesday in the Preſent month of may &

may y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>. 1781 m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Whitney notified the Selectmen that

he had Received into his house on David-Elvin. Morton who Came last from Gorham-Town in the County of Cumberland

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At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly asembled at the Meeting Houfe on monday the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of may AD: 1781. They Chofe m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Bisco Moderator of the meeting

Then m<sup>r</sup> John Cook Presented a Petition Praying the town to Reconfider their votes Relating to the Placeing the House for the Poor. and after Debate thereon the Question was Put whether they will Reconfider Said Votes & it Pafsed in the Negative — Then they voted to Choofe a Committee to dig the Celler & Stone the Same —

Voted & Chofe for Said Committee— { M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Sawin  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Josiah Capen—  
M<sup>r</sup> Jonas White

Voted that the Perfons that Request to have their Tax's abated Procure a list of the Same under the Hand of the Collectors & lay the Same before the town - - -

Voted that the Treaferur Issue his Executions against Delinquent Collectors in one Month from this time — — — — —

Voted to Choofe a Committe to Settle with the Rev<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup> Eliot

Voted & Chofe for Said Committee { Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>  
m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone  
Sam<sup>ll</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>:

Voted to Choofe a Committee to Repair the fence on y<sup>e</sup> Minifterial Place Agreeable to Contract. — — —

Voted & Chofe for Said Committee — { Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>  
m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White  
m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger

Voted to Refer all Grants of money to the Adjournment of the Meeting — Then Voted the fines arifing by Perfons Refusing to Serve in any Town offices the Present year be Appropriated for finishing the Barrack —————

Then the Meeting was adjourned to monday the 4 day of June Next 3 o Clock afternoon at this place ————

at a Meeting of the Selectmen m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Whitney Jun<sup>n</sup> in a Notification that he had Received into his Houfe in Watertown

one John Wilson and Family last from Charlstown See the Notification on file

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs asembled at the Meeting Houfe on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of June AD: 1781 — By adjournment m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Bisco being Moderator the Second article being Read - They Voted to Choofe a Committee to take care about the Houfe that the town has Provided for the Poor & do any thing that they find Necessary Relating to the Same that they Judge for the Benefit of the town —

Voted & Choofe for Said Committee { Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>  
m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis  
m<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup>: Clark  
L<sup>t</sup> Amos Bond —

Voted & abated m<sup>r</sup> Jonas Barneds Poll tax in m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone ju<sup>r</sup> lists amounting to £ 46 : 12 : 0 —

Then they voted to Reconfider the Vote paised the Last Meeting for Appropriating the fines for finishing the Barrack —

Then Voted to Excuse Mifs<sup>rs</sup> Joel White & Richard Everit from Serving Collectors of tax's the Present year — — — —

Voted & Granted £ 12 pounds of the New Emifision to Repair the fence on the Ministerial place —

Then Voted to Choofe a Committee to See what Peices of land there is that belong to the town & make Report at the Next meeting —

Voted & Chofe for Said Committe { m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis  
m<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Clark  
L<sup>t</sup> Amos Bond  
L<sup>t</sup> Chris<sup>r</sup> Grant ju<sup>r</sup>  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>

Then they Voted that the Constables & Collectors Stop taking the old Continential Currency for the Present —

Then the Meeting was Difsolved —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1781. they agreed to have a Publick town Meeting at the meeting <sup>house</sup> on

Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of this Present month of June to act on the following articles (Viz) 1 To Choofe a Moderator of the meeting 2<sup>d</sup> To take Some Effectual Measures to Complet the

Raifing of our Proportion of men to fill up the Continental Army agreeable to the order of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Court &c \_\_\_\_\_ [a]nd make Such Grants of money & do any other things Relating thereto [that] may appear Necessary

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly assembled at the Meeting House on the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of June AD 1781. to take Some Measures to fill up the Continental army &c \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Chose m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco Moderator of the Meeting — Voted that the Committee for hiring men be Desired to use their best endeavors to hire men to Compleat the towns Quota of men for the Continental army & make Report of their doings at the Adjournment of this meeting \_\_\_\_\_ also Voted that if the Com<sup>tee</sup> have Inlisted any who have not yet Passed muster they be Desired to use their Endeavors that they be immediately mustered Voted that S<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> be Desired to Report to the town what Sums of money they have on hand & what Sort of money that belongs to the town at the Adjournment of this meeting — also that the Collectors that have lists of Town tax's granted for the Purpose of hiring men be Desired to Report at s<sup>d</sup>: Adjournment how much they have yet to Collect on s<sup>d</sup> lists & what money they have on hand

Voted that the Committee be impowered to hire men with Stock or Produce \_\_\_\_\_ Then Voted to Adjourn s<sup>d</sup> meeting to Monday y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> of this Infant at four O: Clock afternoon then to meet at this Place

Attest Josiah Bisco Moderator \_\_\_\_\_

At a Publick Town Meeting held by adjournment at the Meeting House on the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of June AD 1781. m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Bisco Moderator — the meeting being opened they Proceeded. And voted to Reconsider a vote at a former meeting Granting hard money to hire Soldiers being paid at the Rate of Seventy five old Continental Dollars in lieu of one in Silver \_\_\_\_\_ Then voted that the Collectors Should Receive no more old Currency for s<sup>d</sup> Tax's but to Receive them in the New money or in hard coin \_\_\_\_\_

Voted y<sup>t</sup>: the Collectors may Receive three new in Lieu of one Silver

then the meeting was adjourn'd to Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup>:

Infant at 3: O Clock in the afternoon at this place \_\_\_\_\_

At a Publick Town meeting held at the meeting Houfe in Watertown on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1781 by Adjournment \_\_\_\_\_ m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Bisco being Moderator — Voted that the Comm<sup>tee</sup> be desired to Report what money they have on hand. & that the Collectors Report what money they have yet to Collect & what they have on hand

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Voted that the Collectors be desired imediately to Pay what money they have now on hand that they have Collected for the Purpote of hiring men into the Committees hands \_\_\_\_\_ also Voted that s<sup>d</sup>: Committee Dispose of the old emiffion in the best manner they can for the use of the Town \_\_\_\_\_ Voted that the Committee for hiring men be Directed to use their endeavours to have all the Perfons whome they have Inlifted (Except John Jacob Sawyer a Hefision) imediately Muftered — Voted that the Sum of one hundred & eighty Pounds hard money be Granted for the purpote of hiring men and be afesfed & Collected imediately — — — — —

At a publick town meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly asembled at the meeting House in s<sup>d</sup> Town on Fryday the Sixth Day of July AD 1781 \_\_\_\_\_ Voted & Chofe m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco Moderator \_\_\_\_\_ on the 2<sup>d</sup>: article Voted to Grant a Sum of money to Procure the towns Quota of Beef \_\_\_\_\_ and the Sum of one Hundred Pounds hard money was Granted for that Purpote \_\_\_\_\_ on y<sup>e</sup> 4 Article Voted to Claſs the Inhabitants of the Town for the Purpote of hiring or Raifing men for three & five months Agreeable to the orders of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Court \_\_\_\_\_ Voted to Choofe a Committee to Claſs the Town into as many Claifes as there are men to be Raifed \_\_\_\_\_

Chofe for S<sup>d</sup> Committee \_\_\_\_\_ { Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>  
m<sup>r</sup> Jed<sup>h</sup> Leathe

Then Voted to adjourn the meeting to Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of July at 3 O Clock afternoon at this Place

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown at the Meeting House on the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of July AD 1781 by adjournment \_\_\_\_\_

A Small Number being met They voted further to adjourn the Meeting to monday the 23<sup>d</sup> of this Instant July at 3 o Clock [afte]rnoon at this place.

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At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting Houfe in Watertown on monday the 23<sup>d</sup> Day of July 1781 By adjournment \_\_\_\_\_

m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco being Moderator — The meeting being opened They Voted that the money Granted to hire men Should be paid in Specia \_\_\_\_\_

Voted to Reconfider a former vote for Claſſing the Inhabitants of of the town &c — — — — —

Voted & Granted 800 Dollars to hire men — and that it be aſſeſed emediately — — — — —

Then Voted that the Committee appointed to Raiſe men to fill the Continental Army be a Committee to hire men for the five and Three months Service \_\_\_\_\_

Then Voted to Suspend the givinge the ordinary Rates to the Collectors for the Present \_\_\_\_\_

Then they voted that this meeting Should be Adjourned to monday the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of August Next at 4 o: Clock afternoon at this Place which was Accordingly don \_\_\_\_\_

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting on Monday the Sixth of August AD 1781. by adjournment \_\_\_\_\_

m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco being Moderator \_\_\_\_\_

They took into Consideration the 2<sup>d</sup> Article Ralating to the Beef to be Provided for the Army — and voted to Choofe a Committee to Procure the Same - - -

Voted and Choſe for Said Committee — { M<sup>r</sup> David Bemis  
M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> White  
M<sup>r</sup>: Simon Whitney

Then they voted that all the tax's that the Collectors have or may Receive aſſeſed in hard coin Shall be Paid in like money any Votes before to the Contrary Notwithſtanding \_\_\_\_\_

Then the Meeting was Deſolved \_\_\_\_\_

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 27 Day of Aug<sup>t</sup>: AD. 1781 at the Houſe of m<sup>rs</sup>: Dorothy Coollidge — They Signed orders on the Treafurer to pay the wid<sup>o</sup> Mary Vila the Sum of Seven Hundred & twenty Six pounds for Boarding Mary Learneds

Child — and to Pay m<sup>r</sup>: Eliot 25 Pounds in part of his Sallery — also to Pay m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger & others the Committe appointed to hire men to go into the Army the Sum of two Hundred Pounds for the Said Purpose —————

At this meeting they Approbated m<sup>r</sup>: Edw<sup>d</sup>: Richardson m<sup>r</sup> John Bullard & m<sup>is</sup>s Dorothy Coollidge for Inn-holders ——— and the following persons for Retailors (Viz) Cap<sup>t</sup>: Abner Craft m<sup>r</sup> Henry Bradshaw L<sup>t</sup>: Amos Bond. Daniel Parker Esq<sup>r</sup> — and m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis - - - - -

At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of Aug<sup>t</sup>: 1781 at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: John Bullard they Agreed to meet with the Selectmen of Weston & Waltham on monday the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of this present month of Sep<sup>r</sup>: to Settle the accounts Relating to the Great-Bridge in Watertown and ordered y<sup>e</sup> Clerk to notify them to meet on the Day aforeSaid at the of m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Wellington in Waltham at three O:Clock in the afternoon ————— at this meeting they Received a notification from m<sup>r</sup> Moses Coollidge Informing that he had Received into his Family one Henry Prentice belonging to Cambridge who came to him the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of may last also William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: gave notice in Writing that he had Received into his Family one abijah Fullar who Came from Newton on the first Day of August last ——— which Notifications are on file —————

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown Weston and Waltham on the 24 Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: 1781 at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Wellington Inn-holder the accounts for the Repairs of the Great Bridge in Watertown Since the Last Adjus<sup>t</sup>. were adjusted amounting to the Sum of £ 16 : 16 : 0 of which ———

Watertowns Part was — —	5 : 19 : 4
Westons d <sup>o</sup> was ———	5 : 13 : 6
Walthams d <sup>o</sup> was —	5 : 3 : 2

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16 : 16 : 0

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September y<sup>e</sup> 25: 1781 a Notification was Received from Phinehas Child of his taking on Thomas Cooke from Cambridge to Dwell with him who came to Live about the month of April last

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 3<sup>d</sup>: Day of October AD 1781 at M<sup>r</sup>s: Dorothy Coollidges. They Agreed to have a publick town Meeting at the Meeting Houfe on monday the Eighth Day



of this Present month of Oct<sup>r</sup>: and Directed the Clerk to Issue Warrants to the Several Constables to warn the Inhabitants Quallified to act in town affairs to asemble at Said time & place to act on the following Articles (Viz). First to Chooſe a Moderator of the Meeting. (2<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of the Town if they will Provide a place & finifh the Poor Houſe, or otherwise Provide for their Subſiftance, or act any thing Relating thereto they may Judge Proper ——— (3<sup>ly</sup>) To Devife Sufficient means for Raiſing the Men for the Continental army (4<sup>ly</sup>) To Provide for the Payment of Moneys due from the town to Individuals (5<sup>ly</sup>) To See if the town will Confolidate the tax's Now due in paper money, and in the Hands of Collectors and Direct the Same to be Collected in Gould & Silver agreeable to the Value at the time of making the Same to be eſtimated by the State Scale of Depreciation, or act anything thereon they may thing Proper (6<sup>ly</sup>) To come into Some Effectual Methods to Compell Collectors to pay in their Tax's Agreeable to their Reſpective Warrants (7<sup>ly</sup>) To Chooſe a Committee to look up town Lands and Report their doings and act thereon as may be Judged expedient, & to hear the Report of any Committees Reſpecting the Same &c ———

Warrants were Iſſued Accordingly P Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly aſſembled at the meeting Houſe on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1781.

To tranſact Several matters Contained in the Warrants for the Meeting. They Voted & Choſe Daniel Parker Eſq<sup>r</sup>: moderator—the 2<sup>d</sup> article was Read & put of to the Adjournment ———

The 3<sup>d</sup> article Read & paſed over — — — — —

(4<sup>th</sup>) Article Read & the Town Voted that a Committee of four be Chofen to Confolidate the Tax's &c — Voted & Choſe Jonathan Brown Eſq<sup>r</sup>: with the Preſent Aſſeſſors for Said Committee — — — — —

Voted that the paper money be Confolidated agreeable to the ti[me] the Rates became Payable — — — — —

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At a Publick Town Meeting on monday 15<sup>th</sup> of October 1781 — held at the Meeting Houſe By Adjournment ——— Daniel Parker Eſq<sup>r</sup>: being Moderator the Meeting being opened

they Proceeded on the 2<sup>d</sup> Article & Voted that the Selectmen be Directed to Exchange the land owned by the town lying before the House in Which Convers Spring now lives — or provide by purchase or otherwise a peice of Land to Set the House for the Poor upon — Voted that a Committee be Chosen to Remove s<sup>d</sup> Houfe from where it now Stands unto Such Peice of land and there finish the Same — Voted that the Com<sup>te</sup>: Consist of three Voted & Chose m<sup>r</sup>: Amos Livermore m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Sawin & m<sup>r</sup> Simon Hastings be this Committee — Voted to Pass over the third Art<sup>le</sup> (5<sup>th</sup>) Article.

Voted That a Committee be Chose to Petition the General Court or Assembly to Pass a Resolve empowering this town to Liquidate all those Sums of Money which have been heretofore Granted by this town and are now due upon Pass'd Assessments, and make the Same payable in Solid Coin — Voted that this Committee Consist of one Voted that Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> be this Committee — (6<sup>y</sup>) Article Voted that the Treafurer be & hereby is Directed to Issue his Warrants against each Collector within fourteen Days from this date, for the Two Tax's Granted for the hire of Soldiers one of Six the other eight Hundred Dollars Specia. unless Paid before that time Expires article y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup>: Voted that

a Committee be Chosen to Ascertain What Lands belong to this town & if Need be, to Commence & prosecute to final Issue; <sup>& Judgement</sup>

any Action or Actions against any person or Persons That Claim or possess any Part of the Same — Voted that the Selectmen be directed to Supply this Committee with orders on the Treafurer for Such Sums of money, as may be Necessary for Carrying on Such actions, — Voted that this Committee Consist of Five —

Voted & Chose Samuel Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> White m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger and m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark to be this Committee —

Then the Meeting was Defolved —

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen November the 9<sup>th</sup>: 1781 — They agreed to have a Publick Town meeting at the meeting house on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> Instant at two O Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles (Viz) To Choose a moderator of the Meeting (2<sup>y</sup>) To take into Consideration a Resolve of the General Court for Compleating the Continental

Army and act thereon as they Judge Proper. (3<sup>ly</sup>) For the town to Determin upon the Mode and give Directions for the Collecting the outstanding Tax's due to the town now in the Constables & Collectors hands; and do any thing Relating to the Paper money tax's Collected or not Collected they Judge Proper —

Warrants were Issued out directed to the Constables accordingly By order of the Selectmen & Signed Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly Afsembled at the meeting House on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of Nov<sup>r</sup>: AD 1781

They Chose William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: moderator of the meeting — Then they Voted that the treasurer Should call upon the Collectors for the two tax's Last granted and afsefs in hard money for y<sup>e</sup> Raifing men to fill the army &c: and if they Should not pay them into the Treasury by Next Wednesday then he Should Send out Executions for the Same — — — — —

They then voted to Choofe a Committee to use their endeavor to git the town Released from two of the men Set to them as their Part of the Continental Army which are Supposed to be more than Watertowns Proportion —————

Voted & Chose for Said Committee ~ { Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>  
William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
m<sup>r</sup> Samuel White

Then voted that the Treasurer Call upon all the Collectors of tax's to pay in all the moneys they have Collected within the time limited by the town for Receiving paper money they making oath that they Received the Same for Rates due to the town as aforeSaid

Voted also that all Committees that have paper money in their hands pay the Same into the treasury before the adjournment of the meeting ——— Then the Meeting was adjourned to the first monday in December Next at two O: Clock in the afternoon in this place —————

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November At m<sup>r</sup> John Bullards AD. 1781. an Account was bro<sup>t</sup>: in from Samuel Jenifon ju<sup>r</sup> for labour at the great Bridge amounting to £ 2 : 8 : 0 also an Account from Seth Hastings for keeping School three Weeks }  
and an half amounting to the Sum of } 4 : 13 : 6  
which the Selectmen accepted & Signed an order on the treasurer

to pay s<sup>d</sup> accounts — They also Signed an order to Pay y<sup>e</sup> following Persons the Sums Set to each of their names being grants made them by the town last march (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_

	old Currency	Silver
To Sam <sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup> : as afeſor last year -	330=0 .0	— 4 : 8 : 1
To Nath <sup>l</sup> Stone for d <sup>o</sup>	384 : 0 : 0	— 5 : 2 : 6
To Mofes Stone for d <sup>o</sup>	360 : 0 —	— 4 : 16 : 2
To Jed <sup>h</sup> Leathe for d <sup>o</sup>	592 : 0 —	— 7 : 17 : 2
To Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown for d <sup>o</sup> & Treaſ <sup>r</sup>	834 : 0 —	— 11 : 2 : 7
To y <sup>e</sup> Selectmen for expence last year	366 : 0 —	— 4 : 17 : 9
	2866 : 0 : 0 — 28 : 4 : 3	

At the above Meeting they Signed an order to M<sup>r</sup>: Eliot for twenty five Pounds in part of his Sallary the order is dated the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: last past \_\_\_\_\_

At a Publick Town Meeting held by adjournment on Monday the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of December 1781 at the Meeting House in Watertown by the Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup> Town Quallified to Vote in town affairs

William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: being moderator \_\_\_\_\_

The meeting being opened they Proceeded and \_\_\_\_\_

Voted the Execution against m<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Mason be Staid ten days from this time — — — — —

Voted that the Execution against m<sup>r</sup>: Henry Bradshaw be Sent out emediately — — — — —

Voted that a Committee be Chosen to Afsist the Treaſurer in arranging & Stating the Towns Accounts & Liquidating the money due to & from the town as well Individuals as others the Tax's to be included, that a Compleat State of the Debt & Credit may be know at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted to Choofe three men to be on this Committe \_\_\_\_\_

Voted and Chofe for s<sup>d</sup>: Committe { L<sup>t</sup>: Amos Bond  
William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Bisco

Then voted that this meeting be adjourned to the first monday in January Next which was accordingly don to be at two Clock afternoon at this place

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at m<sup>r</sup>: John Bullards on the 3<sup>d</sup>: day of December 1781. They agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Norcrofs to

keep Ruth Maddox from this day till further orders for which he is to have 4/ Pr week — — — — —  
 and They Signed an order on the treasurer to pay the following Sums hereafter mentioned (Viz). To the Rev<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup>: Eliot in full of his Sallery the present year — — — — — £ 50 : 0 : 0  
 to Daniel Parker Esq<sup>r</sup> for the Beef he provided — 82 : 13 : 6  
 to Jedidiah Learned for Boarding Mary Learned 1 : 4 : 0

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1781. at the Houfe of the wid<sup>o</sup> Dorothy Coollidge ——— They Signed an order on the Town Treasurer to Pay M<sup>r</sup>: Bezaleel Howard or his order the Sum of 715 : 7 : 0 old Currency or in Silver equal thereto which is £9 : 8 : 2

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of of Watertown Quallified according to law Regularly afsembled at the Meeting Houfe in s<sup>d</sup>: town on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Day of January AD: 1782

By Adjournment W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: being Moderator -  
 The (2<sup>d</sup>) article in the Warrant being Read: And the Committee appointed to hire men for the Continental Army Informed that they had made Such Provision for Supplying this towns Proportion that they Supposed the Number was Compleat therefore no other Meafures were taken — — — — —  
 Then the Committee Appointed to afsist the Treasurer in Settling the towns accounts Reported what they had don on that affair which was Voted & accepted So far as it Related to any Grants made to Peticular Perfons

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>rs</sup> Dorothy Coollidge on monday the 18<sup>th</sup>: Day of Feb<sup>y</sup>: 1782 ———  
 They agreed to have the Publick annual Town meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of March Next at 9 o Clock in the forenoon at the Meeting Houfe and ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to the Constables to to Warn the Inhabitants of the town who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to Afsemble at Said time and place for the Purpofes hereafter mentioned (Viz) First to Choofe a moderator of y<sup>e</sup> meeting (2) To Choofe Selectmen Town-Clerk & all other Town officers Required to be Chofe in y<sup>e</sup> month of march Annually (3) To Choofe a Saxton and agree how he Shall be Paid for his Service (4) To Determine Whether

Swine Shall Run at Large the enfueing year. (5) to put in their Votes for a County Treafurer (6) To agree what Schools Shall be kept, and Grant money to Support the Same & do any Relating thereto they thing Proper. (7) To grant money to Support the Poor, & do any thing further Necessary to finish the Houfe that was Purchafed for that use & make Such provision for the Poor as may be thought Proper. (8) To Grant money to Support the Great Bridge and do any thing that may be tho<sup>t</sup>: Necessary for the Recovery of Weston and Walthams Proportion of the Charge of the Support of y<sup>e</sup> Bridge over the Mill-Creek and do any thing thereon they think Proper. (9) To Grant money to repair the Highways & Town-ways and Pay Collectors & do any thing thereon they may think proper. (10) To hear the Accounts of thofe perfons the town is indebted to and Grant money to pay the Same (11) To Agree upon Some Method to pay the Rev<sup>d</sup>: M<sup>r</sup>: Eliots Sallary Quarterly, and Act thereon as the town may think Proper. (12) To know the minds of the town what they will do with the towns Estate lately belonging to John Stearnes, and Act thereon as they think Proper ——— (13) To hear the Reports of any Committees, and Act thereon as the town may think best. (14) To know the minds of the town Whether they will let the Fishery. and Act Any thing thereon or Relating thereto the town may think Proper — (15) To know y<sup>e</sup> minds of the town whether they will make any further grants to officers or Privates that have been in the Publick Service at Cannada Ticonderoga or else where not included in any former Votes, and act thereon as they may think proper ——— (16) To know the minds of the town, Whether they will Petition the General Court for that Part of Newton (Called Angiers Corner) to be annexed to Watertown, and Act any thing thereon as they think proper. (17) To know the minds of the town, if they will Call for the Outftanding Debts due to the town from Individuals, and act any thing thereon they think Proper — [(18)] To know the minds of the town. Whether they will do any thing Respecting the Collecting of Outftanding paper money Tax's, and act thereon as they think Proper ———

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(19) To know the minds of the town whether they will abate any Particular Perfons Rates. and act thereon as they See fitt ———  
(20) To act on any other matters that may be thought Necessary at this time. and Likewise to Notify the town Creditors to bring in

their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>rs</sup> Dorothy Coollidge on Fryday the first day of march Next at three o Clock afternoon ——— Warrants were Issued out Accordingly and Signed P<sup>r</sup> Order of the Selectmen Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Town-Clerk

At this Meeting the following accounts were bro<sup>t</sup>: to the Selectmen (Viz)

W <sup>m</sup> . Hunts account for Supplys to the poor and other Expences for the town as P <sup>r</sup> acc <sup>ts</sup> — — —	4 : 11 : —
Amos Bond for Supplys for the poor —	0 : 14 : 4
Simon Whitney for Wood for the School	3 : 7 : 4
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	8 : 12 : 8

Bridge acc <sup>ts</sup>	{	Samuel Hager for timber for the Great	
		Bridge &c — — —	15 : 0 : 0
		Cornelius Park for Labour at the	
		Bridge — — — — —	0 : 12 : 0
		Seth Norcrofs for d <sup>o</sup> : at D <sup>o</sup>	0 : 12 : 0
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			£ 16 : 4 : 0

Orders were Signed on the Treafurer to Pay the above acc<sup>ts</sup>  
At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the House of M<sup>rs</sup> Dorothy Coollidge on the first Day of March 1782 the following acc<sup>ts</sup> were Received by the Selectmen and allowed (Viz)

To the wid <sup>o</sup> Mary Vila for Board for Mary Learneds	
Child - -	11 : 0 : 6
To Nath <sup>l</sup> Bridge for keeping School — — —	16 : 10 : 0
To Seth Hastings for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	16 : 10 : 0
To Oliver W. Lane for Do — — — — —	18 : 0 : 0
To Amos Livermore for Wood for y <sup>e</sup> School	3 : 18 : 9
To Josiah Norcrofs for Boarding Ruth Maddox	2 : 12 : 0
To Nath <sup>l</sup> Bright for the Poor — — — — —	4 : 11 : 8
To Jed <sup>h</sup> Leathe for y <sup>e</sup> poor — — — — —	
To Stephen Cook for Labour at the Great Bridge	3 : 13 : 6
To Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown to pay Sherrif Bauldwins fees	5 : 7 : 0
To Daniel Parker & others for Cloathing —	33 : 12 : 0
To Josiah Bisco Acc <sup>tt</sup> for the poor — — — — —	0 : 14 : 0
To Newton Baxters acc <sup>tt</sup> for y <sup>e</sup> Bridge — —	0 : 4 : 0
To Jon <sup>a</sup> Browns Acc <sup>tt</sup> for paying for Beef —	0 : 18 : 0
To Joseph Gardners Lab <sup>r</sup> at the Great Bridge	0 : 9 : 0

March y<sup>e</sup> 4: 1782 the Selectmen Signed }  
an order to pay this Sum — — — — — } £ 118 : 0 : 5

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At a Publick Town Meting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in Town affairs Regularly afsembled at the Meeting Houfe in Said Town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Day of march AD 1782. for the Choice of Town officers and other affairs & Setforth in the Warrants for calling the meeting

Voted & Chofe Daniel Parker Esq<sup>r</sup>: moderator of y<sup>e</sup> Meeting

Voted & Chofe for Selectmen ——— { Daniel Parker Esq<sup>r</sup>:  
m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Bisco  
m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Whitney  
L<sup>t</sup>: Amos Bond  
L<sup>t</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup>: Bright

Voted & Chofe for Town-Clerk & Town-Treafurer Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>:

Voted & Chofe for Afsefsors — — { m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Bisco  
L<sup>t</sup> Amos Bond  
L<sup>t</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Bright

Chofe Wardens Mifs<sup>rs</sup> Thomas Harrington & Samuel Hager —  
Fence-Viewers m<sup>rs</sup> Richard Richardson & L<sup>t</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Bright  
Sealer of Leather m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Whitney — — — — —  
Surveyors of Highways m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark Mofes Coollidge, Simon Whitney and Joel White — — — — —  
Tythingmen Mif<sup>r</sup>s John Draper & Phinehas Child —————  
Howards mifs<sup>rs</sup> Peter Harrington & William Chenery —————  
Surveyors of Timber &c mif<sup>r</sup>s David Sanger & Simon Hastings —  
Clerks of y<sup>e</sup> Markets mifs<sup>rs</sup> Jed<sup>h</sup> Leathe & John Bullard  
Hogrieves Mifs<sup>rs</sup> Joel White & Henry Bradfhaw —————  
Chofe for Saxton m<sup>r</sup> Phin<sup>s</sup> Jenifon Voted & Granted him  
£ 3 : 12 : 0— for his Service-

Then voted y<sup>t</sup>: Swine Shall not Run at Large the Present year —  
then the votes were bro<sup>t</sup>: in for a County Treafurer —————  
Then the artile Relating to Schools was Read & they voted that  
there Shall be three Schools kept 4 months each all to be opened  
at the Same time —

Voted that the Schools be opened on the first Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> Next.  
Then Voted to Reconfider the above vote. then Voted & Granted  
£ 80 Pounds to Support the Schools, — Then Voted to Divide  
the town into three Diftricts to keep the Schools in, — Then  
Voted to Choofe a Committee for the Purpofe of the Schools  
Destricts being made out —————



Voted & Chose for Said Committee — { Jed<sup>h</sup> Leathe  
Josiah Bisco  
Amos Livermore

Then the (16) article was Read relating to Newton and then they voted that they would Not petition the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Court and that the Article be Dismiss<sup>t</sup> — — — —

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On the Sixth article. Voted & Granted £ 60 pounds to Support the Poor y<sup>e</sup> present year — Then voted to Chooſe five men to be overſeers of y<sup>e</sup> poor & to fit up the poor Houſe where it now Stands or in Such other place as the town Shall Direct. — Voted y<sup>t</sup> the Selectmen be appointed for that Purpose - - - - Then Voted to Reconsider the last vote —————

Then Voted to Chooſe a Committee to finiſh the poor Houſe —

Voted & Chose for Said Committee — { M<sup>r</sup>: Simon Hastings  
m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Mason  
m<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup>: Richardſon

then the article Relating to the Bridge was put over to the Next Meeting — — — —

Then the Article Relating to the Highways was Read & they voted that one Single Poll Should be Set at half a Days work and the Estates in Proportion

Then They voted to give Collectors of Tax's 1½ P<sup>r</sup> Cent for Collecting - - -

Then they Voted to Adjourn the meeting to monday the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of this Present month at this Place at two O Clock afternoon which was Accordingly don —————

march y<sup>e</sup> 4: 1782 miſs<sup>rs</sup> Joel White and Henry Bradſhaw were Sworn into the office of Hogrieves.

By William Hunt: Jus<sup>ts</sup>: Peace

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Houſe of m<sup>r</sup> John Bullard on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1782 the following Perſons were Sworn into the Several offices hereafter mentioned (Viz) Richard Richardſon Fence-Viewer, Stephen Whitney Sealer of leather Richard Clark, Mofes Coollidge, & Joel White, Surveyors of High-ways Phinehas Child Tythingman Peter Harrington Howard — David Sanger Surveyor of Timber, Jed<sup>h</sup> Leathe & John Bullard Clerk of the Markets — — — — —

Sworn By Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

Watertown March ye 18<sup>th</sup> 1782. Mifs<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco, Amos Bond, and Nathaniel Bright were Sworn as Asefsors ~

Nath<sup>l</sup> Bright Fence-Viewer, Simon Whitney Surveyor of Highways

William Chenery Howard,

Sworn by W<sup>m</sup>: Hunt Just<sup>s</sup> Peace

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At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Asembled at the Publick Meeting houfe on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of March AD: 1782 —

By adjournment. Daniel Parker Esq<sup>r</sup>: being absent the Town Voted & Chose William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator of ye Meeting Then they Proceeded to fill up the Vacancys of Town officers

Voted & Chose M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Benjamin & m<sup>r</sup> David Stone Constables Voted & Chose Mi<sup>r</sup>s: Jonathan Stone & Daniel Cook Collectors

Then Voted that the Consideration of a Grant for the great Bridge be put of for the Present — — — — —

Then a motion was made for to Reconsider a vote Pafsed at the last meeting & it Pafsed in the affirmative Relating to Petitioning the General Court for part of Newton — — — — —

and They Voted to Choofe a Committee of five persons to Confer with the Inhabitants of Newton at Angiers Corner (so Called) on the affair - - -

Voted & Chose for S<sup>d</sup>: Committee { m<sup>r</sup>: David Bemis  
m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark  
William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
L<sup>t</sup> Amos Bond  
m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger

voted y<sup>t</sup> Said Committee joine with the Inhabitants of Newton who think proper to Petition the Great & General Court that part of the Town of Newton may be annext to the town of Watertown — — — — —

Voted that Such Persons as are Indebted to the town by Bond &c Should pay the Interest that is due and Renew their Bonds as Soon as may be — — — — —

Then the (11) article Relating to m<sup>r</sup>: Eliots Sallery was Read & and they Voted that it Should be paid Quarterly but after further Consideration they Reconsidered the vote — — — — —

Then the accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to were Read and Accepted. Except: Whitneys & Saffords which were

Committed to mis<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Barnard, Jedidiah Leathe & Mofes Stone ju<sup>r</sup>

They the (15) article was Read & Voted y<sup>t</sup>. the Selectmen Consider thereof & Report what is proper to be don thereon — — the article Relating to John Stearnes place being Read. They voted to Chooſe a Committee of five to Consider thereof & Report

Chofe for Said Committee — — { m<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Clark  
m<sup>r</sup> Jed<sup>h</sup> Leathe  
m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis  
W<sup>m</sup>. Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
maj<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Barnard

Then the article Relating to the Fifhery was Read & Voted to Chooſe a Committee to Petition the Gen<sup>l</sup> Court for Liberty [to] Leave the Same

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Chofe for Said Committee { Daniel Parker Esq<sup>r</sup>  
William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>:  
L<sup>t</sup> Amos Bond  
Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>  
maj<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>: Barnard

Then they Voted that the Selectmen Consider what is proper to be don Relating to the Repairs & Support of the Crick Bridge with regard to the Dispute with Weston & Waltham and make Report as Soon as may be — — — — —

Then they voted to Chooſe a Committee to Confolidate the Tax's in paper money which are Outſtanding — — — — —

Voted & Chofe for Said Committee — { L<sup>t</sup> Amos Bond  
William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco —

Then they Voted and Chofe for a Committee to take care to See the Bonds & Notes &c Renewed

{ Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>  
W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
m<sup>r</sup> Jed<sup>h</sup> Leathe

Voted that y<sup>e</sup> Treafurer Call on the Delinquent Collectors & if they do not Settle their acc<sup>ts</sup>: in one month to Send Executions

The accounts that were allowed are as follows (Viz) ~

To Josiah Bisco for Serving Afſeſor y<sup>e</sup> year Past 4 : 18 : 0

To Amos Bond for like Service — — — — 4 : 12 : 0

To Nathaniel Bright for d<sup>o</sup> — — — — 4 : 12 : 0

To Jonathan Brown for Serving Treafurer — 12 : 0 —

To Mofes Coollidge for Smith work — — — — 1 : 10 —

To Amos Livermore for Work at the Barrak —	5 : 6 : —
To Simon Hastings for d <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	3 : 19 : 6
To Edward Harrington for Stones for a Bridge	0 : 18 : 0
To the Selectmen for Expences Last year — —	5 : 0 : —
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	£ 42 : 15 : 6

The Committee Appointed to Divide the Town into three Districts for the School Reported their doings, — and the town Voted that the Consideration thereof be Referred to April meeting

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Wednesday y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 1782 at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Mathew Fairfervice they ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to the Constables to Warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants Quallified agreable to the Constitution to Afsemble at the Meeting Houfe on monday the first Day of April at one O: Clock in the afternoon to Put in their Votes for a Governor Leiu<sup>t</sup> Governor & Senator, they also agreed to have an other meeting at the Same place the Same day at 3 O: Clock afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)

First to Chooſe a moderator of the Meeting

- (2) To Chooſe any town officers in the Room of Such as Refuſe to Serve &c
- (3) To know the minde of the town whether they will diſmiſs the Committee that were Chosen & appointed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March Inſtant to Petition the General Court for part of Newton ——— and to Act any thing thereon they think proper ———
- (4) To know the minde of the town Whether they will do any thing Relating to the fenceing the Miniſterial Place, and make Such a grant of money as they think Proper. and to Chooſe a Committee to Settle accounts with the Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Eliot and to Determin when his yearly Sallary in futer Shall begin and act anything on the affair that may be tho<sup>t</sup> proper -
- (5) To know the minde of the town Whether will Sell the Barrack that was Purchaſed to make a Houſe for the use of the Poor, or give Such Inſtructions to the Committee that was Chosen to finish the Same, and to act on the Matter as they think Proper —
- (6) To know the minde of the town Whether they will Abate any Peticular Perſons Rates and act thereon as they See fit.

- (7) To Hear the Reports of any Committees and make any further grants of money they Judge Necessary
- (8) To appoint a Committee to Examin the treafurers accounts and do any other thing or Matters that may be thought Necessary

Warrants were Issued out accordingly  
Pr Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

Watertown April y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>th</sup>: 1782. mifr<sup>s</sup> William Warrin and David Stone Were Sworn into the office of Constable and Daniel Cook & Jonathan Stone into the office of Collector

By William Hunt Just<sup>s</sup>: Peace

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At a Publick Town meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified according to the Constitution to Vote for a Governor & Lieu<sup>t</sup> Governor and Senators Regularly asembled at the Meeting Houfe in S<sup>d</sup>: Town on Monday y<sup>e</sup> First Day of April Anno: Domini 1782

The Selectmen being present the meeting being opened the Votes for a Governor were Called for being bro<sup>t</sup>: in Sorted & Counted it appeared that His Excellency John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup>: had 40 Votes & the Hon<sup>ll</sup>: James Bowdoin had 6 Votes The Hon<sup>ll</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cushing had 6 Votes & Azor orne had 17 for L<sup>t</sup> Governor. —————

Then the Votes were bro<sup>t</sup>: in for Senators & being Sorted & Counted it appeared that the Several Perfons afternamed had the Number Set against his Name which are as follows (Viz) — —

James Sullivan Esq <sup>r</sup>	16	Hon <sup>l</sup> James Prescot Esq <sup>r</sup>	41
Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown Esq <sup>r</sup>	21	Josiah Stone Esq <sup>r</sup> .	2
Sam <sup>ll</sup> : Thatcher		Abraham Fullar	
Esq <sup>r</sup>	22	Esq <sup>r</sup>	30
William Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup>	2	Nath <sup>l</sup> Gorham Esq <sup>r</sup> :	5
Daniel Parker Esq <sup>r</sup>	2	Eben <sup>r</sup> Bridge Esq <sup>r</sup>	43
Mr Willis Hall	1	John Tyng Esq <sup>r</sup>	20
		James Rufsel Esq <sup>r</sup>	17

At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Asembled at the Meeting Houfe on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup>: Day of April AD 1782. to transact Several affairs at Setforth in the Warrant for Calling the Meeting — Voted & Chofe Daniel Parker Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator —

Then the article Relating to Choofing Town officers was Read and m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Benjamin asked to be Excufed from Serving & by a vote was Excufed the Present year — — — — —

Then the article Relating to Newton was Read & after longe Debate thereon they Voted to Dismifs it — — — — —

Then they Voted & Chofe - - - L<sup>t</sup>: William Warrin Constable Voted that the Committee Appointed to finish the Barrack Proceed on the affair as Soon as may be — — — — —

then the Sixth Article was Read Relating to Sinking Tax's and was Past over

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Then they took into Consideration the article Realing to the Fencing the Ministerial Place and after Debate thereon they Voted that they would not be at any further expence about the infide fences: ——— Then they Voted that a Committee be Chofen to Settle with the Rev<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup>: Eliot refpecting his Sallary & determin at what Period it Shall begin in futer. and make Report of the State of the fences on the ministerial Place; and put the outside fences on the ministerial place in good repair — — —

Voted & Chofe for S<sup>d</sup>: Committee { m<sup>r</sup>: Phin<sup>s</sup> Harrington  
m<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup>: Learned  
m<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup>: Clark

Then Voted y<sup>t</sup> a former Committee Chosen last year to Settle with m<sup>r</sup>: Eliot Joine them in s<sup>d</sup>: Service. which are as follows (Viz)

the former Committee ——— { Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>  
m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>

Then the Committee to whome were Committed Sundry accounts Reported as follows (Viz)

That m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Ruggles Whitney Receive on his acc<sup>tt</sup>: £ 1 : 9 : 9  
and m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Safford receive on his Acc<sup>tt</sup> — — — 3 : 18 : 0

Voted and Granted for to pay Said accounts — — 5 : 7 : 9

Report of y<sup>e</sup>

Then the Committee on the affair of John Stearnes was Read

& is as follows (Viz) ——— We the Subscriber a Committe Appointed by the town to take into Consideration the Circumstances refpecting the purchafe of the Estate late belonging to John Stearnes by the Town also refpecting any Moneys Paid by the Town for Said Estate, & now in the hands of the Guardians;

also Respecting a reconveyance of Said Estate to Said Stearnes; are of Opinion that the town reconvey to said Stearnes Said Estate upon his paying the Town the moneys paid by them for Said Estate with the Interest thereof, and that the moneys now in the Hands of the Guardians (being the Same paid by the town) be Received as part of the Sum paid by the town for Said Estate; That any Rents Received by the town be Considered as part towards the Interest to be Estimated according to the Value at the time of Payment, Agreeable to the Scale of Depreciation,

Richard Clark  
Jed<sup>h</sup> Leathe  
William Hunt  
David Bemis  
Sam<sup>ll</sup> Barnard

which Report was accepted

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Then they took into Consideration the Report of the Committee that were Chosen to Divide y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants of the town into School Deftricts; after Debate thereon it <sup>was</sup> Voted & accepted. See y<sup>e</sup>

Report on file — — — — — ^

Then they voted & Chose as a Com<sup>tte</sup>. to { W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esqr  
Exam<sup>n</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Treafurer acc<sup>tt</sup> { L<sup>t</sup> Amos Bond  
m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis

Then the Meeting was Defolved —————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen the Sixth Day of May AD 1782 they Agreed to have a Publick Town Meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of may Instant at two O: Clock afternoon at the Meeting Houfe to Choofe a Reprepresentative to Serve the town in the Great & General Court the year ensuing - - - - -

also to have an other Meeting on the Same day at the Same Place at three O Clock to Act on the following articles (Viz) First to Choofe a Moderator of the Meeting ————— (2) To know the mind of the Town Whether they will Choofe a Committee to reconvey the Estate that was John Stearnes's to him again agreeable to a vote of the town - (3<sup>ly</sup>) To know the mind of the town whether they will Require Bonds of the Constables & Collectors For the Towns Security: — (4<sup>ly</sup>) To know the mind of the town whether they will Come into Some Method to Repair the

Building Procured for the use of the Poor, or act any-thing Relating thereto (5<sup>ly</sup>) To know the mind of the town whether they will Appoint a Committee to Commence a Suit against the town of Waltham in case they Refuse to Pay their Proportion of the expence of the Repairs don to the Great Bridge: (6<sup>ly</sup>) To Chooſe any town officers that may be Neceſſary: — (7<sup>ly</sup>) To do any thing relating to Collectors Settling their Accounts that may be thought Proper (8<sup>th</sup>) To hear the Reports of any Committees and act thereon as they think proper — (9<sup>ly</sup>) To Act on any other Matters that may be tho<sup>t</sup>: Neceſſary —

Warrants were Issued to the Constables Directing them to warn the Meetings for the Purpoſes above mentioned —

Pr Order of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen —

Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown at the Meeting House on monday the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of May: AD 1782. for the Choice of a Representative the meeting being Opened upon a motion made the Town Voted not to Send a Representative after which a Debate arose concerning the Legality of Such a Vote and they voted that the meeting Should be Difolved & an other Called for the Like purpoſe to be on Fryday Next at two O: Clock at the Meeting Houſe

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs aſsembled at the Meeting Houſe in Said town on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of May AD: 1782 They Voted & Chofe D<sup>r</sup> Marſhall Spring Moderator Then the meeting was adjourned to Fryday Next two o Clock <sup>afternoon</sup> to meet in this Place —

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1782 — They directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to the Constable to Warn all the Inhabitants who are Quallified to vote for Representatives to aſsemble at the meeting House on Fryday Next to Chooſe a Representative for the enfueing year if they think Proper.

Warrants were Issued accordingly

Pr Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Water-



town asembled for the Choice of a Representative after longe Debate they Voted not to come to the Choice of a Perion for to Repesent them in the General Court the Present year 1782 — then Voted that the thanks of this town be given to Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> for his faithfull Services in Representing them in y<sup>e</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Court Several years past

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting Houfe on Fryday the 17 day of May 1782: By Adjournment ———

D<sup>r</sup>: Marshall Spring being Moderator: the Meeting being opened on the 2<sup>d</sup> article They Voted to Chooſe a Committee to reconvey the Estate that was John Stearnes to him again agreeable to the Conditions mentioned in a former vote of the Town ———

Chofe for Said Committee ——— { William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup> David Bemis

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Then the 3<sup>d</sup> article was Read and they voted that the Constables and Collectors Shall give Bonds for their faithfull performance of the trust Repofed in then in Collecting the tax's &c ———

Then they Voted that they would Sell the Houfe that was purchafed for the use of the Poor to prevent the Same from being Deftroyed &c

Chofe as a Com<sup>tee</sup>. for y<sup>t</sup>: Purpoſe - { m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger  
m<sup>r</sup> Simon Hastings  
Daniel Parker Esq<sup>r</sup>

Then Voted y<sup>t</sup>: Such Constables & Collectors as <sup>had</sup> lists of Rates

Committed to them before the month of may last if they do not Settle them within Six weeks from this time then Executions Shall Issue out against them — — — — —

Then the Committee appointed to See to the Repairing the fencing on the minifterial Place bro<sup>t</sup>: in an account for Fencing-Stuff and Labour ammounting to the Sum of £ 10 : 7 : 8 pence which was allowed & Granted — — — — —

Then the meeting was Defolved ———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham on the 27 day of May 1782 at the Houfe of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Isaac Gleafon Inn holder in Waltham They Proportioned the Charge that had arifen for y<sup>e</sup> Repairs of the Great Bridge in Watertown Since the last adjustment amounting to the Sum of £ 22 : 19 : 0 : 3 of which Sum ———

Watertowns	Part	is	8 : 5 : 2
Westons	d <sup>o</sup>	is	7 : 7 : 9 : 3
Walthams	d <sup>o</sup>	is	7 : 6 : 1

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£ 22 : 19 : 0 : 3

At the Same time and place the Selectmen of Watertown & Waltham Settled and Adjusted an acc<sup>t</sup>: for the Support of one Abigail Ball a Poor Person Supposed to belong to the two towns to Support ——— The account is as follows (Viz) ———

To Boarding her 25 Weeks being from Dec<sup>r</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> 5: 1781 to may 27: 1782 @ 6/ P Week — — 7 : 10 : 0

Watertowns Tax	is	720 : 16 : 8	Watertowns Proportion
Walthams d <sup>o</sup>	is	637 : 10 : 0	is
			£ 3 : 18 : 9
			Walthams d <sup>o</sup> : is — 3 : 11 : 3
		1358 : 6 : 8	
			7 : 10 : 0

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the town of Watertown June the 18<sup>th</sup>: 1782. They Agreed to Call a Town-Meeting to be at the Meeting Houfe on monday the 24<sup>th</sup> Instant at 4 O Clock afternoon & Directed the Clerk to Issue Warrants to the Constable to Warn the Inhabitants to meet at Said time & place for the following Purposes (Viz) First to Choofe a moderator of the Meeting (2) To Choofe any Constables or Collectors (if need be) in the Room of Such as Neglect or Refuse to give Bond to the treafurer for the Security of the town for the faithfull Discharge of their trust ———

(3) To Hear the Reports of any Committees and act thereon as they See fitt ——— (4) To do any Thing the town may think Necessary to Prevent the Passuage through Cambridge Bridge being Shut up: ——— And to make any grants of money for Such Purposes as they See best, and do any other matters that Shall Appear Necessary ———

Warrants were Issued accordingly

P Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly assembled at the Meeting Houfe on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1782: To transact Sundry affairs as Mentioned in the Warrants for Calling the Meeting They Voted & Choie m<sup>r</sup>: David Bemis Moderator of the Meeting

after Considering the affair Relating to Constables & Collectors they Voted to put of the further Consideration for the present They then Entered into a Debate upon the Petition of the Selectmen being Presented to the General Court to Endeavor to prevent the Draw-Bridge at Cambridge being Shut up & after Debate thereon They Voted to Chooſe a Com<sup>tee</sup> to appear before the Committee of the General Court to Shew Cause why the Draw-Bridge at Cambridge ought not to be Discontinued \_\_\_\_\_

Chofe for Said Committee ——— { Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>  
D<sup>r</sup> Marſhall Spring  
W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>

Then the meeting was adjourned to monday Next 5 o Clock afternoon \_\_\_\_\_

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At a Legal Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly aſsembled at the meeting

House on monday y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>th</sup> day of July AD 1782. <sup>by adjournment</sup> M<sup>r</sup> David

Bemis being moderator They took into Consideration <sup>^</sup> the 2<sup>d</sup> article in the Warrant for Calling the meeting & after Longe Debate thereon they voted to Chooſe a Committee to apply to the General Court to Impower the town to come to a New Choice of Constables & Collectors in the Room of Such as may Refuse to Comply with the Votes of the town Reſpecting Constables & Collectors

Then Voted that the Selectmen be Said Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Then the meeting was adjourned to monday the 15<sup>th</sup> Instant at this Place —

At a Legal Town Meeting held by adjournment at the Meeting Houſe of the freeholders &c. in Watertown on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1782 - The moderator being absent m<sup>r</sup> Ezek<sup>l</sup>. Whitney was Chosen but Refused to Serve = Then they Voted that the Town-Clerk Should put the votes in the Room of the moderator \_\_\_\_\_ There being a very thin meeting after Reading Some Reſolves of the General Court of Great Importance They voted to put off the Consideration of the Same together with the Proper Buſineſs of the meeting to monday Next at 5 O Clock in the afternoon — Then they voted that the Selectmen Deſire the Rev<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup> Eliot to Read s<sup>d</sup>: Reſolves with the Letter accompaning the Same next Sunday after Divine Service \_\_\_\_\_ Then they

Voted that the Clerk Put up Notifications to Reminde the town of the time of meeting to take into Consideration the matters above mentioned in the papers above s<sup>d</sup>: Then the meeting was Adjourned to monday Next at 5: O Clock afternoon at this Place

At a Legal Town meeting at the meeting Houfe on monday y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> day of July 1782 By adjournment the moderator being absent Daniel Parker Esq<sup>r</sup> was Chofen moderator of the meeting there being but a Small number meet no businefs was don and the meeting was Defolved \_\_\_\_\_

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>rs</sup> Dorothy Coollidge July y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup>: 1782. They ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the Constables to Warn the Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the meeting Houfe on thursday Next at 3 O Clock afternoon for to act on the following articles (Viz) First to Choofe a moderator — 2<sup>d</sup> To agree with and make Choice of Some Perfon or Perfons to Collect emediately y<sup>e</sup> Continentia[1] Tax Granted to Support the army &c: (3<sup>ly</sup>) To Grant money for Su[ch] purposes as the Town may think Necessary \_\_\_\_\_  
Warrants were Issued accordingly

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At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Afsembled at the meeting Houfe in s<sup>d</sup>: town on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1782 —

Voted & Chofe Daniel Parker Esq<sup>r</sup> moderator \_\_\_\_\_

Then the 2<sup>d</sup> article was Read and after Debate thereon on a motion made and Seconded — it was Voted that the town will Give three per Cent for Collecting the Present Continental Tax Voted that William Warrin & David Stone Constables be allowed 1½ per Cent upon Collecting the Continental Tax now afsefsed in addition to the 1½ formerly Voted for the Collecting of Tax's

Voted that they give Bonds to the Town-Treafurer with Sufficient Suretys to the Acceptance of the Selectmen within y<sup>e</sup> present week Then upon a motion it was Voted so far to Reconfider the foregoing Vote as to Release David Stone from Collecting any Part of s<sup>d</sup>: Tax and that William Warrin Collect the whole provided he give Bond as above=mentioned — — — — —

Voted that the Selectmen Prepare a Subscription to be Exhibited to the Inhabitants of the town by the Constable when he goes to Collect the Tax's —

Then the meeting was adjourned to monday next at this place at 5 O Clock afternoon ——— But as there Appeared that there was not any thing Necessary to be don the meeting was Dropt

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at m<sup>rs</sup> Coollidges on y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> day of Aug<sup>t</sup>: 1782 they Signed an order on the Trefurer to pay the following accounts (Viz)

To Josiah Bisco for Serving afsefsor —	4 : 18 : —
To Amos Bond for Like Service —	4 : 12 : —
To Nath <sup>l</sup> Bright for d <sup>o</sup> — — — —	4 : 12 : —
To Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown for Serving Trefurer	12 : 0 : —
To Mofes Coollidge for Smith work —	1 : 10 : —
To Amos Livermore for work at the Barrack	5 : 6 : —
To Simon Hastings for d <sup>o</sup> — — —	3 : 19 : 6
To Edw <sup>d</sup> Harrington for Stones for a Bridge	0 : 18 : —
To Selectmen for Expences Last year —	5 : 0 : —
To Phin <sup>s</sup> Harrington & others for } Repairing the fence on the } minifterial place —	10 : 7 : 8
To Nath <sup>l</sup> R: Whitney — — — —	1 : 9 : 9
To Tho <sup>s</sup> Safford — — — —	3 : 18 : 0
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	53 : 10 : 11

At this meeting Simon Whitney notified y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of taking Thomas Seger to live with him & Nath<sup>l</sup> Bright the Received Abigail Blackman to live with him See y<sup>e</sup> Notifications on file

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: Anno: Domini, 1782 at the Houfe of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Harris They approbated to following Perfons to be Inn-holders (Viz) Dorothy Coollidge, Edward Richardson and (Cap<sup>t</sup> Harris & m<sup>r</sup> Fairfervice Jointly) — they also approbated the following perfons to be Retailors of Speritous Liquors (Viz) Amos Bond, Henry Bradfhaw, Ezekiel Hall, Daniel Parker, David Bemis, Josiah Capen, David Sanger, & Nathaniel Peirce, ———

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Sep<sup>r</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup>: 1782 They Signed orders on the Town-Treasurer to Pay the Several Persons the following Sums (Viz)

To Phinehas Jenison for work on the ministerial place	£	2 : 2 : —
To Edw <sup>d</sup> Richardson for Drink when Removeing y <sup>e</sup> Barrack		0 : 15 : 11
To Josiah Norcross for Boarding Ruth Maddox		0 : 16 : —
To Sam <sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup> for fenceing Stuff for y <sup>e</sup> ministerial place		3 : 6 : —
also To Josiah Sanderon for abatements made in his State tax of Elijah Tolman & Daniel	}	2 : 12 : 9
Learned's Rates — — — — — — — — — —		

at this meeting they Directed the Clerk to notify y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Weston and Waltham to meet at m<sup>r</sup> Francis Marshalls to agree what Repairs Should be made of the Great Bridge — They were notified accordingly to meet at Said Place on Fryday next at. 3. O Clock afternoon for said Purpofe ———

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham at m<sup>r</sup> Francis Marshalls on Fryday y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: 1782. They view'd the Bridge and agreed that the Selectmen of Watertown Should make Such Repairs as they Should Judge Necessary

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Cap<sup>t</sup> Harris on monday the 30<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1782. They agreed to have a Publick Town Meeting on the Seventh day of October Next at two O Clock afternoon at the meeting House for the ends following (Viz)

First to Choose a moderator of the meeting (2<sup>ly</sup>) to determin how the town tax's Shall be Collected for the present year, and to act any thing thereon the town may think Proper, (3<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of the town whether they will come into Some Method to Compleat the Collections of the old outftanding tax's and act any thing the town may think Proper thereon, (4<sup>ly</sup>) to agree upon Some Method to Settle with <sup>& pay</sup> those persons that the town is Indebted to. and act any thing the town may think proper thereon (5<sup>ly</sup>) to grant money to Support the poor. and Defray any other Charges that the town may think Necessary

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(6<sup>ly</sup>) To abate any Persons Tax's that the town may think Proper—

(7<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the Report of any Committees and act thereon as the town may think proper \_\_\_\_\_

Warrants were Issued to the Several Constables the next day  
Pr order of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen and Signed by  
Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Asembled at the Meeting Houfe in Said town on Monday the Seventh day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: AD: 1782

Voted & Chose William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator of y<sup>e</sup> Meeting  
Then y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup>: article in the Warrant was Read Relating to Collectors and after Debate thereon They Voted to Reconfider the vote Paft at a former Meeting relating to the Constable & Collectors giving Bond for their faithfull performance of their trust on the third article they Voted that the town Treafurer be directed to Issue his Executions against all deliquent Constables & Collectors emediately after Thursday the 17 day of this present month of October \_\_\_\_\_

Then the meeting was adjourned to Thursday y<sup>e</sup> Seventeenth day of this present month of oct<sup>r</sup>: to meet at this place at two O Clock afternoon —

The Selectmen being Met at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Francis Marfhall the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: AD 1782. they Received an Account from the Wid<sup>o</sup> Mary Vila for Boarding Mary Learneds Child from the Second day of March <sup>last</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup>: day of october Infant amounting to £ 6 : 4 : 0<sup>^</sup> which they accepted and ordered the Treafurer to pay \_\_\_\_\_

Middlefex fs Watertown Dec<sup>r</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>: 1782 M<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Hager having been Chosen a Warden for the present year for this town appeared and was Sworn as the law Directs

By me Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Jus<sup>t</sup> Peaice  
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middlefex fs Watertown Dec<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>: 1782 m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Harrington was Sworn into the office of Warden as y<sup>e</sup> Law Directs

P me Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Jus<sup>t</sup> Peace

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At a Publick Town Meeting held at the meeting Houfe in Water-  
town on thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of October AD 1782 By Adjourn-  
ment

William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: the moderator being Absent They voted and  
Chose M<sup>r</sup>: Amos Bond Moderator of the meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Voted that the Committee Chofen to Confolidate the outfstanding  
tax's be directed to Confolidate all Debts due from the town to  
Individuals and make Return to the Town-Treafurer & for him  
to give his note as Treafurer with Intereft for the Same from the  
time due \_\_\_\_\_

Voted to Choofe a Committee to Petition the Great and General  
Court respecting Cambridge Bridge \_\_\_\_\_

Voted and Chose for Said Committee { William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Daniel Parker Esq<sup>r</sup>  
m<sup>r</sup> Amos Bond  
m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis  
Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>:

Voted to abate Jedi<sup>h</sup>: Learned's town tax's in M<sup>r</sup>: Edm<sup>d</sup>: Fowles  
lists (Viz) Paper Rate amounting to £ 31 : 7 :—

and his Silver money tax amounting to y<sup>e</sup> sum of 0 : 12 : 7

also abated Sam<sup>l</sup>: Paine Jones's tax in m<sup>r</sup> Fowles list

in paper money amounting to £ 24 : 12 : 0 \_\_\_\_\_

Silver Tax in his list amounting to y<sup>e</sup> Sum of — 0 : 9 : 10

and John Wellingtons paper money 24 : 12 :—

his Silver money Tax amounting to y<sup>e</sup> Sum of — 0 : 9 : 10

and John Crofsbes paper Tax of 29 : 2 : 0 — —

his Silver Tax amounting to the Sum of — — 0 : 11 : 9

Then Voted that the Committee Chofen to look up towns Land  
be Impowered to Sell or lease any Lands they think Proper be-  
longing to the town \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing votes were past at Said meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Attest

Moderator \_\_\_\_\_

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the 12<sup>th</sup>. Day of Nov<sup>r</sup>: 1782 —

They Signed an order on the Town-Treafurer to pay the Several  
perions the Sums Set to their Names (Viz) To the wid<sup>o</sup> Mary  
Vila for Boarding Mary Learned's Child from the Second Day of  
march last to the fifth Day of October following Six pounds four  
shillings — — — — — 6 : 4 : 0

and to the wid<sup>o</sup> Sarah Bond in part for Boarding

James Hays Daughter — — — — — 6 : 0 : 0

and to Phinehas Jenifon in part for his Service as



Saxton this year — — — — — 2 : 0 : 0  
 also to pay m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Whitney for timber for the  
 Great Bridge — — — — — 2 : 8 : 0

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Dec<sup>r</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1782 They Signed  
 an order on the town-Treasurer to pay John Remington ju<sup>r</sup> for  
 keeping School five months £ 26 : 13 : 4

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Harris's on  
 Fryday the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 1782. The wid<sup>o</sup>: Sarah Bond  
 bro<sup>t</sup>: in an account for keeping the Daughter of James Hay from  
 Dec<sup>r</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>: 1781 to Dec<sup>r</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>: 1782. at 12/ P<sup>r</sup> week  
 amounting to y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 31 : 4 : 0 ——— and they Signed an  
 order on the town Treasurer to pay her the Sum of twenty  
 Pounds four Shillings which with what She Received before  
 will be in full of Said account . . . . .

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>e</sup> Day of December at  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Harris s AD: 1782 They Agreed to have a Town Meeting  
 at the meeting Houfe on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of this present month of  
 Dec<sup>r</sup>: at one oClock afternoon for the purposes following (Viz)  
 First to Choofe a moderator (2) To know if the town will  
 grant Liberty for the Children of James Hay to Set a Small houfe  
 on y<sup>e</sup> Land of the town for his use and to act thereon as they See  
 fit (3) To Choofe Wardens if it appears Necesfary (4<sup>ly</sup>) To  
 Agree upon Some Method for Collecting the Tax Lately Granted  
 for the Continental Service (5) To give the Committee Ap-  
 pointed to Confolidate the towns debts Some Infructions as they  
 See fit — (6) To hear the Reports of Committes and Act thereon  
 as they think Proper —————

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the meeting Houfe on Mon-  
 day the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of Dec<sup>r</sup>: AD 1782 to transact Sundry town  
 affairs as Setforth in the Warrant for Calling the meeting —  
 They Voted & Choſe m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Bisco moderator  
 2<sup>d</sup> article being Read they Voted that the Children of James Hay  
 have Liberty to erect a Houfe for their Father on the towns Land  
 lately purchafed of Josiah Capen, there to Stand during the  
 Pleasure of the town, but by the Direction of the town at any  
 time they are Oblidged to Remove the Same, Three months

notice being first given - The Selectmen to determine on what part of the Ground it Shall be placed — nothing being don on the Third article the Wardens being Sworn — 4<sup>th</sup> article pafsed over for this time on the 5<sup>th</sup> article voted y<sup>t</sup> the Committee Appointed to Confolidate Debts cast them up to the first day of January 1783. —————

Then Voted that the Meeting with the Remaining businefs be ad-journed to monday y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> day of January Next at two O Clock afternoon in this Place

At a Meeting of the Selectmen they Signed an order on the town=Treasurer to pay m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Soden twenty Six pounds thirteen fhillings and Six pence for the Support of School in the east Deftrict —

also to pay m<sup>r</sup> Seth Hastings £ 21 : 6 : 8 in full of his account for keeping School in the middle School Houfe —————

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston & Waltham on y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Day of Jan<sup>y</sup>: AD: 1783. at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Wellington Innholder in Waltham: They adjusted and Settled the Charge that had arisen for the Repairs of the great Bridge in Watertown Since the last adjustment the whole amounting to the Sum of £ 12 : 15<sup>s</sup> — of which Sum —————

Watertowns part is	£ 4 : 11 : 9
Westons d <sup>o</sup> : is	4 : 2 : 1
Walthams d <sup>o</sup> is	4 : 1 : 2

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12 : 15 : 0

At the Same time and place the Selectmen Settled an account for the Support of Abigail Ball a poor perfon Said to be the Charge of the two Towns from the 29 of May last to Oct<sup>r</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> 16 which Should have been y<sup>e</sup> 18 following (Viz) ~

To Boarding her 20 Weeks @6/ - - -	6 : 0 : 0	—
to 3 y <sup>ds</sup> of Baize at 6/ p y <sup>d</sup> : - - - - -	0 : 18 : 0	—
to a Pair of Shoes - - - - -	0 : 7 : 6	
to two Peticots - - - - -	0 : 8 : 0	

The whole amounting to the Sum of - - - - £ 7 : 13 : 6

Watertowns part is	4 ; 1 : 4
Walthams d <sup>o</sup> is	3 : 12 : 2

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7 : 13 : 6

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown held at the Meeting Houfe in S<sup>d</sup>: Town on Monday the 20<sup>h</sup> Day of January 1783. By Adjournment \_\_\_\_\_

M<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco being Moderator \_\_\_\_\_  
 the 4<sup>th</sup> Article being Read and after Debate thereon they voted that L<sup>t</sup>: William Warrin who is one of the Constables Shall Collect the State or Continental Tax now ordered to be made and that he Shall have two &  $\frac{3}{4}$  P<sup>r</sup> Cent for his Service  
 Then Voted that what was allowed him before & for Collecting this tax be Afseft with the tax now to be made \_\_\_\_\_

Then the Sixth Article being Read the Committee appointed to hire the last men to go into the Service in the Army Informed that they were ready to Settle their accounts Relating to that Service. and Desired a Committee may be appointed to Settle with them — Where upon it was Voted to Chooße three perfons as a Committee for that Purpofe \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Chofe for Said Committee — { M<sup>r</sup>: Mofes Stone  
 Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> White

then the Meeting Defolved \_\_\_\_\_

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At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of Cap<sup>t</sup> Harris on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of Feb<sup>y</sup>: 1783. They Agreed to have the Publick Annual Town-Meeting on Monday the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of March Next at nine O:Clock in the forenoon at the Meeting Houfe and ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to the Constables to Warn the Inhabitants who are Quallified to vote in town affairs to afsemble at s<sup>d</sup>: time and Place for the following Purpofes (Viz) First to Chooße a Moderator \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>d</sup> To Chooße Selectmen Town-Clerk and all other town officers Required to be Chofe in the Month of March Anually. (3<sup>d</sup>) To Chooße a Saxton and Agree how he Shall be paid for his Service (4) To Determin Whether Swine Shall Run at Large y<sup>e</sup> enfueing year. (5) To put in their votes for a County Treaferer. (6) To Agree what Schools Shall be kept and grant money to Support the Same, and act any thing Relating thereto they think Proper. (7) To Grant money to Support y<sup>e</sup> poor. (8) To Grant money to Repair the Great Bridge. (9) to Grant money to Repair the Highways and Act any thing on the affair they think proper. (10) To Chooße a Committee to Examin the Treaferers accounts and do any thing thereon they may think proper. (11) To know the minde of the Town whether they will do any thing

in behalf of the wid<sup>o</sup> Goddard Relating to an Action brought against her y<sup>e</sup> Fenceing her Land, by the Fence-Viewers. and to act thereon as they See fit — (12) To know the mind of the town whether they will call in their Outfitanding debts, and act thereon as they See fit. (13) To know the mind of the Town if they will give any Instructions to the Committee appointed to Petition the General Court for Liberty to Lease the Fishery and act thereon as they See fit (14) To know if the town will make any Grants to the Collectors or any other persons that have don Services for the Town. and to adjust any Accounts that are unfettled with any Committees &c. (15) To know the minde of the town what they will do Relating to Mary Stearnes a poor person Said to belonge to Watertown and Act thereon as they think best. (16) To hear the Accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to & grant money to pay the Same — (17) To know if the town will abate any perticular persons Rates in any of the Collectors lists. and act thereon as they think proper. (18) To know if the town will do any thing further Relating to Grants made to Soldiers. and act any thing thereon they See best. (19) To pafs upon a list of Juriors Prepared to be laid before the town. (20) To hear the Reports of any Committees and act thereon as they may Judge Necesary. and Likewise to Notify the town Creditors to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup> John Bullard on Fryday y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of this present month at two O Clock afternoon in order to their being laid before the — Which was Accordingly don the Next day

By Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

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At the meeting aforeSaid the Selectmen Signed an order of the Treafurer to Pay m<sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Leathe in full of his account presented - - - - - 2 : 2 : 0  
 and To Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup> on his account presented - - - 4 : 10 : 0  
 and to m<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Everit in full of Jed<sup>h</sup> Learneds } 1 : 3 : 6  
 Rates abated in his List - - - - - } \_\_\_\_\_  
 £ 7 : 15 : 6

The following Accounts were bro<sup>t</sup>: in and allowed by the Selectmen (Viz)  
 To Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: for Boarding Ruth Maddox 17 weeks 6/ - - - - - 5 : 2 : 0  
 to the wid<sup>o</sup> Mary Vila for Boarding mary Learneds Child to march 1783 — 5 : 4 : 0

to Daniel Whitney Boarding Ruth Maddox 11 weeks @ 3 - - - - -	1 : 13 : 0
to Nath <sup>l</sup> Bright for Board for Ruth Maddox & things for mary Learned's Child -	2 : 0 : 0
to Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown for attendance on a Com <sup>tee</sup> of the Gen <sup>l</sup> Court — — — —	0 : 6 : 9
to Josiah Mixer for Boarding Ruth Maddox — — — —	0 : 18 : 0

£ 15 : 3 : 9

1783 March y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> the Selectmen Signed an order on the Treaferur to pay the above — — — —

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The following Accounts were bro <sup>t</sup> : to be laid before the Town for acceptance (Viz) To Sam <sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup> for a Stone - - -	0 : 5 : 0
To Amos Bond for Serving Afsefsor y <sup>e</sup> year past ———	5 : 0 ———
To Nath <sup>l</sup> Bright for d <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	5 : 0 ———
To Josiah Bisco for d <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	6 : 0 ———
To Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown for attending the Service of Treaferur	12 : 0 ———
To the Selectmens Expencc last year - - - - -	5 : 0 ———

£ 33 : 5

The above Accounts were Allow'd and y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Sum Granted to pay the Same March y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>: 1783 —————

### [300]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to vote in Town affairs Regularly Asembled at the Meeting Houfe in S<sup>d</sup> Town on Monday the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of March AD 1783. For the Choice of town officers and other affairs as Mentioned in the Warrants - - - They Voted & Chofe William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator of the Meeting

Chofe for Selectmen —————	{ Mr: Amos Livermore Cap <sup>t</sup> : Phinehas Stearnes Maj <sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen Cap <sup>t</sup> : Chris <sup>r</sup> : Grant ju <sup>r</sup> L <sup>t</sup> : Mofes Stone ju <sup>r</sup>	
Chofe for Town-Clerk & Town-Treaferur Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown Esq <sup>r</sup>		
Chofe for Afsefsors - - - - -		{ William Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup> m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco ——— L <sup>t</sup> Amos Bond

Chofe Constables L<sup>t</sup> William Warrin & m<sup>r</sup> David Stone  
 Wardens m<sup>r</sup> Laban Wheaten m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Peirce & D<sup>r</sup>: Marfhal  
 Spring

Fence-Viewers L<sup>t</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Bright & m<sup>r</sup> Phin<sup>s</sup> Harrington  
 Sealer of Leather m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Whitney —

Surveyors of Highways m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Peirce m<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore  
 D<sup>r</sup> Marfhal Spring and M<sup>r</sup> Hugh Mason

Tythingmen m<sup>r</sup> Richard Richardson & m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Learned  
 Howards m<sup>r</sup> Abraham Whitney m<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Chenery & m<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup>  
 Fowle & John Bullard

Surveyors of Timber &c m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger & m<sup>r</sup> Simon Hastings  
 Clerks of the Markets m<sup>r</sup> John Bullard & m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Peirce  
 Hogrieves m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Cornwall m<sup>r</sup> Peter Harrington m<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup>:  
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Fowle and m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup> Bemis

Cullar of Hoops Staves &c m<sup>r</sup> Jeremiah Bridge

Chofe for Saxton m<sup>r</sup>: Phin<sup>s</sup> Jenifon & Granted him £ 3 for the  
 Service Then Voted that Swine Should not run at Large y<sup>e</sup>  
 present year —

Then the Town took into Consideration the affair of m<sup>rs</sup> Goddard,  
 and Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to Inquire into the  
 affair and Report to the town what they think will be proper to be  
 don thereon at the Adjournment of the meeting —

then they Voted that the Schools be the Same in Number and  
 under the Same Regulations as they were the last year —

Then Voted & Granted £ 100 pounds to Support the Same —

Then they took into Consideration <sup>ye</sup> <sup>artile</sup> Relating to former Col-

lectors and Constables Relating to their allowance for Collecting,  
 and Voted to Choofe a Committee to Consider thereof and make  
 Report at y<sup>e</sup> adjournment

Chofe for Said Committee — { m<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup> Peirce  
 W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger —

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Voted that the Perfons that will Collect the Tax's on the Lowest  
 Terms and give good Security to the town Shall have that  
 priviledge - - - - -

Then voted to adjourn to Six o Clock in the Evening to m<sup>r</sup> John  
 Bullards to agree with Such as may Incline to undertake the  
 Bufinefs — —

Then the Meeting was accordinly adjourned to 6 O Clock at m<sup>r</sup>

Bullards and being Met at the Said time and Place. They Agreed with m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Coollidge to Collect the East lists of Town Rates for 3 P<sup>r</sup> Cent ——— and with m<sup>r</sup> Francis Brown to Collect the West list of town Rates for 5 P Cent. — and with m<sup>r</sup> David Stone to Collect y<sup>e</sup> East lists of Publick Rates for 1½ P Cent, and with L<sup>t</sup> William Warrin to Collect the West lists of Publick Tax's for 2 P<sup>r</sup> Cent, they giving good Security as above mentioned, Then they Voted that the Premium be added to the Several lists by the Afsefsors ———

Then after Choofing Constables they Proceed and Chofe two Collectors of y<sup>e</sup> town Rates — (Viz) m<sup>r</sup> Francis Brown & m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Coollidge - - - - -

Then they Voted that the Highway Rate be afsest as it was last year (Viz) half a Day to a Pool and in proportion on the Estates the Price of Labour 6/ a day for a man & y<sup>e</sup> like Sum for a Team —

Then they Voted to adjourn the Meeting to monday Next at Nine o Clock in the forenoon to meet at the Meeting Houfe — — — which was accordingly don ————

Middlesex is: Watertown March y<sup>e</sup>. 3<sup>d</sup>: 1783. The Several perfons hereafter-mentioned were Sworn into the Several offices to which they were Chofen (Viz) W<sup>m</sup> Hunt, Josiah Bisco, <sup>& Amos Bond</sup> ^ afsefsors; W<sup>m</sup> Warrin & David Stone Constables, Laban Wheaten Nath<sup>l</sup> Peirce and Marfhall Spring Wardens ——— Stephen Whitney Sealer of Leather, — Nath<sup>l</sup> Peirce, Amos Livermore, Marfhall Spring & Hugh Mason Surveyors of Highways - - — David Sanger & Simon Hastings Surveyors of Timber &c ——— John Bullard & Nath<sup>l</sup> Peirce Clerks of the Markets ——— Daniel Cornwall & Nath<sup>l</sup> Bemis Hogrieves — — — — —

all Sworn By — Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Just<sup>t</sup> Peace ————

March y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>: 1783 Nath<sup>l</sup> Bright was Sworn into the office of Collector of Tax's & Fence-Viewer, and Abraham Whitney & John Bullard Howards & Peter Harrington Hogrieve

By Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Just<sup>t</sup>: Peace

### [302]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Afsembled at the meeting Houfe on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Day of March AD 1783. By Adjournment. —

W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup> being Moderator. it being Very Cold The Meeting was adjourned to m<sup>r</sup> John Bullards and being met they Proceeded. and Granted £ 60 pounds to Support the Poor ———

Voted to put over the Bridge grant to April meeting ———

Voted that the Committee Appointed to Examin the Treafurers Accounts last year Continue a Committee till they Compleat that Buifnefs ———

on the (12) article they Voted that the Teafurer Call in all y<sup>e</sup> outstanding Debts due to the town as Soon as may be ———

on the (13) article they Voted that the Committee Appointed to Petition y<sup>e</sup> General Court for Liberty to Leafe the Fishery proceed on that affair according to their former appointment ———

Then the Meeting was Adjourned to two O Clock in the afternoon to meet at this place — at two O Clock being met according to

Adjournment - on the (14) Article They Voted that the Committee appointed to Consider what allowance the Collectors Shall have & Report what Sum they ought to have provided they make up their Accounts by y<sup>e</sup> time they Shall fix upon — — — — —

Then the Article Relating to Mary Stearnes was Read and it was Voted that the Selectmen have the Direction of that affair according to their Judgment ———

Then they Voted and Abated the whole of W<sup>m</sup> Parks Rates in the Several Collectors list

Voted and abated Jedidiah White ju<sup>r</sup> Rates in Ebenezer Everits lists

the Town-Creditors accounts were Read and allow'd See Page (299) of £ 33 : 5 : 0

Then on a Motion made they Voted y<sup>t</sup> the treafurer pay Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup> his Wages for Service in Convention in Specia the Sum that was allow'd

Then they Voted to Choofe a Committee to Inquire further Relating to Soldiers and others allowances for Services and to make Report

Voted & Chofe for Said Committee - { L<sup>t</sup>: Amos Bond  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Chris<sup>r</sup> Grant ju<sup>r</sup>  
m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger

Then a list of Juriors prepared by the Selectmen Was Read and they Voted & accepted the Same which is on file ———

Then the Committee Appointed look after the Towns Land &c

made Verbal Report that they had not Compleated the Buifnefs<sup>^</sup> assigned them by their Commifion, but would proceed as Soon as they Could which was accepted



Then They Voted to abate Samuel Jenifon ju<sup>rs</sup> Rates in Christopher Grant ju<sup>rs</sup> lists amounting in paper money to £ 1 : 15 : 6

Then they Voted and Accepted of L<sup>t</sup> Nathaniel Bright to Serve Collector of the town tax's in the Room of Francis Brown & Mofes Coollidge  
then the meeting was Difolved \_\_\_\_\_

[303]

At a meeting of the Selectmen at Francis Marfhall: on monday the the 31 Day of march AD 1783. — They Directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants directed to the Constables to Warn Such <sup>^</sup> of the Inhabitants as are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of Governors & Senators to asemble at the meeting Houfe on Monday the Seventh day of April next at two OClock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for Governors and Sentors — also to Warn Such of the Inhabitants as are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to meet 3 O Clock afternoon on Same day at the meeting Houfe for the following Purpofes (Viz)

First to Chooſe moderator of y<sup>e</sup> meeting — (2) To hear the Report of the Committee appointed to Examin the Treafurers accounts and to act thereon as See fit: — (3) To Chooſe any town officers in the Room of Such as Refuſt to Serve — (4) For the the town to Agree upon What Steps Shall be taken Relating to the Support of Mary Stearnes and to act thereon as they See fit. (5) For the town to agree upon Some method to Diſcharge the Debts they owe to Sundry perſons & act any thing Relating there- to <sup>they</sup> think proper; (6) To do any thing Relating to the Re- <sup>^</sup> pairs of the Great Bridge that they think Neceſſary (7) To hear the Reports of Any Committees and Act thereon as they think beſt: (8) To make any further Grants of Money for any Peticular Services as they may Judge Neceſſary — — — — — Warrants were Iſſued out Accordingly —

P<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At the above meeting y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Signed an order on the Town Treafurer to pay the Sum of £ 35 Pounds to y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup>: Eliot which make up the whole of his Salary for the Preſent year — They alſo Signed an order to pay the Several perſons afternamed y<sup>e</sup> Sums Set againſt their names it being for Services at the Great Bridge (Viz)

To Nath <sup>l</sup> Bright for Labor &c -	1 : 4 : 0
To Step <sup>n</sup> Cook d <sup>o</sup> — — — —	2 : 6 : —
To Newton Baxter d <sup>o</sup> — — —	0 : 16 : 6
To Amos Bond d <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	0 : 16 : —
To Israel Whittemore - - - - -	1 : 18 : —
To Nathan Hobbs - - - - -	1 : 12 : —
To Daniel Whitney - - - - -	1 : 2 : 6
& for one String peice - - - - -	2 : 8 : —
To Expence of y <sup>e</sup> Selectmen in y <sup>e</sup> Settlement - -	0 : 12 : —

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£ 12 : 15 : 6

[304]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of Governor & Senators held at the meeting Houfe on monday y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1783. — The Selectmen being Present the Votes Were Called for. for a Governor and being brot in Counted & Sorted it Appeared that His Excellency John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup>: had 29 Votes

- The Hon<sup>le</sup> James Bowdoine Esq<sup>r</sup> - - - 2
- The Hon<sup>le</sup> Benjamin Lincoln Esq<sup>r</sup> . . 1

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Then the Votes were Called for a L<sup>t</sup>: Governor were bro<sup>t</sup>: in Counted & Sorted & it appeared that - The Hon<sup>le</sup>: Thomas Cufhing Esq<sup>r</sup>: had . . . 6 Votes

- The Hon<sup>le</sup> James Sullivan Esq<sup>r</sup> had . . . 27 -
- The Hon<sup>le</sup> Benjamin Lincoln Esq<sup>r</sup>: had . . 1 -

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Then the Votes were Called for For Senators & being bro<sup>t</sup>: in Counted and Sorted it Appeared that the following perfons had the number of Votes Set Against each of their names (Viz)

Eleazer Brooks Esq <sup>r</sup> : - 1	James Prefcott Esq <sup>r</sup> - 27
Jon <sup>s</sup> : Brown Esq <sup>r</sup> - - 6	Eben <sup>r</sup> : Bridge Esq <sup>r</sup> : - 11
Ephraim Wood Esq <sup>r</sup> : - 4	Nath <sup>l</sup> Gorham Esq <sup>r</sup> - - 27
Abra <sup>m</sup> Fullar Esq <sup>r</sup> - - 2	Josiah Stone Esq <sup>r</sup> - - - 24
James Winthrop Esq <sup>r</sup> - 8	John Remington Esq <sup>r</sup> - 13
Benj <sup>n</sup> Brown Esq <sup>r</sup> - - 2	Jonas Dix Esq <sup>r</sup> - - - - 10
	James Rufsel Esq <sup>r</sup> - - 3
	W <sup>m</sup> Bauldwin Esq <sup>r</sup> - - 1
	W <sup>m</sup> Winthorp Esq <sup>r</sup> - - 1
	Joseph Lee Esq <sup>r</sup> - - - - 1
	Ezra Sergant Esq <sup>r</sup> - - - 5

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At a Publick Town Meeting the Same day at the Same Place of Such of the Inhabitants as are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to act on Sundry affairs &c ———

They Voted & Chofe m<sup>r</sup> Samuel White Moderator of y<sup>e</sup> meeting Then the 2<sup>d</sup> Article was Read and y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>ttc</sup>. appointed to

Examin the Treafurers <sup>acc<sup>ts</sup></sup> Reported which <sup>was</sup> accepted & Voted that it Should be Recorded

Then the meeting was Adjourned to monday y<sup>e</sup> 21 Infant 4 o Clock afternoon in this Place ———  
 april y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup>: 1783. M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Learned was Sworn into the office of Tythingman

By Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Jus<sup>t</sup>: Peace

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At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting Houfe of the Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly afsembled on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of April AD 1783. By adjournment: ———

m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel White being Moderator. The 4<sup>th</sup> article in the Warrant being Read Relating to Mary Stearnes: They Voted and Granted the Sum of Forty Pounds £ 40. To enable the Selectmen to Defend y<sup>e</sup> Town from being obliged to Support s<sup>d</sup>: Stearnes — Then they Voted to Choofe a Committee to Receive and Settle m<sup>r</sup> Ezekiel Halls Lists of Tax's - -

Voted & Chofe for said Committee { William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>:  
 L<sup>t</sup> Amos Bond  
 m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco

Then they Voted & Granted the Sum of £ 150 pounds to help pay the Towns Debts - -

At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 21<sup>th</sup>: Day of April AD: 1783 at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: John Bullard. - They Signed an order on y<sup>e</sup> Town Treafurer to pay m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Jenifon £ 1 : 12 : 0 in full for his Service as Saxton the Last year — — — — —

And as this being the year for Perambulating lines Betwixt towns They <sup>agreed</sup> to proceed on that Bufinefs on Thursday the 1<sup>th</sup> Day

of may <sup>^</sup> next to Begin with Cambridge at the River at Seven O Clock in the morning, and with Waltham at 11: in the forenoon near M<sup>r</sup>: Wellingtons, also with Newton at 4 O Clock afternoon to meet at Cap<sup>t</sup>: Phinehas Cooks. and ordered the Clerk to notify the Selectmen of the Several Towns of the times &

places of Meeting. Letters were Sent Accordingly Dated y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> Infant

P Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town Clerk

Middlefex Is may y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1783. Mr Edmund Fowle was Sworn to the office of Howard to which office he was Chofen in march Last

By m<sup>e</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Just<sup>t</sup>: Peace

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Day of may AD: 1783. They ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants for a town meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of this month at 2 oClock afternoon at y<sup>e</sup> meeting Houfe to Choofe a Repr[esen]tative and an other at 3 O Clock y<sup>e</sup> Same Day to act on other affairs [See] the Warrant on file \_\_\_\_\_

### [306]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified according to the Constitution to Vote in the Choice of a Reperentative Regularly asembled at the meeting Houfe in Said Town on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of May AD: 1783. The Selectmen being Present. The Votes for a Representative being bro<sup>t</sup>: in Sorted & Counted & it Appeared that Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: was Chofen.

And at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup> Town on the Same day of Such as are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly asembled at the Meeting Houfe to Transact Sundry affairs mentioned in the Warrant for Calling the Meeting &c. They Voted & Chofe William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator —  
on the Second article They Voted to Choofe a Com<sup>tee</sup>: of Corrofpondance

Voted & Chofe for s <sup>d</sup> : Committee	}	Mr: Sam <sup>ll</sup> : White Mr, David Bemis Mr Rich <sup>d</sup> : Clark - Mr Josiah Bisco Mr Simon Whitney
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the third and fourth article were paft over to y<sup>e</sup> adjournment the 5<sup>th</sup> article Relating to a Way through the land of Maj<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Capen being Read with the Report of the Selectmen on the Same. the Town Voted their Willingnefs to accept the Same and their Thanks to the Major for his Generous offer to the Town \_\_\_\_\_ the (6<sup>th</sup>) Article being Read Relating to the appointing a Com-

mittee to Apply to the General Court for Some Relief on account of Tax's &c. They Voted to Choose a Committee for that Purpose — — — —

Voted & Chose for Said Committee { Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown, Esq<sup>r</sup>  
W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>

(7) article being Read they Voted to Choose a Committee to apply to the General Court for Liberty to Regulate the Fishery Then they Voted & Choose Mis<sup>rs</sup> Amos Livermore David Bemis & Richard Clark to join the former or last Committee Chosen for that purpose — — —

on the (8<sup>th</sup>) article they Voted to Choose a Committee to Draw up Instructions to be given to their Representative

Chose for s<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> & y<sup>t</sup> they Re { Sam<sup>l</sup>. Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>  
W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco  
port at y<sup>e</sup> adjour<sup>t</sup>

Voted & Granted £ 20 to Support y<sup>e</sup> Bridge &c.

Then adjourned y<sup>e</sup> Meeting to monday the 26<sup>th</sup> day of this month [at] 5 O Clock afternoon at this place —————

### [307]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Asembled at the meeting Houfe on monday the twenty Sixth Day of may Anno: Domini 1783. By Adjournment.

William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: being Moderator — The Committee appointed to Prepare Instructions appeared & Informed y<sup>e</sup> town that they were Ready to Report the Instructions for the Representative according to order which being Read were accepted. Then they Voted that a fair Cobby be made out and Signed by the moderator and Given to Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: for his guide in the General Court &c. See the Instructions on file —

Then the Meeting was Defolved —————

1783 Dec<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 3 m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Harrington was Sworn as a Fence-Viewer into which office last march he was Chosen to Serve in —  
Pr Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Just<sup>t</sup> Peace

1783 May y<sup>e</sup> 1 Mis<sup>rs</sup> Moses Stone & Amos Livermore Perambulated the lines Betwixt this and the Neighboring Towns —

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Cap<sup>t</sup> Parker on the 25 day of Aug<sup>t</sup>: 1783. They Signed an order on the Town-Treasurer to Pay the Several Sums out of the Town-Treasury in the manner following (Viz)

To the Rev <sup>d</sup> m <sup>r</sup> Eliot as a Quarters Sallary y <sup>e</sup>	
Sum of —	£ 25 : 0 : —
To Sam <sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup> for a Stone - - - - -	0 : 5 : —
To Amos Bond for Serving Afsefsor last year -	5 : 0 : —
To Josiah Bisco for d <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	6 : 0 : —
To Nath <sup>l</sup> Bright for d <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	5 : 0 : —
To Jonathan Brown for Serving Treasurer last year	12 : 0 : —
To the Selectmen for their Expences last year - -	5 : 0 : —
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	58 : 5 :

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup>: Day of September 1783: at Cap<sup>t</sup>: Parkers. They Signed an order on the Town-Treasurer to pay out of the Town-Treasury the Sum of Thirty Eight Pounds in the following manner (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_

To Lois White for keeping School - - - - -	£ 7 : 4 : 0
To Robert Gray for d <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	24 : 0 : —
To Mary Cockran for her Store to keep School in	1 : 11 : —
and to m <sup>r</sup> Broad for Plank for the great	
Bridge	5 : 5 : —
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	38 : 0 : 0

At this time they Approbated the following Perfons for licences (Viz)

Edward Richardson	} for Inn-holders	John Draper	} Retailors
Dorothy Coollidge		Mary Cockran	
Jonathan Maynard		David Sanger	
Sam <sup>ll</sup> : Wellington		Abner Craft	
John Bullard		Amos Bond	
		John Fowle	
		Henry Bradfhaw	
		Jedidiah Leathe	
		William Warrin	
		Francis Faulkner	
		Ebenezer Kent	
		Laben Wheaten	

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1783 —

They agreed to approbate Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniel Parker in the Room of  
Jonathan Maynard Holmns Hall as a Retailor —

## [309]

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston & Waltham on the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1783 at the House of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Isaac Gleason Innholder in Waltham They Settled and adjusted the Charge that had arifen Since the last adjustment the whole amounting to y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 25 : 1 : 8 of Which

Watertowns Part is—	9 : 0 : 0	B N: Capens acc <sup>tt</sup> of 14/9 not
Westons d <sup>o</sup> is—	8 : 1 : 8	Carried out & was omitted See
Walthams d <sup>o</sup> : is—	8 : 0 : 0	y <sup>e</sup> adjustment in the treafurers
		Book y <sup>e</sup> 2 <sup>d</sup>

£25 : 1 : 8

At the Same Meeting the Selectmen of Watertown and Waltham Settle the Charge of Supporting Abigail that had Arifen for the Support of Abigail Ball Since the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of October last to y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Day of October Next being for her Board 52 Weeks @ 6/ — Pr Week Amounting to the Sum of £ 15 : 12 : — of which Sum

Watertowns Part is	8 : 5 : 0
Walthams d <sup>o</sup> is	7 : 7 : 0

£ 15 : 12 : 0

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Wellington on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD: 1783. Deacon John Sanderfon one of the Selectmen of Waltham being Present Informed: them that the wid<sup>o</sup> Peirce of y<sup>t</sup> Town had bro<sup>t</sup>: one Mary Stearnes a perfon Belonging to Watertown and Left her at his House as a Poor Perfon. which the Said Sanderfon had provided and Agreed that m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Sanderfon who has agreed to take Care of her for the Present for Six fhillings Pe<sup>r</sup> week - which the Selectmen have Agreed to See paid till further orders — At this meeting They Signed an order on the Town-Treasurer to Pay the Sum of £ 20 : 12 : 10 to the Several perfons that Provided the Meterials and Repaired the Great Bridge in Watertown the Present month of Sep<sup>r</sup> —

and at this meeting after Considering the Circumstances of Benjamin Jenings and Family which Belonge to the Town of Charlstown They Desired & Directed Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> the  
&  
Town-Clerk to apply  $\wedge$  in their name to petition the Great &

General Court for Lyberty to Remove them to Charlstown where they Belong who they think will be a Great Saving to the Common-Wealth

## [310]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Daniel Parker on the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of November AD: 1783. They ordered the Treaferer to Pay the Rev<sup>d</sup>: M<sup>r</sup> Richard Roswell Eliot £ 25 pounds in Part of his Sallary for the Present year, also to Pay M<sup>r</sup> John Draper £ 11 Pounds for the Repairs of the wid<sup>o</sup> Abigail Goddards Fence agreeable to a Vote of the town ———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at Capt Daniel Parkers on the second Day of Feb<sup>ry</sup>: 1784. They Singed and order on the Treaferer to Pay William Stone £ 1 : 8 : 6 for Supplys for Ruth Maddox also to Pay Samuel Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup> £ 2 : 8 : 0 for Boarding s<sup>d</sup> Maddox agreeable to his Account - - - - -  
And at their Meeting at y<sup>e</sup> Same Place on the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of y<sup>e</sup> Same month they Signed an order to Pay M<sup>r</sup>: Eliot 25 pounds in part of his Sallary y<sup>e</sup> Present year ———

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniel Parkers on the 23<sup>d</sup> Day of Feb<sup>ry</sup>: 1784. They Signed an order to Pay Nath<sup>l</sup> Ruggles Whitney £ 5 : 6 : 8 for keeping School last year & the Sum of £ 8 : 8 : 0 in part for keeping School y<sup>e</sup> present year —

At this meeting they agreed that the Annual March meeting Should be on monday y<sup>e</sup> first Day of march Next at the Meeting House at 9 O Clock in the forenoon & Directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to warn the Inhabitants of the Town Quallified to Vote in town affairs to meet at Said time and Place for y<sup>e</sup> following Purpofes (Viz) ———

First to Choofe a moderator of y<sup>e</sup> meeting — — ———

(2) To Choofe Selectmen Town Clerk and all other Town officers Required by law to be Choife in the month of march annually ~

(3) To Choofe a Saxton and agree how he Shall be paid for his Service

(4) To Determin whether Swine Shall Run at Large y<sup>e</sup> enfueing year

(5) To put in their votes for a County Treaferer — — — —

(6) To Agree what Schools Shall be kept. and grant to Support the Same and Act thereon as they think Proper ———<sup>l</sup>——



(7) To Grant money to Support the Poor (8) To grant money to Repair the Great Bridge, and act any thing thereon they think best.

(9)

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(9) To grant money to Repair the Highways and do any thing Relating thereto they See fit (10) To Choofe a Committee to Examin the Treafurers Accounts, and to Settle with the Constables & Collectors (11) To Choofe Collectors in the Room of any that Cannot finish their Collections, and do any thing thereon they think Necessary (12) To Hear the Accounts of those Persons the town is Indebted to and grant money to Pay the Same (13) For the town to act any thing Relating to the Fishery they may think Further Necessary (14) For the Town to do any thing Relating to a Road given by Maj<sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen, and Layed out by the Selectmen that may be thought Necessary, (15) To know the mind of the town what Sums Shall be allowed to the Constables and Collectors that have not been Paid & act thereon as they See fitt. (16) For the town to Lease or Sell the two Pews that have been given up to the town (17) To hear the Reports of former Committees and act thereon as they See fit — and to notify y<sup>e</sup> Town Creditors to bring their accounts to the Selectmen at Cap<sup>t</sup> Parkers on Fryday Next at 3 O Clock afternoon in order to their being Layed before y<sup>e</sup> Town

Warrants were made out y<sup>e</sup> Next <sup>day</sup> and Sent to the Constables

and Signed By order of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen

Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, and Waltham on the 24 Day of Feb<sup>y</sup>: 1784 at the House of M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Wellman Inn holder in Waltham they Settled and adjusted the Accounts of the Charge that has Arisen for y<sup>e</sup> Repairs of the Great Bridge Since y<sup>e</sup> last adjustment the whole amounting to the Sum of £ 58 : 10 : 0

of Which	Watertowns	Part or	Proportion is	--	21	:	0	:	10
	Weston s	d <sup>o</sup>	is	-----	18	:	16	:	11
	Walthams	d <sup>o</sup>	is	-----	18	:	12	:	3

£ 58 : 10 : 0

See y<sup>e</sup> Settlement at Large entered in Treafurers Book

## [312]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup>: Day of Feb<sup>r</sup>. at the House of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Daniel Parker the following accounts were brought in & Allowed by the Selectmen (viz)

To Robert Grey for Keeping the east School 5½ Months	33 : 6 : 8
To Jonathan Stone for boarding Ruth Maddox } 33 weeks and four Days @ 6/ p. week and tundrys of Cloathing }	11 : 11 : 6
To Moses Stone Ju <sup>r</sup> to Boarding Ruth Maddox five weeks @ 6/ p <sup>r</sup> week & Sundrys provided for Sam <sup>l</sup> . Jenifon }	2 : 9 : 11
To Cap <sup>t</sup> . Phin <sup>s</sup> . Stearns for providing wood for s <sup>d</sup> Jenison	0 : 12 : —
To Amos Livermore for Clothing for Hannah Hay	0 : 6 : 0
To Chris <sup>r</sup> . Grant Ju <sup>r</sup> for supplying the Poor } & other expences for the fervice of the Town }	2 : 1 : 9 —
To Simon Haftings for setting Glafs in y <sup>e</sup> Meeting House	0 : 4 : 6
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	£ 50 : 12 : 4 —

The following Accounts were brought before the Town at their

Meeting <sup>March 1. 1784</sup> ^ and were Accepted (viz)	
To Jon <sup>a</sup> . Brown Esq <sup>r</sup> . for his fervice as Treasurer } the year past — — — — — }	6 : 0 : 0
To Amos Livermore & others the Selectmen for } their Necessary expences the year past — — — — }	5 : 10 : 0
To William Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup> . for his fervice as Afsefsor —	1 : 17 : 6
To Josiah Bisco for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	3 : 2 : 6
To Amos Bond for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	2 : 12 : 6
To Amos Livermore for Collecting Receipts - - - -	1 : 0 : 0
To Moses Stone Ju <sup>r</sup> . for D <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	1 : 0 : 0
To Phin <sup>s</sup> Stearns s acc <sup>t</sup> . Supplying M <sup>rs</sup> . Downing - -	0 : 15 : 0
To Chris <sup>r</sup> . Grant Ju <sup>r</sup> . for D <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	0 : 8 : 3

The above Acc<sup>ts</sup>. being Allowed the feveral fums were Granted to pay the fame on March y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>t</sup>: & 8<sup>th</sup>: 1784 —

## [313]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders and other In-

habitants of Watertown Qualified to vote in Town Affairs Regularly Asembled at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday the first Day of March A D1784. for the Choice of Town Officers and other Affairs as mentioned in the Warrants ~  
 They Voted and Chose William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>. Moderator of y<sup>e</sup> Meeting

Chose for Selectmen - - - - { Mr. Amos Livermore  
 Cap<sup>t</sup>. Phin<sup>s</sup>. Stearns  
 Cap<sup>t</sup>. Chris<sup>r</sup>. Grant Ju<sup>r</sup>.  
 L<sup>t</sup>. Amos Bond  
 L<sup>t</sup>. Nath<sup>l</sup>. Bright

Chose for Town Clerk ~ Josiah Bisco \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chose Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup>. White Town Treasurer & upon his Desire was Excused

Then Chose Jonath<sup>n</sup>. Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>. Treasurer who Declined Serving

The Town then voted and gave their Thanks to him for his long and good services Rendered them as Town Treafurer & Town Clerk ~

Then Chose Mr. Amos Livermore Town Treasurer who was Excused upon his own Desire ~

Then they made Choice of Mr. Amos Bond for Town Treasurer

Chose for Afsefsors ~ { Josiah Bisco  
 Mr. Daniel Mason  
 L<sup>t</sup>. Amos Bond

Constables M<sup>r</sup> David Stone & L<sup>t</sup>. William Warren ~

Collectors Mef<sup>s</sup>. Daniel Mason & Joseph Bright ~

Wardens Mef<sup>s</sup><sup>rs</sup>. Eires Tainter & Simon Whitney ~

Fence viewers Mef<sup>s</sup><sup>rs</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Harrington & Jonas White

Sealer of Leather M<sup>r</sup>. Elijah Mead ~

Surveyors of High ways Mef<sup>s</sup>. Daniel Mason Cap<sup>t</sup> Chris<sup>r</sup> Grant Ju<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Willington & David Sanger ~

Tythingmen Mef<sup>s</sup><sup>rs</sup>. Stephen Cook & John Draper ~

Howards Mef<sup>s</sup><sup>rs</sup>. Daniel Whitney & David Bemis ~

Hogrieves Mef<sup>s</sup><sup>rs</sup>: Dan<sup>l</sup>. Cornwall & William Sanger ~

Clerks of the Market Mef<sup>s</sup><sup>rs</sup>. Abner Craft & Eben<sup>r</sup>. Kent

Surveyor of Timber Mef<sup>s</sup><sup>rs</sup>. David Sanger & John Capel

Cullers of Hoops & Staves Mef<sup>s</sup><sup>rs</sup>. Jeremiah Bridge & Henry Bradfh[aw]

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Chose for Saxton M<sup>r</sup>. Phinehas Jenison and granted three pounds for his pay the enfuing year ~

Then voted that Swine Should not run at Large y<sup>e</sup> present year  
Then Voted that there should be the same number of Schools & that they be under the same Regulations as they were last year and Granted the sum of £ 100 to support the same year ~

Then the Votes were

brought in for a County Treaferer

Voted to Grant Sixty pounds to Support y<sup>e</sup> Poor y<sup>e</sup> present year

Voted to put off the Consideration of a Grant of money to repair

the great Bridge untill may Meeting ~

Voted that the Highway rate be Afsesed by Taxing each poll fix fhillings & other estate in proportion thereto & that Six fhillings be Allowed for A Days work of a man and the same price for A good Team ~

Voted to Choofe a Committee to Examine the Treaferers Acc<sup>ts</sup>.

Chose for said Committee ~ { Mr Sam<sup>l</sup>. White  
Will<sup>m</sup>. Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
Mr. David Bemis

Voted to Choofe A Committee to Consider the services of the Constables & Collectors who have not been paid for their service and report at the Adjournment of this meeting

Chose for said Committee { Josiah Bisco  
Mr. David Sanger  
Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup>. White  
Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Soden  
Will<sup>m</sup>. Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>

Voted to put of the 13<sup>th</sup>. Article to the Adjournment of this meeting

Upon the 14<sup>th</sup>: Article Voted that the Road Given by Maj<sup>r</sup>. Josiah Capen be Accepted As A Town way Agreeable to the Report of the Selectmen on file \_\_\_\_\_

Voted to Sell the Pews Belonging to the Town at Publick Auction at the Adjournment of this Meeting and that Ten Pr. Cent be paid Down As earnest and Security ~ To be Given for the Remainder to be paid in three Months from the time of Sale with Interest ~

Voted to Choose A Committee make Sale of said Pews ~

Chose for Said Committee ~ { Josiah Bisco  
Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup>. White  
Mr. David Sanger

The Town Creditors Acc<sup>ts</sup>. were Read & Accepted se page (312)

Voted that the Pews be sold on the same footing y<sup>e</sup> first Pews were sold see the Records ~

## [315]

Voted to farm out the Collection of all the Publick & Town Taxes for the present year to the Lowest Bidder ~

then proceeded and the following persons engaged to Collect the Town Taxes and to Give bonds for the Towns Security — (viz)

Mr. Daniel Mason to Collect y<sup>e</sup>. East List for 4 P<sup>r</sup>. Cent

Mr. Joseph Bright to Collect y<sup>e</sup>. West D<sup>o</sup>. for 6 P<sup>r</sup> Cent

Then voted to postpone the farm the State Taxes untill the adjournment of the Meeting ~

Voted that Mr. Moses Stone Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>. and Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup>. White A former Committee chosen the 20<sup>th</sup>. of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1782 be A Committee to Settle Acc<sup>ts</sup>. with all Committees for hiring men for the Army and make report as soon as may be ~

Then Voted that this Meeting be Adjourned to monday the 8<sup>th</sup> Instant at 2 O Clock Afternoon at the Publick Meeting House ~

At a Publick Town Meeting March the 8<sup>th</sup>. 1784 by Adjournment at the Meeting House ~

Will<sup>m</sup>. Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>. being Moderator the Meeting being open they Proceeded ~

Voted to choose A Committee to Join with the Towns of Weston & Waltham in Petitioning the General Court for Some Relief towards <sup>widning and</sup> repairing the Great Bridge

Voted that <sup>^</sup> the Selectmen be A Committee for that purpose ~

Then the Committee who were Chosen to Consider the services of the Constables & Collectors made Report as follows (viz)

That the severall Persons who have served as Conftables and Collectors for the Town and have not been paid for their services Receive the fums sett to their severall Respective Names As A Compensation for their services Rendered the Town upon their making up and settling their Accountps with the Treasurer ~

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To Mr. Sam <sup>l</sup> : Soden for service in y <sup>e</sup> year	1780	—	1 : 4	~
To Mr. Moses Stone Ju <sup>r</sup> . Constable in	1780		1 : 16	~
To Mr. Edm <sup>d</sup> . Fowle Collector in	D <sup>o</sup> -		1 : 10	~
To Mr. Daniel Mason D <sup>o</sup> - in	1781		3 : 6	~
To Mr. Henry Bradshaw D <sup>o</sup> - in	D <sup>o</sup>		4 : 10	~
To Mr. Josiah Sanderson Cons <sup>bl</sup> . in	D <sup>o</sup>		3 : 0	~
To Mr. Will <sup>m</sup> . Harrington D <sup>o</sup> - in	D <sup>o</sup>		4 : 10	~
To Mr. Amos Bond Const <sup>bl</sup> . in	1777		3 : 0	~

To Chris <sup>t</sup> . Grant Ju <sup>r</sup> . D <sup>o</sup> -	in D <sup>o</sup>	3 : 0 ~
To M <sup>r</sup> . Nath <sup>l</sup> . Bright Cons <sup>tl</sup> e.	in 1778	1 : 16 ~
To M <sup>r</sup> . Moses Coollidge	D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup>	1 : 16 ~
To M <sup>r</sup> . Jon <sup>a</sup> . Child 36 <sup>s</sup> see page (321)		1 : 16 ~

The Above Report was Accepted and Money Granted to pay the fame ~

Then they took into Consideration the farming the state Taxes and proceeded and the following persons engaged to Collect them And to Give bonds to secure the town (viz)

M<sup>r</sup>. David Stone to Collect the east List @ 5 Pr Cent & M<sup>r</sup>. Will<sup>m</sup>. Warren the west D<sup>o</sup> @ 6¼ Pr Cent — and voted that the premiums for Collecting Taxes be Aseised in the several Lists of Taxes ~

Voted to Grant the sum of Six pounds to Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> for his service As Treasurer the year past ~

Voted that the late surveyors of Highways immediately return their lists to the Selectmen that the Delinquents may be added in the next Highway Tax ~

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to Tuesday the 23<sup>d</sup> Instant at 3 o Clock at this place ~

Middlesex fs Watertown March y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>; 1784 The several persons hereafter Mentioned were Sworn into the several Offices to which they were Chosen (viz) Josiah Bisco Town Clerk Amos Bond Town Treasurer Josiah Bisco Dan<sup>l</sup>. Mason and Amos Bond Aseisers ~ David Stone & Will<sup>m</sup>. Warren Constables — Dan<sup>l</sup>. Mason & Joseph Bright Collectors — Eiers Tainter & Simon Whitney Wardens — Tho<sup>s</sup>. Harrington and Jonas White Fence Viewers — Elijah Mead Sealer of Leather Dan<sup>l</sup>. Mason Chris<sup>t</sup>. Grant Ju<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Willington & David Sanger Surveyors of Highways — Dan<sup>l</sup>. Whitney Howard — Dan<sup>l</sup>. Cornwall and Will<sup>m</sup>. Sanger Hogrieves ~ Abner Craft & Eben<sup>r</sup>. Kent Clerks of the Markett — Surveyors of Timber David Sanger & John Capel Cullar of Hoops and staves Jer<sup>h</sup>. Bridge

all Sworn Before Jonathan Brown Justice of Peace

### [317]

At a Publick Town Meeting on Mar<sup>h</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup>. 1784 by Adjournment, at the publick Meeting House the Moderator being Absent the Town made Choice of M<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. White for their Moderator the Meeting being Opened they Adjourned to monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of March Instant at four O Clock Afternoon to Meet at the Meeting House ~ and there being no Businifs to transact at s<sup>d</sup>: Adjournment the Meeting Ceased ~

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> of March 1784 at the House of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Daniel Parker they Directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the Constables to warn Such of the Inhabitants of Watertown As Are Qualifie<sup>d</sup>. by Law to Vote for Govenours and fenators to meet at the Publick Meeting House in Watertown on Monday the fifth Day of April Next at two O Clock Afternoon in Order to Give in their Votes for A Govenour Leiu<sup>t</sup>. Govenour and five Senators for the County of Middlefex, Agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth Warrants were Issued out Accordingly ~

Pr. Josiah Bisco Town Clerk

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At a publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & Other Inhabitants of Watertown who Are Qualified according to the Constitution to vote for A Govenour Leiu<sup>t</sup>. Govenour and Senators Regularly Afsembled at the Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the fifth Day of April Anno Domini 1784 ~

The Selectmen being present the meeting was Opened and the votes for A Govenour were Called for brought in Sorted and Counted and it Appeared that

His Exelency John Hancock Esq <sup>r</sup> . had -	26
Hon <sup>ble</sup> . James Bowdoin Esq <sup>r</sup> . had	1
Jonath <sup>n</sup> . Maynard Esq <sup>r</sup> . had	1

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Then the votes for A Leiu<sup>t</sup>. Govenour were Call<sup>d</sup>. for Sorted and Counted and it Appeared that

The Hon <sup>bl</sup> . Tho <sup>s</sup> . Cushing had	2
The Hon <sup>ble</sup> . Axor Orne Esq <sup>r</sup> . had	11

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Then the Votes for Senators were Called for brought in Sorted and Counted it Appeared that the following persons had the Number of Votes Sett Against each of their Names (viz)

Ebenezer Bridge Esq <sup>r</sup> . had —	17	} for Senators —
Nath <sup>l</sup> . Gorham Esq <sup>r</sup> . — —	26	
Will <sup>m</sup> . Winthrop Esq <sup>r</sup> - — —	25	
James Rufsell Esq <sup>r</sup> . — — —	2	
Joseph Lee Esq <sup>r</sup> - — — — —	1	
Francis Dana Esq <sup>r</sup> — — — —	27	
Josiah Stone Esq <sup>r</sup> - — — —	17	

Col <sup>o</sup> . Will <sup>m</sup> Prefcott	— —	9	} for Senators ———
Bradley Venum Esq <sup>r</sup> .	— —	9	
Eliez <sup>r</sup> . Brooks Esq <sup>r</sup> .	— — —	1	
Doc <sup>r</sup> . Marshal Spring	— —	1	

## [319]

Watertown May the 12<sup>th</sup>: 1783 ~ Whereas Josiah Capen Esq<sup>r</sup>: of Watertown aforesaid hath laid open 2 1/3 Rods way begining at the old road near the Land of D<sup>r</sup>- Marshal Spring till it comes to an Open way by land of Jn<sup>o</sup>- Remmington Esq<sup>r</sup>. and wholly throughout his own Land, and whereas the said Capen hath freely and without any consideration from The Town therefor Granted the same for and As A publick road or Town way, and it Appears to us the Subscribers the Selectmen of the Town of Watertown that it will be for the Interest of this Town that the same be made A publick Town Road ~ Do hereby Accept thereof and lay out the same as a publick Town Road of 2 1/3 Rods wide. as the fence now Stands- till it comes to the Mill pond (so called) then 2 1/2 Rods wide from the said mill pond till it comes to said Old way Then the width to continue from the Mill Creek (so Called) to Land of Jn<sup>o</sup>. Remmington Ezekiel Hall and William Hunt until it comes to the County Road leading over the Great Bridge in Said Watertown, which said Road we hereby Lay out as a publick Town Road and from henceforward to be Considered As such ~

Amos Livermore  
Phinehas Stearns  
Christopher Grant Ju<sup>r</sup>  
Moses Stone Ju<sup>r</sup>.

Watertown Dec<sup>r</sup>. 3<sup>d</sup>. 1783 ~

By Complaint from M<sup>r</sup>. Nath<sup>l</sup>. Bemis to us the subscribers against M<sup>r</sup>. Ezek<sup>l</sup>. Whitney his Declining Coming to a Division in the fence and mending up the same ~ Between s<sup>d</sup>. Bemis's Land and said Whitneys Land; after due Notice to each party we have proceeded as the Law directs and Divided the Above mentioned fence Equally, and hereby Order and Alot to M<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup>. Bemis the South end from the High way nine rods and one half foot as his part of the fence ~ Also to M<sup>r</sup>. Ezek<sup>l</sup>. Whitney nine rods and one half foot on the North and as his part of the fence ~

True Copy

Nathaniel Bright } Fence  
Phin<sup>s</sup>. Harrington } Viewers



## [320]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Edward Richardson on monday the 12<sup>th</sup>. Day of Ap<sup>l</sup>. 1784. They Agreed with Mofes Stone Ju<sup>r</sup>. to Keep Ruth Maddox from this time till may meeting Or till another place be provided for 3/6 p<sup>r</sup> week They Also Agreed to have A meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham on Wednesday the 21 Inf<sup>t</sup> at two O Clock Afternoon to Determine what Matereals will be wanted for the Repairs of the Great Bridge ~

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M<sup>r</sup>. Samuel Willington on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup>. Day of April they Agreed that the Meeting for the choice of a Representative should be on Monday the third Day of May Next at two O Clock Afternoon - Also that another Meeting of the Inhabitants Qualified to vote in Town Affairs be on the same Day at three O Clock to transact Buifness Relating to the Affairs of The Town and Directed the Clerk to Issue Warrants to the Constables to warn Said meetings Warrants were Issued accordingly. Directed to the Constables to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants in said Town Qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of a Representative to meet at the Publick meeting House on monday the third Day of May next at two O Clock afternoon to make Choice of some Suitable person to Represent the Town in the General Court the year ensuing ~ Also to warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified to vote in Town affairs to at three O Clock on the same Day & place to act on the following Articles (viz)—

- 1<sup>t</sup>. To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting \_\_\_\_\_
- 2<sup>dly</sup> To Grant money to repair the great Bridge and for any other Town charges ~
- 3<sup>dly</sup> To Know the mind of the Town whither they will give their Representative any Instructions on any matters of Importance ~
- 4<sup>ly</sup> To Know the mind of the Town whether they will take up any of the Body seats in the meeting House and build Pews in their Places ~
- 5<sup>ly</sup> To Know the mind of the Town Whether they will make any Grants of money to any Collectors who have not had any Consideration for their services ~

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6<sup>ly</sup> To hear the Petition of Gideon Frost and act thereon as they may think proper ~

- 7<sup>ly</sup> To Know the mind of the Town whether they will give their Treafurer any Directions respecting their outstanding Taxes and act any thing relating thereto they may think proper ~
- 8<sup>ly</sup> To hear the Report of any Committees and act any thing thereon they think proper ~

P Josiah Bisco, Town Clerk

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified according to the Constitution to vote in the choice of a Representative Regularly assembled at the meeting House in s<sup>d</sup>. Town on monday the third Day of May AD 1784. The Selectmen being present the votes for a Representati<sup>ve</sup> being called for, brought in sorted and Counted it appeared that The Town made Choice of William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>. to Represent the Town the ensuing year ~

And at a meeting of such of the Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup>. Town as are Qualified by Law to vote in Town Affairs Regularly Asembled at the Publick meeting House on the same Day for the purpose of transacting the business mentioned in the warrant for calling said Meeting they proceeded and chose M<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. White Moderator for said Meeting ~

and on the 2<sup>d</sup>. Article voted & granted the sum of seventy pounds to repair the Great Bridge. ~

On the 3<sup>d</sup>. Article It was put to vote whether the Town will give their Representative any Instructions and it pas<sup>s</sup>. d in the Negative ~

On the 4 Article voted that four of the Body seats be taken up and pews erected in their places, and voted to Chuse A Committee to build said Pews and Chose for said Committee M<sup>rs</sup>. Nath<sup>l</sup>. Bemis Amos Livermore & Richard Clark, and voted that s<sup>d</sup>. Comm<sup>tee</sup>. be Directed to make sale of the Pews after they are built at publick Auction under the same Regulations of the Other Pews in the Meeting House As soon as Conveniently may be —

On the 5<sup>th</sup>. Article voted that the former Committee for Considering the services of Collectors be Desired to consider and repo[rt] what M<sup>r</sup>. Jon<sup>a</sup>. Child shall <sup>have</sup> for his service as Col-  
lector wh[ \* ] Considered in their <sup>^</sup> former Report. said Com-  
mittee rep[ \* ] M<sup>r</sup>. Child have 36/ for his service, which Re-  
port was Acce[pted]

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On the 6<sup>th</sup> Article that the Town Act nothing on the Petition of Mr. Gideon Frost and that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition ~

On the 7<sup>th</sup> Article voted that the Treaferur be Directed to call upon the Collectors of outstanding Taxes to fettle and close their Accountts with him as foon as possible with Convenience 8<sup>th</sup>. Article. The Committee chosen to fettle the Treaferurs

and a Grant  
Acc<sup>ts</sup>. made report of their doing which was Accepted ^  
made to pay the Ballance Due to Jon<sup>a</sup>. Brown Esq

see the Report on file ~ and the Committee who were chosen to make sale of of the two pews that belong to the Town made report of their Doings which was Accepted and is as follows ~

The Committee who were appointed to sell the two Pews belonging to the Town have performed the fervice — and Offer the following As A Report of their Doings (viz) ~

Sold the Pew in the Lower part of the Meeting House	
to Maj <sup>r</sup> . Josiah Capen for - - - - -	£ 41— 0—
Sold the Pew in the Gallery by the east Door } To Benjamin Hastings for - - - - - }	— 18 " 10
Received Cash in part for said Pews — — —	— 7 : 12
Rec <sup>d</sup> . the purchasers Notes payable to the Treasurer in three months from the time of sale with Int <sup>t</sup> . }	— 51 " 18
	<hr/>
	£ 59 . 10
The expences of the vendue for y <sup>e</sup> . sale of the Pews	15

Ballance	£ 58 " 15
May 3 <sup>d</sup> . 1784	

Josiah Bisco	} Committee
Sam <sup>l</sup> : White	
David Sanger	

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Samuel Willington on monday the 17<sup>th</sup>. Day of May 1784 —

They Agreed to Notifie the Selectmen of Weston & Waltham to meet at the w<sup>d</sup>. Doroy. Coollidges on monday the 31<sup>t</sup>. Day. of May Current at three O Clock Afternoon in Order that the Minds of the Town may be known whether they will Petition the General Court for some Afistance in widding the Great Bridge in Watertown ~ They Also Agreed to Notifie the Inhabitants of the Town that they purpose to Lease out for one

year at publick auction that part of A wharf Lying in Cambridge that Belongs to Watertown [o]n wednesday the Second Day of June next at the House of Mr. Edw<sup>d</sup>. Richardson at six o Clock Afternoon ~

## [323]

At a Meeting meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Edw<sup>d</sup>. Richardson on the wednesday the second Day of June 1784.

They proceeded to Leave out the wharf Agreeable to their Notifica<sup>tion</sup> said Wharf to be Leased till the first Day of May 1785 ~ it being put up for sale to the highest bidder Said wharf was Leased to John Richardson who was the highest bidder for the sum of nine shillings & three pence ~ and they Received the purchase money the expences of sale was 4/~5/3— Remained for the use of the Town ~ They Also proceeded at said meeting to Lay out the Surveyors of Highways — several Districts which were as follows. (viz) ~

Daniel Masons District to begin at Will<sup>m</sup> Stones and take the road south by said Masons and through Perrys Lane so Call<sup>d</sup>. and up the Great road to Simon Hastings.s shop Taking said

Hasting the w<sup>d</sup>. Deb<sup>t</sup>: Learned Jon<sup>a</sup>. Child & Jonah Norcrofts into s<sup>d</sup>. District

David Sanger s District to begin at s<sup>d</sup>. Hasing<sup>s</sup>. up to the meeting House Including Jenisons Lane so Call<sup>d</sup>. from thence up to Daniel Whitneys, and from said meeting House up the Great road to Mr. Ezek<sup>l</sup>. Hall's taking the new road so Called through to Waltham line, and over the Great Bridge to Newton line — Sam<sup>l</sup>. Willington to begin at Ezek<sup>l</sup>. Halls and up the Great road to Waltham line and through Tainters Lane so Call<sup>d</sup>. and Down by Tho<sup>s</sup>. Harringtons Down under the Rocks so call<sup>d</sup> to the w<sup>d</sup>. Clarks Gate and all the roads west of said Road Also the road from John Stearns.s Down to Dan<sup>l</sup>. Whitneys and taking Jonas Barnard ~

Cap<sup>t</sup>. Chris<sup>r</sup>. Grant Jur<sup>r</sup>. to have the Remainder of the Roads in Town for his District At said Meeting Mr Mofes Stone Jun<sup>r</sup> Notified the Selectmen that he had taken into his family on the first of May 1783 Thomas Shattuck Farmer he came last from Lexington in Low Circumstances ~ Also John Cook Informed the Selectmen May 18<sup>th</sup>. 1784 he had Taken into his Family Sarah Carter W<sup>h</sup>. Came Last from Newton ~

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr. Samuel Willington on thursday the 6<sup>th</sup>. Day of May 1784 ~ they Signed on Order for the Treasurer to pay the several persons hereafter named the sums Affixed to their several names it being the amount of their several Acc<sup>ts</sup>. ~ (viz) ~

To Jonathan Stone	11 : 11 : 6
To Robert Grey	33 : 6 : 8
To Moses Stone Ju <sup>r</sup> .	2 : 9 : 11
To Phin <sup>s</sup> Stearns	~ : 12 ~
To Amos Livermore	~ : 6 : ~
To Chris <sup>r</sup> Grant Ju <sup>r</sup> .	2 : 1 : 9
To Simon Hastings	~ : 4 : 6
To Jon <sup>a</sup> Maynard	8 : 11 : 6
To Phin <sup>s</sup> . Stearns	~ : 17 : 8
To Abraham Whitney	~ : 11 : ~
To John Capel	~ : 9 : ~
To Nath <sup>l</sup> . Bright	~ : 10 : ~
To Sam <sup>l</sup> . White	~ : 8 : ~
To Stephen Harrifs	~ : 8 : ~
To Jeduthan Willington	4 : 9 : 6
To Newton Baxter	1 : 0 : 9
To Amos Livermore	3 : 10 : 8
To Sam <sup>l</sup> . Nutting	2 : 0 : ~
To Josiah Capen	1 : 8 : ~
To Chris <sup>r</sup> . Grant Ju <sup>r</sup> .	1 : 17 : ~
To Chris <sup>r</sup> . Grant Ju <sup>r</sup> . for sam <sup>l</sup> . Jenisons Taxes abated	0 : 10 : ~
To Amos Bond for his service Done at the Great Bridge and Dr. Ofgoods Will <sup>m</sup> . Park.s and Will <sup>m</sup> . Adams Taxes abated in his Lists & fifteen shillings for the Selectmens expences at their meeting for the adjustment of their acc <sup>t</sup> . with Waltham & c	} 4 : 14 ~
To Phinehas Jenison for his service as saxton for the year 1783 ~ ~ ~	
	} --- 3 : 0 : ~

at the above Meeting the Selectmen Agreed with Mr Jedidiah Learned to keep James Hay,s Child untill march next at 8/ p<sup>r</sup>. week \_\_\_\_\_

## [325]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup>.

Willingtons on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Day July 1784 they Agreed that A Town meeting should be called of the freeholders and other Inhabitants <sup>of Watertown</sup> ^ Qualified to vote in Town Affairs. to be on monday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Day of July Current at five O Clock Afternoon At the Publick Meeting House, and Directed the Clerk to Issue his Warrants to warn said meeting which is for the following purposes (viz) ~

- 1<sup>t</sup>. To Chuse a Moderator of said Meeting
- 2<sup>dly</sup>. To Know the mind of the Town whether they will accept the Grant of A Lottery made by the General Court to the Towns of Watertown Weston & Waltham for the purpose of widning the Great Bridge in s<sup>d</sup>. Watertown and give the managers of s<sup>d</sup>. Lottery any Directions Or Act any thing relating thereto they think proper ~
- 3<sup>dly</sup> To Know the mind of the Town whither they will Give their Representative Or Committee any Instructions Relating to the Petitioning for that part of Newton Called angiers Corner or Act any thing relating thereto they think proper ~
- 4<sup>ly</sup> To Know the mind of the Town whither they will Reconsider their vote pafsed in a late meeting for taking up the body seats in the Meeting House and building Pews in their places and Act any thing relating thereto they may think proper ~
- 5<sup>thly</sup> To Hear the report of any Committees and Act any thing relating thereto they may think proper ~

Warrants were Issued to the Constables to warn said meeting accordingly by Order of the Selectmen ~

Pr Josiah Bisco Town Clerk

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Qualified to vote in Town Affairs regularly Afsembled at the Publick meeting House in said Town on monday the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of July AD 1784 for the purpose of Transacting sundry Affairs as sett forth in the Warrants for Calling s<sup>d</sup>. Meeting

They voted and chose William Hunt Esqr Moderator of said Meeting ~

On ye 2<sup>d</sup>. Article voted to pafs it over till the adjournment of

the Meeting — but on another motion made the voted to take up and Act on the Article at this meeting and voted that the managers of the Lottery on the part of Watertown are Directed in Concert with the Other managers to go on with s<sup>d</sup>. Lottery with all Convenient Dispatch ~

On y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>. Article Voted that the Representative of s<sup>d</sup> Town be Directed not to take up the Petition Relating to that part of Newton Called Angiers corner untill the further Order of the Town ~

On the 4<sup>th</sup>. Article voted to reconsider the vote pafsed at a former meeting for taking up the Body seats in the Meeting House and that the Committee Chosen to build the Pews be Directed not to proceed

Then On A motion made Voted that the Meeting be Defolved ~

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup> Willington on monday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Day of Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1784

The Selectmen gave the Treasurer an Order to pay M<sup>r</sup>. Nath<sup>l</sup>. R. Whitney the fum of twenty four pounds eighteen fhillings & eight pence in full for his Keeping A School in Watertown — Also and order to pay M<sup>r</sup>. William Harrington the fum of six pounds three fhillings & three pence it being Abatements of Mefs<sup>rs</sup>. Ezek<sup>l</sup>. Hall Roger Adams & Noah Torry Taxes in his Lists ~

at this meeting the Selectmen Examined Will<sup>m</sup>. Warren & David Stones Lists of Taxes and Ordered A return of the State of their Collections to be made by the C to y<sup>e</sup> Treasurer of this Common-Wealth Agreeable to an act for that purpose

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Willington on monday the 30<sup>th</sup>. Day of Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1784 ~

the following persons were Appoved on by the Selectmen to receive Licences for the following employments (viz)

Mefs<sup>rs</sup>. Amos Bond. Abner Craft Ebenezer Kent Jedidiah Leathe John Draper John Fowle Jonathan Waldo Dan<sup>l</sup>. Jackson and John George — David Bemifs Fran<sup>s</sup>. Faulkner and Henry Bradshaw, for Retailers —

and M<sup>rs</sup>. Dorothy Coollidge Mefs<sup>rs</sup>. Edw<sup>d</sup>. Richardson Samuel Willington and Jonathan Maynard and John Bullard for Inholders ~

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Day of Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1784

they gave the Treasurer an Order to pay M<sup>r</sup>. William Harrington the sum of Six pounds three shillings & 3 pence

## [328]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>. Willington on Monday the eighth Day of Sep<sup>r</sup> 1784 They Agreed to have A Publick Town meeting on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup>. Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>. Current at the Publick meeting House at three O Clock Afternoon and Directed the Clerk to Issue Warrants to the Constables to warn said meeting — Warrants were Issued Accordingly Directed to the Constables to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who were Qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet at the publick Meeting House in s<sup>d</sup>. Town the Twentieth Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>. Ins<sup>t</sup>. at three O Clock Afternoon to Act on the following Articles (viz) — First to Chuse A Moderator for s<sup>d</sup>. meeting 2<sup>ly</sup> To Know the mind of the Town whither they will direct their Representative or Committee to take or call up the Petition on the Table of the House of Representatives praying that that part of Newton called Angiers Corner might be Annexed to Watertown and to use their Endeavour to Obtain the prayer of said petition Or Act any thing relating thereto the Town may think proper ~

3<sup>dly</sup> To Know the mind of the Town whither they will Indemnify the Man<sup>g</sup>ers of the Lottery Chosen to repair and widen

the Great Bridge as it respects this Town and Act any thing thereon they think proper

4<sup>ly</sup> To Know the mind of the Town whither they will Join a number of Towns who are Desireous of Petitioning to the General Court for a Repeal of A Late Act. Impowering Or Allowing the Town of Boston to exact a toll of Persons that supply their markett with the necessaries of Life Or act any thing relating thereto ~

5<sup>ly</sup> To know the mind of the Town whether they will Direct the Selectmen to Take any Lists of Taxes from any Collectors Or Act any thing relating the Collection of outstanding Taxes they may think proper —

6<sup>ly</sup> To Hear the Reports of any Committees and Act any thing thereon they may think for the Interest of the Town ~

By Order of the Selectmen

Josiah Bisco Town Cl<sup>k</sup>.



## [329]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Qualified as the Law Directs to vote in Town Affairs ~

Regularly Asembled at the Publick Meeting House in said Town of Watertown on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup>. Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>. 1784 To Transact Sundry Affairs As Sett fourth in the Warrants for Calling said Meeting

First Voted and Chose William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>. for Moderator of said Meeting ~

On the Second Article Voted that it is the mind of the Town that the Petition now on the Table of the House of Representatives Still Remain untill the further Order of the Town, and the

Commi<sup>tee</sup> Chosen by the Town to prefer the same are hereby Dismifs, from said service ~

On the Third Article Voted That Whereas the General Court have voted A Lottery to enlarge the Great Bridge over Charles River 12 feet voted that we the Inhabitants of watertown will engage to indemnify and save harmles our Managers and that they will Agree to take on their own Risque their proportionable part of those Tickets that may remain unsold after the Expiration of the Term of time that hath or may be Allowed by the General Court Provided the Managers Account with the Town for the Expenditure of the moneys raised by said Lottery

On the 4<sup>th</sup>. Art<sup>l</sup>. Voted to Chuse a Committee to Join <sup>with</sup> the severall Towns who are Defireous of Petitioning the <sup>^</sup>General Court for a Repeal of the Act Referred to in the fourth Article of the Warrant, and made Choice of Mef<sup>rs</sup>. Amos Livermore & Richard Clark for s<sup>d</sup>. Committee and further it is Desired that the Representative for said Town use his Influence to Obtain a Repeal of said Act

On the 5<sup>th</sup>. Art<sup>l</sup>. Voted that the Representative be Desired to use his Influence to Obtain an Act of the General Court empowering This Town to Chuse Collectors to Compleat the Collection of any lists of Outfanding Taxes in the Hands of Collectors that may be unable to Compleat the same and may be Given into the Hands of the Selectmen ~

On the 6<sup>th</sup> Art<sup>l</sup>. <sup>voted</sup> That the Selectmen be Desired to Call upon

All Committes Chosen by the Town to Settle <sup>^</sup>make report to the Town of their Doings At the next Meeting ~

## [330]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 15 Day of October 1784 They gave the Treasurer an Order to pay the Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Eliot the sum of fifty pounds in part for his Sallery for the Present year ~ They Also gave the Treasurer an Order to pay Jonathan Brown Esq the sum of Fifty seven pounds seven shillings & eight pence in full for his services and the Ballance due to him on the Settlement of his accounts as Treafurer of said Town ~

They Also Agreed to have a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown Weston & Waltham at the House of Cap Jonath<sup>n</sup>. Maynard inholder in Watertown to be on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup>. Day of October Ins<sup>t</sup>. To see what is Necessary to be Done to secure the Great Bridge ~

at said meeting M<sup>r</sup>. Jonah Sanderson Lodged an Information with the Selectmen that he had Taken into His House one Luda Harriis and Abigail his Wife who Came to said on the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1784 and came last from Waltham their Circumstances unknown ~ to him ~

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M<sup>r</sup>. Samuel Willington on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Day of Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1784 They Ordered the Treafurer to pay to Chris<sup>t</sup>. Grant Ju<sup>r</sup>. the sum of £ 12 " 18 " 6 in full for an Order Drawn upon the Selectmen by Jed<sup>h</sup>. Learned for Keeping Ja<sup>s</sup>. Hays Child to the sixth Day of sep<sup>r</sup>. 1784 ~ Also Ordered the Treasurer to pay said Grant three pounds in full for his service As Collector for the year 1777 Also Twenty shillings in full for his service in Collecting Receipts of the payment of soldiers Bounties & 2/6 for half Bushel of meal for Del<sup>d</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> poor Also one pound two shillings in full for his Expences as Selectman for the year 1783 — & one shilling he paid at the Registers office

They Also Gave the Treasurer an Order <sup>to</sup> pay James Blibler the sum of one pound Sixteen shillings in full <sup>^</sup> for his Trouble in Keeping Mary Learned up to the 6<sup>th</sup>. Day Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1784 —————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on monday the 24<sup>th</sup>. Day of Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1785 at the House of M<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Willington they Drawed on Order upon the Treafurer to pay Moses Stone Ju<sup>r</sup>. the sum of £ 4 : 11 : ~ & to M<sup>r</sup>. Jonathan Stone the sum of Sixteen shillings said sums were in full for Board<sup>s</sup>. and Nursing Ruth Maddox from the Last of Feb<sup>y</sup>. to the 10<sup>th</sup>. of Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1784

## [331]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>. Willington, on thursday the Ninth Day of Decem<sup>r</sup>. 1784. The Selectmen Gave the Treas<sup>urer</sup>. an Order to pay M<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Shepard the sum of eight pounds Twelve shillings & eight pence in full for his Wife's Keeping James Hay's Child — — At the same meeting they Having Received a Warrant from two of the Justices of the Peace Quoram Unis for the County of Middlesex Requiring them with All Convenient speed to Call a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown (Qualified as the Law Directs) to bring in their votes for some suitable person for A County Register ~ In Compliance with the Above Requisition

They Agreed to have a <sup>Publick Town</sup> ^ meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown to be on monday the 20<sup>th</sup>. Day of December Inst<sup>t</sup>. at two O Clock Afternoon and Directed The Clerk <sup>to</sup> Issue Warrants to the Conftables to warn a Meeting

for the Purposes therein Inferred ~ (viz) \_\_\_\_\_

- 1<sup>st</sup>. To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting ~
- 2<sup>ly</sup> To Bring in their Votes for some suitable person for A County Register
- 3<sup>ly</sup> To Know the mind of the Town whither they will Impower their Committee (who were appointed to look up and sell or Lease the Towns Lands) To settle any Claims which are Disputable with the Town by Leaving the same to reference or any other way the Town may think best \_\_\_\_\_
- 4<sup>ly</sup> To Know the mind of the Town whether they will Apply to the Corporation of Harverd Colledge to Lower the price for Pasing the Ferry between the Towns of Charlestown and Boston \_\_\_\_\_
- 5<sup>ly</sup> To Know the mind of the Town whether they will procure a Bell for the Meeting House Or Act any thing relating thereto they think proper ~
- 6<sup>ly</sup> To Hear the Reports of any Committies and Act any thing thereon they shall Think proper

Warrants were Issued accordingly Directed to the Constables and Signed by Order of the Selectmen

Josiah Bisco, Town Clerk ~

## [332]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other In-

habitants of Watertown Qualified as the Law Directs to vote in Town Affairs Regularly Asembled at the Publick meeting House in said Town on monday the 20<sup>th</sup>. Day of December 1784 To Transact fundry Affairs As set fourth in the Warrant for calling said Meeting ~

1<sup>st</sup>. They made Choice of Sam<sup>l</sup>. Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>. for Moderator of said meting

2<sup>ly</sup> On the second Art<sup>l</sup>. Votes were brought in for A County Register Sealed up and Del<sup>d</sup>. to the Constable to be returned Agreeable to Law ~

On the 3<sup>d</sup>. Art<sup>l</sup>. Voted to Impower the Committee to settle any Disputes Concerning Claims of Lands supposed to belong to The Town by leaving the same to A Reference Or any other way they may Think proper ~

On the 4<sup>th</sup>. Art<sup>l</sup>. Voted to Chuse a Committee to Apply in Behalf of the Town, to the Corporation of Harverd Colledge to Lower the Price for passing the Ferry between the Towns of Charlestown & Boston ~

And Chose for said Committee . { Will<sup>m</sup>. Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup>. White  
Mr. Amos Bond

On the 5<sup>th</sup>. Art<sup>l</sup>. Voted to procure a Bell for the Meeting House Also Voted to Chuse A Committee to purchase the same and that said Committee be Directed (if it can be Done) to Raife money for the Above purpose by Subscription and Also Voted that those persons who will fubscribe Or Advance any sums of money for the Above purpose, Shall have the same fums Allowed or repaid to them out of the next Town Taxes ~

Then they Voted and Chose for said Committee { Mr. Richard Clark  
Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup>. White  
Mr. David Sanger  
Cap<sup>t</sup>. Chris<sup>r</sup>. Grant Ju<sup>r</sup>  
L<sup>t</sup>. Amos Bond

The Selectmen conformable to an Act of the Common Wealth Dircting & Impowering them to choose and appoint some Suitable and fit person or persons to be searchers Or Packers of Barrelled Beef, Pork, and Fish ~

Have made Choice of and Appointed Mr. Jeremiah Bridge for A Searcher & Packer of Beef &c for Watertown ~

[Mid]dlesex fs, March the 3<sup>d</sup>. 1785 - - Mr. Jeremiah Bridge was sworn into the Office of Searcher & packer of Beef &c ~

Pr. Josiah Bisco. Town Clerk

## [333]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr. Samuel Willington Inholder in Watertown on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Day Feby 1785 they agreed that the Annual March meeting should be on Monday the seventh Day of March Next at nine O Clock in the forenoon at the Publick Meeting House, and Ordered the Clerk to Issue Warrants Directed to the Constables to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet at said time and place for the Purposes following (viz) First To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting

- 2<sup>ly</sup>. To Chuse Selectmen Town Clerk and all other Town Officers required by Law to be chosen in the month of March ———
- 3<sup>ly</sup> To Chuse A Saxton and Agree how he shall be paid for his service
- 4<sup>ly</sup> To Determine whether swine shall run at larg<sup>e</sup> the enfuing year ~<sup>^</sup>
- 5<sup>ly</sup> To bring in their Votes for A County Treasurer ———
- 6<sup>ly</sup> To Grant money to repair the Highways —
- 7<sup>ly</sup> To Grant money to support the Poor, and to Defrey other Necessary Town charges
- 8<sup>ly</sup> To Agree what schools shall be Kept the present year, and Grant money to support the same, Or Act any thing relating the schools Or school Houses they may think proper —
- 9<sup>ly</sup> To Know the mind of the Town how they will Dispose of the Pew in the Meeting House, Lately Mr. Ezekl. Halls which now Reverts to the Town and to hear any Petitions that may be Offered respecting the same and Act any thing relating thereto that may be for the Interest of the Town Or otherwise as they think proper ———
- 10<sup>ly</sup> To Know the mind of the Town whither they will Accept of Mr. John Cooks Waste Bridge across the County Road Agreeable to the Proposals he may make to the Town Respecting the same Or act any thing relating thereto
- 11<sup>ly</sup> To Know the mind of the Town whither they will procure an Engine for the use and benefit of the Town and Act any thing relating the same they think proper ~
- 12<sup>ly</sup> To Chuse A Committee to Examine the Treasurers Accounts and to settle & adjust any Accounts relating to the Town that may be Necessary to be settled
- 13<sup>ly</sup> To Know the mind of the Town whither they will abate any Particular persons Taxes that may Apply for the same Or act any thing relating thereto ~

- 14<sup>ly</sup> To Determin how publick and Town Taxes shall be Collected the prefont year and Do any thing relating the fame they think proper ~
- 15<sup>ly</sup> To Hear the Accounts of those persons the Town are Indebted to and Grant money to pay the fame ~
- 16<sup>ly</sup> To pafs upon A List of Jurors prepared to be Laid before the Town ~
- 17<sup>ly</sup> To hear the Reports of any Committees. and Act any thing thereon they think proper ~
- Warrants were Ifsued accordingly and signed by Order of the Selectmen

Josiah Bisco Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown Weston and Waltham on the 23<sup>d</sup>. Day of February AD 1785 at the House of M<sup>r</sup>. Zech<sup>h</sup>. Weston Inholder in Waltham they Settled and adjusted the Accounts of the Charge that has arifen in the Repairs of the Great Bridge since the Last Adjustment the whole amounting to the fum of

£ 5 : 4 : ~

of which Watertowns part is  
Westons D<sup>o</sup>- is  
Walthams D<sup>o</sup>- is

1 " 17 " 3 ~

1 " 13 " 10 ~

1 " 12 " 11 ~

£ 5 " 4 " 0 ~

At the fame meeting the Selectmen of Watertown and Waltham Settled and Adjusted the Charge of Keeping Abigail Ball since the last Adjustment Carrying it forward to the eighth Day of march Next the whole Amounting to the fum of

£ 21 " 12 : ~

of which Watertowns part is  
and Walthams D<sup>o</sup>- is

11 : 9 : 3 " ~

10 : 2 : 9 " ~

£ 21 : 12 : ~

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Sam<sup>l</sup>. Wellington on Thursday the 3<sup>d</sup>. Day of March AD 1785 they Ordered the Town Treasurer to pay Jedidiah Learned the fum of Ten pounds eight fhillings in full for his Keeping Abigail Hay to the sixth of March Instant

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Wellington on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup>. Day of March 1785 To Receive the Towns Credit the following Accounts were Exhibited to the Selectmen and by them Allowed (viz)

To Amos Livermore for Supplying the Poor & other Expen <sup>s</sup> for y <sup>e</sup> Town - -	2 " 15 : 3 ~
To Simon Hastings for repairs Done to the Meeting House - - - - -	0 : 5 : 7 ~
To Thomas Hovey in full for Keeping School - -	28 : 16 : ~
To Mofes Coollidge for providing wood for the Abov <sup>s</sup> . School - —	4 : 10 : 8 ~
To Mofes Coollidge for work Done for the Town	0 : 12 " ~
To the wid <sup>w</sup> . Eunice Coollidge for boarding Ruth Maddox - - -	3 : 2 " ~
To Will <sup>m</sup> . Stone for Boarding Ruth Maddox - -	1 : 12 " ~
To John Stearns for Boarding Mary Stearns } in her last sickness and for her Funeral Charges }	4 " 19 : 6 ~
To Christopher Grant Ju <sup>r</sup> . for 3 yards of Linnen for Abigail Hay	0 : 6 : ~
To Josiah Bisco for service Done by Defire of the Selectmen - - - -	0 " 8 : 6 ~
To Nathaniel Bright for service done for y <sup>e</sup> Town & supplying the Poor	2 : 2 : 2 ~
To Amos Bond for supplying y <sup>e</sup> . Poor & Cash paid & other service for the Town	7 : 10 : 2 ~
To William Warrens Acc <sup>t</sup> . for Removing M <sup>rs</sup> . Downing & fam <sup>ly</sup> . to Lynn	2 : 8 : ~
[To] Phin <sup>s</sup> . Child for boarding & taking Care of Ann Ranger	3 : 18 : ~

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£ 63 : 5 : 10 ~

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At the fame meeting the Selectmen Signed an Order Diricting the Treasurer to pay the Several persons hereafter Named the sums affixed to their severall names (viz)

To Josiah Sanderson of Waltham for Nursing & boarding Mary Stearns	33 : 0 : —
To Josiah Bisco for his service as Afsefsor in 1783 &c	3 : 11 : —
To Nathaniel Bright for his acc <sup>t</sup> . — — — — —	2 : 2 : 2
To Simon Hastings for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	0 : 5 : 7
To Amos Livermore for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	2 : 15 : 3
To Amos Livermore for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	3 : 8 : 8
To Amos Bond for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	10 : 2 : 8

To Phinehas Stearns for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	1 : 18 : 1
To Chris <sup>t</sup> : Grant Ju <sup>r</sup> . — — — — —	0 : 6 : 8
To Thomas Hovey for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	28 : 16 : ~
To Mofes Coollidge for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	5 : 8 : 2
To Joshua Coollidge for his Mothers Acc <sup>t</sup> — —	3 : 2 : ~
To Will <sup>m</sup> . Stone for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	1 : 12 : ~
To John Stearns for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	4 : 19 : 6
To Will <sup>m</sup> . Warren for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	2 : 8 : ~
To Phinehas Child for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	3 : 18 : ~
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	£ 107 : 13 " 9 ~

The following Acc<sup>ts</sup>. were brought before the Town at their Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>. of March by Adjournment and were Allowed by the Town at said Meeting (viz) ———

To Amos Livermore & others for their Expences as Selectmen the year past — — —	} 6 : 7 : 10 ~
To Josiah Bisco for his service as Afsesor the year past — — — — —	
To Daniel Mason for the like service — — —	6 : 10 : ~
To Amos Bond for the like D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	3 : 15 : ~
To Amos Bond for his service as Town Treasurer	3 : 15 : ~
To Simon Whitney for his Acc <sup>t</sup> . for Stones —	6 : 0 " ~
Also at the same time the sum of three pounds was Granted to Josiah Bisco for his service	} 0 : 12 : ~
As Town Clerk — —	
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	£ 29 : 19 : 10

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At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of Watertown who were Qualified to vote in Town Affairs Regularly Asembled at the Publick meeting House in Said Watertown on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup>. Day of march AD 1785 for the choice of Town Officers and to Transact other Affairs as sett fourth in the Warrant for Calling said Meeting

- 1<sup>t</sup>- Voted and chose William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>. Moderator of s<sup>d</sup> Meeting
- 2<sup>d</sup> Voted and Chose for Selectmen - {
  - Mr. Amos Livermore
  - Cap<sup>t</sup>. Phin<sup>s</sup> Stearns
  - Mr. David Sanger
  - Cap<sup>t</sup>. Christ<sup>r</sup>. Grant Ju
  - Maj<sup>r</sup>. Josiah Capen
- Chose for Town Clerk & Town Treasurer Jonath<sup>n</sup>. Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>-



Voted and Chose for Afsesors ~ { Josiah Bisco  
Mr. Daniel Mason  
L<sup>t</sup>. Amos Bond

Chose for Wardens Mefs<sup>rs</sup>. John Vila and Thomas Clark ~

Chose for Fence viewers Mefs<sup>rs</sup>. Nath<sup>l</sup>. Bemis & Leonard Bond ~

Chose for Sealers of Leather Mefs<sup>rs</sup>. Mofes Warren & Elijah Mead

Chose for Surveyors of Highways Mefs<sup>rs</sup>. Phinehas Stearns David Sanger Nathaniel Bright and Samuel Soden ~

Chose for Tuthingmen Mefs<sup>rs</sup>: William Warren & Nath<sup>l</sup>. Bright

Chose for Surveyors of Timber Mefs<sup>rs</sup>. David Sanger & Simon Hastings

Chose for Clerks of the Market Mefs<sup>rs</sup>. Thomas Vose & Ebenezer Kent

Chose for Hogreves Mefs<sup>rs</sup>. William Sanger and Peter Harrington

Chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves &c Mefs<sup>rs</sup>. Jer<sup>h</sup>. Bridge & Henry Bradshaw

3<sup>d</sup>. Art Chose for Saxton M<sup>r</sup>. Phin<sup>s</sup>. Jenison ~ Also voted to chuse a Committee To Confer with M<sup>r</sup>. Jenison and Report to the Town the Terms on which he will serve as Saxton the Present year ———

and Chose for Said Committee { M<sup>r</sup>. David Sanger  
Cap<sup>t</sup>. Chris<sup>t</sup>. Grant Ju<sup>r</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup> Simon Hastings ~

4<sup>th</sup>. Art. Voted that Swine shall not run at Large the Present Year ~

5<sup>th</sup>. Art. Votes were brought in for a County Treasurer ~

6<sup>th</sup>. Art<sup>e</sup> Voted that the money Raised for the Repair<sup>e</sup>. of the Highways be raised by Taxing each Poll three shillings and Afsesing the estates in the same proportion and Six shillings A Day be [a]llowed for A man and the same price for A Team ~

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7<sup>th</sup>. Art<sup>e</sup>. Granted the sum of one Hundred pounds to support the Poor — and the Remander of this article voted to be put of till the Adjournment of this meeting ~

8<sup>th</sup>. Art Voted that the Schools be Kept under the same Regulations they were last year & voted to Grant the Sum of one Hundred Pounds to support the same — Also voted to Chuse A Committee to Revise the School Districts and Chose

for said Committee: Will<sup>m</sup>. Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Soden and M<sup>r</sup>. David Bemis ~

Then Voted that this Meeting be Adjourned untill monday the 14<sup>th</sup>. of March Current at two O Clock afternoon at this Place ~

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who were Qualified to vote in Town Affairs at the meeting House on monday the 14<sup>th</sup>. of March by an Adjournment ~

William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>. being Moderator ~

9<sup>th</sup>. Art<sup>e</sup>. On hearing the Petition of Moses Coollidge the Town Voted That the Pew which was M<sup>r</sup>. Ezekiel Halls be Granted to s<sup>d</sup>. Coollidge & to be under the same Restrictions of the Other Pews in the meeting House. Agreeable to his Petition he paying M<sup>r</sup>. Hall the same sum said Hall paid the Town for the Pew ~ see the Petition on file

10<sup>th</sup> Art<sup>l</sup>. it was put to vote whither the Town will Accept of M<sup>r</sup>: John Cook's waste Bridge and it pass'd in the Negative ~

11<sup>th</sup>. Art<sup>l</sup>. It was put to vote whither the Town will procure an Engine for the use & Benefit of the Town and it pass'd in the Negative

12<sup>th</sup>. Art<sup>e</sup>. Voted to Chuse A Committee to Examine the Treasurer's Acc<sup>ts</sup>. and to Settle and adjust any Accounts Relating to the Town ~

and Chose for said Committee — — { Sam<sup>l</sup>. Fisk Esq  
M<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Soden  
Jon<sup>n</sup>. Brown Esq

On 13<sup>th</sup> Art<sup>l</sup>. Voted the Collector of outstanding Taxes be Directed to Desist from calling on the Wid<sup>w</sup>. Elizabeth Barnard for the outstanding Taxes sett to her untill enquiry be made & It is known whither said Taxes have not been Paid ~

On the 14<sup>th</sup>. Art<sup>e</sup>. Voted that the Collection of Publick & Town Taxes (Including the State Taxes now Assess'd and not Committed) for the year ensuing be put up to the Lowest bidder the Persons bidding Lowest Giving security to the Town ~

and the East List of Town Taxes being put up M<sup>r</sup>. Richard Clark Agreed to Collect said List of Taxes for 3 per Cent. the west List of Town Taxes being up M<sup>r</sup>. Ebenezer Kent Agreed to Collect the same for 6 p<sup>r</sup>. Cent. The East Lists of State Taxes being up M<sup>r</sup>. Edmund Fowle Agreed to Collect them for 2¾ P<sup>r</sup>. Cent the West List of D<sup>o</sup>. being up s<sup>d</sup>. Fowle Agreed to Collect them for 5¾ P<sup>r</sup>. Cent

Then they Voted and Chose M<sup>rs</sup>. Edmund Fowle & Richard Clark for Co[llectors]

Alfo voted & Chose Mefrs<sup>s</sup>. Rich<sup>d</sup>. Clark & Ebenezer Kent Collecto[rs]

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On 15 Art<sup>l</sup>. Several persons Offering their Accounts for the Towns Acceptance the fame were allowed se page (335) ~

On 16 Art: The Lists of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen being Read to the Town were not accepted — and the Town Voted to Chuse A Committee to prepare Lists of Jurors — and they voted and Chose for Said Committee M<sup>r</sup>. Samuel White Cap<sup>t</sup>. Christ<sup>r</sup>. Grant Ju<sup>r</sup>. & M<sup>r</sup>. Amos Livermore —

On 17 Art<sup>l</sup>. The Committee who were Appointed to procure A Bell made Report of their Doings which was Accepted by the Town ~ and the Sum of Thirty pounds was Granted for the Expen<sup>c</sup>e of s<sup>d</sup> Bell ——— The Committee to Confer with M<sup>r</sup>. Phin<sup>s</sup> Jenison Reported that he would ferve the Town As Saxton the Enfuing year for four pounds which Sum was Granted for s<sup>d</sup>. fervice —

The 7<sup>th</sup>. Art<sup>l</sup>. being again taken up the Town voted to Grant the fum of one hundred pounds to Defrey Town Charges ———

Voted that the Committee to Revise the school Districts Report at Ap<sup>l</sup>. Meeting — — Then the meeting was Disolved ———

At A Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Jonathan Maynard on Monday the 14 of March the following Perfons were Sworn into their Respective Offices (viz) Josiah Bisco Daniel Ma<sup>o</sup>n and Amos Bond Afsefsors John Vila & Thomas Clark Wardens Nathaniel Bemis & Leonard Bond Fence viewers - Mofes Warren and Elijah Mead Sealers of Leather ~ Phin<sup>s</sup>. Stearns David Sanger & Nath<sup>l</sup>. Bright Surveyors of Highways Jonathan Maynard and Daniel Cornwall Heywards — David Sanger & Simon Hastings Surveyors of Timber Thomas Vose & Ebenezer Kent Clerks of y<sup>e</sup> Market William Sanger & Peter Harrington Hogrieves and Jeremiah Bridge Culler of Hoops and Staves &c ~

And at another meeting of the Selectmen on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 21 Day of March at M<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Willingtons. Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>. was Sworn into the Offices of Town Clerk & Town Treasurer & Samuel Soden Surveyor of Highways Edmund Fowle and Richard Clark Constables & Nath<sup>l</sup>. Bright Tythingman and Henry Bradshaw Culler of Hoops & Staves &c  
all the above Officers were Sworn Before Will<sup>m</sup>: Hunt Justice of Peace

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr. Samuel Wellington on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>: Day of March AD 1785. They ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the Several Constables Directing them to warn all the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in the Choice of a Governor L<sup>t</sup>: Governor & Senators to asemble at the Meeting House in Said town on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup>- Day of April Next at two O: Clock P: M: for the Purpofes aforeSaid. and also to warn all the Inhabitants of Said town who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to meet at the Same place the Same Day at 3: O Clock afternoon to act on the following articles (Viz)

First to Choofe a moderator of the Meeting. ——— (2<sup>ly</sup>) To Choofe any Town officers in the Room of any that Neglect or refuse to Serve: (3<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the Reports of any Committees that have been appointed for any perticular Services and for the town to act thereon as they See fit. (4<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the Petitions of William Warren and others the town to take into their Consideration the Several things contained therein and Act thereon as they think proper. ([5]<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of the town whether they will abate any Perticular persons tax's and Act any thing thereon they See fit. —

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly and Signed

P<sup>r</sup> Order of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen

By Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified according to the Constitution to Vote in the Choice of a Governor L<sup>t</sup>: Governor & Senators being duly Warned & Regularly asembled at the Publick Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup>- Day of April AD 1785. for the above purpofes &c: The Selectmen being Present & opened the Meeting & Called for the Votes for a Governor which being bro<sup>t</sup>: in & Counted & Sorted and it Appeared that The Hon<sup>le</sup>: James Bowdoin had 13 Votes — — Benjamin Lincoln had 33 Votes — — — Francis Dana had 4 —

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Then the Votes were Called for for a L<sup>t</sup>: Governor were bro<sup>t</sup>: in & Counted & Sorted and it Appeared that the following

Gentlemen had the Number of Votes against their Names (Viz)  
 The Hon<sup>le</sup> Thomas Cufhing Esq<sup>r</sup>- 28— —  
                   James Bowdoin Esq<sup>r</sup>- 3—  
                   Francis Dana Esq<sup>r</sup>- - - - 1—

Then the votes were Called for, for five Senators, being bro<sup>t</sup>: in  
 Counted and Sorted and it Appeared that the following Gentle-  
 men had the Number of Votes Set against each of their Respective  
 Names (Viz)

Nath <sup>l</sup> Gorham Esq <sup>r</sup>	51	James Prefcott Esq <sup>r</sup> .	2
John Brooks Esq <sup>r</sup>	32	Abraham Fullar Esq <sup>r</sup> -	4
Eben <sup>r</sup> Bridge Esq <sup>r</sup>	56	Jon <sup>a</sup> Maynard Esq <sup>r</sup> -	1
Francis Dana Esq <sup>r</sup> -	35	W <sup>m</sup> Winthorp Esq <sup>r</sup> -	1
Josiah Stone Esq <sup>r</sup> -	15	Thomas Parker	1
Eleazor Brooks Esq <sup>r</sup> -	11	Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown Esq <sup>r</sup>	1
Sam <sup>l</sup> Thatcher Esq <sup>r</sup> -	5	Tho <sup>s</sup> Fayerweather Esq <sup>r</sup> -	1
Ezra Sargant Esq <sup>r</sup> -	6		
Joseph B: Varnum Esq <sup>r</sup> -	38		
William Prescott Esq <sup>r</sup> -	4		

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At A Publick Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other In-  
 habitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town  
 affairs Regularly assembled at the Publick Meeting Houfe in  
 Said Town on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup>: day of April AD 1785. to act  
 on the Several things Mentioned in the Warrant for Calling the  
 Meeting. The Meeting being Opened They Proceeded and the  
 Votes being bro<sup>t</sup>: counted & Sorted it appeared that William  
 Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: was Chofen Moderator —

The Second Art<sup>e</sup>: being Read & M<sup>r</sup>: Elkanah Wales was Chosen  
 Tythingman in the room of William Warrin who refused To  
 Serve —

(3) Article being Read & no Committee made any report —

(4) article Read and Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Warrins Petition was Read &  
 Debated & then Dismift —

Then Cap<sup>t</sup> William Coollidges Petition being Read and  
 after Debate thereon it was Committed to Mef<sup>s</sup><sup>ures</sup> Mofes  
 Stone, David Bemis, and Samuel White to Consider the  
 Petition and Report to the town at Next May Meeting what  
 they think proper to be don thereon —

Then a list of Juriors that was Prepared was read to the  
 town & accepted: as may be Seen on file —

- (5) article being Read They Voted to abate Samuel Jenifons Rates Ebenezer Everit appeared & asked to have his tax's abated that Me<sup>s</sup> William Warrin & William Harrington discharge his Rates in their lists upon his giving his Note of hand payable in one year with Interest for the Same to the Town-Treasurer for the use of the town ——— Then the Meeting was Defolved ———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1785. at the House of Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Maynard — — — They Signed orders on the Town-Treasurer to pay the following Sums (Viz)

To Me<sup>s</sup>: Josiah Capen William Hunt & others the Sum of ten pounds Eleven shillings & ten pence in lieu of an order on M<sup>r</sup>: Ezekiel Hall not answered for the Sum of Seven Hundred and forty pounds eighteen Shillings which was given on s<sup>d</sup> Hall. - also to Pay Lucy Bond Nine Pounds for Boarding Deliverance Whitney as appears on her account &c —————  
also to pay William Blaler thirty Six shillings for house Room & Boarding Mary Learned —————

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also the Sum of ten shillings to m<sup>r</sup> Peter Harrington for a Load of Wood for Deliverance Whitney: and also to Pay to m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Jenifon three Pounds for his Service as Saxton for the year 1784. —————

At this Meeting they Agreed to have a Town Meeting on the Second Day of May Next at the Publick Meeting House at two O Clock in the afternoon to Choose a Person to Represent the Town in the General Court the enfueing year. —————

also to warn the freeholders &c: Quallified to vote in town affairs to meet the Same Day and at the Same Place at three O Clock afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz) ———

First to Choose a Moderator of the Meeting —————

(2<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the Petition of Cap<sup>t</sup>: John Fowle. & the Request of others & for the town to act thereon as they think Proper. —————

(3<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the Report of the Committee Appointed to Examin the Treasurers accounts: also the Committee appointed to Consider the Petition of Cap<sup>t</sup>: William Coollidge: as also any or all other Com<sup>tees</sup> appointed for Particular Services,

- and to do anything on any or either of them they See  
fitt \_\_\_\_\_
- (4<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the Pleas of any Perticular Perfons for Abateing  
any of their tax's and for the town to Act their Pleasure  
thereon.
- (5<sup>ly</sup>) For the town to Agree upon Some Measures to Pay their  
Just Debts and to Act thereon as they Judge best. \_\_\_\_\_
- (6) To Grant any further Sums of Money as they may think  
Necessary or Needfull at this time. \_\_\_\_\_
- (7<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the purpofal & request of M<sup>r</sup> John Cook relating  
to the Bridge over his Wast water Near the Dam & do  
thereon as they See fit \_\_\_\_\_  
and ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the  
Several Constables to Warn the Inhabitants Quallified to  
vote to meet at the times and Place Abovementioned which  
was Accordingly don & Signed. By order of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen—  
Jon<sup>a</sup>; Brown Town-Clerk

The Selectmen at this Meeting Signed an order on the Town  
Treasurer to pay m<sup>r</sup>. William Harrington £ 4 " 15 " 9 and Cap<sup>t</sup>  
William Warren £ 6 " 3 " 3 being the abatement made in their  
lists of tax's against m<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup>: Everitt and took a note of m<sup>r</sup>  
Everit for the Same, — They also let the wharf at Cambridge  
to m<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore for £ 2 : 18 : ————— [fo]r the term of  
one year

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabi-  
tants of Watertown who are Quallified according to the Conftitu-  
tion to Vote in the Choice of Representatives Regularly asembled  
at the Publick Meeting Houfe in Said town on Monday the  
Second day of May AD: 1785. \_\_\_\_\_

The Selectmen being Present the votes were Called for and after  
being bro<sup>t</sup>. in Counted & Sorted it Appeared that Jonathan  
Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: was Chosen to Represent the Town in the General  
Court the enfueing year. -

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders and other In-  
habitants of Watertown Regularly Asembled at the Publick  
Meeting Houfe on Monday the Second Day of May AD: 1785.  
to act on Sundry affairs as Setforth in the Warrants for Calling  
the Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

They Voted & Chofe William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator of the Meeting

The Second Article was Read & as no Petition was offered the article paſt over

(3) article was Read with the Report of the Committee on the Treafurers acc<sup>ts</sup>- which was Voted and Accepted as on file — then the Petition of Cap<sup>t</sup>: William Coollidge was Read with a Report thereon

then Voted to accept the Report and the Matter Subside for the Present.

(4) article being Read Cap<sup>t</sup>: William Warren Asked to have Several perfons Rates abated in his lists, and the Town Voted to abate the following Perfons (Viz) Elijah Hultons being 18/ also M<sup>r</sup> Dalrymples of 18/ ——— and Seth Hastings's in N<sup>o</sup>: (2) of - 18/ ———

(5) article Read & Voted that the Treafurer Call in the out-ftanding monies due to the town to discharge the Demands on the Town ———

(6) article Read and M<sup>r</sup> Nathan Coollidge Presented an Account for money paid to three men to go to Rhoad Island being five pounds each in the year 1778. which was Voted & Granted agreeable to the Scale at that time —

Then they Voted and Granted £ 5 pounds to Repair the Meeting Houfe

(7) article being Read M<sup>r</sup>: John Cooks Purpofals for filling up his wast Stream was Read & Voted to ly on the files ———

Then the Meeting was Defolved ———

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 23<sup>d</sup>. Day of May 1785.

They agreed to have a Meeting with the Selectmen of Weston & Waltham at the wid<sup>o</sup> Dorothy Coollidges on monday Next at three O Clock in the afternoon to take care of the Great Bridge & directed the Clerk to Notify them thereof. which was Accordingly don ———

at this meeting the following Notifications were received (Viz) m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Whitney Notified in Writting that he had received into his houfe one Enoch Hide and Family, also William Learned & Family last from Newton. See the notification Dated may y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>. 1785. ———



M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Ruggles Whitney also notified in Writing that he had received Polly Parks one of the poor of Newton into his Family

See the notification of may y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>: 1785. on file. —————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 28<sup>th</sup>- Day of July AD 1785 at the Houfe of Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Maynard. at the Request of a Large number of the Inhabitants of the Town. They Directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the Constables to warn the Inhabitants of the town that are Qullified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Meeting Houfe on monday the 8<sup>th</sup>- Day of Aug<sup>t</sup>: next at 4 O Clock afternoon to Act on y<sup>e</sup> following articles (Viz) First to Chooſe a Moderator of the Meeting ———

- (2) To know the minde of the Town whether the tax Agreed upon for the Currant year, or any part thereof Shall he immediately aſeſed or put of to a future time and to act any thing Relating thereto they Judge Proper.
- (3) To Conſider whether it is expedient & Neceſſary to Settle all the Outſtanding Tax's before any New Tax Shall Issue, and do anything thereon that the town may think beſt. ———
- (4) For the town to Chooſe a Collector of Tax's Surveyor of Highways & Tythingman in the room of M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Bright Deceaſt. and any any other town officer in the place of any perſon or perſons that have Neglected to be Sworn into any office to which they were Choſen —————
- (5) For the town to abate any perſons tax's they may think Proper. —————
- (6) to hear the accounts of any perſons the town is Indebted to and Grant money to pay the Same if they think Proper. and make any further grants of money they may think Neceſſary.
- (7) To Hear the Reports of any Committees and act thereon as they See fitt —

Warrants were Issued Accordingly

Pr Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to 'vote in town affairs Regularly Aſembled at the Publick Meeting Houfe in Said Town on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Day of August AD: 1785. to act on the Several Matters Contained in the Warrant for Calling y<sup>e</sup> Meeting

They Voted and Chose Cap<sup>t</sup>: Jonathan Maynard Moderator. —  
 The 2<sup>d</sup> article being Read and after debate thereon. Voted that  
 the aiseising the town Tax's be put of till the former Collectors  
 of tax's Settle their accounts or the further order of the Town. —  
 Then Voted that the Collectors be allow'd two months to Settle  
 with the Treafurer. after which time the Treafurer is Directed  
 to Issue his Executions against all Such as Neglect to Settle their  
 Accounts. Then Voted that the Aiseisors Should Aisefs the  
 Minifterial Tax emediately on the 4<sup>th</sup> article They voted &  
 Chose M<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark a Collector of Tax's in the Room of  
 M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Bright Deceast to finish Collecting the Remainder  
 of S<sup>d</sup> Brights lists of tax's - - - - -  
 Then Voted & Chose M<sup>r</sup> Samuel White Surveyor of Highway  
 to finish s<sup>d</sup> Brights list of Highway tax's in his room - - - - -  
 The 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>: & 7<sup>th</sup> Articles not being Acted upon a motion being  
 made & Seconded it was Voted that the Meeting Should be  
 Difolved and the moderator Accordingly declared it to be  
 Difolved. \_\_\_\_\_

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 10<sup>th</sup>- day of Aug<sup>t</sup>: 1785  
 at the Houfe of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Jonathan Maynard an account was Pre-  
 sented from Nath<sup>l</sup>. Ruggles Whitney for Keeping School &c  
 which was accepted - - -

at this Meeting a Petition was Presented to the Selectmen de-  
 sireing them to call a Town Meeting to take into Consideration  
 the circumftances of the Collectors Relating to the State Tax's  
 &c also to Consider of Some Proper & Speedy way of Paying the  
 Rev<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup> Eliots Sallary &c

Whereupon they Ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the  
 Constables to warn the Inhabitants of the Town Quallified to  
 vote in Town affairs to meet at the Meeting on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup>.  
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at two O Clock afternoon for the following Purpofes. (Viz)

First to Chooſe a Moderator of y<sup>e</sup> Meeting

(2<sup>d</sup>) To abate any Perfons Rates they think Proper. and Grant  
 money to make good any State tax's that have been or may be  
 abated. \_\_\_\_\_

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(3<sup>d</sup>) To make any further grants of money the Town may Judge  
 Necefsary. \_\_\_\_\_

(4) For the Town to take Such Meafures as they Judge Ex-

pedient and necessary to obtain a Speedy Settlement of the State Tax's Still remaining unfettled in the Several Constables and Collectors hands. and do any thing thereon that the Town may Judge Necessary in order to bring the Matter to a final Settlement. \_\_\_\_\_

(5<sup>th</sup>) For the Town to devise Speedy ways & means for the Seasonable and more early Payment of the Rev<sup>d</sup>: M<sup>r</sup> Eliots Sallary as it from time to time becomes due, and to make Such alterations in the former Contract, or enter into any New Agreement as may be Mutually agreed upon between m<sup>r</sup>: Eliot and the Town, and do and act any thing relating thereto that may be tho<sup>t</sup>: best. \_\_\_\_\_

& act thereon  
(6<sup>th</sup>) To hear the Reports of any Committees ^ as may Appear proper. \_\_\_\_\_

(7<sup>th</sup>) To appoint a Committee if it is tho<sup>t</sup>: Necessary to Settle any Accounts between any or either of the Collectors & Town-Treafurer and Act thereon as they See fitt. \_\_\_\_\_

(8<sup>th</sup>) To hear the Reasonable Request of any person or persons and act thereon as they think Expedient. \_\_\_\_\_

Warrants were Issued out Accordingly Dated 15<sup>th</sup>. Infant  
Pr Order of the Selectmen Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly asembled at the Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the 22<sup>d</sup> Day of august AD 1785. \_\_\_\_\_

They Chose William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator of ye meeting \_\_\_\_\_  
2<sup>d</sup> article being Read. and Pafsed over. \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>d</sup> article being Read Voted & Granted £ 6 pounds to Repair the great Bridge - - - -

4<sup>th</sup> article Read <sup>Voted</sup> that the Selectmen be Impowered to Send two persons after William Warren an obsconding Collector at the expence of the town &c

Voted that the Selectmen take care & examin the lists of Collectors of State Tax's and Proceed with them in manner as the law Directs

5<sup>th</sup> article Read Voted that the Selectmen & Town-Treafurer take Care to pay m<sup>r</sup> Eliots Sallary Quarterly as it becomes due - - - \_\_\_\_\_

6<sup>th</sup> article past over. on the Seventh article Voted to Choofe a

Com<sup>tee</sup>- to Settle with the Trefurer & Collectors and Chofe for Said Committee

\_\_\_\_\_

{ Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>  
W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>:  
m<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore

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M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Cooks Account was Recommitted to the former Committee to examin and make Report thereon at the next meeting — Then the Meeting was Adjourned to monday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>r</sup> next at three O Clock afternoon at this Place \_\_\_\_\_

At a meeting of the Selectmen at Cap<sup>t</sup>: Jonathan Maynards on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of august AD 1785. They Signed an order on the Town-Trefurer to Pay M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Ruggles Whitney £ 33 "6 " 8 in full for keeping School last year. and £ 4 Pounds to Jedidiah Learned in part for Boarding Abigail Hay \_\_\_\_\_

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of the wid<sup>o</sup>: Dorothy Coollidge on monday the 29<sup>th</sup>- Day of August- 1785 \_\_\_\_\_ They Signed an order on the Town-Trefurer to pay the Sum of one Hundred Pounds to the Rev<sup>d</sup>: M<sup>r</sup>: Richard R: Eliot as his Sallary the Present year the year begining the eighth day of may last Past, the payments to be Quarterly as they become due \_\_\_\_\_

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting Houfe on Monday the fifth Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1785. by Adjournment William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup> who was the moderator being Absent The town Voted and Chofe Samuel Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: moderator \_\_\_\_\_ Then the Second article in the Warrant being Read relating to abateing Tax's The town voted & abated the following Tax's (viz)

	In David Stones	}	- In Samuel Soden's list	
	Simon Coollidges 1 : 7 : 9-		{ Jedidiah Whites of - 0 " 8 " 0 John Gipsons 0 : 4 : 0	
Henry Bradfhaws	{	Noah Torreys 1 : 8 : 3	}	James Austins 1 : 5 : 0 : 1
		Jon <sup>a</sup> Crofsbees 1 : 5 : 8		George Browns 0 : 18 : 5 : 1
		James Shermans 1 : 18 : 7		Joseph Hays 0 : 11 : 2 : —
		John Randols 0 : 4 : 4		Freemans 0 : 10 : 9 : —
		Will <sup>m</sup> Trasks , 0 : 3 : 8		
	}	}		
	In Richard Clarks late Nath <sup>l</sup> Brights			

Then they voted that Such part of Oliver Learned's Tax's Should be abated. as the afsefsors think Proper — Then the meeting was adjourned to the first monday in Oct<sup>r</sup>: next at this place —

In Daniel Cooks  
 { James Shermans 0 : 9 : 10 :—

In Edmund Fowles-  
 { George Browns 1 : 3 : 6 : 1  
 { Sam<sup>l</sup> Fullars 0 : 13 : 9 :—  
 { Williams 0 : 13 : 9 :—

Joseph Brights  
 { George Browns 0 : 18 : 0  
 { Sam<sup>l</sup> Fullars 0 : 10 : 6—  
 { Joseph Hays Tax  
 { Stephen Simms 2 : 9 : 8—  
 { Jon<sup>a</sup>. Crofsbees 2 : 16 : 8  
 { John Wellingtons 0 : 6 : 2  
 { Noah Torrey 0 : 8 : 0  
 { Eben Wakefield 0 : 3 : 4  
 { Tho<sup>s</sup> Gorden [ \* ]

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at M<sup>rs</sup> Coollidges on monday y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>- Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1785 They Signed an order on the treafurer to pay M<sup>r</sup> Amos Bond £ 9 : 6 : 2 : 2 as a Ballance due to him before the first of march last past - -

At a Meeting (being for approbation) of the Selectmen on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup>- Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD. 1785. at the Houfe of M<sup>rs</sup>: Dorothy Coollidge they approbated the following Perfons for Innholders and Relaitors (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_

Innholders  
 m<sup>rs</sup>: Dorothy Coollidge  
 mefs<sup>rs</sup> Edward Richardson  
 Jonathan Maynard  
 Sam<sup>l</sup>: Wellington  
 John Bullard

Retailors  
 Mefs<sup>rs</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Kent  
 Abner Craft  
 Jedi<sup>h</sup> Leathe  
 John Fowle  
 John George  
 Daniel Jackson  
 Francis Faulkner  
 Henry Bradshaw  
 Hezekiah Medcalf  
 David Bemis

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Jonathan Maynard on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup>- Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: 1785 They Signed Indentures for Binding Aaron Learned to m<sup>r</sup> Amos Briant of Cambridge \_\_\_\_\_

They also Signed orders on the town Treafurer to Pay Col<sup>o</sup>: Nathan Fullar 42/ for Special Services don for the town — also an order to pay to the Several Perfons afternamed the Sums affix to their Several Names being allow'd them for Services at the Great Bridge according to the adjustment on the 23<sup>d</sup> Day of Feb<sup>y</sup> last past (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_

To Stephen Cook	1 " 10 " _____
To Jackson & Company	0 " 12 " _____
To Newton Baxter	0 " 7 " _____
To Amos Livermore	0 " 19 " _____
To Amos Bond	0 " 16 " _____
To Waltham being a mistake in y <sup>e</sup> last adju <sup>t</sup>	} 1 " 0 " _____

At this Meeting they agreed to have a New Town Meeting at the meeting Houfe on monday the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: next at 3: O Clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz) First to Choofe a moderator of the Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

- (2) To Choofe a Collector of tax's in the Room of m<sup>r</sup>: William Warrin or any other Collector as the town may think Necessary \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) To Inquire of the Managers of the lottery for Repairing the Great Bridge over Charles-River how far they have proceeded and act thereon as they [thin]k Proper \_\_\_\_\_  
Warrants were Issued accordingly p<sup>r</sup> J Brown Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Water-town Regularly Asembled at the Meeting Houfe in Said Town on Monday the third Day of October 1785. By adjournment — Samuel Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: being Moderator of the Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

The Meeting being Opened the (6) article being taken into Consideration the Committee appointed to Examin the Accounts of a Committee who were Chofen y<sup>e</sup> 27 Day of December 1780. to hire men to fill up Watertowns Quota of the army - made Report. that they had attended that Service \_\_\_\_\_ and that it appeared that a Ballance was due the town from m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger one of the Said Committee the Sum of £ 8 " 6 " 8

and that a Ballance was due y<sup>e</sup> town from Major Josiah Capen of \_\_\_\_\_ 15 " 2 : \_\_\_\_\_

and that a Ballance was due from y<sup>e</sup> town to  
m<sup>r</sup> Amos Bond of

20 " 9 " 5

See the Report on file \_\_\_\_\_

which Report was Accepted - Then Mef<sup>s</sup>. Sanger and Bond  
Presented their Account for time and Expence in the Service of  
hiring men both amounting to the Sum of - - - £ 28 : 0 : 6  
which was Voted & accepted — and it was Voted that the town  
Treasurer Give M<sup>r</sup>: Bond a Note of hand in the Name of y<sup>e</sup>  
town for the Ballance due to him from the town upon Interest  
for the Same till paid — Then the Meeting was Adjourned to  
thursday Next at three O Clock afternoon to meet at this Place —

Then the Meeting that was Called by the other Warrant to be  
held at the Same time and Place for the Purposes Mentioned in  
the Warrant for Calling the Same was Opened and \_\_\_\_\_  
They Voted & Chose Samuel Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator of the Meeting  
and it being late and being Some Dark the Meeting was adjourned  
to Thursday Next to meet at two O Clock at the Same place —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 3<sup>d</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup>: 1785. at Cap<sup>t</sup>.  
Jonathan Maynards they having received an Account from Mary  
Vila for Boarding Benjamin Whitney amounting to the Sum of  
£ 8 " 1 " 10 which they ordered the Treasurer to pay in Such  
way as Could be don consistant with the State of the Treafury —

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting House on  
Thursday the 6 Day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: 1785. by adjournment. the town  
took into Consideration the article Relating to Choofing a Col-  
lector in the Room of William Warren and voted to Choofe a  
Committee to examin the Security the town has for m<sup>r</sup> Warins  
performance of Collecting &c - and to make report at the Ad-  
journment \_\_\_\_\_

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Voted and Chose for Said Committee { m<sup>r</sup> Laben Wheaten  
m<sup>r</sup> Edmund Fowle  
M<sup>r</sup> Amos Bond

then the article Relating to the Lottery was Read and Con-  
sidered and they voted that the aforementioned Committee make  
Report how far the managers have Proceeded and Make report  
what is proper to be don thereon at the adjournment of the  
Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Then the Meeting was adjourned to monday the 17 Infant at 2. O Clock afternon at this Place \_\_\_\_\_

Then the other Town Meeting which has been Continued by adjournments from the 22<sup>d</sup> Day of August last to this time was Opened. and after Debates thereon the Town Voted that the Treafurer Suspend the Sending out Executions against Daniel Mason & Joseph Bright till after the adjournment of the Meeting — and then the meeting was Adjourned to the Same time that the aforementioned meeting Stands Adjourned to \_\_\_\_\_

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Wellingtons on the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of October AD: 1785. they Signed orders on the Town-Treat<sup>r</sup>: to pay the wid<sup>o</sup> Mary Vila in full for Boarding Benjamin Whitney from the Seventh day of march last to the third day of oct<sup>r</sup>: Infant £ 8 : 1 : 0

and the Sum of 4/ to the adminiftratrix of y<sup>e</sup> Estate of Nath<sup>l</sup> Bright Deceaf<sup>t</sup>: for Baize provided for Abigail

Hay \_\_\_\_\_ 0 : 4 : 0

and to pay the following Perfons for Collecting Tax's according to a Grant made to them (Viz)

to Josiah Sanderfon — 3 : 0 : 0

to W<sup>m</sup> Harrington — 4 " 10 : 0

to Nath<sup>l</sup> Brights Estate 1 " 16 : 0

to Jon<sup>a</sup>: Child — — 1 " 16 : 0

also Six Pounds to Jedidiah Learned in part for

Boarding the widow Deliverance Whitney &

Abigail Hay — — 6 : 0 " —

At a Publick Town Meetings of the Inhabitants of Watertown asembled at the meeting Houfe on monday the 17 Day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: 1785 by adjourn<sup>t</sup>. Samuel Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: being moderator. the Meeting being Opened the Committee Appointed to Examin into William Warrens and Josiah Capens Security Relating to the tax's &c and after Debate thereon they Voted to Chooſe a Collector of tax's in the Room of s<sup>d</sup>: Warren Voted & Choſe Major Josiah Capen Collector of tax's in y<sup>e</sup> Room of Warren Voted that W<sup>m</sup> Harrington be paid out of the treafury the Sum of [ \* ] pounds to make good the Sum he paid for Daniel Parkers tax's

[Vo]ted & Granted 13 : 11 : 3 in addition to the former grant to purchafe [th]e Bell &c. Voted & accepted David Sanger s Report on the Barrack &c

Voted —



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Voted that when the Treaferer Issues his Execution against M<sup>r</sup> Henry Bradshaw that Daniel Parkers & the late Phinehas Harringtons tax's in s<sup>d</sup>. Bradshaw's lists be not Included therein - - Voted that the Treaferer take the Direction of the Selectmen when & which of the Constables or Collectors he Shall Issue his Executions against

Then Voted to adjourn the Meetings with the remainder of the Buifnefs to monday Next at five O Clock afternoon to meet at the Houfe of M<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Wellington Innholder in Watertown—

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Wellington on the 24<sup>th</sup>- Day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: 1785. Samuel Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: being Moderator the Meeting being Opened. Major Josiah Capen Informed that he declined Serving as Collector in the Room of William Warren.— Where upon the Question was put whether they would Choofe Some other perfon and it Past in the Negative Then M<sup>r</sup>. Amos Bond one of the Managers of ye <sup>lottery</sup> informed

the town that they Supposed they Should be able to Draw the first Clafs in January Next. \_\_\_\_\_

Then it was Voted that the Selectmen give Directions to the Treaferer when to Issue his Executions against Delinquent Constables & Collectors

Then the Meeting was Defolved. \_\_\_\_\_

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Wellingtons on the 21<sup>th</sup>- Day of Nov<sup>r</sup>: AD 1785. They Signed an order on the Town-Treaferer to pay M<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark £ 3 " 16 " 1 it being in full of his Charge for taking Joseph Hay out of Goal for his Tax's &c \_\_\_\_\_

also they Signed an order to Pay m<sup>r</sup> Amos Bond or give him a note agreeable to the vote of the town for the Ballance that Appeared due to him for hireing men for the Army: and to pay Cap<sup>t</sup>: Phinehas Stearnes Thirty fhillings towards the Support of Mary Boyington \_\_\_\_\_

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of the Wid<sup>o</sup>: Dorothy Coollidge on the Second Day of January AD: 1786. They Signed an order on the Town-Treaferer to pay D<sup>r</sup> Marshall Spring 6 : 4 " 4 for Medecine & attendance on Anna Ranger Ruth Maddox & the Wid<sup>o</sup> Deliverance Whitney, also to pay M<sup>r</sup> Mofes Stone Juni<sup>r</sup> £ 3 : 16 : [ \* ] in full of his ac-

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count for Collecting Tax's. Soldiers Receipts & Expences as one [of the] Selectmen in y<sup>e</sup> year 1783. — and to William Blaber £ 0 " 15 " [ \* ] full of Account for House Room for Mary Learned. \_\_\_\_\_

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 27<sup>th</sup>- day of January AD: 1786. at the House of m<sup>rs</sup> Dorothy Coollidge. They agreed to meet the Selectmen of Weston & Waltham on the Sixth day of February Next at two O Clock afternoon at the House of M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Bird in Waltham to adjust the Charge that has arifen Since the last Adjustment for the repairs of the Great Bridge over the River in Watertown, and Directed the Town-Clerk to Notify y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Weston & Waltham of the time and Place of Meeting also to Notify the Selectmen of Waltham to Settle the Accounts relating to Abigail Ball at the Same time; notice has been Sent Accordingly Pr J Brown Town-Clerk  
At this meeting the Selectmen Signed an order on the treafurer to give M<sup>r</sup> Amos Bond a Note on Interest for the whole Sum due to him on acc<sup>t</sup>: of his hireing men to fill up the Army &c —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham at the House of M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Bird Inn-holder in Waltham on the 6<sup>th</sup>: Day of Feb<sup>y</sup>:. AD 1786.  
they adjusted the Charge that had arifen for the Support of the Great Bridge in Watertown Since y<sup>e</sup> last adjustment the whole amounting to 23 : 6 : 8 of which Sum —

Watertown's Part	is -	8 " 7 " 11 " 2
Weston's d <sup>o</sup> -	is - -	7 " 10 " 3 —
Walthams d <sup>o</sup>	is - -	7 " 8 " 5 " 2

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£ 23 " 6 " 8 " 0

And at the Same time & Place the Selectmen of Watertown & Waltham Settled the Account for the Support of Abigail Ball that had arifen Since the last Settlement. The whole Account amounting to the Sum of £ 16 " 2 " 2 of which Sum

Watertowns Part	is —	8 " 10 : 11 : 2
Walthams d <sup>o</sup>	is —	7 " 11 " 2 : 2

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£ 16 " 2 " 2 : 0

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At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of 13<sup>th</sup>- Day of Feb<sup>y</sup>: AD. 1786 at m<sup>r</sup> John Bullards they Signed an Order of the Town-Treafurer to pay to y<sup>e</sup> Several perfons the Sums Set to their Names in full of their accounts Exhibited \_\_\_\_\_

(Viz)	To Jonathan Brown Esq <sup>r</sup> - - - -	1 " 1 " 0
	To Cap <sup>t</sup> : Chris <sup>s</sup> Grant Ju <sup>r</sup> —	0 " 10 " 6
	To M <sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore - -	0 " 10 " 0
	To M <sup>r</sup> David Sanger - - - -	0 " 15 " 0
	To Cap <sup>t</sup> Phin <sup>s</sup> Stearnes - - -	0 " 6 " 0
	To W <sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup>	

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They also Signed an order on the Treafurer to pay the Sum of - - 23 " 6 " 8 to the Several perfons afternamed y<sup>e</sup> Sum Set to each of their Names it being for their Services in repairing the Great Bridge Agreeable to y<sup>e</sup> last Adjustment \_\_\_\_\_

(Viz)	To M <sup>r</sup> David Sanger in full of his Account	3 " 4 " 0
	To M <sup>r</sup> Stephen Cook on D <sup>o</sup> — — — —	3 " 2 " 0
	To m <sup>r</sup> Newton Baxter D <sup>o</sup> — — — —	0 " 8 " 5
	To m <sup>r</sup> Daniel Coollidge D <sup>o</sup> — — — —	0 " 17 " 0
	To Mef <sup>s</sup> <sup>rs</sup> Faulkner & Jones — — — —	0 " 4 " 5
	To M <sup>r</sup> Nath <sup>l</sup> Harris — — — —	0 " 17 " 0
	To M <sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore — — — —	2 " 12 " 0
	To M <sup>r</sup> John Tainter — — — —	0 " 4 " 0
	To M <sup>r</sup> John Parry — — — —	0 " 9 " 0
	To Settle with y <sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Weston —	11 " 8 " 0

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£ 23 " 6 " 8

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 21<sup>th</sup>- Day of Feb<sup>y</sup>. 1786. They Agreed to have a Publick Town Meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup>- day of March Next at nine O: Clock in the forenoon at the Meeting Houfe. and ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants Directed to the Constables to Warn the Inhabitants Quallified to vote in Town affairs to Asemble at S<sup>d</sup>: time and place for the following Purpofes (Viz) First to Choofe a Moderator of the Meeting. (2) To Choofe Selectmen Town -Clerk and all other town officers required to be Chofe in the month of March annually (3) To Choofe a Saxton & Agree how he Shall be Paid for his Service — (4) To Determin whether Swine Shall run at large the enfueing year — (5) To Put in their Votes for a County Register

& Treafurer. (6) To agree what Schools Shall be kept, and Grant money to Support the Same and act any thing relating thereto the town may think Proper (7) To grant money to Support the Poor, (8) To Grant money to Support the Great Bridge, and act any thing relating to y<sup>e</sup> Same as they think best. (9) To grant money to repair the Highways and do any thing relating thereto they Judge best. (10) To Choofe a Committee to Examin the Treafurers Accounts. ——— (11) To know the mind of the town whether they will make any repairs of the meeting Houfe and act any thing relating thereto they think Proper. — (12) To know the mind of the town whether they will do any thing on the affair of the lottery Granted to widen and repair the Bridge and Act any thing relating thereto the Judge proper. — (13) For the town to give directions to the afeffors & others relating to the taxing Such of the Inhabitants as Profefs themfelves to be of the Baptift perfwation, and to act thereon as may Appear to be just & Right (14) For the town to Appoint a Committee to Adjust & Settle accounts with any Constables or Collectors that have or may give up their lists without finishing [their] Collections, — and also to Choofe Collectors in the Room of Such if they See fit.

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(15) To abate any perfons <sup>Rates</sup> they think proper. ——— ———  
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and also to Notify the town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at the Houfe of M<sup>r</sup> John Bullard on Fryday the third day of March Next at two O Clock in the afternoon.

Warrants were Issued Accordingly

P<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of M<sup>r</sup>: John Bullard on the third Day of March AD: 1786. to receive the accounts of Such Perfons as the town is Indebted to the following were Presented and received (Viz) —

John Stearnes for Boarding Deliverance Whitney and Abigail <sup>Ball</sup> Before the Sixth Day of y<sup>e</sup> present

month - - -	22 : 16 : —
Eunice Coollidge for Boarding Ruth Maddox &c	
to y <sup>e</sup> Sixt Inf <sup>t</sup> : — — —	12 " 7 : 1
Tho <sup>s</sup> : Sheppard for Mary Boyington Board &c to	
march y <sup>e</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> . — —	1 " 12 : 0

Josiah Capens Poor acc <sup>tt</sup> - to y <sup>e</sup> Sixth of march -	2 : 8 : 0
Mary Vilas acc <sup>tt</sup> - for Benj <sup>a</sup> - Whitney from Oct <sup>r</sup> : y <sup>e</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> to march 4 <sup>th</sup> - —	5 " 7 : 2
Chris <sup>r</sup> : Grant ju <sup>r</sup> poor acc <sup>tt</sup> - to march y <sup>e</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> — —	1 " 10 " 6
David Sangers D <sup>o</sup> . to D <sup>o</sup> — — — — — — — —	2 : 4 : 5
Amos Livermors D <sup>o</sup> . to D <sup>o</sup> — — — — — — — —	2 : 1 " 3
Daniel Jackson & Company for Sam <sup>l</sup> Jenifon —	0 : 10 : 8
William Stones for Boarding Mary Learned to y <sup>e</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> Infant — — — — —	0 : 16 : 0
Jedidiah Learneds for Boarding Deliverance	} 35 : 4 : 0
Whitney & Abigail Hay to march y <sup>e</sup> 6 — — — —	
	<hr/> £ 86 : 19 : 1

School Account (Viz) —————	
Nath <sup>l</sup> Shermans from Oct <sup>r</sup> : 12 <sup>th</sup> to Dec <sup>r</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> & wood &c- —	8 " 0 " 6
Sam <sup>l</sup> Hoar for Boarding & wood —————	5 " 9 " 6
Nath <sup>l</sup> R: Whitney from Nov <sup>r</sup> : y <sup>e</sup> 7 to Feb <sup>y</sup> : 27 <sup>th</sup> -	16 " 16 " 0
Jacob Nortons acc <sup>tt</sup> for y <sup>e</sup> time Past — —	31 " 0 " 0
Mofes Coollidge for Wood for the School — —	2 " 6 " 8
	<hr/> 63 " 12 " 8

March y<sup>e</sup> 27. 1786 the Selectmen Signed an Order on the Treaferur to pay all the above Accounts Except Jedidiah Learneds for which the order is only £ 25 " 4 : 0 being all that is due ———

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At the aforementioned Meeting the following Accounts were bro<sup>t</sup>: to the Selectmen to be laid before the town for their allowance

Phinehas Stearnes for Labour &c for the town	6 " 10 " 5
Marshall Springs for Medecine & attendance on y <sup>e</sup> poor	4 " 16 " 0
William Chenery for two Ploughs	1 " 16 " 0
Hugh Mafor for three Large Stones	0 " 8 " 0
Henry Farrington for making a Frame &c for y <sup>e</sup> Bell	2 " 13 " 0
Newton Baxter for Irons &c for the Bell	0 " 4 " 0
Selectmens expences in the Service of the town last year	5 " 12 " 7
Jonathan Brown for Serving Treaferur y <sup>e</sup> year Past	6 " 0 " 0
Josiah Bisco for Serving Afsefsor the year Past	3 " 0 " 0

Amos Bond for like Service	2" 0" 0
Daniel Mason for like Service	2" 0" 0

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£ 35 " 0 " 0

Which Sum of thirty five Pounds was Granted See Page (360)  
 if the Selectmen allow the whole of m<sup>r</sup> Henry Farringtons  
 Account See Page (360) <sup>Λ</sup>

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Day of April  
 AD 1786 they let the Hay Scale for one year to M<sup>r</sup> Jedidiah  
 Leathe for three pounds the year to begin on the tenth Day of  
 January last Past. \_\_\_\_\_

M<sup>r</sup> Leathe was Appointed by the Selectmen to be Surveyor &  
 weigher of Hay for one year and Was Sworne into office. By  
 Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Just<sup>t</sup>: Peace

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Maj<sup>r</sup>  
 Mellens on monday the Seventeenth Day of April AD. 1786. They  
 Signed an order on the Town Treafurer to pay the town Creditors  
 above mentioned Except Henry Farringtons which is not as  
 yet allowed \_\_\_\_\_

They also Signed an order to Pay to William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: and  
 others a Committee that was Appointed to hire men to fill the  
 Army a Sum Equal to £ 1110 " 2 : 9 old Currency agreeable to the  
 former Order \_\_\_\_\_

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants  
 of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs  
 Regularly Asembled at the Meeting Houfe in Said town on  
 Monday the Sixth day of March AD: 1786. for the Choice of  
 Town officers and other affairs as Mentioned in the Warrant for  
 Calling the Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Then they Voted & Chofe William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: for Moderator —

Chofe for Selectmen _____	{	M <sup>r</sup> : Samuel White
		M <sup>r</sup> : Sam <sup>ll</sup> : Soden
		M <sup>r</sup> Tho <sup>s</sup> : Pattin
		M <sup>r</sup> Rich <sup>d</sup> Clark
		William Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup>

Chofe Town-Clerk & TownTreafurer Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>:

Chofe for Afsesors ————— { Mr Josiah Bisco  
 M<sup>r</sup> Amos Bond  
 M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Mason

Chofe for Constable M<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark

Chofe Collector in the room of William Warren Major Josiah Capen —————

Chofe Wardens Mefs<sup>rs</sup>. Amos Bond & William Leathe

Fence-Viewers William Leathe & Amos Bond ———

Sealer of Leather Elijah Mead —————

Surveyors of Highways Mefs<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup>. Hunt, Leonard Bond, Jos<sup>h</sup> Bright, & David Sanger

Tythingmen Mefs<sup>rs</sup> John Meacham, & Laban Wheaton ———

Surveyors of Timber &c Mefs<sup>rs</sup>. David Sanger & Tho<sup>s</sup>: Vofe

Clerks of y<sup>e</sup> Markets Mefs<sup>rs</sup> Ephraim Jones & Tho<sup>s</sup>: Vofe

Hogrieves Mefs<sup>rs</sup> Amos Bond & William Leathe —————

Cullars of Hoops Staves &c m<sup>efs</sup> Jeremiah Bridge & Daniel Jackson

Chofe for Saxton M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Jenifon & Granted him £ 4 for y<sup>e</sup> Service

Then Adjourned to two O Clock afternoon at this place ———  
 afternoon being met according to adjournment —————

Voted that Swine Should not go at large the Present year ———

Then the Votes for a County Register were bro<sup>t</sup>: in Counted & Sorted and it appeared that William Winthorp Esq<sup>r</sup> had 17 Votes

Then the Votes were bro<sup>t</sup>: in for a County Treafurer —————

Then they voted & Granted £ 100 pounds to Support the School, also Voted that a Grammer School be kept the whole year & that it be moved to each School Houfe it equal part of the time and be under the direction of the Selectmen —

Then Voted & Granted £ 90 to Support the poor. ———

the 8<sup>th</sup>. article put of for this time —————

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Then they Voted Granted as a Sum to repair the Highways & town-ways a Single Poll to be half a Days work & the Estates in Proportion the wages y<sup>e</sup> Same as last year. (Viz) 6/ P<sup>r</sup> Day for a Man & y<sup>e</sup> Same for a Team. —————

Then they voted & Chofe for a { William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Com<sup>tt</sup>. to Examin y<sup>e</sup> Treaf<sup>r</sup>. acc<sup>tt</sup>: { m<sup>r</sup> Amos Bond  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Chris<sup>t</sup> Grant Ju<sup>r</sup>

Then they Voted to Put of y<sup>e</sup> Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> repairing y<sup>e</sup>

meeting Houfe to next April meeting Chofe a Committee to View y<sup>e</sup> Same & make report at that time \_\_\_\_\_

Chofe for Said Committee { Mr: Amos Livermore  
Mr William Chenery  
Mr Amos Bond

on the 12<sup>th</sup>: Article relating to the lottery they Voted to Chooſe Seven men to be a Committee to Examin into the Circumftances of the lottery & report at April meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Chofe for Said Committee { William Hunt Eſq<sup>r</sup>  
Tho<sup>s</sup>: Vofe  
Edm<sup>d</sup>: Fowle  
Joſiah Biſco  
David Sanger  
Fran<sup>s</sup>: Faulkner  
Amos Livermore

on the 13<sup>th</sup> article the town Voted that the Baptiſt hereafter named Should Draw their tax's paid for Support of the parrifh in Watertown upon their Producing a Certificate as the law Directs (Viz)

Mef<sup>rs</sup> Joſiah Norcrofs, Ebenezer Stetſon, & Richard Everitt. — on y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> article they Voted to Chooſe a Committee to Settle & Adjust the account of Conſtables Collectors, & others to conſiſt of three men \_\_\_\_\_

Chofe for Said Committee \_\_\_\_\_ { W<sup>m</sup>- Hunt Eſq<sup>r</sup>  
m<sup>r</sup> David Bemis.  
m<sup>r</sup> Joſiah Biſco.

m<sup>r</sup>: Richard Clark agreed to Collect the Town & County tax for 3 & ¾ Pr Cent & State for 2½ Pr Cent \_\_\_\_\_

The Buſineſs of y<sup>e</sup> meeting being don it was Defolved — Middleſex ſs Watertown March y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup>: 1786 Jonathan Brown Eſq<sup>r</sup> was Sworn in to the offices of Town-Clerk & town-Treafurer Pr W<sup>m</sup>- Hunt Juſt<sup>t</sup> Peace \_\_\_\_\_ and the following Perſons were Sworn into the Several offices hereafter mentioned (Viz)

Joſiah Biſco, Amos Bond, & Daniel Maſon Aſſeſſors — Rich<sup>d</sup> Clark Conſtable \_\_\_\_\_ Joſiah Capen Collector \_\_\_\_\_ Amos Bond & W<sup>m</sup> Leathe Wardens \_\_\_\_\_ William Hunt Eſq<sup>r</sup> Leonard Bond, & Joſeph Bright Surveyors of Highways. \_\_\_\_\_ Tho<sup>s</sup> Vofe Surveyor of timber &c \_\_\_\_\_ Ephraim Jones & Thomas Vofe Clerks of y<sup>e</sup> Markets \_\_\_\_\_ Jeremiah Bridge & Daniel Jaſon Cullars of Hoops Staves &c \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn Before

Jon<sup>s</sup>: Brown } Juſt<sup>s</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Peace  
W<sup>m</sup>- Hunt }



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At a meeting of the Selectmen on the Day of march AD. 1786. They Ordered the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant to the Constable to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote (agreeable to the Constitution) in the Choice of Governor L<sup>t</sup>: Governor & Senators to Asemble at the Publick Meeting Houfe in Said town on monday the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of April Next at two O Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for a Governor & L<sup>t</sup> Governor & five Senators for the County of middlesex — also to warn all the Inhabitants of S<sup>d</sup>: Town who are Quallified to vote in town affairs to meet the Same Day at the Same Place at three O Clock afternoon to Act on the following Articles (Viz) First to Choofe a Moderator of the Meeting. (2) To Choofe any town officers in the Room of any that Neglect or Refuse to Serve (3) To hear the acc<sup>ts</sup>. of those Persons the town is Indebted to and grant money to pay y<sup>e</sup> Same (4) To know the Minds of the town whether they will Choofe a Committee for providing School masters for the two Schools and act thereon as they think Expedient. and Whether they will grant any further Sums of money for Schools this year. (5) To know the minde of the town whether they will further Profecute a Petition to the Court of Sefsions for Altering the County Road Near Treadways Bridge and to act thereon as may be Judged best. (6) To know the Minde of the town whether they will grant a further Sum of Money for repairs of the highways and Making alterations therein ——— (7) To know if the town will leafe the Hay Scales at auction, and act thereon as may be thought best ——— (8) To hear the Reports of any Committees, and Act thereon as may be Judged Expedient. ——— (9) To abate any Persons tax's in any Collectors lists - and Act thereon as may ——— Expedient (10) To know if the town will Choofe a Committee to Apply to the Court of Sefsions for a County work-houfe (11) To know the minds of the town whether they will Sell the paper money in the <sup>town</sup> Treafury and act thereon as may be Judged Expedient. ———<sup>A</sup> (12) To know the minds of the town whether they will allow Interest to those Persons who have don Services for the town and those who have advanced money for the towns use and Act thereon as is best ———

A Warrant was Issued Accordingly. Dated the 13<sup>th</sup>. Day of March and Signed by Order of the Selectmen ———

Jon<sup>s</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup>: Edward Richardson on the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of march AD: 1786. They Signed an order on the Treaferer to Pay the Sum of £ 5<sup>l</sup> 6<sup>s</sup> 11 To the Collector of tax's in the town of Cambridge for the Tax's Afseft on the Houfe and Land in Cambridge that was Improved by James Hay & others by order of the Selectmen of Watertown in the years 1780 & 1781 \_\_\_\_\_

They also Signed orders to Pay the accounts of the Several Per-sons with the Sums affixt to their Names as Mentioned in the ( ) page of this Book — They also let the Wharfe to m<sup>r</sup>: Mofes Coollidge which lys in Cambridge for one year from the first day of April Next for 37/ \_\_\_\_\_ and m<sup>r</sup> Coollidge <sup>gave</sup> his note of hand to the town Treaferer Payable in one year ^

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other In-habitants of Watertown who are Quallified according to the Constitution Regularly afsembled at the meeting Houfe in Said Town on Monday the third Day of April AD 1786. to give in their Votes for a Governor and L<sup>t</sup>: Governor. the Selectmen being Present. the Votes were Called for bro<sup>t</sup>: in Counted & Sorted and it appeared that his Excellency James Bowdoin <sup>Esq<sup>r</sup></sup> had twenty three Votes, & the Hon<sup>ll</sup>: Benj<sup>n</sup>: Lincoln <sup>Esq<sup>r</sup></sup> had three Votes - Then the Votes were Called for, for a Leiu<sup>t</sup>: Governor, and it appeared that the Hon<sup>ll</sup> Thomas Cufhing <sup>Esq<sup>r</sup></sup> had twenty one Votes, and the Honorable Samuel Adams <sup>Esq<sup>r</sup></sup> had Six Votes - - ^

Then the Votes were Called for for five Senators for the County of Middlefex and were bro<sup>t</sup>: in Counted and Sorted and it Appeared that the following Gentlemen had the Number of Votes Set against each of their Names (Viz).

Nath <sup>ll</sup> Gorham Esq <sup>r</sup> — 18	Abraham Fullar Esq <sup>r</sup> - 1
Eben <sup>r</sup> Bridge Esq <sup>r</sup> — 12	John Brooks Esq <sup>r</sup> — — 3
Eleazor Brooks Esq <sup>r</sup> — 11	William Hull Esq <sup>r</sup> — 2
Joseph-Bradly Vernon	James Rufsell Esq <sup>r</sup> — 1
Esq <sup>r</sup> — — — — — 22	Stephen Dana Esq <sup>r</sup> — 1
Joseph Hofmer Esq <sup>r</sup> — 19	Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown Esq <sup>r</sup> — — 1

Joseph Lee Esq <sup>r</sup> — — 1	Thos <sup>s</sup> Fayerweather Esq <sup>r</sup>
Sam <sup>l</sup> Thatcher Esq <sup>r</sup> — 10	2
W <sup>m</sup> Baldwin Esq <sup>r</sup> — 1	Joseph Curtis Esq <sup>r</sup> — 16

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At a Regular Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified According to law to vote in town affairs held at the Meeting House in Said town on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> Day of April 1786. to tranctact Sundry town affairs as Mentioned in the Warrant &c —————

They Voted and Chose William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator of y<sup>e</sup> Meeting

on the 2<sup>d</sup> article They Voted and Excused M<sup>r</sup> John Meacham and M<sup>r</sup> Laban Wheaton from Serving Tythingmen after which Mefures Mofes Coollidge, and Mofes Warrin were Chosen in their Room

Then Mef<sup>rs</sup> Amos Bond & William Leathe from Serving Hogrieves and Josiah Mixer & Daniel Cornwall were Chosen in their Room

They also Excused W<sup>m</sup>- Leathe and Amos Bond from Serving as Fence-Viewers & Chose Thomas Clark & Jonathan Bemis in their room

They Voted and Choofe Mef<sup>urs</sup> Hugh Mason & Joseph Bright Howards —————

all which Town officers were Sworn emediately Pr W<sup>m</sup>- Hunt Just<sup>t</sup>: Peace

3 Art<sup>le</sup>: the Accounts of those perfons the town is Indebted to were Read and accepted and allow'd (Excepting Henry Farrington which was refered to the Selectmen with the advice of m<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore and for the Selectmen to allow what they Shall Judge is right)

Then they Granted the Sum of £ 35 pounds to Sattisfie the Same (See the accounts at the (355) page of this Book —————)

4 Art<sup>le</sup>: Sundry motions were made for Choofeing a Committee to provide Schoolmasters and for Makeing Some further Grants but none Obtained and the article Dropt. —————

5 Article Relating to the Alteration of the Road at Treadways Bridge being read & Considered They Voted that the following perfons Should be a Committee to View the Same and Report at the Next town Meeting (Viz) Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup>: Mef<sup>rs</sup> David Sanger & Amos Livermore together with the Selectmen to be Said Committee —————

- 6 article Put to Vote wheather they will make any further Grant for the Highways it Past in the Negative \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Article Voted that the Selectmen Lease the Hay Scales as may be most for the benefitt of the town and Appoint a hay weigher to be under oath \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Article the Committee appointed to Sell or leafe Common lands made report of their doings See the Report at the (161) Page \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Article relating to abateing tax's being Read M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Mafon Presented a list for abatement and the town Paft the following Votes (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_

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that Simon Coollidge Shall be allowed to Work out his Rates being £ 2 : 0 : 0 in Said Mafons lists at 4/ Shillings P<sup>r</sup> Day and that Samuel Jenifons being the Sum of 21/ fhillings may be worked out the Same way \_\_\_\_\_

Then Jonathan Stone Presented a list for abatement (Viz) Jedidiah Whites of 18/9 it was Voted that his may be worked out the Same way also that Simon Coollidges being 7/1 be worked out in y<sup>e</sup> Same Manner \_\_\_\_\_

Richard Clark offered a list as follows (Viz) Bez<sup>ll</sup>: Learneds of £ 1 : 5 : 8 and Simon Coollidges of £0 " 18 : 8 : 3 may be Worked out in y<sup>e</sup> Same manner, and that Jacob Hows of /5 pence be abated also Michal Carews of /5 be abated and the others be Collected \_\_\_\_\_

Joseph Bright Presented the following list (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_

Tho <sup>s</sup> Goliver of	_____	0 " 10 " 6
Nath <sup>l</sup> Murry of	_____	0 " 10 " 6
Sam <sup>l</sup> Stovers of	_____	0 " 10 " 6
W <sup>m</sup> Trask of	_____	0 " 12 " 0

Which was Voted & abated \_\_\_\_\_ 2 " 3 " 6

Edmund Fowle Presented the following list (Viz)

Tho <sup>s</sup> Golivers of	_____	0 " 13 " 9 " _____
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which was abated \_\_\_\_\_

Voted y <sup>t</sup> if m <sup>r</sup> Fowle receives any of these to acc <sup>tt</sup> therefor	}	Hatfields of —	0 " 13 " 9 "
		Nath <sup>l</sup> Murrays	0 " 13 " 9 "
		Sam <sup>l</sup> Stovers —	0 " 13 " 9 "
		Shuball Smiths —	0 " 13 " 9 "
		D <sup>r</sup> Benj <sup>n</sup> Parkers —	0 " 3 " 8 "
		Daniel Parkers —	0 " 19 " 4 "
		John Strattons —	0 " 2 " 7 "

10 Article being Read. Voted to Choose a Committee to petition to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace that a Work-house may be Erected for the use of the County of Middlesex &c —

Chose for Said Committee —	}	Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown Esq <sup>r</sup> :
		William Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup>
		M <sup>r</sup> Amos Bond

11 Article Voted to Sell the old Paper money now in the Town Treasury

Voted & Chose as a Committee for that purpose the Present Selectmen and Town Treasurer —

11 Article Read and after Debate thereon the Matter Dropt — and the Meeting was Defolved —

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The Report of a Committee Appointed by the Town to Sell or lease out Lands belonging to the Town —

The Com<sup>tee</sup>- aforeSaid Sold a Peice of Land to m<sup>r</sup> Richardson (Bounded Westerly on his homestead and on every other point on the highways for twelve Pounds. which he hath paid to the treasurer, They also Sold a peice of Land to m<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Stone containing a few Rods for which he hath given his note to the Town Treasurer for twenty Shillings S<sup>d</sup>: Committee also lett the Island below the Corn Mill To M<sup>r</sup> Faulkner for twenty Shillings a year for three years (which Lease is now Expired) for which M<sup>r</sup> Faulkner hath lately given his note of hand to the Treasurer.

Watertown April: 3<sup>d</sup>: 1786.

Sam <sup>l</sup> Fisk	}	Com <sup>tee</sup> —
Sam <sup>l</sup> White		
David Sanger		
David Bemis		
Richard Clark		

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the third Day of April AD: 1786. They Agreed with the Several Persons afternamed to take

care of and Board the following persons being the poor of the town from this time to next march Meeting at the following Rates (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_

William Godding	Board Ruth Maddox	at	3/11	P	week
Joseph Bright	Mary Learned - - -	at - -	2/5	Pr	d°
Thomas Clark	Benjamin Whitney	at - -	3/6	Pr	d°
Daniel Barned	Wid <sup>o</sup> Delice Whitney	at - -	5/6	P	d°
Jedidiah Learned	Abigail Hay	at - -	8/	Pr	d°
Josiah Mixer	Mary Boyington & Child	at - -	3/1	Pr	d°

1786 April y<sup>e</sup> 7. John Remington gave a Notification in Writting that he had received into his Family one Elijah Graves a poor person last from needham who came to live with him y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>. Day of March last \_\_\_\_\_

1786 April y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>. This being the year for perambulating lines & renewing bounds betwixt town the Selectmen Agreed to proceed on the bufiness on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup>. Day of may Next to begin with Cambridge at the River at 7. OClock in the morning & with Waltham at the Rocks at 11 in the forenoon & with Newton at 4 O Clock below the Distell Houfe in the afternoon & Directed the Clerk to Notify the Selectmen of the Several Towns thereof

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Day of April AD. 1786 at m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Wellingtons they Agreed to have a Town Meeting on the Eighth Day of May Next at two O Clock in the afternoon at the meeting Houfe for the Choice of a person to Represent the town in the General Court the enfueing year. — They also Agreed to have an other Town Meeting of the Quallified Voters to Vote in town affairs to be held the Same Day at the Same Place at three O Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles (Viz) First to Choofe a Moderator of the Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

- (2<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the reports of any Committees and to act thereon as they see fitt —
- (3<sup>ly</sup>) To abate any perticular Persons Rates that they think Proper —
- (4<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minds of the town whether they will grant any further Sum of money for the towns School; and reconfider their Vote at march meeting respecting the town School being a Moveing School and act thereon as they Judge best. \_\_\_\_\_

- (5<sup>ly</sup>) To See if the town will Adopt any further Meafures respecting Watertown Bridge over Charles-River relating to the lottery, and act any thing on the affair they Judge Expedient. —————
- (6<sup>ly</sup>) To know if the town will give their Representative any Infructions for the year enfueing and Act thereon. as they Judge best. —————
- (7<sup>ly</sup>) To know if the town will give Directions to the Collectors not to Distrain upon the widow Barnard for tax's Said to be due in Halls lists and a new Committed to Daniel Mason, as She Suppofes the Same has been Paid. and do thereon as they See proper. —————
- (8<sup>ly</sup>) To know if the town will do any thing relating to the Outftanding tax's Committed to Henry Bradfhaw, or any other Collectors tax's yet unfettled, and act thereon as they Judge most for the Interest of the town. —————
- (9<sup>ly</sup>) To grant any further Sums of money to make up any Deficiencies or for any further or other Purpofes if the town Judge it Necessary
- (10<sup>ly</sup>) To Choofe a Collector or Collectors to finifh the Collecting Henry Bradfhaw's lists of Rates or any others if Need Shall be. —————

A Warrant was Issued out to the Constable Accordingly  
 ————— By order of the Selectmen P Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown  
 Town-Clerk

At this Meeting the Selectmen Issued an Order on the Treaferer to Pay m<sup>r</sup> Edmund Fowle £ 24 : 6 : 0 for Collecting tax's ———

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in the choice of a Representative Regularly Asembled at the Meeting House on Monday the Eighth Day of May AD: 1786. — The Selectmen being Present. The Meeting being Opened the Votes were Called for & being bro<sup>t</sup>: in counted & Sorted it Appeared that Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: was Chofen to Reperent the town in the General Court the Year enfueing —————

And at a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Asembled the Same day & at the Same Place to transact Sundry

affairs as Setforth in the Warrant for Calling the Meeting —  
 They Voted & Chose William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator ———  
 Then the 2<sup>d</sup>: Article in Warrant was Read. — The Committee  
 Appointed to Settle an Account with m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Cook, Reported  
 that they Settled with him on the 10 Day of April 1780. and their  
 Appeared to be due to him £ 134 " 8 : 0 in paper Equal to  
 £ 1 " 15 : 10 hard money. which was Accepted. See the Report on  
 file ———

Then the Committee Appointed to Consider of Proper Measures  
 for Widening the Road near (Treadways Bridge So Called)  
 made Report of their doing on the affair which Was Voted &  
 Accepted. see the Report on file ———

3<sup>d</sup>: article Read and no abatements were asked and the matter  
 Past over —

4<sup>th</sup> article Read Put to vote whether the Town will grant a  
 further Sum to Support the Schools the Present year & it  
 Past in the Negative ———

Then Voted to reconsider their Vote at March Meeting re-  
 lating to a moveing School and that the Schools be kept in  
 the Same way and Manner as they were the last year. —

(5<sup>th</sup>) article being taken into Consideration and after Debate  
 thereon they Voted that the time for Drawing the lottery  
 Should be agreed upon at the adjournment of the meeting  
 Provided Weston will Agree to Similar Measures. ———

(6<sup>th</sup>) article was Read and the Town Voted to give their Repre-  
 sentative Some Instructions for his Conduct relating to Some  
 Publick Matters ———

Then they Voted to Choose a Committee to Prepare Some  
 Instructions to be Laid before the town for Acceptance at  
 the Adjournment of y<sup>e</sup> Meeting

Voted & Choofe for Said Committee	{	Cap <sup>t</sup> Abner Craft m <sup>r</sup> : Sam <sup>l</sup> White Sam <sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq <sup>r</sup> D <sup>r</sup> Marshall Spring m <sup>r</sup> Rich <sup>d</sup> : Clark M <sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco William Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup>	Then
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(7<sup>th</sup>) article Voted that M<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Mason do not Call on the



wid<sup>o</sup> Barnard for the tax Committed to him taken from M<sup>r</sup> Hall lists as it Appears to have been paid by m<sup>r</sup> Halls order to Jonathan Myrick \_\_\_\_\_

(8<sup>th</sup>) article being Read they Voted to receive Henry Bradfhaws tax's & Committ them to m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark to Collect. — m<sup>r</sup> Clark was Excufed from Collecting them

Then Voted that the asefsors add £ 40 pounds more to the Highway Tax to make the Road Wider at Treadways Bridge —

Then Voted that any perfon that Choofes <sup>to</sup> pay into the Hand

of Such perfon as the town or Selectmen Shall Appoint and within the time Limited for y<sup>t</sup> purpose the Sum of 3/ Shilling it Shall be Accepted in leiu of a Days Labour at the Highways which money is to be Appropriated for the Widning treadways Bridge (So Called). \_\_\_\_\_

Then Voted and Adjourned the Meeting to the last monday in the Present month to meet at this Place at. 4. O Clock afternoon

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly asembled at the Meeting Houfe in s<sup>d</sup>: Town on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of may AD: 1786. \_\_\_\_\_ William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: being Moderator. —

the Meeting being Opened they Proceeded on the 5<sup>th</sup>. article relating to the lottery for Widening the Bridge and after Some Debate thereon. They Voted to put off the further Consideration thereof till Sum futer time. \_\_\_\_\_

Then the Committe Appointed to Prepare Some Instructions to be given to the Reprefentative Made Report which being Read and after Debate thereon They Voted and Accepted y<sup>e</sup> Same with Some Small amendments \_\_\_\_\_

Then they Voted that the Same be taken into a fair draught. and be Signed by the Moderator and Delivered to the Representative.

Then they voted that Jonathan Brown be added to the Committe appointed to Settle m<sup>r</sup> Halls accounts as a Collector of tax's and that they Settle the acc<sup>tt</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

Then M<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark Desired to be Excufed from takeing M<sup>r</sup> Henry Bradfhaws lists of tax's, and the town by a Vote Excufed him therefrom

Then m<sup>r</sup> Jedidah Leathe agreed to take and finifh the Collection for 4/s Shillings on the pound for the whole Sum he could Collect, which was agreed to he giving Bond as other Constables & Collectors do. \_\_\_\_\_

Then they Voted and Chofe m<sup>r</sup> Jedidah Leathe a Collector of

that tax & that only. and he was Sworn emediately by William Hunt Justice y<sup>e</sup> peace

Then the meeting was adjourned to y<sup>e</sup> last monday in June next at 4 o Clock afternoon at this place \_\_\_\_\_

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At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen at Maj<sup>r</sup>: Mellens on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Day of may 1786 M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Ruggles Sent in an account for Keeping School from Feb<sup>y</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1786 to May y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> following and for Supplying the School with wood amounting in the whole to y<sup>e</sup> Sum of £ 16 " 10 " 8 which the Selectmen \_\_\_\_\_ y<sup>e</sup> Treaferur to pay \_\_\_\_\_

Nath<sup>l</sup> Ruggles Whitney Notified the Selectmen that on the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1786. he received into his Family in Watertown on Sufanna Wendal who was Born at Chelmsford but last from Wesford or Boston. her Circumftances not mentioned.

See the notification on file —

1786. May y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>. Mefs<sup>rs</sup>: Samuel White & Richard Clark Perambulated the lines and Renewed the Bound Marks between Watertown & Waltham with Such Gentlemen as were Appointed on the Part of Waltham — see y<sup>e</sup> Report on file \_\_\_\_\_

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Day of June 1786 at the Houfe of Major Tho<sup>s</sup>: Mellens. They Signed an order on the Town-Treaferur to pay the Sum of Sixteen pounds ten fhilling and eight pence to m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup>: Ruggles Whitney in full of his account for keeping School the year past — also to pay M<sup>r</sup> Samuel White one pound three fhillings and five pence in full of his Account for Cloathing for Mary Boyington And to Pay the Sum of Six Pounds ninteen Shillings to Jedidiah Learned in full of his account for Boarding the widow Whitney and Abigail Hay to the fifth Day of June Infant \_\_\_\_\_

At a Publick Town Meeting at the meeting Houfe in Watertown on Monday the Day of June AD 1786. by adjournment W<sup>m</sup>-Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: being moderator the meeting was Opened. and then Adjourned to the Second monday in august next at 4 O: Clock afternoon. \_\_\_\_\_

1786 July y<sup>e</sup> 31 John Remington Esq<sup>r</sup>: gave in a notification that

he had received into his Family one Lucy Hager who came last from needham on the day aforeSaid. —————

1786. July y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> Mofes Coollidge gave in a Notification that he had received into his Family one Abijah Paine last from Sudbury on the 26<sup>th</sup>- Day of December last. —————

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the eighth Day of A<sup>u</sup> gust: 1786. at Maj<sup>r</sup>. Mellens They having rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from one John Nutting Chairman of Some Com<sup>tee</sup>. met Groton on y<sup>e</sup> 29 Day of June last desireing the Same might be laid before the town Therefore the Selectmen Directed the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant directed to y<sup>e</sup> Constable to warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Meeting Houfe in Said town on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup>- Infntant at 5 O: Clock afternoon to take Said letter into Consideration and to act thereon as they think best. a Warrant was Issued accordingly. and the Inhabitants asembled at Said time and Place. — and Chose W<sup>m</sup>- Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>. Moderator. who read Said Letter and after considering the Contents it was Voted not to act any thing thereon. ————— the Meeting was Defolved. —————

Great Bridge Lottery

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown met at the Meeting Houfe on monday the 14<sup>th</sup>- Day of Aug<sup>t</sup>: 1786 according to Adjournment. William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: being Moderator — The meeting was Opened and the (5<sup>th</sup>) article in the Warrant read Relating to the lottery and after Debate thereon, and hearing y<sup>e</sup> purpofals of Some Perfons Read relating to the repairing the Bridge &c. it was moved that a Committee of five Perfons might be appointed to Confur with the other towns concerned in the Support of the Bridge and See what they will do relating to the aforesaid purpofals or in any other way to accomplish the Widening & repairing the Bridge. Wherefore they

Voted & Chose the the perfons here-named for Said Com<sup>tee</sup> (Viz)  
Who are to make report at the Ad-jour<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> meeting

Mr: Sam<sup>l</sup> White  
Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Mr David Sanger  
Mr Amos Livermore  
Mr David Bemis

Then the meeting was adjourned to the Second monday in September Next at three O Clock in the afternoon at this place. ———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of M<sup>r</sup>: Edward Richardfon on Fryday the first Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD. 1786. They Approved of the Perfons afternamed renewing their licences as they were before —— (Viz)

Retailors	Innholders
John Fowles	Edw <sup>d</sup> : Richardfon
Daniel Jackson	Tho <sup>s</sup> Mellens
John George	Dorothy Coollidge
Fran <sup>s</sup> : Faulkner	Samuel Wellintgon
Tim: Williams	
David Bemis	
Jedidiah Leathe	

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At a Publick Town Meeting held at the meeting on monday the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup> 1786. the town not being ready to Proceed to the bufiness they further adjourned to the Second monday of Oct<sup>r</sup>: Next at 3.O Clock afternoon at this Place ———

At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 28<sup>th</sup>- Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: 1786. They Stated the asize of Bread as follows (Viz) — B " oz " d<sup>r</sup>.

A 4 <sup>d</sup> white loaf of Bread must weigh - - - -	1 " 8 " 11
A 4 <sup>d</sup> loaf white Brick Bread — — — — —	1 " 6 " 11
A Biskets of three Coppers Price — — — — —	0 " 12 " 6
A Bisket of one Copper Price — — — — —	0 " 4 " 2
A 4 <sup>d</sup> loaf of brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat & $\frac{1}{4}$ Indian	3 " 0 " 0
A 4 <sup>d</sup> loaf of not above half Indian — — — — —	4 " 0 " 0

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting Houfe on Monday the ninth Day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: 1786 by Adjournment. W<sup>m</sup>- Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup> the moderator being absent. m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger was Chofen

Moderator in his room — Then the article relating <sup>e</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> lottery was taken into Confideration and the the Committee Appointed to Confer with the Committees of Weston, & Waltham & endeavor to obtain a true State of the tickets that were Sold informed that they had not obtained a Real State thereof. and after Debate thereon they Voted that the Managers of the lottery be desired to Collect all

the tickets that are not Sold & the money for Such as are Sold within three weeks from this time & Inform the persons that Purpofe to undertake the repairs of the Bridge how the matter is So that it may be laid before the town at the Adjournment. Then the meeting was adjourned to monday the thirtieth day of this Present month two O Clock afternoon at this Place.

at the time above mentioned no persons appearing the Meeting Dropt \_\_\_\_\_

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Thursday y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> Day of Nov<sup>r</sup>: 1786 at Major Mellens the Selectmen Signed an order on the Trefurer to pay the following Sums (Viz)

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To Ebenezer Stetfon on Caleb Bloods order \_\_\_\_\_

£ 2" 7" 8

To Josiah Norcrofs on Said Bloods order - 2" 4" 0

and to Richard Everit on a like order — 1" 10" 10

it being each of their Ministerial tax's for the years 1783-1784. & 1785 -

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the fifth Day of December AD. 1786. at Samuel Wellingtons. They Directed the Clerk to Issue out a Warrant to the Constable to warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown to meet at the Meeting Houfe on Monday the Eighteenth Instant at one O Clock afternoon for the following purpofes (Viz). first to Chooſe a moderator of the Meeting (2<sup>ly</sup>) To know the minde of the town whether they will Sell their right in the Estate that was the Property of Josiah Goddard Deceaft. and to act thereon as they Judge best. \_\_\_\_\_

(3<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the Addrefs of the General Court with the State-ment of the Publick Accounts therein Mentioned &c \_\_\_\_\_

(4<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the Report of the Committee appointed to meet with the Committees of other towns to Consider what is best for the town to do relating to the lottery and to act thereon what they think Proper \_\_\_\_\_

a Warrant was Issued accordingly P<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other In-habitants of Watertown Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly aſsembled at the meeting Houfe on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1786. \_\_\_\_\_

M<sup>r</sup>: Samuel White was Chofen Moderator of the Meeting. \_\_\_\_\_

(2<sup>ly</sup>) Voted to Sell the land the. town Purchafed of Josiah

Goddard & that a Committee be appointed for that Purpose and that Doct<sup>r</sup> Marfhall Spring, M<sup>r</sup>: David Bemis, & M<sup>r</sup>: Samuel White be a Committee for that Purpose. —————

(3<sup>ly</sup>) Voted to Postpone the reading the Address &c to <sup>the</sup> ad-  
journalment of the meeting at the Houfe of Major <sup>A</sup>Mellen  
at Six of the Clock this evening —————

(4<sup>ly</sup>) Voted to Chooſe a Committee to Conſult with the towns of  
Weſton, & Waltham Reſpecting the lottery and that the  
Committee Confiſt of Seven Perſons

Voted for ſaid Committee —————	{	M <sup>r</sup> : David Bemis Col <sup>o</sup> : Chris <sup>r</sup> Grant Ju <sup>r</sup> Cap <sup>t</sup> . John Fowle Cap <sup>t</sup> . John George M <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> . White M <sup>r</sup> Daniel Maſon W <sup>m</sup> . Hunt Eſq <sup>r</sup> :
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Voted the above Committee to be Vested with Power in behalf  
of the town to Contract for the widening the Bridge and Pay  
therefor by the lottery or for the towns of Weſton & Watertown  
to Proceed to aſiſt the managers in the Sale of the tickets &  
Proceed to the Drawing the lottery as Soon as may be, or other-  
wiſe to agree upon a Petition to the General Court for a reCalling  
the tickets Sold & that the lottery be given up. —————

Then the Meeting adjourned to half after five O Clock at Major  
Mellens Innholder in Watertown —————

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at Major Thomas Mellens on  
monday the 15<sup>th</sup>- day of January 1787. they let the hay Scale to  
m<sup>r</sup>: Jedidiah Leath for one year from the tenth day of this preſent.  
for which M<sup>r</sup> Leathe is to pay Four pounds two ſhillings in the  
following Manner (Viz) one half in Six months and the other  
half at the end of the year. and to keep the Irons all in good  
repair.

At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 26<sup>th</sup>- Day of Feb<sup>y</sup>: 1787.  
at m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Wellingtons They Directed the Clerk to Issue a  
Warrant. Directing the Conſtable to Warn the Inhabitants of  
town who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs to meet at the  
meeting Houſe on monday the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of march Next to act  
on the following articles (Viz) Firſt to Chooſe a Moderator of

y<sup>e</sup> meeting (2) To Choofe Selectmen Town-Clerk <sup>treafurer</sup> ^ and all other town officers who are required by law to be Chofe in the month of march or April annually. (3) To Choofe a Saxton and agree how he Shall be paid for his Service (4) To Determin Whether Swine Shall run at large the enfueing year. (5) To put in their Votes for a County Treafurer (6) To agree what Schools Shall be kept y<sup>e</sup> prefent year and grant money to Support the Same & do any thing relating thereto that may be tho<sup>t</sup>: Proper. (7) To grant money to Support the Poor. (8) To Grant money to repair the High-ways and do any thing relating thereto they Judge best. (9) to Choofe a Committee to Examin the Treafurers Accounts. (10) To hear the accounts of thofe perfons the town is Indebted to and grant money to pay the Same (11) To grant money to pay the Perfons which the town is indebted to or Provide for the Same Some other way as may be tho<sup>t</sup>: best. (12) To hear the reports of any Committees that have been appointed for Perticular Services. and act thereon as they See fitt. (13) To Appoint a Committee to Settle account with M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Livermore or any Collectors or other perfons as may be tho<sup>t</sup>: Necesfary. (14) To abate any perticular perfons Rates as they See proper. and to notify the town Creditors to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen at m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Wellingtons on Fryday the 16<sup>th</sup>- Day of march next at three O Clock afternoon. A Warrant was Issued Accordingly

P<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Town-Clerk

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at this meeting M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Ruggles Whitney bro<sup>t</sup>: in his account for Keeping School &c the present year Amounting to the Sum of 33 : 6 : 8 —  
and M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Lawrance for like Service — — 30 : 0 : 0 —  
The Selectmen Signed an Order on the Treafurer to Pay Said Sums

they also Signed an Order to Pay m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel White £ 5 : 19 : 2 : 3  
for one years Interest on his Note — — — — —  
At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of march AD 1787.

They ordered a Warrant to be Issued Directed to the Constable to warn all the Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified according to Constitution to Vote for Governor L<sup>t</sup>: Governour & Senators to meet at the meeting Houfe on monday the Second Day of April next at two of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes

for a Governor, L<sup>t</sup>: Governor, and five Senetors. \_\_\_\_\_  
 a Warrant was Issued accordingly Dated the Eighth Day of March  
 AD 1787. and Signed by Order of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown  
 Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham on the 25<sup>th</sup>- Day of Feby. 1787. at m<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Birds in Waltham they Adjusted the Charge that has Arifen for the repairs of the Great Bridge over Charles River in in Watertown Since the last adjustment which was on the 6. Day of February 1786. The whole Charge being £ 16 " 1 " 2 of which Sum \_\_\_\_\_

Watertowns part is	5 " 15 : 2
Westons d <sup>o</sup> is — —	4 " 18 : 0
Walthams d <sup>o</sup> is —	5 " 8 : 0

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£ 16 " 1 : 2

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Wellington on Fryday the 16<sup>th</sup>- Day of march 1787. to receive the accounts of Such Perfons as the town is indebted to, the following accounts were bro<sup>t</sup>: in for allowance (Viz) Nath<sup>l</sup>: Sherman for keeping School the year past and Boarding &c — 33 : 7 : 0  
 William Stone for Boarding Mary Learned to y<sup>e</sup>  
 10<sup>th</sup> of april last 0 " 8 : 0  
 Thomas Clark for d<sup>o</sup> for Benjamin Whitney to y<sup>e</sup>  
 4 of april next 9 " 2 : 0  
 Phinehas Stearnes for Shoes for Mary Boyington 0 " 6 : 0  
 Jonas White ju<sup>rs</sup> acc<sup>tt</sup>: for Supplys for Jedidiah  
 White &c. — — — — — — — — — — 3 " 2 : 5  
 Phinehas Jenifons account for a Grave- &c for  
 Eliz<sup>a</sup>- Warren — — — — — — — — — — 0 " 9 : 0  
 Eunice Coollidges account for Boarding Ruth  
 Maddox — — — — — — — — — — 0 " 18 : 0  
 Mary Vila for boarding Benjamin Whitney — 1 " 1 " 5  
 William Goding for boarding Ruth Maddox to y<sup>e</sup>  
 12 of march Infant — — — — — — — — — — 9 : 11 : 11  
 William Learned for boarding his mother to this day 1 : 9 : 0  
 Joshua Coollidge for Cloathing for Ruth Maddox 0 : 9 " 10  
 Josiah Mixer for boarding Mary Boyington — — 8 : 7 : 3  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Soden for John White to the 21 of march Infant  
 1 " 10 : 4  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Soden for Supplys for the Poor as P<sup>r</sup> account 0 : 19 : 11



Sam <sup>l</sup> White for d <sup>o</sup> as P <sup>r</sup> account - - - - -	1 " 0 " 4
Jedidiah Learned for boarding Abigail Hay &c —	16 " 15 " 0
Thomas Pattin for Supplys for the Poor &c as P <sup>r</sup> account — — — — —	2 " 13 " 4
Abigail Goddard account allowed — — — — —	1 " 5 " 5
John Stearnes for Boarding Abigail Ball one year to the eighth Day of the present month (Waltham to pay their part of the Sum —	} 15 : 12 : 0
Moses Coollidge for Wood for the School — —	
	£ 111 : 14 : 8

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of march AD 1787. they Signed an order on the trefurer to Pay all the above Sums

1787: April y<sup>e</sup> 12 m<sup>r</sup> Jonas Barnard bro<sup>t</sup>: in an Account for Boarding the Wid<sup>o</sup> Deliv. Whitney 52 weeks at 5/6 & Clothing y<sup>e</sup> whole being £ 14 : 7 : 6

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly asembled at the Meeting Houfe on monday the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of march AD: 1787. for the Choice of town officers &c as mentioned in the Warrant for Calling the meeting. —————

Voted & Chofe William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator of the Meeting. —  
Then Voted and Chofe the following Perfons to Serve in the offices after Mentioned

Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>. Town-Clerk. was Sworn emediately P<sup>r</sup>:  
Just<sup>s</sup>: W<sup>m</sup> Hunt —

Town-Trefurer Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>:

For Selectmen	{	m <sup>r</sup> Richard Clark	—	{	M <sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco
		m <sup>r</sup> David Sanger			Cap <sup>t</sup> : Amos Bond
		M <sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore			M <sup>r</sup> : Daniel Mafon
		M <sup>r</sup> Thomas Pattin			
		M <sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco			

Wardens L<sup>t</sup>. Nath<sup>l</sup>: Bemis, Cap<sup>t</sup>: Eben<sup>r</sup> Kent.

Fence Viewers Mef<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Wellington, Henry Farrington.

Sealers of Leather Mef<sup>rs</sup> Moses Warren, Elijah Mead.

Tythingman L<sup>t</sup>: John Meacham Francis Faulkner. ———

Surveyors Highways. Mefs<sup>rs</sup> Mofes Coollidge, Josiah Mixer Jon<sup>a</sup>  
Harrington and William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>:

Surveyors of Timber &c Mr. David Sanger Cap<sup>t</sup>: Thomas Vofe  
Howards Mefs<sup>rs</sup> Caleb Cook Thomas Clark ———

Hogrieves Mefs<sup>rs</sup>: Jonathan Store, Jonas Bond ju<sup>r</sup>: & Andrew  
Blackman —

Clerks of the Markets Cap<sup>t</sup>: John Fowle & Cap<sup>t</sup> Ebenezer Kent  
Meafurer of Wood &c Cap<sup>t</sup>: John George. ———

Cullar of Hoops Staves &c M<sup>r</sup>: Jeremiah Bridge Cap<sup>t</sup>: Daniel  
Jackson —

Saxton Phinehas Jenifon, Voted that the Selectmen agree what he  
Shall have for his Service The Votes for a County Treafurer  
were for Eben<sup>r</sup> Bridge 32

Voted that Swine Shallnot go at large the enfueing year ———

Voted that the Schools be kept as they were last year.

Then voted and granted £ 100 pounds to Support the Same ———

Voted and Granted y<sup>e</sup> sum of 120 pounds to Support the Poor —

Voted that each Poll be taxed at half a Days labour at Highways  
and the Estates in the Same Proportion. ———

Voted that labour for a man be Six fhillings p<sup>r</sup> Day and a good  
team the like Sum ———

Voted & Chofe as a Committee to Examin { William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
y<sup>e</sup> Treaf<sup>rs</sup> acc<sup>ts</sup> { Cap<sup>t</sup>: Amos Bond  
{ M<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore

Then Voted to Choofe a Com<sup>tee</sup>- to endeavor to ascertain what the  
town is Indebt and Report at may meeting.

Chofe for s<sup>d</sup> Committee { Cap<sup>t</sup> John Fowles  
{ Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Vofe  
{ m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco

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Then voted to Choofe a Committee to Settle with m<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup>:  
Livermore and others late Collectors of tax's &c ———

Voted and Chofe for Said { M<sup>r</sup> David Sanger  
Committee - - - { M<sup>r</sup> Samuel White  
{ William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Then they voted to Choofe a Committee to look after the towns  
land and to Sell or leafe the Same as may appear best for the  
Town ———

Their Power & Instructions the Same as the former Com<sup>tee</sup> ———

Voted and Chofe for Said Committee { M<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger  
{ M<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark  
{ M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Maſon

Voted that they make report of their doings at next may meeting

Voted to Pay the Soldiers that went with Gen<sup>l</sup> Lincoln to Berkshire County &c agreeable to the Contract made by the Selectmen, and that a Sum Sufficient to Pay the Charge thereof be emediately afeft ———

Voted and accepted the Committees Report in the Treafurers acc<sup>ts</sup> & that it be recorded

abated in Daniel Mafons lists John Gipsons James S<sup>h</sup>ermans &

Mathew Peirces tax's £ 1 " 10 " 3

Then the Meeting was adjourned to the first monday in April at 4 O'Clock in the Afternoon to meet at this place ———

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of Major Thomas Mellens on monday the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1787. the following Perfons took the oath of allegiance prefcribed in the Constitution and Subfcribend the Same agreeable to a Refolve of the General Court - (Viz)

The Several perfons afternamed took the oaths required by law Quallify them to Serve in the Several offices aftermentioned (Viz)

Selectmen	{	Richard Clark	Fence Viewers	{	Sam <sup>l</sup> Wellington	
		David Sanger			Henry Farrington	
		Amos Livermore			Elijah Mead —	
Hogrieves	{	Thomas Pattin	Sealer of Leather	{	Mofes Coollidge	
		Josiah Bisco			Surveyor Highways	Josiah Mixer
		Jon <sup>a</sup> : Stone			Surveyors of timber	Jon <sup>a</sup> Harrington
Jonas Bond ju <sup>r</sup>	David Sanger					
	{	And <sup>w</sup> Blackman		{	Thomas Vofe	

Cullar of Hoops &c Jeremiah Bridge

Howard Thomas Clark

Clerks of y<sup>c</sup> markets { John Fowle  
Eben<sup>r</sup> Kent

The above named Perfons were Sworn by Jon<sup>a</sup>; Brown Just<sup>s</sup> Peace

at the meeting of the Selectmen aboveSaid an order Signed to pay m<sup>r</sup> Eliots laft years Sallary and m<sup>r</sup> Jenifons as Saxton

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified according to the Conftitution to Vote

in the Choice of Governor, L<sup>t</sup>: Governor & Senators being duly warned & Regularly Asembled at the Publick meeting in Said Town on Monday the Second Day of April AD. 1787.

The Selectmen did Prefide. The meeting being Opened and the Vote Called for. for a Governor being bro<sup>t</sup>: in Counted & Sorted it appeared that the following Perfons had the number Set against their names (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_

His Excellency James Bowdoin Esq<sup>r</sup>: had Six Votes &

The Hon<sup>l</sup>: John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup>: had one hundred and fifteen Votes

Then the Votes were Called for, for a L<sup>t</sup>. Governor, & being bro<sup>t</sup>. in Counted & Sorted it appeared that the following Perfons had the number Set against each of their names (Viz) —

The Hon <sup>l</sup> : Samuel Adams Esq <sup>r</sup> : had _____	4
Hon <sup>l</sup> Benjamin Lincoln Esq <sup>r</sup> had _____	31
Hon <sup>l</sup> Nath <sup>l</sup> Gorham Esq <sup>r</sup> - had _____	60
Hon <sup>l</sup> William Heath Esq <sup>r</sup> - had _____	25

Then the Votes were Called for, for five Senators being bro<sup>t</sup> in Counted & Sorted it appeared that the following Perfons after-named had the Number Set against each of their Names (Viz)

Stephen Dana Esq <sup>r</sup> _____	100	Hon <sup>l</sup> Nath <sup>l</sup> : Gorham Esq <sup>r</sup>	10
Thomas Fayrweather Esq <sup>r</sup> - _____	45	Joseph B: Varnum Esq <sup>r</sup> :	34
Ezra Sergant Esq <sup>r</sup> _____	14	John Brooks Esq <sup>r</sup>	17
m <sup>r</sup> . Isaac Stearnes _____	76	Andrew Newhall Esq <sup>r</sup> —	15
Hon <sup>l</sup> : Ebenezer Bridge Esq <sup>r</sup> _____	24	Hon <sup>l</sup> Eleazer Brooks Esq <sup>r</sup>	14
Hon <sup>l</sup> Joseph Hofmer Esq <sup>r</sup>	2	Cap <sup>t</sup> : Walter McFarland	81
		D <sup>r</sup> Marfhall Spring _____	87

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in town affairs held at the meeting House by adjournment on monday the Second Day of April 1787: William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: being moderator — the meeting being opened —

The Town by a Vote Excused Cap<sup>t</sup>: Eben<sup>r</sup>: Kent from Serving as a Warden & Chofe M<sup>r</sup> John Chenery Warden in his Room, then Excused L<sup>t</sup>. Nath<sup>l</sup> Bemis & Chofe m<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup>. Coollidge Goding in his Room \_\_\_\_\_

Then Voted to Farm out the Collection of Tax's at Publick Auction to the lowest bidder — Then Voted & agreed with m<sup>r</sup>

Jonathan Stone for the East Deftrict of State tax's for  $5\frac{3}{4}$  P C:  
 and with m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark for y<sup>e</sup> West Deftrict for 8 P<sup>r</sup> C: and  
 with him for the West Deftrict of the town <sup>& County</sup> tax's for 5. P C<sup>t</sup>:  
 and with m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Soden for the East Deftrict of Town & County  
 tax's for 4 P<sup>r</sup> Cent.  
 Then Voted & Chose mefs<sup>rs</sup> Jonathan Stone & Richard Clark  
 Constables m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Soden Collector — Then Voted to  
 Adjourn the meeting the first monday in may Next at 4 O Clock  
 afternoon at this place

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Middlefex fs April the Second 1787. Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> was  
 Sworn into the office of Town-Treasurer and Cap<sup>t</sup>: Amos Bond  
 into the office of Afsesor and both took and Subscribed the  
 Oath of Allegiance agreable to the order of the General Court.  
 & Rich<sup>d</sup>: Clark as Constable

Before William Hunt Just<sup>s</sup> Peace —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the Second Day of  
 April 1787. at the Houfe of Major Thomas Mellens. —  
 They Put out the Several Poor Perfons Supported by the town in  
 the following manner (Viz) —  
 Ruth Maddox to Joseph Coollidge for 4/ P<sup>r</sup> week  
 Mary Learned to Jedidiah Learned for 3/7 p<sup>r</sup> d<sup>o</sup>  
 Benjamin Whitney to Thomas Clark for  $\frac{3}{4}$  p<sup>r</sup> d<sup>o</sup>  
 Widow Deliverance Whitney to William Stone for 3/11 p<sup>r</sup> d<sup>o</sup>  
 Abigail Hay to Jedidiah White for 6/7 P<sup>r</sup> d<sup>o</sup> —  
 They to Board them for one year if they live So long begining the  
 4<sup>th</sup>: Day of this Infant month of April —

Middlefex fs April y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>. 1787: M<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Soden was Sworn  
 into the office of Collector of tax's who also with M<sup>r</sup> Daniel  
 & Subscribe ye Same  
 Mason who is an Afsesor took the Oath of Allegiance <sup>in</sup> agreable  
 to the order of the General Court to Quallify them to Serve <sup>in</sup>  
 the offices aforementioned —

Before Jon<sup>a</sup>; Brown Just<sup>s</sup>: Peace

Middlefex fs April: 2<sup>d</sup> — 1787 m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Stone was Sworn  
 into the office of Constable & took the oath of alleiance &  
 Subscribed y<sup>e</sup> Same

Before Jon<sup>a</sup>; Brown Just<sup>s</sup> Peace

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 24 Day of April AD 1787. They Agreed to have a Town Meeting on the 7 Day of may Next to Chooſe a Perſon to Reprerent the town in the General Court the enfueing year the meeting to be at one O:Clock afternoon at the meeting Houſe. They alſo Agreed to have an other meeting the Same day at the Same place at two O Clock afternoon to Act on the following articles (Viz). Firſt to Chooſe a Moderator of the meeting ———

- 2<sup>ly</sup> To know the minde of the town whether they will give the firſt Detachment of Soldiers who Went into the Service of the State in Cap<sup>t</sup> Bonds Company the Sum of eighteen fhillings each as a bounty which Sum the Selectmen have paid to them. Provided they will take the States pay for their wages. ———
- (3<sup>ly</sup>) To know the mind of the town what they will do further Reſpecting the lottery and act any thing relating thereto they may think Proper. ———

(4<sup>ly</sup>) —

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- (4<sup>ly</sup>) To know the mind of the town whether they will give their Reprerentative any Inſtructions and act any thing thereon they think proper ———
- (5<sup>ly</sup>) To know the mind of the town whether they will reconſider a former vote of the Town. Relating to Biſcos. Spring (ſo Call<sup>d</sup>.) and if they think beſt. Direct their Committee to make Sale of any part of the land that lies Common which may be Sold without Damage to the Watering Place.
- (6<sup>ly</sup>) To know the mind of the town whether they will grant a Sum of money to be apply'd towards Erecting a Gun Houſe for the Convenience of the Artilery Company in Watertown
- (7) To hear the reports of any Committees and act any thing Relating thereto the Town may think proper. ———

Warrants were Iſſued to the Conſtables Directing them to Warn the Inhabitants of the town Quallified to Vote to meet at the place and times aforementioned agreabled to the order of the Selectmen. ———

Jon<sup>a</sup>; Brown Town-Clerk

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Reprerentative on monday y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup>. Day of May AD: 1787. at the Meeting Houſe in Said town the Selectmen being Prefent. the Votes were Called for

bro<sup>t</sup>: in Counted and Sorted and it Appeared that D<sup>r</sup>. Marhall Spring was Chofen to Serve the town the year enfueing in the General Court \_\_\_\_\_

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town Quallified to Vote in town affairs meet at the Place on the Day aforementioned accordng to Adjournment. William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: being moderator, the meeting being opened. They Voted and Chofe m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Learned Tythingman in the room of L<sup>t</sup>: Moses Stone who is not held to Serve. \_\_\_\_\_

Then the Committee appointed to Ascertain what the town is Indebt Informed that the Treadurer not being Able to Settle with the Constables & Collectors they were not able a present to finifh the Bufinefs afsigned them —

then upon a motion made it was Voted that the Committee Appointed to Examin the Treadurers Accounts be Joined to Said Committee as aforementioned. \_\_\_\_\_

Then Adjourned the meeting with the remaining bufinefs to the last monday in this present month at this place at five O'Clock afternoon

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At a Publick Town meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Asembled at the meeting Houfe in Said Town on monday the Seventh Day of May AD. 1787 to transact Sundry town affairs as Setforth in the Warrant for Calling the meeting. \_\_\_\_\_

D<sup>r</sup> Marhall Spring was Chofen Moderator of the Meeting — The 2<sup>d</sup> article in the Warrant being read. They Voted & allow'd the eighteen fhillings advanced to the Soldiers of the first Detachment that went out of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Bonds Company as a bounty provided they Accept of the State pay in full of their wages. —

(3<sup>d</sup>) article relating to the lottery being Considered they Voted to Difmifs the Committee Appointed on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Day of December last past to afsift the managers, &c — Then Voted to Reconfider all the Votes they had Past before Relating to the lottery. \_\_\_\_\_

(4<sup>th</sup>) Article read Voted to give Inftuctions to their Representative for the enfueing year. Then Voted to Appoint a Committee of five perfons to Prepare Inftuctions to be laid before the town for their acceptance.

Chofe for Said Committee {  
 M<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Bisco  
 Maj<sup>r</sup> Amos Bond  
 M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Mafon  
 M<sup>r</sup> David Sanger  
 M<sup>r</sup> Laban Wheaton

(5<sup>th</sup>) article Relating to the Common Land at Biscos Spring (so Called) being Read, it was voted not to reconfider a former Vote relating thereto and So the matter Dropt \_\_\_\_\_

(6<sup>th</sup>) article Read relating to a Grant to help erect a Gun-Houfe & it was Put to Vote whether the town will grant the Sum or £ 7 pounds for s<sup>d</sup> Purpofe and it past in the Negative \_\_\_\_\_

Then the Committee Appointed to look after the Towns lands gave Some account of their proceedings and after Consideration thereon they Voted to add two more perfons to the Committee (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_

{ M<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore  
 { Maj<sup>r</sup> Amos Bond \_\_\_\_\_

Then Adjourned the meeting to the last monday in the prefent month five O Clock afternoon at this Place \_\_\_\_\_

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Wellingtons on monday y<sup>e</sup> 14 Day of may they Signed Indentures for binding Mary Boyingtons Child to Hugh Mafon untill it is Fourteen years of age. — and Signed an order on y<sup>e</sup> Teafurer to Pay Said Mafon twenty Six Pounds for his care & Expençe in bringing it up to that age — and Said Mafon gave Bond for his faithfull Performance of the Service \_\_\_\_\_

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown held at the Meeting Houfe in Said town on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup>- Day of may AD. 1787. that had been Continued by Several Ad-journments from the 19<sup>th</sup>- Day of march last Past. William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: being Moderator \_\_\_\_\_

The meeting being Opened they Proceeded to act on the (10) article in the the Warrant for Calling the meeting, and the following accounts being Read Voted & Granted the Sums as hereafter mentioned to the Several Perfons afternamed. (Viz) —

To the Selectmen of the last year for Expences 6 : 7 : 6 : 2



To Benjamin Haftings for making a Frame for the Bell &c —	5" 8 : 6 —
To David Sanger for afsistance about the Bell	0" 10 : 0 —
To moses Coollidge for hangings for the Bell &c	4 : 4 : 9 —
To Samuel Soden for afsistance about the Bell & perambulating lines —	0 : 9 : 9 —
To William Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup> : for expences of a Com <sup>tee</sup> -of the Court to View a Road &c —	0 : 6 : 0 —
To George Brown for repairing Armes &c	2 : 8 : 9 —
To Daniel Jackson & Company for Sundry Articles Deliver'd p <sup>r</sup> Selectmens order	2 : 2 : 11 —
To Josiah Bisco for Service as Afsefsor the last year	5" 0 : 0 —
To Amos Bond for d <sup>o</sup>	2 : 0 : 0 —
To Daniel Maſon for d <sup>o</sup> .	3 : 5" 0 —
To Jonathan Brown for Serving Treafurer last year	6" 0 : 0 —
To Richard Clark for expences on the Courts Committee for Viewing a Road &	0 : 6 : 0 —
To d <sup>o</sup> : allow'd on his account for Warning Sundry perfons	5 : 8 : 0 —

The following Sums were allow'd to the Several perfons after-named being money advanced to the men that marched to the Wesward by order of Government (Viz) —

Voted that the Treafurer give a Note in behalf of the town to David Sanger for what is due to him for repairs &c at tread-ways Bridge (So Called)

Voted that Such Perfons as are Indebted to the town by Bond or Note of Hand pay in the Same or Answer it to Such perfons as the town is indebted to as Soon as may be, or otherwise their obligations be Put in Suit. —

To Sam <sup>l</sup> White	0" 12" 0
To Sam <sup>l</sup> Soden	0" 12" 0
To Rich <sup>d</sup> : Clark	0" 12" 0
To Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown	0" 15" 0
To David Bemis	0" 12" 0
To William Hunt	0" 12" 0
To Caleb Cook	0" 6" 0
To Phinehas Stearnes	0" 6" 0
To Simon Whitney	0" 6" 0
To Laben Wheaton	0" 6" 0
To Thomas Mellen	0" 14" 2
To John Fowles	0" 12" 0
To Timothy Williams	1" 0" 0
To David Sanger	0" 12" 0

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The Sums bro<sup>t</sup>: over amounting to were Granted and allowed to be afest

£ 51 : 1 : 4 : 2

Then m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark Informed he had one account against the town which was misf laid & it was Voted that the Selectmen Confider that & allow what appears right — Then the meeting was Defolved —

At a Publick Town meeting held by adjournment from the 7<sup>th</sup>- Day of may 1787. to the 28<sup>th</sup>- Day of the Same month D<sup>r</sup> Marshall Spring moderator

The Meeting being Opened. The Committee Appointed to Prepare Infructions for the Representative laid a Draught of of Som on the table which was Read. and after Debate. They voted to accept of the Same; and Voted that the Town-Clerk Sign the Same in the Name & by order of the the town —

Then the meeting was Defolved —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup>- Day of may AD. 1787. at m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Wellingtons. They Agreed to have a Meeting of the Selectmen of the three towns concerned in the Support of the Great Bridge in Watertown to be at M<sup>rs</sup> Coollidges on monday the 11<sup>th</sup>- Infant at 3 O Clock in the afternoon to view the Bridge and adjust Accounts & . and also to Settle accounts between Waltham & Watertown & Directed the Clerk to Notify the Selectmen thereof. — at this meeting the Selectmen examined M<sup>r</sup> Richard Clarks Account relating to the Bell and allow'd y<sup>e</sup> same being £ 2 " 5 " 11 —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown & Waltham at the Houfe of M<sup>rs</sup>: Dorothy Coollidge Innholder in Watertown on the Eleventh Day of June AD: 1787. They Settled the Charge of the Support of Abigail Ball that has Arifen Since the last adjustment which was on the 6<sup>th</sup>- Day of Feb<sup>y</sup>: 1786 to the 13<sup>th</sup>- Day of this Present month of June the whole amounting to £ 19 : 16 : 0 of which Watertowns part is the Sum of £ 10 : 4 : 1 : 3

Walthams d<sup>o</sup> is 9 " 11 " 10 " 1

£ 19 " 16 " 0 " 0

See the Settlement at large in the Records of y<sup>e</sup> Treafy - Book y<sup>e</sup> (6) Fol<sup>o</sup> (380) — of Waltham

And it was Agreed that the Selectmen <sup>Λ</sup> Should take and keep Said Abigail till further orders for 4/4<sup>d</sup> P<sup>r</sup> Week —

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of July. 1787. at Maj<sup>r</sup>: Mellens's they ordered the Town-Clerk to Notify M<sup>r</sup>.

John Cook in Writting to repair the Bridge over his Wast-water in the Country Road Near the old mill Dam as Soon as may be So as to make it Saft Pasing with teams &c: that way

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of August AD 1787. at the Houfe of Major Thomas Mellens. They having received a letter from m<sup>rs</sup>: Lydia Spring Requesting Some help for herself and two Children & desiring Some answer as Soon as they could they Directed the Clerk to write an answer to Said letter and let her know that they had the matter under Consideration & that She might Expect to know Somthing further about the matter Soon —

And M<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Benjamin Applied to the Selectmen to take care of his Sifter Wilson who came to his Houfe Some time in the month of            last Past who came last from Cambridge, and is Supposed to belong to either the town of Danvers in the County of Effex or to Providence in the State of Road Island, and it was agreed to enquire where She belonged and let m<sup>r</sup> Benjamin know their Determination as Soon as may be.

at this meeting M<sup>r</sup>: John Cooke gave in a Notification in Writing that he had received into his Houfe on Nabby Fisher who came last from Newton on the Eighth Day of may last. And also on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Day of July he had Taken in one Allen Leach who came last from Boston on the Day afore Said and Said lately from Great-Britain. ———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 27<sup>th</sup>- Day of August AD 1787. at the Houfe of m<sup>r</sup> Edward Richardson They Agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Learned to take and Board the Widow Hannah Learned for which he is to receive 5/ P<sup>r</sup> Week and they gave him an order in Writting to remove her with what things belonged to her from William Learned's to his houfe.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the third Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1787. at m<sup>rs</sup> Coollidges. They Agreed to have a Publick Town Meeting on Fryday. the eighth day of this Instant month at the Meeting Houfe at 2 O Clock afternoon for the following Purpofes (Viz) first to Choofe a Moderator. ——— 2<sup>d</sup> To grant money to repair the Great Bridge ——— (3) To Consider what Meafures are Proper to be taken to repair or Rebuild the Bridge over m<sup>r</sup> John Cooks Wast-water. and Act any thing thereon as the Town Judge Best ———

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4<sup>th</sup>: To hear the reports of any Committees and Act thereon as they See fit — 5<sup>th</sup>- To make Such further grants of money as may be thought Necessary for Defending any Necessary Action Depending in the Law. and do any thing thereon they Judge Proper. — (6) To make further grants for the Discharging the debts which are Called for, and for making good the Deficiencies in the Publick tax's (7) To know the minde of the town whether they will make any Provison towards Accommodating the General Court with Buildings if they Should Agree to hold their Sefsions in this Town in future or do any thing relating thereto they may think Proper. —

They Directed the Clerk to Issue Warrants to the Several Constables directing them to Warn the Inhabitants Quallified to Vote in town affairs to meet at S<sup>d</sup>: time and place for Said Purpofes. Which was don the Same day and Signed by Order of the Selectmen —

Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting Houfe on Fryday the. 7<sup>th</sup>. day of September AD. 1787. to act on Sundry affairs as Mentioned in the Warrant for Calling the meeting. — First Voted and Choſe William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator — 2<sup>d</sup> article Voted and Granted £ 6 pounds to Repair the Great Bridge

3<sup>d</sup> article Relating to John Cooks Wast-Bridge put over to the adjournment

4<sup>th</sup>. article Put over to y<sup>e</sup> adjournment

5<sup>th</sup> Article Read and Debated and Voted that the Town-Treafurer give a note or notes of hand in the Name and behalf of the Town to Ezekiel Hall or order for the Sum Mentioned in the Selectmens order of the 17<sup>th</sup>. of July. 1786. Payable as Soon as Conveniently may be with Interest from this day —

Voted and granted for that Purpofe the Sum of £ 28 : 2 : 0 — Voted & Granted £ 20 pounds to Pay the Interest that is due to perfons from y<sup>e</sup> Town —

Voted also that the Treafurer give a Note to Marcy Learned in lieu of an order. to be on Interest till paid — on the Seventh Article Relating to accommodateing the General Court &c

Voted to Choofe a Committee to Consider thereof and Report what is proper to be don thereon at the adjournment. —

Voted & Chose for Said Committee { Mr: David Sanger  
D<sup>r</sup> Marshall Spring  
William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Maj<sup>r</sup>. Amos Bond  
M<sup>r</sup> Edmund Fowle

Then Voted that the Treasurer Send his Executions out against all Collectors that have been Deficient more than 18 months, after two months from this day. —

Then the Meeting was Adjourned to the last monday in this month at 3 O Clock afternoon —

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on Fryday the 7<sup>th</sup>- day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: 1787 at the House of Maj<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Mellens. m<sup>rs</sup>: Lydia Spring the wife of Samuel Spring haveing Apply'd for Some Afsiftance The Selectmen Agreed to allow her 3/ p<sup>r</sup> week for the Present. — at this meeting they let the Wharf in Cambridge that belongs to Watertown to Cap<sup>t</sup>: Moses Coollidge till the first day of April Next for 15/6 for which he gave his Note to the Treasurer Payable on Said first day of April —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup>- Day of September AD. 1787. at Major Thomas Mellens's They Approbated the following Persons for renewing their licences as they were the last year. (Viz) —

Retailors	Mefs <sup>r</sup> John Fowle	Tavern-keepers
	Daniel Jackson	Samuel Wellington
	John George	M <sup>r</sup> Edward Richardson
	Eben <sup>r</sup> Kent	Maj <sup>r</sup> :- Thomas Mellens
	Timothy Williams	M <sup>rs</sup> :- Dorothy Coollidge —
	Jedidiah Leathe	
	Francis Faulkner	
	Fitch Hall	

At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly Asembled at the Meeting House on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup>. Day of may 1787. By Adjournment. William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>. was moderator but being absent the Town Voted and Chose Major Amos Bond moderator in m<sup>r</sup> Hunts Room

The 3<sup>d</sup> article in the Warrant relating to the Bridge over m<sup>r</sup>. John Cooks Wast was Read. after debate thereon. — They Voted to Chooße a Committee of three persons, to View the Same and

Rebuild the Bridge with the advice of the Surveyor as Soon as Conveniently may be —

Voted & Chofe for Said Committee — { M<sup>r</sup> David Sanger  
M<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark —  
M<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore

Voted that the Committee have power to Defray the Expence of Building Said Bridge out of the old outftanding tax's by the labour &c of Such perfons as are unable to pay their tax's in money, or otherwife a Sufficient Sum be afest for that Purpofe. and that the Service be performed on as an eafie termes as may be —

Then Voted that the Selectmen enquire into the affair of m<sup>r</sup> John Cooks being held to Support Said Bridge, and take Such meafures as they Judge Necessary agreeable to law to oblige him thereto —

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(7<sup>th</sup>) article Read relating to Accommodating the General Court if they See fit to Sit in this Town to tranfact the affairs of the Government was Read and the Committee appointed to confider the Same laid a Report on the table which was read and Accepted as on file. —

Then one of the Committee that were Appointed at a former meeting to audit the Accounts between the town and Peticular perfons. Informed the Town y<sup>t</sup> Dificulties lay in the way So that they had not Proceeded on the affair, which being Considered it was moved & Voted that Said Committee be Difmift and a new one be Chofen for that Purpofe and that they be allowed reafonable pay for their Service. —

Voted and Chofe for Said Committee — { M<sup>r</sup>: Samuel White  
M<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco  
Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>:

Voted that they make report at the Adjournment of the Meeting Then a Motion was made that Provision Should be made for paying Some of y<sup>e</sup> the town Debts &c. Then Voted that a Sum of money be granted & afest Sufficient to pay m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen what is juftly due to him, alfo it was Voted that m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark Collect a Sum emediately due on his prefent tax Bills that Said Capen may be Relieved for the prefent —

Then the Meeting was adjourned to the Second monday in November next at one O Clock in the afternoon at this Place —

At the Adjournment of the aforementioned meeting on the Said Second Monday of November 1787. the Committee Appointed to Audit the Accounts of the town Informed that they had not Completed Said Service, they Voted to adjourn the Meeting to the third monday in December Next two O Clock afternoon to finish the Buifnefs &c ———

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 4<sup>th</sup>: Day of December 1787. They agreed to Call a Town-meeting to be on the 17 day of this Present month at the meeting Houfe at Nine O Clock in the morning to Choofe a Perfon to Represent the town in a Convention to be held at the State Houfe in Boston on the Second Wednesday of January Next ———

They also Agreed to have an other Meeting the Same day & at the Same Place to act on the following articles (Viz) First to Choofe a Moderator of the Meeting. Second to give the town treafurer Some Directions to enable him to Settle with M<sup>r</sup>: Joseph Bright (3<sup>d</sup>) to take under consideration the Request of m<sup>r</sup>: John Cookson and afford him Such Relief as the town may think Proper. (4<sup>th</sup>.) to abate any Perfons tax's the town may think Proper: and act any thing thereon they may think Proper. ——— (5<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the reports of any Committees and act any thing thereon they may think Proper, (6<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the Petition of Samuel Jenifon and act any thing thereon that is proper. ———

Warrants were Issued accordingly Dated the Same day Directed to the Constables Signed by Order of the Selectmen

P Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Publick town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly asembled at the Meeting Houfe in Said town on monday the 17<sup>th</sup>- day of December 1787 for the Choice of a Perfon to Represent them in a Convention to be held at the State Houfe in Boston on the Second Wednesday of Jan<sup>y</sup>: Next. D<sup>r</sup> Marfhall Spring was Chosen ———

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watetown at the meeting Houfe on monday the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1787 to act on Several town affairs as Setforth in the Warrant for Calling the Meeting - They Chofe m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco Moderator of the Meeting ——— on the 2<sup>d</sup> article they Voted that the Treafurer Credit m<sup>r</sup>. Joseph Bright the Sums allowed by the Committee in Settling m<sup>r</sup> Halls

accounts as a Collector and M<sup>r</sup> Brights receipt Shall be the treafurers Discharge for the Same \_\_\_\_\_

Then Voted to refer the Matter Between m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Bright as Collector and m<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Bird relating to m<sup>r</sup> Halls orders on Phinehas Harrington to the Selectmen as also m<sup>r</sup> John Cooksons request, and also to abate Such perfons tax's in the Several Collectors list as they think right and just \_\_\_\_\_

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on Samuel Jenifons request for Some relief for the Support of his Daughters Child whereof Stephen Harris is the Reputed father it was Voted that the Selectmen Should take Such Measures as they Should think proper to Compell s<sup>d</sup> Harris to do Some thing towards the Support of s<sup>d</sup> Child. and also do what they think Necessary for the releif of Said Jenifon \_\_\_\_\_

then Voted and Adjourned the meeting to Next monday at this place at one O Clock afternoon \_\_\_\_\_

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown asembled at the Meeting Houfe in Said town on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>. Day of December 1787. By adjournment \_\_\_\_\_

M<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Bisco being Moderator. The Meeting being Opened. They proceeded on the (4<sup>th</sup>) article Relating to Abatements of Tax's & that the Collectors of tax's have leave to have the Executions against them returned Satisfied in part agreeable to the Report of a Committee as on file \_\_\_\_\_

Voted that the Treafurer be Directed & Impowered to Borrow money in the Name and behalf of the town and pay the tax's of Daniel Parker & others, tax's in Major Josiah Capens and m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clarks, State Tax's

Then the meeting was adjourned to m<sup>rs</sup> Dorothy Coollidges at .6: O Clock this evening — The Inhabitants being Meet at Said time & Place They Voted and Granted £ 26 : 11 : 7 to Satisfy abatements agreeable to the Report of the Selectmen and that it be afeised in the Next town Rate

Voted that all the old Debts the town ows be Paid as they were Confolidated by a Committee that were appointed for that Service \_\_\_\_\_

Then m<sup>r</sup> Bisco informed that there was Some Difficulty in the



accounts between m<sup>r</sup> Henry Bradshaw as Collector & Col<sup>o</sup>: Amos Bond when Town treasurer. Where upon the Town Voted & Chose Mems<sup>us</sup>: Josiah Bisco, David Sanger. & Daniel Mason as a Committee to Settle the affair \_\_\_\_\_

Then Voted that the Treasurer Provide Printed tax Bills for each of the Inhabitants at the expence of the town. \_\_\_\_\_

Then adjourned the meeting [to t]he 21 Day of Jan<sup>y</sup> Next at one O Clock afternoon \_\_\_\_\_

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 9<sup>th</sup>- Day of January AD 1788 \_\_\_\_\_ at the Houfe Major Tho<sup>s</sup>- Mellens. They agreed with m<sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Leathe for him to Improve the Hay Scales on year from this time he paying the Sum of four Pounds ten fhillings for the use thereof to the Town Treasurer in Quarterly payments as it becomes Due, but on failer thereof the Said agreement to be Void. (See the Agreement on file Signed by the parties)

The Selectmen Appointed Said m<sup>r</sup> Leathe Surveyor & Weigher of Hay for Said time, Who was Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of Said trust. y<sup>e</sup> Same time

By Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Just<sup>s</sup>: Peace \_\_\_\_\_

at this meeting m<sup>r</sup> Leathe Presented his account for the repairs of the Wood-work of the Scales for the last year amounting to the Sum of £ 2 : 16 : 8 which was allowed. \_\_\_\_\_

They Signed an order on the town Treasurer to pay the Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Eliot his Sallery for the present year which began the Ninth day of may last \_\_\_\_\_

and an order to pay m<sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Learned five pounds four fhillings and ten pence in full of his account Exhibited for Boarding Abigail Hay two weeks and an half, and for Boarding Mary Learned from the 3<sup>d</sup>. Day of April 1787. to the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: following \_\_\_\_\_

At a meeting of the Selectmen at Maj<sup>r</sup> Thomas Mellens's on the fifteen day of January. 1788. They being Called upon by Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Durant a Deputy Sheriff to Settle an Execution he had against the town for the Sum of £ 65 : 10 : 9 \_\_\_\_\_ They Borrowed of m<sup>r</sup>: Jonas Bond to the amount of £ 17 : 3 : 6 in Certificates payable in one month from this Day, & of m<sup>r</sup> Tim<sup>o</sup>-Williams £ 15 pounds in money payable on Demand with Interest till paid.

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly assembled at the meeting Houfe on monday y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>- Day of Jan<sup>y</sup>: AD 1788. By adjournment. being Met it being Could they adjour<sup>d</sup>: to Maj<sup>r</sup> Thomas Mellens's, the meeting being opened the Committee that were Appointed to Consider the affair Relating to Col<sup>o</sup>: Amos Bond late Treas<sup>r</sup> and M<sup>r</sup> Henry Bradshaw late Collector of tax's <sup>being</sup> Informed that the Committee appointed to Settle the affair had not Completed the Bu<sup>si</sup>ness. the meeting was adjourned to the 4<sup>th</sup>- of Feb<sup>y</sup> Next at the meeting Houfe at 3 O Clock afternoon

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe or m<sup>r</sup>: Dorothy Coolidge on Thursday the 31<sup>th</sup>- Day of January. 1788. they Signed orders on the Treasurer to pay the Several Sums allow'd Sundry persons by the Town at their meeting in May last. (Viz) one Amounting to the Sum of £ 52 : 4 : 8 : 2 the other amounting to the Sum of £ 7 : 17 : 2 — — — — at this meeting they Agreed to give m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Jenison - 4 : 0 : 0 for his Service as Saxton the present year —————

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Regularly assembled at the meeting in s<sup>d</sup> town on monday the 4<sup>th</sup>- Day of Feb<sup>y</sup>: 1788 by adjournment. M<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco being moderator. the Committee Appointed to Inquire into and Settle the Difficulty between m<sup>r</sup> Henry Bradshaw late Collector & Col<sup>o</sup>: Amos Bond late treasurer made Some Verbal report that they had attended that Service but by reason of an Execution not then to be had they could not Compleat the Bu<sup>si</sup>ness at present and So the meeting was Defolved. —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 4<sup>th</sup>: Day of Feb<sup>y</sup>: 1788. at Major Thomas Mellens's they appointed to Meet the Selectmen of Weston, & Waltham on monday the 18<sup>th</sup>: Day of this Present month of February at one OClock afternoon at the Houfe of M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup>- Bird in Waltham to Adjust the Charge that has arisen for the repairs of the Great Bridge in Watertown Since the last adjustment and Directed the Clerk to notify the Selectmen of Said towns of the time & place.

At a meeting of the Selectmen on Fryday the 23<sup>d</sup> Day of February AD. 1788. at m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Wellingtons they Agreed to have a

Publick Town Meeting to be at the Publick Meeting Houfe on Monday the third Day of March at Nine O Clock in the forenoon for the following Purpofes (Viz) First to Chooſe a Moderator of y<sup>e</sup> Meeting (2<sup>ly</sup>) To Chooſe all town officers required by law to be Chofe in the Month of march or April annually. ——— (3<sup>ly</sup>) To Chooſe a Saxton and agree how he Shall be paid for his Service (4<sup>ly</sup>) To Determin whether Swine Shall run at large the enfueing year. ——— (5<sup>ly</sup>) To put in their Votes for a County Treafurer. (6<sup>ly</sup>) To agree what Schools Shall be Kept. and grant money to Support the Same and act any thing thereon they may think proper. (7<sup>ly</sup>) To grant money to Support the Poor. ——— (8<sup>ly</sup>) To grant money to Support the Great Bridge. and do any thing relating thereto they Judge best (9<sup>ly</sup>) to grant money to repair the Highways and do any thing Relating thereto they Judge best. ——— (10<sup>ly</sup>)

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(10<sup>ly</sup>) To Chooſe a Committee to Examin the Teafurers Accounts (11<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the Accoun[ts] of thoſe Perfons the town is Indebted to and grant money to pay the Same. ——— (12<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the reports of any Committees and Act thereon as they See fit ——— (13<sup>ly</sup>) For the town to Determin in What way and manner they will carry on the law-Suit between m<sup>r</sup> John Cook and the town which is began by the Selectmen in the Name and Behalf of the town. and to act any thing thereon they think proper. (14<sup>ly</sup>) For the town to Agree upon Such Meafures as they Judge Proper to Collect the Intrenching tools left in the hands of the Selectmen, which belonge to the Commonwealth. — and Likewise to notify the Perfons the town is indebted to to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen on Fryday the 29<sup>th</sup>. Infant at three O Clock afternoon at the wid<sup>o</sup> Dorothy Coollidges. a Warrant was Iſſued to the Conſtable to Warn the Inhabitants of the town Quallified to Vote in town affairs to aſſemble at Said time & place for the purpoſes aforementioned. By Order of the Selectmen ——— and Signed By ——— Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston & Waltham on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Day of Feb<sup>y</sup>. 1788. at the Houſe of M<sup>r</sup>: Benj<sup>n</sup>. Bird Innholder in Waltham they adjusted the Charge that had ariſen for the repairs of the Great Bridge in Watertown Since

the last adjustment which was on the Sixth Day of February AD: 1788. \_\_\_\_\_

the whole amounting to the Sum of £ 16 " 1 " 2 - - - - -

Whereof Watertown's part is the Sum of - - - - 5 " 15 " 2

Weston's d° is - - - - - 4 " 18 : 0

Waltham's d° is - - - - - 5 : 8 : 0

£ 16 : 1 : 2

They Agreed with M<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger to Procure as many good Planck as will be Wanted for the Bridge the enfueing year at the lowest price he can. \_\_\_\_\_

The Selectmen of Watertown Directed their town Treaferer to give the Selectmen of Weston an order on the Selectmen of Waltham for £ 7 : 6 : 5 being a Ballance due from Watertown to Weston. \_\_\_\_\_

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of the wid<sup>o</sup> Dorothy Coollidge on the 29 Day of February AD. 1788. the following accounts were bro<sup>t</sup>: and Presented for allowance (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_ for Schooling &c m<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup>: Ruggles Whitneys for keeping School from July 16. 1787 to the 25 day of Feb<sup>y</sup>: Infant

31 : 4 : 2 : 2

and to Peter Harringtons Supplying Wood 2 : 2 : 5 : 2

Being the Middle Destrict. \_\_\_\_\_ £ 33 : 6 : 8 : 0

m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Jackson for keeping School 3 months & 9 days 24 : 17 : 0

Cap<sup>t</sup> Mofes Coollidge for Supplying Wood - - 2 : 10 : 0

Being the East Destrict \_\_\_\_\_ 27 : 7 : 0

The following accounts for Supply's for the Poor (Viz)

M<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermores account amounting to the Sum of 1 : 6 : 8

M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Pattens d° \_\_\_\_\_ 0 " 9 " 6

M<sup>r</sup> Richard Clarks d° \_\_\_\_\_ 9 " 4 : 7

L<sup>t</sup> Francis Faulkners d° \_\_\_\_\_ 0 " 6 : 0

m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Minots d° \_\_\_\_\_ 0 " 4 " 0

mifs Grace Sangers d° \_\_\_\_\_ 1 " 16 " 0

m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Wellington's \_\_\_\_\_ 1 " 18 " 8

M<sup>r</sup> Elijah Bond for Boarding Anna Rainger £ 3 : 9 : 0 \_\_\_\_\_

The Selectmen's Accounts for Extra Services in Settling an Execution &c — 3 : 15 : 1

1788 March y<sup>e</sup>. 3<sup>th</sup>-. the Selectmen Signed an order on the treafurer for the above Sums Except m<sup>r</sup> Elijah Bonds — — — —

the following accounts were laid before the town at April meeting & allow'd and a Grant made to pay the Same (Viz) ———

To M <sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco for his Service as afsefsor y <sup>e</sup> year past —	3 : 2 : 0
to m <sup>r</sup> Daniel Mason for like Service — — — —	1 : 14 " 0
to Col <sup>o</sup> Amos Bond for like Service — — — —	1 " 12 " 0
to the Selectmen for Expences the year past — —	6 " 1 " 4 : 2
to Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown Esq <sup>r</sup> for Serving Treafurer last year	6 " 0 " 0 : 0
to m <sup>r</sup> Daniel Sawin for Stone for a Bridge — —	0 " 4 " 0 —
to m <sup>r</sup> Joshua Coollidge for Ditto — — — —	0 " 4 " 0 —
to m <sup>r</sup> Thomas Pattin for fenceing Stuff — — —	0 " 3 " 0

19 : 0 : 4 : 2

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs Regularly afsembled at the meeting House in Said Town on monday the third Day of March AD: 1788. for the Choice of Town officers and other affairs as Setforth in the Warrant for Calling the Meeting. ———

Voted and Chofe William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator of the Meeting. ———

Then Voted and Chofe the following Perfons afternamd to Serve in the Several offices hereafter mentioned (Viz) —

Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: Town-Clerk. ———

Selectmen	{	William Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup>	{	Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown Esq <sup>r</sup>
		Col <sup>o</sup> : Amos Bond		Col <sup>o</sup> Amos Bond
		M <sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore		M <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> White
		M <sup>r</sup> David Sanger		
		Col <sup>o</sup> : Chris <sup>t</sup> : Grant		

Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: Town-Treafurer ———

Constables Mef<sup>s</sup> David Stone & William Stone ———

Collectors Cap<sup>t</sup>: Mofes Coollidge & L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellington ———

Wardens Mef<sup>s</sup> Jonas Barned & Mofes Hager ———

Fence Viewers M<sup>r</sup> Jonas White Ju<sup>r</sup> & Col<sup>o</sup>: Amos Bond ———

Sealers of Leather Mef<sup>rs</sup> Mofes Warren & Elijah Mead ———

Tythingmen Mef<sup>rs</sup>- Mr: Samuel Hager & William Warren —  
 Surveyors of Highways Mef<sup>rs</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Wellington, Daniel Jackson,  
 Josiah Sanderfon and Moses Warren —  
 Surveyors of Timber &c Cap<sup>t</sup>: Thomas Vose & m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger—  
 Howards Mef<sup>rs</sup>. Jonas Bond ju<sup>r</sup>- L<sup>t</sup>: William Warren —  
 Hogrieves me<sup>rs</sup> Israel Cook & Sam<sup>l</sup>: Fowles —  
 Clerks of the Markets Cap<sup>t</sup>: John Fowles & Cap<sup>t</sup>: Tho<sup>s</sup> Vose —  
 Meafurers of Wood Cap<sup>t</sup>: Tho<sup>s</sup>: Vose and Cap<sup>t</sup>: Daniel Jack-  
 son —

Cullars of Hoops Staves &c m<sup>r</sup>: Jeremiah Bridge and L<sup>t</sup>. Fran<sup>s</sup>.  
 Faulkner —

Chose for Saxton m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Jenifon. Voted that the Select-  
 men pay him as they Judge Proper ——— Then the Votes  
 were Called for bro<sup>t</sup>: in & Counted and it Appeared that the  
 Hon<sup>le</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Bridge Esq<sup>r</sup> had 60 Votes —

Voted and Granted a Tax of 3/<sup>s</sup> on a Single Poll and in Pro-  
 portion on the Estates. to repair the Highways and townways the  
 year enfueing, to be worked out if the Inhabitants think proper  
 at the Rate of 6<sup>s</sup>/ P<sup>r</sup> Day for a man and 6/ p<sup>r</sup> day for a good  
 Team —

Voted and Chose for a Committee to { William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>:  
 examin y<sup>e</sup> Treaf<sup>r</sup> acc<sup>ts</sup> { Col<sup>o</sup> Amos Bond  
 { Cap<sup>t</sup> John Fowles

Then the Com<sup>tee</sup>. appointed to Rebuild the Bridge over John  
 Cooks Wast (so called) Reported that they had Completed the  
 Bufinefs Which was accepted See the Report on file —

Then

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Then the Selectmen being appointed a Committee to take Such  
 meafures as they Should Judge Necefsary for Compelling m<sup>r</sup> John  
 Cook to pay the expence of Rebuilding the Bridge over his Wast  
 (so called) Reported that they laid the account of the expence  
 of the Rebuilding Said Bridge before m<sup>r</sup> Cook and Called upon  
 him for payment but he Refufeing payment they had Commenced  
 a Suit against him for the Recovery thereof ——— and after Con-  
 sideration thereof. They Voted to Choofe a Committee or three  
 agents to purfue the affair in the Name and behalf of the  
 town —

Voted and Chose for a Committee or { William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
 agents — { m<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger  
 { m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> White

Voted that the Committee be Impowered in the Name and behalf

of the town to proceed on the affair in Such way and manner as they Judge best. either by refeering that and any Desputes relating to Road, as may appear for the best. Voted and Granted £ 40 pounds to enable the agents to Carry on the affair ——— on the article relating to Intrenching tools. Voted that the Selectmen look up the the Same and profecute the affair as they Judge Needfull ———

Then it was purposed to agree with Some perfon or perfons to Collect the tax's for the enfueing year — and Cap<sup>t</sup>: Mofes Coollidge agreed to Collect the east list of Town and County tax's 1/ P<sup>r</sup> Pound. and Co Samuel Wellington agreed to Collect the West list of the town and County tax for 1/2 P<sup>r</sup> Pound — and. they agreed with m<sup>r</sup>: David Stone to Collect the East list of the State Tax for 1/4 P pound. and with m<sup>r</sup> William Stone to Collect the West list of the State tax for 2/ P<sup>r</sup> pound. ——— They to give Bonds with Surety's as usual.

Voted & Granted £ 100 pounds for the ufe of the Schools and that they be kept in the Same way and manner as they were last year —

Voted and Granted £ 100 pounds to Support the Poor ———

Watertown March y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>: 1788 Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> was Sworn into the office of Town Clerk m<sup>r</sup> David Stone, & William Stone Constables, Cap<sup>t</sup>: Mofes Coollidge & Cor<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Wellington Collectors.

By William Hunt Just<sup>s</sup>: Peace ——— and mef<sup>r</sup> Mofes Warren & Elijah Mead Sealer of Leather. — Samuel Wellington, Daniel Jackson, Josiah Sanderfon, and Mofes Warren Surveyors of Highways

Thomas Vofe and David Sanger Surveyors of Timber &c — Jonas Bond ju<sup>r</sup> and William Warren Howards

Israel Cooke and Sam<sup>l</sup> Fowles Hogrieves. —

John Fowles and Thomas Vofe Clerks of the Markets ———

Tho<sup>s</sup> Vofe and Daniel Jackson Meafurers of Wood ———

Jeremiah Bridge and Francis Faulkner Cullers of Hoops &c

P<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup>; Brown Just<sup>s</sup>: Peace

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march y<sup>e</sup>. 12<sup>th</sup>. 1788 m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Hager was Sworn into the office of Tythingman. ——— and on y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>d</sup>. Day Col<sup>o</sup>: Amos Bond & M<sup>r</sup> Samuel White into the office of Afsefsors ———

P<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Just<sup>s</sup>: Peace ———

march y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>- 1778 Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: was Sworn into the office of afseisor Pr William Hunt Just<sup>t</sup>: Peace ——— april y<sup>e</sup>; 10<sup>th</sup> —

Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: took the oath <sup>of alegiance</sup> & Signed the Declaration to Quallifie him to Serve in the offices of Town-Clerk Town-Treasurer & afseisor — — Before W<sup>m</sup>- Hunt Justice of Peace — William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: & Col<sup>o</sup> Amos Bond took the oath of alegiance & Signed the Declaration to Serve in the town offices to which they were Chofen in march last.

Before Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellington on the 17<sup>th</sup>- Day of march 1788. They ordered the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the Several Constables to Warn the Inhabitants to Watertown Quallified According to the Constitution to Vote in the Choice of Governor L<sup>t</sup> Governor & Senators to afsemble at the meeting Houfe on the first monday in April Next at two O Clock in the afternoon for that Purpofe.

———— and also to Warn the Inhabitants Quallified to Vote in town affairs to meet at the Same place on the Same day at three O Clock afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz) First to Choofe a Moderator of the Meeting. — — — — (2) To hear the accounts of thofe perfons the town is Indebted to and grant money to pay the Same. —————

(3) To grant money to repair the Great Bridge and act any thing Relating thereto they Judge Necefsary ——— (4) To Pafs upon a list of Juriors prepared by y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen to be laid before the town. (5) to Hear the Reports of any Committees and act thereon as they think best. — (6) To know the mind of the town whether they will give any Directions to the Town Treafurer respecting the Issueing town orders for the payment of Debts, and act any thing Respecting the Same they think best. (7) To know if the town will Accept of the Pew that was Sold to m<sup>r</sup> John Draper. & if So make Provision for Paying the Prime Cost agreeable to the Vote of the town. and to do any thing relating to that. or any other Pew that belongs to the town as they Judge best, — (8) To Choofe any other town officers in the Room of any that refufe to Serve. ————— (9) To hear the Petition of Richard Clark and act thereon as the Town may think best. — (10) To know if the town will make any repairs on the Perfonage buildings & act theron as the town may Judge best. —————

Warrants were Issued Accordingly Dated y<sup>e</sup>. 21<sup>th</sup>. Infant. and Signed P order of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen

Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk



At a Meeting of the Selectmen the 20<sup>th</sup>- of march 1788. at m<sup>rs</sup>: Dorothy Coollidges They Signed an order on the Town-Treasurer to Pay m<sup>r</sup>: Nathaniel Sherman the Sum of 33 " 6 : 8 for keeping the School the last year. —————

They also Agreed to allow the wife of Samuel Spring two fhillings Pr week from the 13<sup>th</sup>- Instant till further orders

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified according to the Constitution to Vote in the Choice of Governor, L<sup>t</sup>: Governor & Senators being Duly warned and Regularly afsembled at the Publick Meeting Houfe in Said Town on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup>- Day of April AD: 1788. The Selectmen did Prefide. The Meeting being Opened. the Votes for a Governor beiong Called for bro<sup>t</sup>: in

Counted it appeared

That his Excellency John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup>: had. 76 Votes  
the Hon<sup>l</sup> Elbridge Gerry Esq<sup>r</sup>: had - - - - 5 votes

Then the Votes for a L<sup>t</sup>: Governor were Called for bro<sup>t</sup> in counted and Sorted and it appeared that the following Perfons had the Number Set against each of their Names (Viz)

The Hon<sup>le</sup> Benjamin Lincoln Esq<sup>r</sup>: had — 54 Votes ———  
The Hon<sup>le</sup> Samuel Adams- Esq<sup>r</sup>: had — 21 Votes ———  
The Hon<sup>l</sup> Elbridge Gerry Esq<sup>r</sup>: had - - - 4 Votes ———  
and the Hon<sup>l</sup>: James Warren Esq<sup>r</sup>: had - - - 4 Votes ———

Then the votes for five Senators for the County of Middlefex were Called for & being Brought in Sorted and Counted it appeared the following Gentlemen had the Number of Votes Set against their Respective Names (Viz) —————

The Hon <sup>le</sup> Eleazer Brooks	49	Hon <sup>l</sup> Walter M <sup>c</sup> :Farland	
Hon <sup>l</sup> Eben <sup>r</sup> Bridge Esq <sup>r</sup>	53		23
Hon <sup>l</sup> Joseph Hofmer Esq <sup>r</sup>		Marshall Spring - - -	27
	54	William Thomfon - - -	22
Hon <sup>l</sup> Nath <sup>l</sup> Gorham Esq <sup>r</sup>	7	Cap <sup>t</sup> David Brown - - -	21
Hon <sup>le</sup> Joseph: B: Varnum		Samuel Reed - - - - -	21
	48	William Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup> - - -	2
Hon <sup>l</sup> Isaac Stearns- Esq <sup>r</sup>	50	John Brooks Esq <sup>r</sup> - - - -	1
		William Hull Esq <sup>r</sup> - - -	1

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly Afsembled at the Meeting Houfe in Said town on monday the Seventh Day of April AD 1788. to act on Sundry Matters as Mentioned in the Warrants for Calling the Meeting They Voted and Chofe William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator of the Meeting

the 2<sup>d</sup> article being Read a Number of Accounts from Several perfons being laid before the town and Considered they Granted the Sum of £ 19 : 0 : 4 : 2 — to Sattisfie the Same See the (390) Page of this Book

3 artile Granted £ 6 pounds to repair the great Bridge ———

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m<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Benjamin Presented an account for Supporting his Sister Wilfon a[nd] being Considered the affair was put of to may Meeting ———

(4<sup>th</sup>) article Read a list of Juriors being Presented by the Selectmen and read & being Considered and accepted See the list on file - - - - -

(5) article read and the Committee appointed to Examin the Treafurers accounts for the year 1786. Presented their report. but one of the Committee not having Signed the Same it was put off to may Meeting. —————

The Committee appointed to look up town land made Verbal report that they were advifed <sup>to</sup> fence up a piece of

town Land near m<sup>rs</sup>: Dorothy Coollidge<sup>^</sup> and thereby take Pofefion for the ufe of the town, and Desired the Direction of the town relating to the Same ——— Where upon the town Voted that the Committee Proceed Agreeable to the Said Advice —————

(6) article read relating to the treafurer Issuing orders &c after Some Debate they Voted to Choofe a Committee to Consider of the affair and report at may Meeting

Voted and Chofe for Said Committee ———	{	M <sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore M <sup>r</sup> David Sanger Col <sup>o</sup> Amos Bond Cap <sup>t</sup> : John Fowles Cap <sup>t</sup> : Eben <sup>r</sup> Kent M <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> White Doct <sup>r</sup> : Marfhall Spring Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown Esq <sup>r</sup>
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(7<sup>th</sup>) article relating to Pews being Read and having considered the affair they Voted to accept m<sup>r</sup>. John Drapers Pew agreeable to the former votes of the town. Then Col<sup>o</sup> Amos Bond offered to pay m<sup>r</sup> Drapers prime cost if the town would Grant it to him, which the town accepted and granted it to him upon the Same terms that m<sup>r</sup> Draper held it ——— then Voted to put of the Consideration of the Sale of the Pew that was Maj<sup>r</sup> Josiah Capens to may Meeting

(8<sup>th</sup>) article read and past over ———

(9<sup>th</sup>) article read & m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clarks Petition being Read. Voted to Committ it to a Com<sup>tte</sup> to Consider of it and report what is proper for the town to Do thereon ———

Voted and Chofe for Said  
Committee ——— { m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> White  
m<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore  
W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Col<sup>o</sup> Amos Bond —  
Doct<sup>r</sup> Marshall Spring

(10<sup>th</sup>) article Read relating to the ministerial Buildings being repaired and they Voted to Choofe a Committee to View the Same and report at may Meeting

Chofe for Said Committee ——— { M<sup>r</sup>: Amos Livermore  
M<sup>r</sup>: Benjamin Hastings  
M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> White ———

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen the Seventh Day of April 1788 at Maj<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Mellens. They agreed with the Several Perfons afternamed to take the Several poor perfons and Board them for one year at Rate aftermentioned (Viz)

M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Barned to Board &c for Deliverance Whitney @ 3/7 p<sup>r</sup> week —

Thomas Shepard to Board &c for Abigail Hay P/ — 3/- P d<sup>o</sup> —

James Barnard to Board Benj<sup>n</sup> Whitney @ 2/11 P d<sup>o</sup> —

Mofes Mason to Board Mary Learned @ 2/11 P d<sup>o</sup> —

Joseph Coollidge to Board Ruth Maddax @ 3/4 P d<sup>o</sup> —

And at their Meeting the Eighth Day at M<sup>rs</sup>: Dorothy Coollidges the following Accounts were bro<sup>t</sup>: in and allowed (Viz) ———

mef<sup>rs</sup>: Simon & Daniel Whitney for Houfe Room for Spencer Godding one year and Some Brufh to Burn - - - - - 3 : 1 : 4  
Eunice Coollidge for Boarding &c for Ruth Maddox

to this day - -

12" 3" 6

Jedidiah White in full for Boarding Abigail Hay to this time - - -	4 : 1 : 2
Thomas Pattin on Account of Lucy Child being left at Major Mellens - -	0 : 6 " 0
Joseph Bright for Board <sup>ing</sup> Mary Learned in the year 1786 - - -	2 " 18 : 6
Solomon Prentice in full for Boarding the Wid <sup>o</sup> Deliv <sup>ce</sup> Whitney - — -	10 " 7 " 7
Jedidiah Learned in full for Boarding Mary Learned to this time — -	5 " 14 " 6
Josiah Learned in full for Boarding the Wid <sup>o</sup> Hannah Learned to this time	7 " 15 : 0
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	£ 46 " 7 " 7

At this meeting the Selectmen Signed an Order on the Treaferur to Pay the above Sum of £ 46 : 7 " 7. —————

Watertown April y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>. 1788. L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellington took the oath of Alegience and Subscribed the Declaration to Quallifie himself to Serve a Collector — Before William Hunt Just<sup>s</sup> Peace and Mef<sup>rs</sup> William Stone, and David Stone, Constables, Samuel White Afsefsor, and Amos Livermore, David Sanger, & Christopher Grant Ju<sup>r</sup> as Selectmen all took the Oath and Subscribed the Declaration to Quallifie themselves to Serve in the Said offices —————

Before Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

Watertown April y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>. 1788

Col<sup>o</sup> Amos Bond and m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White ju<sup>r</sup> were Sworn into the office of Fence-Viewers — ————— By Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

Watertown June y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup>. Cap<sup>t</sup>. Mofes Coollidge was Sworn into the office of Collector of tax's and took the Oath of Allegiance & Subscribed the Declaration. Before Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk N: B was Chofen the Seventh day of may last

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on thursday the 24 Day of April 1788 at the Houfe of [m<sup>r</sup>] Edward Richardson, They let the

Wharf in Cambridge to Cap<sup>t</sup>. Mofes Coollidge for one year beginning the first Day of this month for which he is to pay eighteen shilling on or before the Expiration of the Said term. —————

They agreed to call a meeting of the Selectmen of the three towns Concerned in the Support of the Great Bridge over the River, to be at m<sup>s</sup> Coollidges on the twelfth day of may Next at two O Clock afternoon to view the Bridge and Agree upon what repairs Should be made and Directed the Clerk to Notify the Selectmen of Weston & Waltham thereof. —————

At this meeting John Tainter apply'd to the Selectmen to have his tax's abated in m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clarks lists, and agreed to put what Real Estate he had into the Hands of the Selectmen to be under their care, and gave the town a Deed of his House and Land, upon which the Selectmen in behalf of the town made & Signed the following agreement (Viz)

The Inhabitants of the town of Watertown having this day by their Selectmen, Agreed to Pay to m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark Collector of Tax's the Sum of Five pounds two shillings and three pence three farthings for Rates due him from John Tainter of Said Watertown and the Said John Tainter for the Same Consideration conveyed to the Inhabitants [ of ] Said Town of Watertown half an Acre of Land in Said Watertown with a House thereon as P Deed of even Date with these Presents, The Said Selectmen for and in behalf of Said Inhabitants hereby agree to lease to Said Tainter the Same House and land annually and every year During the Natural life of Said Tainter, he paying the Sum of Six Shillings P<sup>r</sup> year for the present and the tax's annually, and also any further Sum the Said Town & Tainter Shall Agree upon yearly, and its further agree y<sup>t</sup>. at the Decease of Said Tainter the Said Inhabitants Shall Convey Said Premises to the Heirs of Said Tainter they paying Said Consideration Sum and Interest, & also Such further Sum as the Said Town may Advance Said Tainter During his life. —————

Watertown April y<sup>e</sup>. 24<sup>th</sup>- 1788.

William Hunt	} Selectmen of Watertown
Amos Bond	
Amos Livermore	
David Sanger	
Christopher Grant	

Agreeable to the vote of the town at their meeting the. 7<sup>th</sup>. Day

of April 1788 — Col<sup>o</sup>: Amos <sup>A</sup>Bond has paid m<sup>r</sup> John Draper Eight pounds in full for his Pew in the Meeting House as Appears by m<sup>r</sup> Drapers Receipt a Copy whereof is on file, So that Said Bond hold the Pew on the Same Conditions that m<sup>r</sup> Draper held it —

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The Selectmen at their meeting the 24<sup>th</sup>- Day of April aforementioned Agreed to have a Town Meeting the 5<sup>th</sup>- Day of may Next at the meeting House at two O Clock afternoon to Chooſe a Perſon to Represent the town in the General Court the year enfueing, and Directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the Constables to warn the Inhabitants of the Town Quallified to Vote in the Choice of Representatives to aſemble at Said time & place for Said Purpoſe ————— and they further Agreed that the Constables be Directed to Warn the Quallified Voters to Vote in town affairs to aſemble the Same day at three O Clock afternoon at the meeting Houſe for the following purpoſes (Viz) — First to Chooſe a moderator of the Meeting —————

- (2<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the reports of any Committees, and act any thing thereon they Judge Proper. —————
- (3<sup>ly</sup>) to make any further grants of money for any perticular Services they may See Neceſſary
- (4<sup>ly</sup>) to know the minds of the town if they will Apply to the General Court to Farm out the Fishery in Said town and act thereon as they Judge best. —————
- (5<sup>ly</sup>) To hear the accounts of perſons the town is Indebted to, and grant money to pay the Same. —————
- [ (6<sup>ly</sup>) ] to Chuse any town officers in the Room of any that have refused or Neglected to Serve
- (7<sup>ly</sup>) to know if the town will give liberty for any Hospitals to be Opened for the Reception of the Small Pox by inoculation and Act thereon as they Judge best. —

Warrants were Issued Accordingly Pr: Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At the Meeting mentioned the other Side the town again took into Consideration a Vote on the report of a Committee Relating to the Treafurers Issueing Orders &c and they Past the following Vote (Viz) The Vote overruled, and the town Vote that the Treafurer be and hereby is Directed to Issue his Executions against Delinquent Collectors or Constables at the Expiration of

one year from the Commitment of their Several rate lists to them, without any Application to the Town therefor \_\_\_\_\_ a notification from Nath<sup>l</sup> Ruggles Whitney of his taking in Peggy Rufsell from Lexington See the Notification on file

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At a Town meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative asembled at the Meeting Houfe on monday the fifth Day of may 1788. Col<sup>o</sup>: Amos Bond was Chofen to Represent the town in the General Court the year enfueing —

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting Houfe on monday the fifth Day of may 1788. of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs, to act on Sundry affairs as mentioned in the Warrant for Calling y<sup>e</sup> Meeting They Voted and Chofe William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: moderator of the Meeting. \_\_\_\_\_

on the 2<sup>d</sup>: article the Report of a former Committee was read Relating to a Settlement of accounts made between M<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Cook and the town See the (364) Page of this Book wherein £ 1 " 15 " 10 was allowed m<sup>r</sup> Cook whereupon it was recommitted to the former Committee, Col<sup>o</sup>: Amos Bond being joined in the Room <sup>of</sup> one Deceased — and they reported that m<sup>r</sup> Cook

be allowed £ 6 " " which was accepted. and they Voted that the Treafurer Should pay him that Sum. \_\_\_\_\_ The Committee appointed to Consider what is proper to be don relating to the Treafurers giving orders for payment of Debts reported y<sup>t</sup> it be left to the Treafurer to do as he Shall Judge best.

which was Voted and accepted \_\_\_\_\_

on the 4<sup>th</sup>-. article they Voted and Directed their Representative to apply to the General Court for liberty to Farm out the Fishery in the town \_\_\_\_\_

on the (6) article Voted and Choofe Cap<sup>t</sup>: Mofes Coollidge a Collector of tax's —

on the (7) Article Relating to giving liberty for Hospitals after a Considerable debate they Voted to Dismifs the \_\_\_\_\_ and not act any thing further thereon —

Then they Voted that the meeting Should be adjourned to monday Next — four O Clock afternoon at this place to finish the remaining Businefs which was don.

At a Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown Qualified to Vote in town affairs asembled at the Meeting on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of May AD: 1788. by adjournment William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: being Moderator the meeting being Opened they proceeded

The Committee appointed to consider m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clarks Petition Reported as their Opinion that m<sup>r</sup> Clark be allowed his Charge in Petitioning the General Court being ——— £ 3 " 6 " 0

Then the following Accounts were Read to the town (Viz) — Benjamin Hastings for mending the Glaſs &c in the Meeting Houſe 0 " 4 : 0

Sam<sup>l</sup>: White Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown & Josiah Bisco for Stat- ing the town Debt & Credit — — ——— 2 " 14 : 0

Sam<sup>l</sup> Benjamin for Boarding his Siſter Wilſon — 4 " 2 " 0

and the Several Sums amounting to the £ 10 : 6 : 0 were  
£ 10 " 6 " 0

Granted therefor ———

Then they Voted and Choſe the following perſons a Com<sup>tee</sup>: to repair y<sup>e</sup> ministerial Houſe &c

{	m <sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore
	m <sup>r</sup> Simon Whitney
	m <sup>r</sup> David Sanger

Then Voted and Granted £ 40 pounds for Said Service ———

Then the Meeting was Defolved ——— See the Vote relating to the treafurer y<sup>e</sup> other Side

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, and Waltham on the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of may AD: 1788. at M<sup>rs</sup>: Dorothy Coollidges in Watertown. They Viewed the great Bridge and it Neceſſary to make Some repairs as Soon as Conveniently may be. Agreed that m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger take care to Provide Some Suitable Stones. for the work, and Cap<sup>t</sup>: Isaac Jones Provide one longe String peice for s<sup>d</sup>: Bridge — — —

The 27<sup>th</sup>: Day of May 1788. The Selectmen Signed an order on the Treafurer to Pay m<sup>r</sup>: Elijah Mead five pounds Nineteen fhillings & five pence in full of his account for keeping School in the east part of the town ———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown & Waltham at m<sup>r</sup>: Benjamin Birds in Waltham on the Ninth Day of June AD: 1788. They adjusted the Charge that has Arifen for the Support of Abigail Ball Since the last adjustment which was on the 11<sup>th</sup>-Day of June 1787. which adjustment includes the thirteenth Day



of this Present month June. The whole account amounts to the  
 Sum of £ 12 " 4 " 2 of which  
 Watertown Part is £ 6 " 5 " 10  
 Walthams D<sup>o</sup> is 5 " 18 " 4

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12 " 4 " 2

at this meeting the Several Accounts of all the Adjustments that had been Made between the two towns to the fourteenth day of this present month were Settled & receipts Pafsed between the Treafurers of each town. there Remaining a Ballance due from Waltham to Watertown of 18/6, Waltham Treafurer gave a note of hand on Demand for the Same —————

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellington on Monday the Eleventh day of Aug<sup>t</sup>: 1788. They Agreed to let m<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Learned have the Grafs on his Grand-mothers Marfh land this year for Eighteen fhillings, at this meeting and order was given to the Treafurer to pay Samuel Dexter Esq<sup>r</sup>: two pounds twelve Shillin & ten pence in full of Costs Relating to the Presentment on Account of John Cooks Wast. ————— also Signed an order on the Treafurer to pay Jonathan Brown jun<sup>r</sup> and Joseph Stearnes each £ 2 " 8 : 0 which with what they received will be in full for their Services in the army agreeable to the towns Contract. provided they give the Treafurer an order for their pay allow'd by the State — and an order to pay Jedidiah Learned £ 1 " 12 : 6 in full for Boarding Mary Learned.

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at L<sup>t</sup> Samuel Wellingtons on monday [the] 18<sup>th</sup> day of Aug<sup>t</sup>: AD 1788. The following Accounts were bro<sup>t</sup>: to the Selectm[en] and accepted and allowed (Viz) To m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Clark for Boarding Benjamin Whitney the year Past and mending his Clothing &c — — 9 " 2 " 8  
 To m<sup>r</sup>: Steph<sup>n</sup> Harris for taking care of his Son Nath<sup>l</sup> 1 " 10 " 0  
 To m<sup>r</sup> George Brown for making a Chaine &c — 0 " 14 " 6

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which Sum they ordered Should be Paid — — £ 11 " 6 " 6  
 Some other accounts were order to ly for the present to be inquired further into

m<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Bemis Presented an order from John Tainter requesting that they would pay Said Bemis ten pounds ten fhillings on Account of his Real Estate Conveyed to the town, which they Agreed to do provided he will give a New Deed of

Said Houfe and land in fee Simple free from any right of Redemption \_\_\_\_\_

at this meeting Samuel Jenifon made Application to the Selectmen for So[me] afsistance on Account of a Basturd Child in his Care and they Agreed to allow him 2/ P week from this time till further Orders of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Wal-  
tham, for the Purpofe of Considering what repairs are Necessary  
to be made to the Great Bridge over Charles-River in Said Town  
of Watertown. \_\_\_\_\_

Voted & Considered that it was Necessary to repair the Same,  
and that it be don as follows (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_

The middle Pier be lefsened in its Width eight or ten feet at the  
directi[on of] the Committee to be Chofen for that Purpofe, the  
Butments to be rai[sed] and the Bridge to be raifed as high as  
the Gallows Pier and the wh[ole] to be performed agreeable to  
the direction of Said Committee - - \_\_\_\_\_

Voted That the Third and North pier, be repaired by Said Com-  
mittee at their difcretion, without rebuilding the Butments. —

Voted to appoint a Committee to perform the Above Service. —

Voted that m<sup>r</sup> David Sanger, M<sup>r</sup> Thaddeus Spring, & M<sup>r</sup>:  
William Wellington be Said Committee, And that they procure  
the Meterials and Afsistance for that Purpofe, and agree upon the  
Prices upon the Credit of the three Towns \_\_\_\_\_

Attest W<sup>m</sup>. Hunt Chairman

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 1<sup>th</sup>. Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>:  
AD: 1788 \_\_\_\_\_ at the Houfe of L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellington they  
Approbated the perfons afternamed for renewing their licences  
for the year enfueing (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_

Innholders	{	m <sup>rs</sup> : Dorothy Coollidge	Retailors	{	Cap <sup>t</sup> : John Fowle
		Maj <sup>r</sup> Thomas Mellens			m <sup>r</sup> Tim: Williams
		M <sup>r</sup> Edward Richardson			Cap <sup>t</sup> : John George
		L <sup>t</sup> : Samuel Wellington			L <sup>t</sup> Daniel Jackson
					L <sup>t</sup> : Francis Faulkner

At the above-mentioned Meeting they Signed an order on the  
Town Treafurer to pay the perfons afternamed the Several Sums  
affixt to each of their Names. (Viz)

To m<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup>: Clark for Boarding &c for Benj<sup>n</sup> Whitney 9 " 2 " 0

To m <sup>r</sup> Stephen Harris for his care of his Son Nath <sup>l</sup>	1 " 10 " 0
To Josiah Mixer for Nurfing Mary Boyington Child	0 " 19 " 3
To Cap <sup>t</sup> : Phinehas Stearnes for two years Interest on his Note	5 " 3 " 0

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup>- Day of October 1788. at the Houfe of Major Thomas Mellens they Appointed m<sup>r</sup> Jeremiah Bridge to be a Searcher & Packer of Beef, Porck, fish &c for the year enfueing ———  
 Watertown Oct<sup>r</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>. 1788 M<sup>r</sup>: Jeremiah Bridge was Sworn into the office of Searcher & Packer of Beef, pork, Fish &c. ———  
 By Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston & Waltham on the 20<sup>th</sup>- Day of October AD: 1788. They Adjusted the Charge that had arifen for the repairs of the Great-Bridge over Charles River in Watertown Since the last adjustment which was on the 25<sup>th</sup>- Day of February 1788. The whole charge being £ 49 " 9 " 6. of which Sum. ———

Watertowns part is	£ 17 " 15 " 0
Westons d <sup>o</sup> is	— 15 " 0 " 9
Walthams d <sup>o</sup> is	16 " 13 " 9

So that there is a Ballance due from

Weston to Watertown	£ 0 " 14 " 6
and from Waltham of	2 " 13 " 6

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3 " 8 " 0

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 20<sup>th</sup>- Day of October AD 1788 —

They Signed orders on the Treaferur to pay the Several perfons afternamed the Sums Set to each of their Names (Viz) ———

To m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco for Serving Afsefsor last year	- 3 " 2 " 0
To m <sup>r</sup> Daniel Mason for like Service	- - - - - 1 " 14 " 0
To Col <sup>o</sup> Amos Bond for like Service	- - - - - 1 " 12 " 0
To the Selectmen for expence last year	— — — — 6 " 1 " 4 " 2
To Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown for Serving Treaferur last year	- - 6 " 0 " 0 —
To m <sup>r</sup> Daniel Sawin for a Stone for a Bridge	— — 0 " 4 " 0 —
To m <sup>r</sup> Joshua Coollidge for D <sup>o</sup>	- - - - - 0 " 4 " 0
To m <sup>r</sup> Thomas Pattin for fenceing Stuff	- - - - 0 " 3 " 0

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these were granted at April meeting amounting - 19 " 0 " 4 " 2

The following granted at may Meeting (Viz) —

To m <sup>r</sup> Richard Clarks expence in Petitioning the Gen <sup>l</sup> Court	3 " 6 " 0
To m <sup>r</sup> Benjamin Hastings for mending Glaſs	0 " 4 " 0
To me <sup>rs</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> White, Josiah Bisco, & Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown a Com <sup>tee</sup> - to State town Debt & Credit	2 : 14 : 0
To Sam <sup>l</sup> Benjamin for Boarding his Sifter Wilfon	4 " 12 " 0

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10 " 16 : 0

also an order to pay m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Sheppard the Sum of 3 " 18 " 0 for Boarding Abigail Hay Six months —————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellingtons on the 3<sup>d</sup>. Day of November AD. 1788. They Signed an order on the Treafurer to pay m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Jenifon one pound two fhillings for eleven Weeks Boarding &c for his Daughters Child, the time beginning the 18<sup>th</sup>- day august last.

— also to pay M<sup>r</sup>: Josiah Bright two pounds eight fhillings in full for his Service in the army in January 1787. he being then a Soldier in Cap<sup>t</sup>: Amos Bonds Company, he the Said Brights giving an order on the State Treafurer for the whole of his Wages due on Said Bonds Muster-Roll —————

at this meeting the Selectmen received a Notification from m<sup>r</sup> Jonas Bond informing that he had taken into his Family one John Caswell who came from Boston in November last, See the notification on file —————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 1<sup>h</sup>. day of December AD: 1788. at L<sup>t</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup> Wellingtons they ordered the Clerk to Issue Warrants directed to the Constables to Warn the Inhabitants who are Quallified to Vote for Representatives. to meet at the Meeting Houſe on thursday the eighteenth Infant at one O Clock afternoon to give in their Votes for one Representative in Congress for Middlefex County and two Electors for the Choice of President &c: Warrants were Issued accordingly

P<sup>r</sup> J Brown Town Clerk

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At the Meeting last Mentioned on the other Side the Selectmen Signed an order on the Treafurer to pay the Perfons after named the Sums Set to their Name being in full for the meterials

& labour at the Great Bridge as allow'd at the last Adjustment

(V <sup>A</sup> iz) —————	To Mef <sup>rs</sup> . David Sanger - - -	7 " 1 " 5
	to Amos Livermore -	1 " 16 " 0
	to William Chenery -	0 " 18 " 0
	to Jed <sup>h</sup> Leathe - - -	0 " 4 " 0
	to George & Vofe - - -	0 " 12 " 0
	to Tim <sup>o</sup> Williams - - -	0 " 11 " 4
	to Abraham Whitney	0 " 6 " 0
	to Paul Learned - - -	1 " 7 " 6
	to Sam <sup>l</sup> Wellington -	1 " 18 " 3
	to W <sup>m</sup> Harrington -	0 " 9 " 0
	to Jon <sup>a</sup> Harrington	2 " 8 " 0
	to Adam Brown - - -	0 " 8 " 0
	to Jonas Hastings - -	0 " 10 " 6
	to Sam <sup>l</sup> Benjamin - -	0 " 3 " 0
	to Sam <sup>l</sup> & Mofes Hager	0 " 10 " 0

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The Sum total being £ 21 " 3 " 0

At a Publick Town meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Qualified to Vote in the Choice of Representatives on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Day of December 1788, at the Meeting Houfe to give in their Votes for a Perfon to Serve as a Representative in Congress, & two perfons as Electors of a President & Vice President of the United States of America. — The Votes were Called for for a Representative and were bro<sup>t</sup>: in Counted & Sorted and it appeared, that the Hon<sup>le</sup> Elbridge

Gerry had 24 Votes

<sup>A</sup>John Brooks Esq<sup>r</sup> had 13- Votes

Eleazor Brooks Esq<sup>r</sup>: had 3 Votes

Then the Votes were bro<sup>t</sup>: in for two perfons as Candidale for Electors of President & Vice President & it appeared when Counted & Sorted that

the Hon<sup>le</sup> Francis Dana Esq<sup>r</sup>: had — 21 Votes —

Hon<sup>l</sup> Eleazor Brooks Esq<sup>r</sup> had — 21 Votes

Hon<sup>l</sup> Oliver Prefcott Esq<sup>r</sup> had — 14 Votes

James Winthorp Esq<sup>r</sup> had — 14 Votes

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup>. day of

January AD. 1789. at L<sup>t</sup>. Samuel Wellingtons - They Signed an order on y<sup>e</sup> Treaferur to pay the Several perfons after Named the Sums Set to each of their Names (Viz).

To Cap <sup>t</sup> : Thomas Hunt for his Service on Bez <sup>ll</sup> . Learneds account	1 : 0 : 10
To D <sup>r</sup> Marfhall Spring in full of his accounts Exhibited this day	11 : 0 " —
To Nathan Porter on Daniel Hastings's account for Stones &c	0 : 18 : —
To Samuel Jenifon for care of his Daughters Child eight weeks —	0 : 16 : —
To Daniel Jackson in full of his account for Sup- plys for Jedidiah White in his last Sicknefs	} 3 " 14 " 7
To David Sanger in full of his account for houfe Rent &c for Bez <sup>ll</sup> Learned	

At a Publick Meeting of the Selectmen for Inquiring into the State of the Collectors lists of Tax's which have been long out-standing, at the Houfe of L<sup>t</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup> Wellington on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Day of January AD 1789 They Examined Mefs<sup>rs</sup> Joseph Brights, & Daniel Masons lists

at this meeting they Directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the Constables to Warn the Quallified Voters to afsemble at the Meeting Houfe on thursday the 29 Instant to give in their votes for a Perfon to Serve as a Representative in Congrefs for the Deftrict of Middlefex, Which was Accordingly don the Same Day

By Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Town-Clerk

at this meeting they Directed the Treaferur to call upon John Draper and David Stone for 18 Bufhels of Indian Corn each which they owe to the town for the Improvement of the Wid<sup>o</sup> Learneds land. They also did agree with Jedidiah Leathe for him to Improve the Hay Scales one year from the ninth day of this present month he paying therefor four pounds ten Shillings to be in Quarterly payments but upon failure in him the agreement to be Void, they also appointed him Surveyor & Weigher of Hay during the term aforementioned

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at the Meeting last Mentioned they Directed the Clerk to Issue a Warrant to one of the Constables to Warn Sarah Sanders out of this town

At a Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative asembled at the meeting on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of January AD. 1789. to give in their Votes for a Perfon to Represent the District of Middlefex in Congress of the United States of america, the Votes being given in it appeared that the following Perfons had the number of Votes Set against each of their Names (Viz) —

Elbridge Gerry Esq<sup>r</sup>: had 45 Votes  
 William Hull Esq<sup>r</sup>: had 14 d<sup>o</sup>  
 Joseph B: Varnum had — 2 d<sup>o</sup>

At a Meeting at the Same time and Place of the Inhabitants of the Said Town Quallified to Vote in town affairs the Meeting being opened They Voted and Chose William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator of the Meeting

m<sup>r</sup> Sawin Made Application to have his Tax in m<sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Leathes list, formerly Henry Bradshaws abated as he Said he had Paid it to S<sup>d</sup> Bradfhaw — Whereupon it was Voted that if Said Sawin would procure a Certificate from M<sup>r</sup> Bradfhaw Sworn to before a Justice of y<sup>e</sup> peace Setting-forth that the tax's had been paid to him the Said Bradfhaw while he was a Collector, Then the S<sup>d</sup>. tax Should be abated. —————

Then m<sup>r</sup> William Sanger to have his tax's abated made a request to the town and it was Voted that the Collectors do not call on him for them till after Next March Meeting —————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of February AD. 1789 at L<sup>t</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup> Wellingtons Cap<sup>t</sup>: John Fowle bro<sup>t</sup>: in his account for Supplys for Smith Prentice in his last Sicknefs of

0 " 16 " 1 —  
 and m<sup>r</sup> John Capel his account for a Coffen of - - 0 " 14 " 0

which was allowed ————— £ 1 " 10 " 1  
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At this Meeting they Directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the Several Constables to Warn the Inhabitants of the town Quallified to Vote in town affairs to meet at the Meeting Houfe on Monday the Ninth Day of March Next at Nine O Clock in the forenoon for the following Purpofes (Viz)

First to Chooſe a Moderator of the Meeting —————

(2) To Choose all town officers required to be Chose in the Month of March or April Annually. (3) To Choose a Saxton & agree how he Shall be paid for his Service (4) To Determin whether Swine Shall run at large the enfueing year. (5) To give in their Votes for a County Treasurer. (6) to agree what Schools Shall be kept, and Grant money to Support the Same, and act anything thereon they may think proper. (7) To grant money to Support the poor. (8) To Grant money to repair the Great Bridge, and act any thing relating thereto they may think proper. (9) To Grant money to repair the Highways, and act any thing relating thereto they See fit. (10) To Choose a Committee to Examin the treasurers accounts, (11) To hear the accounts of those persons the town is Indebted to and grant money to pay y<sup>e</sup> Same, (12) To hear the reports of any Committees & act thereon as they See fit. (13) To act any thing relating to the Fishery (agreable to an act of the General Court pafsed the last Seision) they Judge Necessary ——— (14) To know if the town will provide a further Supply of Powder & Ball for the training band & alarm list to be kept for that Perticular use. and Act any thng relating thereto they think best. (15) To abate any perticular persons tax's if they think proper. (16) To know if the town will purchase a Small Building Standing on the towns Land where the widow White now Dwells, or Sell the land whereon the Same now Stands, and act thereon as they See fit. — Likewise to Notify the persons the town is Indebted to to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen on the Sixth Day of March Next at three O.Clock afternoon at the Houfe of L<sup>t</sup> Samuel Wellington.

Warrants were Issued accordingly Dated the 20<sup>th</sup>- of February  
 attest Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellingtons on Monday the Second Day of March AD: 1789. Walter Hunnewells account was bro<sup>t</sup>: in for keeping School amounting to the Sum of - - - £ 33 " 6 " 8  
 also M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Sherman bro<sup>t</sup>: in his Account for Schooling for the year past which amounted to the Sum of - 33 " 6 " 8  
 the Expence of Wood for each School being included in their Accounts They agreed that the last County tax Set to Watertown be paid out of the town Rates the Sum being £ 13 : 9 " 3 " 1.  
 and Afseft with the Next town tax. —————



At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of L<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Wellington on Fryday the Sixth Day of March AD 1789. the following acc<sup>ts</sup>- were bro<sup>t</sup>: to the Selectmen & by them allowed & orders on the Treafurer given for Payment. (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_

School	m <sup>r</sup> Nath <sup>l</sup> R. Whitney for keeping the East School	16 " 16 " 0
	m <sup>r</sup> Daniel Clark Sanders for like Service at d <sup>o</sup> board &c.	13 " 8 " 0
	Cap <sup>t</sup> Mofes Coollidge for Wood for the School	3 " 2 " 0
	Col <sup>o</sup> Chris <sup>t</sup> : Grants acc <sup>tt</sup> for the poor	5 " 15 " 1
L <sup>t</sup> . Fran <sup>s</sup> . Faulkners for Houfe Rent for Bez <sup>l</sup> Learned Feb <sup>y</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup> -	1 " 13 " 9	
m <sup>r</sup> W <sup>m</sup> Harrington for Wood to Learned & wid <sup>o</sup> White	0 " 16 " 10	
L <sup>t</sup> Jon <sup>a</sup> Harrington for Wood for Said White	0 " 12 " 0	
m <sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore for Supplys to poor	1 " 7 " 2	
To his other Dittoo	1 " 12 " 6	
W <sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup> acc <sup>tt</sup> for poor	1 " 5 " 1	
m <sup>r</sup> David Sangers acc <sup>tt</sup> for the poor R. Goddard	0 " 8 " 6	
m <sup>r</sup> Elijah Bonds acc <sup>tt</sup> for Anna Ranger	3 " 18 " 0	
M <sup>r</sup> Rich <sup>d</sup> Clarks Acc <sup>tt</sup> for Supplys poor	0 " 13 " 0	
Col <sup>o</sup> Amos Bonds for Sam <sup>l</sup> Jenifon & Rachel Goddard	3 " 6 : 8	
m <sup>r</sup> Phin <sup>s</sup> Jenifon for Service at Smith Prentices Fun <sup>l</sup> :	0 " 9 " 0	
Maj <sup>r</sup> Josiah Capens acc <sup>tt</sup> poor	0 " 13 : 4	
Col <sup>o</sup> Amos Bonds other acc <sup>tt</sup>	0 " 10 : 4	
Said Amos Bond two years Interest on a Note	5 " 8 " 7	
m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> White one year d <sup>o</sup> on d <sup>o</sup>	5 " 19 " 3	
Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown three year on a Note	3 " 12 " 0	
m <sup>r</sup> W <sup>m</sup> - Stone for Warning out 24 perfons @ 1/	1 " 4 " 0	
M <sup>r</sup> Benj <sup>n</sup> Hastings for Mending the Meeting Houfe Glafs	0 " 3 " 0	
m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Sanderfon for work at the Wharf in Cambridge	0 " 8 " 0	

## [409]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to vote in town affairs Regularly afsembled on Monday the Ninth Day of March AD: 1789. for the Choice of town officers and other Town affairs Mentioned in the Warrants for Calling the Meeting. They Voted and Chofe William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator —

Then Voted and Chose the following persons afternamed to Serve in the Several offices hereafter-mentioned (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_

Town-Clerk Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

Selectmen	{	Mr Amos Livermore	for aisefsors	{	Mr Sam <sup>l</sup> White
		Mr David Sanger			Col <sup>o</sup> : Amos Bond
		Mr Tho <sup>s</sup> . Pattin			mr Edm <sup>d</sup> : Fowle
		William Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup> :			
		Col <sup>o</sup> Chris <sup>r</sup> Grant Ju <sup>r</sup> :			

Town Treafurer Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

Fence-Viewers m<sup>r</sup> Moses Warren & Israel Cook \_\_\_\_\_

Wardens Mefs<sup>rs</sup>. Jonas Bond ju<sup>r</sup> & Joshua Grant \_\_\_\_\_

Sealers of Leather Mefs<sup>rs</sup> Moses Warrin & Josiah Levett \_\_\_\_\_

Tythingmen Cap<sup>t</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Bemis & Benjamin Hastings \_\_\_\_\_

Surveyors of Highways for the West Deftrict m<sup>r</sup> Henry Farrington South Deftrict M<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup>. Fowle, East Deftrict m<sup>r</sup> Joshua

Coolidge, North Deftrict m<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown ju<sup>r</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Surveyors of Timber & Mefs<sup>rs</sup> David Sanger & L<sup>t</sup> Daniel Jackson Howards Maj<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Mellens & m<sup>r</sup> Hugh Mason \_\_\_\_\_

Hogrieves mefs<sup>rs</sup> Moses Mason and Daniel Cornwall \_\_\_\_\_

Clerks of the Markets Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniel Jackson & Cap<sup>t</sup> John George \_\_\_\_\_

Meafurers of Wood Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniel Jackson & M<sup>r</sup> Edmund Fowle \_\_\_\_\_

Cullars of Hoops Staves &c Mefs<sup>rs</sup> Jeremiah Bridge & Sam<sup>l</sup> Holt Saxton m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Jenifon & Voted y<sup>t</sup> the Selectmen pay him as

they See fitt for his Services \_\_\_\_\_ Then the Votes were bro<sup>t</sup> in for a County Treafurer & being Counted & Sorted it Appeared that Eben<sup>r</sup> Bridge Esq<sup>r</sup>; had 32 Votes

Voted that Swine do not run at large this year \_\_\_\_\_

Then Voted to let the Collecting the tax's to the lowest Bider they giving Bonds as last year, Voted that what they Collect in one year after they Receive their lists, the remainder to have no Premium; and that those Perfons that have lists not Settled Shall not have any more till t[hey] Settle the first.

### [410]

Then they Voted to reconsider the last Vote So far as it relates to the last Collectors and that they have liberty to bid as other Perfons \_\_\_\_\_

They then took into Consideration the abateing of tax's and Voted

to Choose a Committee of Nine persons to hear the pleas of any Persons that Should apply for abatements, and report a list of Such as they Judge proper to be abated to the town at April Meeting

Chose for Said Committee ———	}	William Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup> .
		Mr Sam <sup>l</sup> White
		Mr Amos Livermore
		Col <sup>o</sup> Amos Bond
		Cap <sup>t</sup> : John George
		Cap <sup>t</sup> John Fowle
		Mr Simon Whitney
		Mr Tho <sup>s</sup> Pattin

Then the article relating to the regulating the Fishery being read They Voted to Choose a Committee to prepare Rules for the regulating the Same to be laid before the town ———

Chose for Said Committee ———	}	Col <sup>o</sup> Amos Bond
		William Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup>
		Mr Edm <sup>d</sup> : Fowle

Then the Meeting was Adjourned to the House of Maj<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Mellens at Seven o Clock this evening, at which time being Met They Proceeded to Farm out the Collecting the tax's. The East list of State tax being put up was Struct off to m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Stone at /11<sup>d</sup>- ½ p<sup>r</sup> pound West list put up was Struct off to L<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Wellington at 1/ 1½ P d<sup>o</sup>- ———

East list town tax then was Struct of to Jon<sup>a</sup>. Stone at /11½ p<sup>r</sup> d<sup>o</sup>-

West list town d<sup>o</sup> was Struct off to Sam<sup>l</sup> Wellington at 1/3 P d<sup>o</sup> ———

The County tax to be included with the town ———

Then the Meeting was Adjourned to Monday Next at two O Clock afternoon at the Meeting House ———

### [411]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified According to law to vote in Town affairs asembled at the Meeting House on Monday the Sixteenth day of March AD. 1789 by Adjournment ——— William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: being Moderator. The Meeting being opened they Proceeded, Voted and Chose m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Mafo<sup>n</sup> &

M<sup>r</sup> Henry Farrington Constables, & Choise L<sup>t</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup>: Wellington  
and M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Stone Collectors of Tax's \_\_\_\_\_

M<sup>r</sup>: Samuel White at his Desire was Excused from Serving  
afseisor and M<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore was Chofen but by Desire was  
excused \_\_\_\_\_

Then Voted and Excused M<sup>r</sup> Edmund Fowle from the Same  
Service

Then Voted & Choise Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: & Col<sup>o</sup>: Chris<sup>r</sup>  
Grant ju<sup>r</sup> afseisors

Then voted & Granted £ 100 pounds to Support the Schools and  
that they be under the Same Regulations as they were the last  
year.

Voted and Granted £ 100 pounds to Support the poor \_\_\_\_\_

Voted and Granted 15 pounds to repair the Great Bridge

Voted & Granted a tax of 3<sup>s</sup>/ on the Poll and the Estates to be  
taxed in that proportion to repair the Highways, and that the price  
of Labour in Working out Said tax be Six fhillings P Day for  
a man and the like Sum for a good team \_\_\_\_\_

Choise a Com<sup>tte</sup> to Examin y<sup>e</sup> Trea<sup>rs</sup> acc<sup>ts</sup> { M<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger  
M<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore  
M<sup>r</sup> Josiah Bisco

The (11) article was put over to the Adjournment y<sup>e</sup> (12)  
article put over

The the Committee appointed to Prepare Rules for regulating  
the Fishery reported Some rules which after consideration &  
Debate thereon. They Voted that Said Committee with the  
Selectmen have power in the Name and behalf of the town to fix  
Such Rules & regulations respecting the Same as they Judge most  
for the benefit of the town, and Conformable to the Act of the  
Gen<sup>ll</sup> Court. —

then the (16) article was read and after Debate thereon they  
Voted to Choofe a Committee to confer with m<sup>r</sup>. David Sanger  
about the Building on the land mentioned in Said article and  
report \_\_\_\_\_

Voted and Choise for Said Committee — { M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup>. Clark  
L<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Wellington  
Col<sup>o</sup> Amos Bond

Then the Meeting was adjourned to the first monday in April  
3 O Clock [in] the afternoon at this place \_\_\_\_\_

[412]

Watertown March y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>. 1789

The following Perfons took the Oath of allegiance required by

law to Quallifie them to Serve in the Several Town offices to which they were Chofen, and after taking Said Oath & Subscribing the Same (Viz)

The Selectmen	{	Mr David Sanger Mr Amos Livermore Mr Tho <sup>s</sup> Pattin W <sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup> : Col <sup>o</sup> : Chris <sup>r</sup> . Grant ju <sup>r</sup>	} Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown Town Clerk & Treas <sup>r</sup>
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Moses Warrin & Israel Cook Fence viewer

Moses Warren & Jofiah Leavitt Sealers of Leather

Henry Farrington Edmund Fowle, & Joshua Coollidge. Surveyors of highways

Surveyors of Timber &c David Sanger & Daniel Jackson ———

Howards Thomas Mellens & Hugh Mason, ———

Hogrieve Daniel Cornwall

Clerks of the Markets Daniel Jackson & John George ———

Measures of Wood Daniel Jackson Edm<sup>d</sup>: Fowle ———

Cullars of Hoops &c Jeremiah Bridge, Samuel Holt ———

Daniel Mason & Henry Farrington Constables	}	took y <sup>e</sup> oath of allegiance & oaths of office Pr: W <sup>m</sup> Hunt Just <sup>s</sup> : Peace
Sam <sup>l</sup> Wellington & Jon <sup>a</sup> :		
Stone Collectors ———		

March y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup>. 1789 Amos Bond took y<sup>e</sup> oath of allegiance and he and Jonathan Brown & Christopher Grant junior the oath of afejsors

Before William Hunt Just<sup>s</sup>: Peace

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 23<sup>d</sup>. Day of March 1789. at L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellingtons they Directed the Clark to Issue out Warrants to the Constables to Warn all the Inhabitans of the town of Watertown who are Quallified to vote for Governors and Senators to meet at the Meeting Houfe on the Sixth day of April at two O Clock afternoon to give in their Votes therefor ———

Which was Accordinly don

P Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Town-Clerk

at this Meeting they Directed the Treasurer to Discharge all those persons that make it appear that they are of the Baptists Perfuation from their last ministerial tax ———

1789 March y<sup>e</sup> 27 Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Ju<sup>r</sup> was Sworn into the office of Surveyor of Highways Before Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

## [413]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Fryday the third Day of april AD 1789 at L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellingtons. the following Accounts were bro<sup>t</sup>: in and Accepted by the Selectmen \_\_\_\_\_

To Jon<sup>a</sup> Coollidge Godding to Boarding Rachel Goddard from August the 26 to April the 7. 1789. — — — — — 7" 2" 6

To Josiah Learned for Boarding the wid<sup>o</sup> Hannah Learned 13" 0" 0

To Daniel Barnard for d<sup>o</sup> for the wid<sup>o</sup> Del<sup>ce</sup>. Whitney — 9" 15" 4

To Thomas Sheppard for d<sup>o</sup> for Abigail Hay — — 3" 18" 0

To Simon & Daniel Whitney for Spencer Goddings Houfe room — — — — — 3" 0" 0

To the wid<sup>o</sup> Mary Vila for Mary Learned - - - - - 7" 11" 8

To James Barnard for Boarding Benjamin Whitney 7" 15" 8

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£ 52" 3" 2

The above Accounts were made up to the Seventh Infant.

The Selectmen Signed an Order on the Treaferer for the payment \_\_\_\_\_

At a Meeting of The freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified according to the Constitution to vote in the Choice of Governours & Senators Regularly asembled at the Meeting Houfe in s<sup>d</sup> Town on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>. Day of April AD. 1789 \_\_\_\_\_

The Selectmen being present, the votes being Called for for a Governor being bro<sup>t</sup>: in Sorted and counted it appeared that his

Excellency John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup>: had 67 Votes \_\_\_\_\_

The Honorable James Bowdoin Esq<sup>r</sup>. had 16 Votes \_\_\_\_\_

Hon<sup>le</sup> William Chufhing Esq<sup>r</sup>. had. 1. Votes \_\_\_\_\_

The the votes were bro<sup>t</sup>: in for a L<sup>t</sup>: Governor being Sorted & Counted it appeared that

the Hon<sup>le</sup> Benjamin Lincoln <sup>r</sup>Esq had 37 votes \_\_\_\_\_

The Hon<sup>le</sup>: Samuel Adams Esq<sup>r</sup>: had 50 votes \_\_\_\_\_

D<sup>r</sup> Marfhall Spring had — — — 1 vote \_\_\_\_\_

Then the votes were bro<sup>t</sup> in for five Senators for the County of Midd<sup>ls</sup> and being Sorted and Counted it appeared that the Gentlemen after-Named had the Number Set against their Names (Viz)

Eleazer Brooks Esq <sup>r</sup> . had. 47	William Hull Esq <sup>r</sup> — 6
Joseph B: Varnum Esq <sup>r</sup> — 53	Isaac Stearnes Esq <sup>r</sup> — 2
Eben <sup>r</sup> Bridge Esq <sup>r</sup> — 54	James Winthrop Esq <sup>r</sup> — 8
Nath <sup>l</sup> Gorham Esq <sup>r</sup> — 62	Walter McFarland Esq <sup>r</sup> 15
John Brooks Esq <sup>r</sup> — 3	Joseph Hosmer Esq <sup>r</sup> — 59
Abraham Fuller Esq <sup>r</sup> — 1	

## [414]

At a Publick Town Meeting of The Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs Regularly assembled at the Meeting Houfe in Said Town on Monday the Sixth Day of April AD: 1789. By Adjournment.

William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: being Moderator —

the Meeting being opened. They proceeded to Inquire whether the Town officers were compleated. and being informed they were not Mefs<sup>rs</sup> Joshua Grant & Jonas Bond ju<sup>r</sup> at their Request were Excufed from Serving as Wardens the present year — and Mefs<sup>rs</sup> Mofes Hager & Jon<sup>a</sup> Coollidge Godding were Chofen in their room

The tythingmen were not Excufed —

Then the Committee to Consider the abatement of Tax's made a report of a Number they thought Should be abated and of others they Judged Should be Suspended for the present

Samuel Jenifon asked for an allowance for Boarding &c for his Daughter Child. and it was Voted to allow him  $1/6$  p<sup>r</sup> week to

the time the Selectmen took up the Matter. his tax's and what he has received to be part —

Then they took into consideration an account of D<sup>r</sup> Marfhall Springs and after Debate thereon. it was moved that the Consideration thereof be put off to the Adjournment of the Meeting — and the Meeting was Adjourned to Monday Next 4 O Clock afternoon at this place

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the Sixth Day of April AD 1789. at Major Thomas Mellens They Agreed with the perfons afternamed to take care of and Board the poor perfons after named for one year from the Seventh Infant at the Rate after-mentioned

Daniel Barnard to take Deli<sup>ce</sup> Whitney at  $4/5$  p<sup>r</sup> week

Thomas Sheppard Abigail Hay at —  $7/6$  p<sup>r</sup> d<sup>o</sup>

James Barnard Benjamin Whitney —  $3/7$  p<sup>r</sup> d<sup>o</sup>

Convers Spring Mary Learned — — 3/- p<sup>r</sup> d<sup>o</sup>  
 Mofes Stone ju<sup>r</sup> Ruth Maddox — 3/- p<sup>r</sup> d<sup>o</sup>————

Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: was Sworn into the offices of Town Treas<sup>r</sup>  
 and Town Clerk. —

Pr William Hunt Just<sup>s</sup> Peace

may y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>. 1789. Mofes Mason was Sworn into the office of  
 Hogrieve  
 By Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Just<sup>s</sup>. Peace ———

[415]

At a Publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting Houfe on the  
 thirteenth Day of April AD: 1789. By adjournment. ———

W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: being Moderator the Meeting being Opened  
 They proceeded, and took into consideration relating to pro-  
 cureing ammunitiion for Militia and after Debate thereon they  
 pafsed the followin Vote. (Viz). That Col<sup>o</sup> Christopher Grant,  
 m<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore be a Committee to enquire into the Quantity  
 of Powder & Ball and Flints now on hand belonging to the  
 town and if their is not a Sufficient Quantity for the Supply of  
 the Train-band alarm list Horfe and Artillery over and above  
 the town Stock then to purchafe a quantity adaquate to answer  
 the above purpofes which is to remain the property of the Town,  
 but Subject So farr to the ufe of Said Companies, as the Same  
 may be returned as their Supply agreable to the Militia act, but  
 not to be Dilivered out but by Special order of the Selectmen. —  
 Then a letter or Remonftrance from a Number of perfons of the  
 Baptift perfwation was read and after Debate thereon it was  
 voted that it lye for the present. ———

Then the following Accounts for Services don &c were read (Viz)

To m <sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Leathe for Irons &c for one of the Towns ploughs which amounted to the Sum of - - - - -	0 " 19 " 1
To the Selectmen for expences the last year - - - -	5 " 9 " 7
To Col <sup>o</sup> Amos Bond for Service as afsefsor last year	1 " 16 " 0
To m <sup>r</sup> Samuel White for d <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	1 " 16 " 0
To Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown as Treafurer & Afsefsor last year	8 " 2 " 0
To D <sup>r</sup> Marshall Spring for Service as Physician	6 " 4 " 0
&c for attendance on Elizabeth Warren - - - }	—————

The whole amounting to the Sum of - - - - - £ 24 " 6 " 8  
 which Sum was Voted & Granted to pay y<sup>e</sup> Same —  
 D<sup>r</sup> Springs other accounts of 6 " 2 " 0 was refered to the Select-  
 men to Determin upon



Then the Meeting was Adjourned to the 4<sup>th</sup>. Day of May Next. three O Clock afternoon at this place \_\_\_\_\_

## [416]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup>. Day of April AD: 1789. at the Houfe of L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellington — They Agreed to have a Town Meeting on Monday the fourth Day of May Next to Chooſe a Representative to Serve in the General Court the year enfueing and Directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the Conſtables to warn the Quallified Voters to meet at the Meeting Houfe on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup>. Day of May Next at two O Clock <sup>afternoon</sup> for that purpoſe

Warrants were Iſſued <sup>^</sup> Accordingly. By Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

At a Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown aſſembled at the Meeting Houfe on Monday the. 4<sup>th</sup>. Day of May AD: 1789. for the Choice of a Representative to Serve in the Great and General Court the year enfueing. They Chofe Col<sup>o</sup>: Amos Bond.

At a Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in Town affairs aſſembled at the Meeting Houfe on monday the 4<sup>th</sup>. Day of May AD 1789. By Adjournment. — William Hunt Eſq<sup>r</sup>: being Moderator. They proceeded — The Committee Appointed to Examin the Town Treafurer Accounts for the year. 1787. laid their Report on the table which being Read. it Appeared that the Treafurer wa Charged the Sum of 1998 " 10 " 8 " 2 and had Diſcharged himſelf by receipts & outſtanding Taxes 2044 " 3 " 2 " 1

So that there remained due the Treafurer of 045 " 12 " 3 " 3 which was Voted and accepted. See the report on file and entered in the Treafurers Book — Voted y<sup>t</sup> the Committee appointed to Settle the Treafurs accounts aſiſt in Seeing a Settlement made with the old Collectors &c \_\_\_\_\_ Voted that the Debts due the Town by Bond or Note <sup>be</sup> Sued and Collected unleſs Shifted to thoſe the town is indebted to — Voted that the Committee Chofen to Settle the Town Treafurers

Accounts be Aiding to the Treafurer to Carry the last Votes into Compleat Execution — Voted that the Committee appointed to Examin y<sup>e</sup> Treafurers accounts <sup>last year</sup> be added to the present years Committee \_\_\_\_\_ ^

## [417]

Voted that the Selectmen be empowered to purchase the Houfe the property of M<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger now Standing on Towns land or lease the land to Said Sanger, or hire the Houfe for the towns ufe, and act fully respecting the Same as they may Judge for the Interest of the Town \_\_\_\_\_

Then the Meeting was Adjourned to the Second Monday in June Next at Six O Clock in the afternoon at this place \_\_\_\_\_

1789 May y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Ruggles Whitney lodged a Notification of his haveing received into town on the 9<sup>th</sup>-. Infant one Sally Brown last from Weston. \_\_\_\_\_

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the First Day of June. 1789. at L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellingtons. They Signed an order on the Town Treafurer to Pay the Sum of Fifteen Pounds to M<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore and others a Committe appointed to repair y<sup>e</sup> Minifterial Houfe — also to pay M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Jenifon four pounds for his Service as Saxton the last year. \_\_\_\_\_

They also Agreed to Meet the Selectmen of Waltham on the Eleventh Day of this Infant month of June to Settle accounts relating to the Support of Abigail Ball, and Directed the Clerk to S<sup>d</sup> Selectmen Notice that they are desired to attend on the Said day at L<sup>t</sup> Samuel Wellingtons at five O Clock in <sup>the</sup> after-  
noon for Said Purpofe \_\_\_\_\_ ^

1789 June y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>. John Remington give a Notification Informing the he on the first day of August last received into his Family one Martha Mohlton from Concord a poor perfon Maintained by that town. \_\_\_\_\_ See the notification on file.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown held at the Meeting Houfe on monday the 8<sup>th</sup>- Day of June AD. 1789. by adjournment but a few perfons appearing it was Adjourned to the 29 Day of this month at five O Clock afternoon at this Place \_\_\_\_\_

## [418]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the Eleventh day of June AD-1789- at the Houfe of L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellington they Agreed with Josiah Learned that he Shall have the Improvement of his Grandmothers Saltmarsh land the present year he paying therefor the Sum of Eighteen fhillings — and that David Stone have the land he had last year he paying therefor Eighteen Bufhels of Indian Corn — Edward Richardfon has Notified in Writing that he has received a negro into town as on file.

at a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown and Waltham at L<sup>t</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup> Wellingtons on the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1789. to Settle the Charge of the Support of Abigail Ball the year past. there not being a Quorum from Waltham they adjourned the Meeting to Wednesday Next at five O Clock at this Place. —————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown & Waltham on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June AD: 1789. at the Houfe of L<sup>t</sup>. Samuel Wellington They Settled the accounts for the Support of Abigail Ball that has arifen Since the last adjustment which was on the Ninth Day of June last. to the 20<sup>th</sup>- Day of this present month. the whole being £ 9 : 18 : 9.

of Which Sum	—————	Watertown Part is	5 " 1 " 9 " 1
		Walthams d <sup>o</sup> is	4 " 16 " 11 " 3
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			9 " 18 " 9 " 0

Watertowns State tax is	107 " 17 " 0
Walthams d <sup>o</sup> is	102 " 12 " 0

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210 " 9 " 0

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 18<sup>th</sup>- Day of June AD. 1789 - at m<sup>r</sup> Edward Richardfons they let the Wharf in Cambridge to m<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore for one year. the year beginning the first Day of April last. for 8/6 —————

At a Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown asembled at the Meeting Houfe on monday the the 29<sup>th</sup>- Day of June AD. 1789. By Adjournment. —————

The moderator being Absent, and no Committees being ready to make any reports it was Agreed that the Meeting Should be Delolved which was Accordingly don. —————

## [419]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of L<sup>t</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup> Wellington on monday the 6<sup>th</sup>- Day of July. 1789. ——— They agreed to Request the aiseors to meet them on the first monday in August Next. before they Make the tax to take into consideration Such Persons whose Circumstances are Such that they ought not to be taxed. the Meeting to be at two O Clock afternoon at M<sup>r</sup>: Wellingtons. ———

At this meeting they Signed an order on the Treafurer to pay Sam<sup>l</sup> Wellington Six fhillings being the expence in Settling Accounts with the Selectmen of Waltham, also to pay to John Remington Esq<sup>r</sup>: the Sum of £ 5" 4" 0 on Account of Lydia Spring the wife of Samuel Spring for the Support of her Child being one years allowance the year ending the 13<sup>th</sup>. Day of March last.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at L<sup>t</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup> Wellingtons on the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of August AD. 1789. They Signed an order on the town Treafurer to Pay to Amos Livermore & others a Committee to repair the Ministerial House the Sum of fifteen Pounds they to Account for the Same ———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M<sup>r</sup>: Dorothy Coollidge on the tenth Day of September AD: 1789. — They Approbated the following persons for renewing their licences (Viz)

For Innholders ———	{	M <sup>rs</sup> Dorothy Coollidge
		M <sup>r</sup> Edw <sup>d</sup> : Richardson
		Maj <sup>r</sup> Thomas Mellens
		L <sup>t</sup> . Samuel Wellington
For Retailors ———	{	Cap <sup>t</sup> : John Fowles
		Cap <sup>t</sup> : John George
		Cap <sup>t</sup> Daniel Jackson
		M <sup>r</sup> . Timothy Williams

## [420]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellington on the fifth day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: AD 1789. They Signed an Order on the town Treafurer to pay M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Pattin for money paid Samuel Jenison - 1 : 1 : 8  
to M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Guild for Land left out to accomodate

the road - 1 " 13 : 4  
 also an order to pay M<sup>r</sup> Jonas Bond the amount of the Certificates  
 he lent to the town. to be paid at the Rate of Six shillings on  
 the pound which the Principle and Interest amounts to the Sum  
 of — £ 5 " 14 " 0

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 2<sup>d</sup>. Day of Novem-  
 ber AD 1789 at L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellington they Signed an order on  
 the Treas<sup>r</sup> to pay the Rev<sup>d</sup>: M<sup>r</sup>: Eliot his Sallary the Present  
 year being £ 100 " 0 " 0

They also Signed an order to pay the Several perfons afternamed  
 the Sum Set against his Name (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_

To Jedidiah Leathe for repairing a Plough - - - - -	0 " 19 " 1
To the Selectmen for their Expencc last year - - - - -	5 " 9 " 7
to Amos Bond for Serving Afesors last year - - - - -	1 " 16 " 0
to Samuel White for like Service - - - - -	1 " 16 " 0
to Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown for Service as Treasur <sup>r</sup> & afesors - - - - -	8 " 2 " 0
to D <sup>r</sup> Marshall Spring for attendance of Eliz <sup>a</sup>	
Warren — — —	6 " 4 " 0

these were Granted at town Meeting in April last - £ 24 " 6 " 8

to John Stearnes for Boarding Abigail Ball from the 14 <sup>th</sup> . of June 1788 to the 21 <sup>th</sup> . of June 1789	} 9 " 18 " 9
To D <sup>r</sup> Spring for attendance on M <sup>rs</sup> Wilfon one of the States poor	
To W <sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup> : in full of his Account allowed at this meeting by the Selectmen	} 6 " 2 " 0
to Tho <sup>s</sup> Sheppard in part for Boarding Abigail Hay -	
at this meeting they directed the Treasur <sup>r</sup> to Procure 300 Blank tax Bills for the use of the Collectors of tax's for this year —	3 " 0 " 0

at this meeting D<sup>r</sup> Marshall Spring gave a Written Notification  
 to the Selectmen that he had received into his Family a Boy by  
 the name of Bill Tower who belonged to the town of Natick as  
 was last from that place and came to Watertown the            day  
 of last past.

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of L<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Welling-  
 ton on monday the 4<sup>th</sup>. Day of January AD 1790. They Signed  
 an order on the Town Treasur<sup>r</sup> to pay the perfons after named  
 the Sums Set to each of their Names (Viz).

To m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> White for one years Interest	5 : 19 : 2
To M <sup>r</sup> Nath <sup>l</sup> Ruggles Whitney in full of his School acc <sup>t</sup> - - - -	33 : 6 : 8
To m <sup>r</sup> Eben <sup>r</sup> Starr for his School acc <sup>t</sup> : allow'd - -	16 : 4 " 0
To m <sup>r</sup> William Stone Collector for W <sup>m</sup> Sangers & John Tainters tax's abated in his lists of State tax's	} 1 " 3 : 6
To Amos Livermore and others a Committee to repair the ministerial Houfe in full of the Grant made for that purpose - - - -	
To the town of Newton in full of their Acc <sup>t</sup> : ag <sup>t</sup> :	} 10 " 0 : 0
Submit Chadwick - -	
and to Said town for Bezaleel Learned's tax's - —	5 " 16 " 7
To D <sup>r</sup> John King in full of his account ag <sup>t</sup> : Submit Chadwick - -	1 " 10 " 0
	3 " 6 : 8

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday y<sup>e</sup> Day of January 1790 at Lieu<sup>t</sup> Samuel Wellington they Agreed to let the Hay Scales to M<sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Leathe for one year from the Ninth Day of this present Month for £ 4 " 10 " 0 for the year to be paid in Quarterly Payments & Keep the Irons in repair as was agreed to last year. —————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham at L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellingtons on Monday the first Day of Feb<sup>r</sup> 1790. to Adjust the Accounts for the repairs of the great Bridge that had Arifen Since the last djustment which was on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: 1788. The whole Charge being

		£ 7 " 15 " 11 of which Sum - - -
Watertowns	Part is	2 " 15 " 6
Westons	d <sup>o</sup> is	2 " 7 " 5
Walthams	d <sup>o</sup> is	2 " 13 " 0

—————  
7 " 15 " 11

The whole Account with Weston being Settled it appeared that there was due to Weston £ 1 " 7 " 7 which Sum the Selectmen Directed the Treasurer to Pay. which was Accordingly don & a Receipt rec<sup>d</sup>: for the Same; —————

Waltham are to pay their part as above to the town of Weston —

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup>- Day of Feb<sup>r</sup> AD 1790. at L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellington They Agreed to have a

Town-Meeting on Monday the first Day of March Next at the Meeting Houfe at Nine O Clock in the forenoon and Directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the Several Constables to Warn the Quallified Voters to meet at Said time and Place for the following Purpofes (Viz) —

First to Chooſe a Moderator of the Meeting. — — — — —  
 2<sup>d</sup>. To Chooſe all town officers required by law to be Chofe in the Month of of March or April Annually. (3<sup>d</sup>.) To Chooſe a Saxton and agree how he Shall be paid for his Service. (4) To determin whether Swine Shall run at large the enfueing year. (5) To give in their Votes for a County Treafurer. (6) To agree what Schools Shall be Kept. & Grant money to Support the Same, and act any thing thereon they may think Proper. (7) To grant money to Support the poor. 8 To Grant money to repair the Great Bridge, (9) To Grant money to repair the Highways and to do any thing relating thereto they See fitt 10<sup>th</sup> To Chooſe a Committee to Examin the treafurers Accounts. — (11) To hear the accounts of thoſe Perfons the town is Indebted to and grant money to pay the Same. — (12) To agree how the Fiſhery Shall be improved the year enfueing, and to act thereon as they Judge Proper — (13) To hear the petition of Richard Clark and others, and to Act thereon as the town Judge Proper. 14<sup>th</sup> To hear the reports of any Committees, and for the town to Act thereon as they think Proper. — (15) To Abate any Perfons tax's the town may think proper in any Constables or Collectors lists, and to Enquire why the Delinquent Constables & Collectors have not had Executions Iſued againſt them, and to Act thereon as the town may think Proper —

And likewiſe to Notify the town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen on Fryday the 26. Infant at 4 O Clock afternoon at the Houſe of L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellington. —

Warrants were Iſued Accordingly Dated the 17 Infant and were Signed by Order of the Selectmen

Jon<sup>a</sup>; Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Day of February 179[0] for receiving & Setleing Accounts with Perfons to whome the town is Indebted, the following account were bro<sup>t</sup>: in & allowed, (Viz) —

To the Treasurer of Weston a Ballance due them for repairs of the Bridge	1 " 7 " 7—
To Sam <sup>l</sup> Wellington for Cloathing &c in full of his Account — — — —	0 " 16 " 9
To Jon <sup>a</sup> Coollidge Godding in full for Boarding Rachel Goddard — — —	0 " 18 " 0
to amos Livermore in full of his Account for Supplys to the poor —	1 " 5 " 11
to Elijah Bond for Boarding Anna Ranger — —	3 " 18 " 0
to d <sup>o</sup> for Supplys to Said Ranger — — — —	1 " 5 " 0
to David Sanger for Supplys to the poor — — —	1 " 8 " 9
to Christopher Grant ju <sup>r</sup> in full for d <sup>o</sup> — — —	0 " 7 " 6
to Thomas Pattin in full of his account for d <sup>o</sup> —	0 " 9 " 8
to William Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup> : in full of his account for d <sup>o</sup>	2 " 4 " 9
to Sam <sup>l</sup> : Soden for Credit Joseph Child's tax's —	0 " 15 " 7
to d <sup>o</sup> for abatement of Joseph Lee's Ministerial tax's	0 " 2 " 4
to Sam <sup>l</sup> Soden & Chris <sup>t</sup> : Grant ju <sup>r</sup> School Committee for the East Destrict being a Ballance of their grant — — — — —	} 17 " 2 : 8
To Tho <sup>s</sup> Pattin money paid Sam <sup>l</sup> Jenifon for board- ing his grand Child —	
to Thomas Sheppard in full for boarding Abigail Hay — — — —	11 " 17 " 3
to Jonathan Brown in full of his Account for Cloathing for y <sup>e</sup> poor - -	1 " 2 " 8
to Josiah Leavitt for a Hammer to Seal Leather —	0 " 4 " 10
to Simon and Whitney in full of their acc <sup>tt</sup> for house rent — — — — —	1 " 18 " 4
to Jonathan Brown Esq for writting Indentures & a Book for y <sup>e</sup> Selectmen —	0 " 6 " 0
to Cap <sup>t</sup> Phinehas Stearnes in full of his Account —	0 " 3 " 0
to Benj <sup>n</sup> Hastings in full of his Account — —	0 " 12 " 8
to Francis Perry in full of his Acc <sup>tt</sup> - for keeping School — — — —	20 " 15 " 8
to David Sanger in full for a house on the town land & a Quarters Rent of a house for Bezaleel Learned — — — — —	} 8 " 11 " 0
	<hr/> 78 " 13 " 11

The Selectmen Signed orders on the Town Treasurer to pay the Above Acc<sup>tt</sup>s at this meeting John Remington Esq<sup>r</sup>: gave an Information that he had received into Town one Tilly Buttrick & Abigail his wife, Sufanna Sally, Tilly, Ezekiel-Hale and Meriam Children of the Said Tilly and wife, on the first day of December 1789. who came last from Concord. See the notifica-



tion on file. John Cook notified that had received into town one Lovelow Fullar the Daughter of Abijah Fullar on the 22<sup>d</sup> of Februry 1790 last from Newton See the Notification on File. \_\_\_\_\_

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in town affairs Regularly asembled at the Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the first day of March 1790. for the Choice of town officers & other affairs Setforth in the Warrants for Calling the Meeting. They Voted & Chose William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator Then voted and Chose the following Perfons to Serve in the Several offices aftermentioned (Viz)

Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: Town-Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Selectmen	{	William Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup>	Afsesors	{	Amos Bond Esq <sup>r</sup> .
		m <sup>r</sup> David Sanger			Jonathan Brown Esq <sup>r</sup> .
		M <sup>r</sup> Thomas Pattin			M <sup>r</sup> Jonathan Stone
		Cap <sup>t</sup> : John Fowles			
		Amos Bond Esq <sup>r</sup>			

Town-Treasurer Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

Constables Mefs<sup>rs</sup> Henry Farrington and Daniel Mason. \_\_\_\_\_

Collectors of tax's M<sup>r</sup>: Edmund Fowle for the West District, and that he Shall have 1/<sup>s</sup> p<sup>r</sup> pound for Collecting the tax's — then Chose m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Stone for the East District and that he Shall have 8<sup>d</sup> 1/2 on the pound for Collecting — — —

Sealers of Leather Mefs<sup>rs</sup>. William Warren, Josiah Leavitt, & Moses Warren \_\_\_\_\_

Fence-Viewers Mefs<sup>rs</sup>: Samuel Wellington and Edmund Fowle — Tythingmen William Warren and Samuel Benjamin. \_\_\_\_\_

Surveyors of Highways for the West Distric L<sup>t</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup> Wellington \_\_\_\_\_

South Districts Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniel Jackson, East Distric Nathan Coollidge

North Distric m<sup>r</sup>: Richard Clark — — — — —

Surveyors of Timber &c Mefs<sup>rs</sup> David Sanger & Daniel Jackson Howards Mefs<sup>rs</sup> Caleb Cook, and Hugh Mason \_\_\_\_\_

Hogrides Mefs<sup>rs</sup> Caleb Cook and Samuel Fowles. \_\_\_\_\_

Clerks of the Markets Mefs<sup>rs</sup> Andrew Blackman & Timothy Williams

Measures of Wood &c : Cap<sup>t</sup> John George and m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Holt —  
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Cullars of Hoops Staves &c Mefs<sup>rs</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup> Holt & Jere<sup>h</sup>: Bridge —  
Chofe for Saxton M<sup>r</sup>: Phinehas Jenifon — also voted that the  
Selectmen Pay what they think is right for his Service —  
Then Voted that Swine Shali not run at large the enfueing  
year —

Then the Votes were bro<sup>t</sup>: in for a County Treafurer and being  
Counted and Sorted it Appeared that the Hon<sup>l</sup>: Eben<sup>r</sup> Bridge  
had 61 Votes

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Then Voted and granted one £ 100 pounds to Support Schools,  
and that the money be laid out as it was last year. —

Then a Motion was made for altering the Several School Diftricts  
and it was Voted to Chooſe a Committee of five to consider  
thereof and Report at next April Meeting. — —

Voted and Chofe for Said Committee {  
William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
M<sup>r</sup>: Amos Livermore  
Cap<sup>t</sup>: Daniel Jackson.  
Cap<sup>t</sup>: John Fowle  
M<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup> White.

Voted and Granted £ 100 pounds to Support the poor —

Voted & Granted - - 4 pounds to Support the Great Bridge —

Voted and a tax for repairing the Highways to be 3/ Shillings on  
a Poll and the Estates in Proporton and the price of Labour the  
Same as was the last year.

Voted & Chofe a Com<sup>tte</sup>- to {  
Exam<sup>in</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Treafurers Acc<sup>ts</sup>- { M<sup>r</sup>: Timothy Williams  
Amos Bond Esq<sup>r</sup>:  
William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>:

Then Voted that the Selectmen hire out the Fishery to them that  
will give most for it for the present year. under the Same Regu-  
lations as it was the year past. —

Then a Petition was read from m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark and Committed  
to a Committee to consider thereof and report at Next April  
meeting. —

Chofe for Said Committee — {  
Cap<sup>t</sup>: Daniel Jackson  
M<sup>r</sup>: Stephen Cook  
M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> White  
Cap<sup>t</sup>: Eben<sup>r</sup>: Kent  
M<sup>r</sup>: Edmund Fowle

at the Request of M<sup>r</sup>: Amos Livermore he haveing been Excused  
from Serving as a Selectman the year enfueing they Voted their  
thanks for his faithfull Services in that office the year past. also  
Voted their thanks to Col<sup>o</sup>: Christopher Grant ju<sup>r</sup> for past

faithfull Services the last year ——— Then the Article relating to abatements was read and they abated Samuel Sawins tax of  
in m<sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Leathes list

Then they Voted that the Selectmen with the Aiseisor be empowered to abate Such tax's as they Judge right during the year. Then an enquirey was made relating the Executions not being given out according to a former order, & after Some reaons being given therefor They Voted that they be given on or before the first day of April next. Then the Meeting was Adjourned to the first Monday in April Next at 4 O Clock in the afternoon to be held at the Meeting Houfe

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The Selectmen being Meet they let the Shad & alewife Fishery to M<sup>r</sup> Edmund Fowle for the present year. for 62 & ½ Dollars to be paid in the following Manner (Viz) twenty shillings in hand & a Note to be given for the remainder by the first Day of September Next. ———

Then the Several town officers this Day Chofen were Sworn into their Several offices (Viz)

Sealers of Leather William Warren & Mofes Warren

Fence Viewers Samuel Wellington & Edmund Fowle ———

Surveyors of Highways Sam<sup>l</sup> Wellington, Daniel Jackson & Richard Clark —

Surveyors of Timber &c David Sanger, & Daniel Jackson. ———

Howards Caleb Cook, and Hugh Mason, Clerk of y<sup>e</sup> Markets And<sup>w</sup>: Blackman

Meafurer of Wood Cap<sup>t</sup> John George, Cullar of Hoops &c Jeremiah Bridge ———

Sworn by Amos Bond Just<sup>s</sup>: Peace ———

Watertown March y<sup>e</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. 1790. The following perfons took the Oath of allegiance & Subscribed the Same to Quallify them to Serve in the offices to which they were respectively Chofen for the year enfueing ———

(Viz) Cap<sup>t</sup>: John Fowles a Selectman; Jonathan Stone Aiseisor & Collector.

Henry Farrington and Daniel Maſon Constables ———

Then Jonathan Stone was Sworn into the offices of Aiseisor & Collector ———

Henry Farrington & Daniel Mason Constables, Josiah Leviatt

Sealer of Leather; Samuel Holt Measurer of Wood & Collar  
of Hoops Staves &c \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn by Jon<sup>a</sup>; Brown Just<sup>s</sup>; Peace

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellingtons on  
Monday the 22<sup>d</sup>: Day of March AD: 1790 they received a Noti-  
fication from William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Informing that he had re-  
ceived into his Family one John Powers from Sudbury his Cir-  
cumstances unknown \_\_\_\_\_

also they received an Information from M<sup>r</sup> William Stone that  
he had received into his Family one Nath<sup>l</sup>: Hill from Cambridge  
his Circumstances unknown —

Middlefex is Watertown April y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>. 1790 - M<sup>r</sup>: Nathan Cool-  
idge was Sworn into the office of Surveyor of Highways —

By Amos Bond Justi<sup>ce</sup>: Peace

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Fryday the Second Day of  
April. 1790 to receive the Accounts of those persons the Town  
is Indebted to for Boarding the poor and Supply's &c. the follow-  
ing were bro<sup>t</sup>: and Accepted: (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_

To Solomon Prentice for Boarding Rachel Goddard 48 weeks to  
the Sixth of April Next. and Some Cloathing — — 10 " 19 : 6

to Josiah Learned for boarding the Wid<sup>o</sup>: Hannah

Learned one year. 13 " 0 " 0

to Sam<sup>l</sup> Fisk Esq<sup>r</sup> for Supplys to the Poor — — — 1 " 18 " 6

to Sam<sup>l</sup> White for Cash paid for the poor — — 1 " 4 " 0

to Daniel Barnard for Boarding Dili<sup>ce</sup> Whitney to  
y<sup>e</sup> 6 Infant &c — 11 " 15 " 8

to W<sup>m</sup> Stone for d<sup>o</sup> for Mary Learned to y<sup>e</sup> Same time 7 " 16 " 0

to David Sanger to the Poor (Viz)

Joseph Child's wife	0 " 3 " 0	} 2 " 7 " 1 " ½
and to Daniel Benjamin - - -	1 " 18 " 0	
other Charge - - - - -	0 " 6 " 1 " ½	

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To Jedidiah White To Keeping Francis White to  
April y<sup>e</sup>. 1. 1790. — — — — — 2 " 12 " 0

to Fra<sup>s</sup>: Faulker For Bez<sup>l</sup> Learned being a ballance  
due — — — — — 3 " 17 : 2

To Moses Stone ju <sup>r</sup> : for Ruth Maddox to y <sup>e</sup> Sixth of this Month ———	8 " 14 " 0
To James Barnard for Benjamin Whitney to y <sup>e</sup> 6 of this month ———	9 " 12 : 4
To John Fowles for Samuel Jenifon & other poor	0 " 16 " 1 " 2
To the Estate of Simon Hastings Deceased - - - - -	0 " 12 : 1—
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	75 " 4 " 6

At a Town-Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified as the Constitution directs held at the Meeting Houfe on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Day of April 1790. to give in their Votes for Governours & Senators the Selectmen did prelide

The Votes being bro<sup>t</sup>: in for a Governour and being Sorted it appeared, that His Excellency John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup>: had 37 votes. & the Hon<sup>l</sup> James Bowdoin had 12 votes

Then the Votes were bro<sup>t</sup>: in for a Lieut: Governour & being Sorted it appeared that the Hon<sup>l</sup>: Samuel Adams Esq<sup>r</sup>: had 32 Votes Moses Gill Esq<sup>r</sup> had 11 Votes and Francis Dana Esq<sup>r</sup>: had 1 Vote, ——— Then the Votes were bro<sup>t</sup>. in for five

Senators for the County of Middlefex and it appeared the following Gentlemen had the Number Set against their Names (Viz) —

Marshall Spring Esq <sup>r</sup> — 3	John Brooks Esq <sup>r</sup> : — — 22
James Winthrop Esq <sup>r</sup> — 2	Nath <sup>l</sup> Gorham Esq <sup>r</sup> — - 32
Amos Bond Esq <sup>r</sup> — — 1	Eben <sup>r</sup> Bridge Esq <sup>r</sup> — — 32
William Hunt Esq: — — 1	Joseph B. Varnum Esq <sup>r</sup> 30
William Winthrop Esq <sup>r</sup> - 1	Joseph Hofmer Esq <sup>r</sup> — 15
	William Hull Esq <sup>r</sup> — — 7
	Joseph Curtis Esq — — 11
	Sam <sup>l</sup> Dexter Esq <sup>r</sup> — — 1

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At a Town Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified to Vote in Town affairs Asembled at the Meeting Houfe in Said town on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup>. Day of April AD. 1790 <sup>by adjournment</sup> ———

William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: being Moderator; The Meeting being Opened, they They took into Consideraton the Committees report on M<sup>r</sup> Richard Clarks Petition and after Debate thereon they Voted to accept the report which is as follows (Viz) That they are of Opinion that M<sup>r</sup> Clark the petitioner pay his own Charges. ———

Then the Committee Appointed to repair the Ministerial House laid their Accounts before the town relating to their Expenditures by which it appeared their was a Ballance due them of £ 15 " 4 " 10 " 2 ———

Voted and Granted Said Sum to pay Said Ballance ———

Then the expence of the Selectmen last year was read

& Granted - of 3 " 11 " 8

Then they Granted & allowed Dr Spring acc<sup>tt</sup>: for

Smith Prentice ——— 2 " 8 " 0

then they Granted to Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown for Service as

Treafurer & afsefsor ——— 8 " 0 " 0

and to Amos Bond as Afsefsor — — — — — 2 " 0 " 0

to Chris<sup>t</sup> Grant Ju<sup>r</sup> for d<sup>o</sup> — — — — — 1 " 16 " 0

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17 " 15 " 8

Then it was moved to make a Grant to Paint the Ministerial house and they Voted and Granted the Sum of £ 6 pounds for Said Service ———

Voted and Chose a Committee for Said Service { William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
m<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup>: Fowle  
M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Soden

Then they voted that the Treafurer pay Eires Tainter for his Pew

Then Adjourned the Meeting to the first monday in May Next at three O Clock afternoon at this Place ———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 5<sup>th</sup>- Day of April 1790 —

They Agreed with M<sup>r</sup>: Daniel Whitney to Board Diliver<sup>ce</sup>

Whitney one year for 3/7 P week —

and with M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Coollidge Ruth Maddox for 3/11 p<sup>r</sup> d<sup>o</sup>

and M<sup>r</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone Benj<sup>n</sup> Whitney for 3/1 P d<sup>o</sup> ———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on tuesday the 20 Day of April. 1790.

they Signed an order on the Treafurer to pay the Acconts on the

(447) page and to pay Phinehas Jenifon £ 4 pounds for his

Service as Saxton the year past ———

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At Said Meeting they Agreed not to allow Lydia Spring any pay for her Child Since the 13<sup>th</sup>- Day of March last it being thought unnefcary and the Agreed to have a Town-Meeting for the Choice of a Representative on thursday the Sixth Day of May Next at two O Clock afternoon for that purpose. ——— alfo to

have another Meeting to transact Some town affairs at the Same place the Same Day at 3. O Clock afternoon the Meetings to be at the Meeting Houfe in Said Town \_\_\_\_\_

The Second Meeting to act on the following Articles (Viz) \_\_\_\_\_  
 First to Choose a Moderator of the Meeting (2<sup>d</sup>) To know whether the town will Sell any Pews in the Meeting Houfe that belong to the Town and to act any thing thereon they may See fit. \_\_\_\_\_ (3<sup>d</sup>) To know if the town will grant any more money to repair the Ministerial houfe and do thereon as they See best. 4<sup>th</sup> To pafs on a list of Juriors prepared by the Selectmen. \_\_\_\_\_ (5<sup>th</sup>) To hear the Reports of any Committees and to Act thereon as they Judge best. \_\_\_\_\_

At a Town Meeting of The Inhabitants of Watertown at the Meeting on Monday the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of May - - 1790. By Adjournment. but a few perfons Appearing they further Adjourned to Thursday the Sixth Infant at 4. O Clock afternoon to be held at the Meeting Houfe

At a Town Meeting held by adjournment on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Day of May 1790. agreable to What is above mentioned. W<sup>m</sup> Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: being Moderator. M<sup>r</sup> Josiah Norcrofs and M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Gardner were Chofen Tythingmen and L<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Harrington & M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Jenifon Chofen Wardens \_\_\_\_\_

Then the Meeting was Defolved \_\_\_\_\_  
 At a Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to Vote in town affairs Afsembled at the Meeting Houfe is s<sup>d</sup>. Town on the 6<sup>th</sup>. day of May AD. 1790. Agreable to a Warrant Issued for that Purpofe. They Voted and Chofe William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator \_\_\_\_\_ Then the articles relating to the Sale of Pews was read, and Voted that the Pews that was Major Josiah Capens & Eires Tainters Should be Sold on the Second Monday of June Next at. 5. O Clock afternoon at Publick vendue a the Houfe of Major Thomas Mellens. Then Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee for that Purpofe \_\_\_\_\_ Then they Voted and Granted 7 " 10 " 0 to repair the Ministerial Houfe - and the Same Committee that was appointed the 5 Day of April last git the work don \_\_\_\_\_

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Then a list of Juriors that was prepared by the Selectmen was read and Considered. Voted and Accepted as on file \_\_\_\_\_  
 Then a Committee that was appointed to Consider whether any

alteration in the School districts Should be made reported a New model & after Debate thereon it was put to Vote Whether the Same Should be accepted and it pait in the Negative \_\_\_\_\_ Then it was Voted that the Meeting Should be Defolved\_—

And at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town who are Quallified to Vote in the Choice of a Representative. They Voted and Chose Amos Bond Esq<sup>r</sup> to Serve the year enfueing in the General Court ———

the Meeting being on the Same Day at two O Clock afternoon and at the Same place ———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup>. Day of May AD - 1790. They Signed an order on the Town-Treafurer to pay m<sup>rs</sup>: Lydia Spring the wife of Samuel Spring late of Watertown the Sum of 5" 4" 0 which is in full of What is Allowed her to Support her Youngest Child ———

at this meeting they Directed the Treafurer to Notify those Perfons that are Indebted to the town to pay in their dues or turn them with Such Perfons as the town is Indebted to the first monday in June Next at which time the Selectmen purpose to Meet to See the Matter Settled.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham at the Houfe of Major Thomas Mellens Innholder in Watertown on the fourth day of June AD 1790. They Viewed the Great Bridge and agreed to repair the Same and Chose one man from each town to do the Service- (Viz) M<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger for Watertown M<sup>r</sup>: Thaddius Spring for Weston, & Cap<sup>t</sup>: Abraham Peirce for Waltham ———

at the Same time the Selectmen Settled the account for y<sup>e</sup> Support of Abigail Ball on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Day of this present month, amounting to Eleven pounds three shillings — of which

Watertowns part is 5" 14" 4

Walthams d<sup>o</sup> is -- 5" 8" 8

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£ 11" 3" 0

Watertown's part being all due to Waltham ———

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of Major Thomas Mellens on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Day of June AD: 1790. They Sold the Pews that were Lately Mef<sup>s</sup> Josiah Capen ju<sup>r</sup> & Eires tainters to the



persons that would give most for them (Viz) that which was Capens to M<sup>r</sup>: David Sangers for twenty pounds & that which was Tainters to Cap<sup>t</sup>: Nathaniel Bemis for ten pounds ten fhillings M<sup>r</sup>: David Sanger paid four Dollars as earnest money. and the whole of both to be paid in ten Days with Interest to the time of Payment — the Pews to be on the Same footing with those first Built —

at this meeting they also let the Wharf in Cambridge till the first Day of April Next to m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Clark for Nine fhillings which Sum was paid down

At a meeting of the Selectmen at L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellingtons on the third Day of August : AD. 1790. They Appointed Cap<sup>t</sup>: Abner Craft to the office of Packer of Porck Beef &c — and Directed The Town-Clerk to Sware him into office —

Watertown Aug<sup>t</sup>: y<sup>e</sup>. 31<sup>th</sup>. 1790. The Above-Named Cap<sup>t</sup>: Abner Craft appeared and was Sworn into office as the law Directs. —

Before Me Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

September the 6<sup>th</sup>. 1790 a Notification from Nath<sup>l</sup>. Ruggles Whitney was received Informing that he had on the 19<sup>th</sup>- Day of June received into town Eunice Brown last from Weston. —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellingtons on the 6<sup>th</sup>- day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1790. They allow'd Ezekiel Whitney account for care of Sarah Millhorn in her last Sicknefs and at the Funeral as p<sup>r</sup> account — — — — — 1 " 10 " 0

also New<sup>t</sup>on Baxters Account for Board of the Children of Joseph Child to the 7<sup>th</sup>- Instant amounting to — — — — — 1 " 12 " 0

They also allow'd the Ballance due Stephen Harris ju<sup>r</sup> for Keeping Sam<sup>l</sup>. Sangers wife to the Seventh day of this present month — — — — — 0 " 17 " 0

also allow'd Jonathan Whitneys account for potatoes deliver'd to m<sup>r</sup> Pattin for the use of the Wid<sup>o</sup> Elizabeth Whitney — — — — — 0 : 3 : 0

They allow'd m<sup>r</sup> Richard Clarks Account for administration on the wid<sup>o</sup>: Abigail Goddard Estate amounting to the Sum of — — — — — 10 : 6 : 8

and abated Joseph Childs & Sam<sup>l</sup>: Sangers tax's in his Lists of — — — — — 4 : 2 : 10 : 1

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And also allow'd Major Thomas Mellens what was omitted in a former account for Services to the Soldiers in January 1787 being \_\_\_\_\_ 0 : 6 : 8

They <sup>agreed</sup> with Newton Baxter to Keep Isaac Child from the

Seventh <sup>^</sup> day of this Infant month till further orders for which he is to have 2/<sup>s</sup> p<sup>r</sup> Week

They allow'd the Ballance due on Charles Nuttings account being — 2 " 6 " 9

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M<sup>r</sup> Edward Richardson on Fryday the 10<sup>th</sup>- day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD. 1790. — They Directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the Constables to Warn the Quallified Voters to meet at the Meeting House on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup>- Day of October Next at two O Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for a person within the County of Midd<sup>x</sup> to Serve as a Representative in the Congress of the United States &c —

Which was Accordingly don the Next day \_\_\_\_\_

P Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

They also at the Same Meeting Approbated the following persons for renewing their licences (Viz) —

John Fowle & Co	} Retailors	Edward Richardson	} Innholders
Daniel Jackson		Samuel Wellington	
Timothy Williams		& Thomas Mellen-	
John George			
Fitch Hall &			
John Fitch & Ebin <sup>r</sup> Kent			

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the thirteenth day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: 1790 They Signed an order on the town-Treasurer to pay the town of Waltham Watertowns part of the Charge of Abigail Ball the last year amounting to the Sum of — 5 : 14 : 4

and an order to pay the Rev<sup>d</sup>: m<sup>r</sup> Eliot his Salary this year 100 " 0 : 0

also an other Order to pay Several persons Named in y<sup>e</sup> order 21 " 18 : 4 - 2

and one other order to pay to Several other persons the Sums Granted them at last April Meeting Amounting to } 33 : 4 : 9 : 2

Watertown oct<sup>r</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup>- 1790. Amos Bond Esq<sup>r</sup> was Sworn into the office of Aiseisor by Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk — and Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> was Sworn into the office of Aiseisor by Amos Bond Just<sup>t</sup>: Peace  
Edmund Fowle to the office of Collector

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham on the 2[\*] Day of September AD: 1790. at M<sup>r</sup> Zachariah Wesons Innholder in Waltham they Settled the account for repairing the Great Bridge that had Arisen Since the last Adjustment which was on the first Day of February last Which amounted to the Sum of £ 21 " 5 " 0 of Which

Watertowns	part	is	—	7	:	10	:	9
Westons	d <sup>o</sup> -	is	—	6	"	10	"	1
Walthams	d <sup>o</sup>	is	—	7	"	4	"	4

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21 " 5 " 2

There being a Ballance due from Weston of £ 4 " 4 " 1 they gave a Note for the Same — and upon ballance of the accounts between Waltham & Watertown Relating to the Settlnent of the Charge of Abigail Ball to the 20<sup>th</sup>- of June last and the Settlement of the Bridge Accounts to this day it Appeared there was Due to Waltham Nine shillings which was paid by Watertown Treasurer to the Selectmen of Waltham

The Division of fences Between David Bemis & John Tainter & Said Bemis and Aiers Tainter & follows (Viz) —————

Watertown August 9<sup>th</sup>. 1786.

We David Bemis and John Tainter haveing agreed to leave the Division of our pertition fence to the Judgment of Mefs<sup>rs</sup> Abraham Whitney and Abijah Jackson, and they agreed that David Bemis Should Maintain the Easterly half of Said Pertition fence with the Consideraton of ten shillings to be paid Said Bemis by John Tainter and the Said John Tainter is to maintain the Westerly half to which Judgment we both engage to abide by.  
Witnefs our Hands - - - -

John Tainter  
David Bemis

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Watertown Aug<sup>t</sup>: 9<sup>th</sup>. 1786.

We David Bemis & Aiers Tainter having agreed to leave the Division of our Pertition fence to the Judgment of Mefs<sup>rs</sup> Abraham Whitney & Abijah Jackson, and they agreed that David Bemis Should make and Maintain the Westerly half of Said Petition fence with the Consideration of one pound sixteen fhillings to be paid Said Bemis by Aires Tainter and the Said Aires Tainter is to make and maintain the Easterly half. to which Judgment We both engage to abide By. Witnefs our Hands. —

Aires Tainter  
David Bemis

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Oct<sup>r</sup>: y<sup>e</sup>. 4. 1790. the Signed an order on the trefurer to pay the Several perfons the Sums against their Names (Viz) —————

and to pay the trefurer. 0 " 4 " 6	David Sanger — 11 " 16 " 1
as the Selectmen. Expences —	Newton Baxter - 0 " 11 " 0
	Henry Farrington 2 " 14 " 6
	Jed <sup>h</sup> . Leathe — 0 " 16 " 4
	Thomas Prentic 0 " 10 " 6

[434]

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown held at the Meeting Houfe on Monday the. 4<sup>th</sup>. Day of October AD 1790 ————— of the Quallified Voters in the Choice of a Representative. ————— The Major part of the Selectmen being Present, They called for the Votes. for a perfon to Serve as a Representative for the District of Middlefex. which being bro<sup>t</sup>: in Counted & Sorted it Appeared that the Hon<sup>l</sup>: Elbridge Gerry Esq<sup>r</sup>: had 54 Votes which was the whole Number of Votes that were brought in —————

Watertown October 11<sup>th</sup>. 1790. —

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Watertown do hereby choofe and Appoint Jeremiah Bridge of Watertown Cooper to be one of the Searchers and Packers of Barrilled beef, Pork and fish, within the Limits of Said Town for one year from this Date, (provided during that time he fhall behave well in Said Employ-

ment) In testimony Whereof we have hereunto fet our hands the Day and year aforeSaid -

William Hunt	} Selectmen of Watertown
Tho <sup>s</sup> : Patten	
David Sanger	
Amos Bond	

Watertown Oct<sup>r</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>. 1790. The above-Named Jeremiah Bridge Appeared and was Sworn According to law to Quallify him to Serve in the office Above-mentioned —

Before Me Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town-Clerk

Amos Bond Esq<sup>r</sup>: on the 18<sup>th</sup>- Day of Oct<sup>r</sup>: 1790. Delivered the following notification (Viz) - Watertown July 1<sup>th</sup>- 1790. To Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: Town-Clerk for the town of Watertown, This may Certify that I have taken into my house to board with me one William Koho last from Rhode-Island State as to his Circumstances I am Unacquainted

Amos Bond ———

1791 Feb<sup>y</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>t</sup>- Stephen Dana Esq<sup>r</sup> gave notice to the Selectmen that he had received into the House that was the late Daniel Cooks in Watertown m<sup>r</sup> John Savage & Rebecca his wife and Son who came from Waltham on Said Day ——— also Cap<sup>t</sup>: Nath<sup>l</sup> Bemis Notified that he had taken into his Family one Sufanna Hovey last from Cambridge —

and D<sup>r</sup> Marshall Spring gave Notice that he had taken into his Family a black man Named Daniel Ruds last from Charlestown —

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of L<sup>t</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup> Wellington on Monday the. 7<sup>th</sup>. Day of March AD. 1791. They agreed to have the annual Town Meeting at the Meeting House on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup>- day of this present month of March at Nine O Clock in the forenoon and Directed the Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the Constables to warn the Quallified Voters to meet at Said time and place for the following Purpofes (Viz) First to Choofe a Moderator of the Meeting. (2) to Choofe all town officers required to be Chofe in the months of March or April annually ——— (3) To Choofe a Saxton and agree how he Shall be paid for his Service. ——— (4) To determin whether Swine Shall run at large the enfueing year. (5) To give in their Votes for a County Treafurer. and Register. (6) To agree

what Schools Shall be kept, and Grant money to Support the Same, and Act thereon as they think proper. (7) To grant money to Support the poor. — (8) To grant money to repair the Great Bridge. (9) To grant money to repair the Highways, and do any thing relating thereto they may See proper — (10) To agree how the Fishery Shall be Improved the year enfueing year. and to act thereon as they Judge proper. — (11) To Choose a Committee to examin the Treafurers Accounts. — (12) To hear the Accounts of those perfons the town is indebted to and grant money to pay the Same — (13) To know the mind of the town if they will Divide the town into two School Districts or alter the present Districts, and to act any thing thereon the town think best. (14) To know if the town will raife money to procure a fire engine. and act thereon as they See fit — (15) To know if the town will repair the fence Near the Ministerial house or make a New one. and Act thereon as they Judge proper. — (16) To know if the town will Sell their right in the Goddard place, and act thereon as they See fit. — (17) To know if the town will raife money to pay this town s Proportion of the expence and lofses Suftained by the Watertown Bridge Lottery to the Managers, and to act thereon as the town Judge best - (18) To hear the reports of any Committees and act thereon as they see fit, Likewise to Notify the town Creditors (Except Such as have taken the poor for a year) to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen at the house of m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Wellington on Fryday the 25<sup>th</sup>. Day of March at 4 O Clock afternoon. — They also Directed the Clerk to Issue Warrants to Warn the April Meeting for to Vote for Govenours & Senators to be at the Same place on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup>. Day of April at two O Clock afternoon which was accordingly don  
Dated the 10<sup>th</sup> Infant.

Signed p<sup>r</sup>: Order of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen  
Jon<sup>a</sup>; Brown Town [Clerk]

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The Selectmen at their Meeting mentioned at the other Side Signed an order on the Treafurer to pay the Several perfons afternamed the Sums Set against their Several Name in full of their Accounts Exhibitted this time — (Viz).

To Abigail Goddard for her care of M <sup>rs</sup> : Child —	0 " 12 : 0
to Stephen Harris ju <sup>r</sup> : in full for house rent for	
Sam <sup>l</sup> Sanger wife & Child —	1 " 14 " 0

to William Hunt Esq <sup>r</sup> : for a load of Wood for Samuel Jenifon - - - -	0 " 10 " 0
to Jedidiah Learned for Labour at the Great Bridge	0 " 1 " 3
to Paul Learned for d <sup>o</sup> — — — — — — — — — —	0 " 10 " 6
to the Committee for repairing the Ministerial Houfe for a Miftake —	0 " 2 " 6
to Nath <sup>l</sup> Ruggles Whitney in full of his acc <sup>tt</sup> : for keeping School — —	33 " 6 " 8
to John Capel for a Coffin as p <sup>r</sup> : account — — —	0 " 13 " 0
to Elijah Bond in full for Boarding Anna Ranger	7 " 16 " 0
to David Townsed for houfe rent for Sam <sup>l</sup> Jenifon	1 " 16 " 0
to Jonathan Child in full of his Acc <sup>tt</sup> : for Boarding m <sup>rs</sup> Child — —	6 " 6 " 5
to Josiah Norcrofs in full of his account for board- ing Sam <sup>l</sup> : Child — — —	4 " 5 " 0
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	£ 57 " 13 " 4

At this meeting the Account with m<sup>r</sup>. Jedidiah Leathe was Settled relating to the Hay Scale to the Ninth day of January last & it appeared after Deducting what he paid for Wood for Sam<sup>l</sup> Warren and his account for irons for the Bridge and two pounds paid the Treafurer there was Still a ballance due the town of - £ 2 " 2 " 6 Still due for which he gave his note to the Treafurer on Demand with Interest till paid -

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellingtons on monday the 14 Day of March 1791 they Settled all accounts with the town and Josiah Capen and it Appeared there was due to him a ballance of £ 26 " 19 " 3 which Sum the Treafurer paid and Receipt past between the Treafurer and M<sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen in full of all Demands to this Day — the Accounts in the files for 1773.

M<sup>r</sup> Edmund Fowle was Chofen Grandjuryman for the year —

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 25 Day of March AD. 1791 at the Houfe of L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellington to receive the Accounts thofe Perfons the town is indebted to the following were received & allowed (Viz)

David Sangers account for the poor to this day - - - - 7 : 18 " 6

Solomon Prentice for Boarding &c for Rachel Goddard to April. 5 <sup>th</sup> .	12 : 4 " 6
Thoms Pattins Poor account &c the Ballance due —	1 " 0 " 6
William Hunt Esq <sup>rs</sup> account poor &c. 6 " 18 " 3 } and to be paid out of Whitney's Note 3 " - " - }	- - 9 " 18 " 3
Eunice Coollidge for Boarding Ruth Maddox to the 6 <sup>th</sup> . of April Next - -	10 " 17 : 9
Joshua Coollidge for boardng Mofes Child in full of his Account —	3 " 1 5 " 6
Phinehas Jenifon's Acc <sup>tt</sup> . for poor &c - - - - -	0 " 16 " 6
Stephen Harris Ju <sup>r</sup> : Acc <sup>tt</sup> : for Sam <sup>l</sup> : Sangers wife to March. 25 <sup>th</sup> - -	1 " 3 " 5
Caleb Cooks Acc <sup>tt</sup> : for Joseph Child to the 25 of March 1791 — — —	2 " 11 " 4
Thomas Mellens Acc <sup>tt</sup> : for Betfey Benjamin & Child	0 " 16 " 0
John Bullards acc <sup>tt</sup> : for board &c for Joseph Childs wife and Child —	6 " 6 " 6
Josiah Learned for boarding the wid <sup>o</sup> Hannah Learned to the —	24 " 13 " 0
Jonathan Brown and others acc <sup>tt</sup> : for Dividing Goddards Houfe &c —	1 " 14 " 1
Mofes Coollidges acc <sup>tt</sup> : for repairs of the Bell 9/ } Newton Baxters Acc <sup>tt</sup> : for d <sup>o</sup> 3/ }	- - 0 " 12 " 0
James Pierponts Acc <sup>tt</sup> for keeping School - - - - -	21 " 0 " 0
Phinehas Jenifons Acc <sup>tt</sup> - as Saxton the last year - -	4 " 0 " 0
Selectmens expences the year now ended - - - - -	5 " 0 " 0

£ 114 " 7 " 10

At the meeting above-mentioned the Selectmen Signed an Order on the town Treafurer to pay the Sums as abovementioned

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At a Publick Town-Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Qualified to Vote in town affairs regularly afsembled at the Meeting Houfe in Said town on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup>- Day of March AD 1791. for the Choice of town officers and other Matters as Setforth in the Warrants for Calling the meeting. they Proceeded as follows (Viz)  
Voted and Choofe William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: Moderator of the Meeting —  
Jonathan Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>: Town-Clerk and Town-Treafurer. —



Mr. Amos Livermore	} Selectmen	Jon <sup>a</sup> : Brown Esq <sup>r</sup>	} Aiseisors
M <sup>r</sup> David Sanger		Amos Bond Esq <sup>r</sup>	
M <sup>r</sup> Thomas Pattin		M <sup>r</sup> Jon <sup>a</sup> : Stone	
Amos Bond Esq <sup>r</sup>			
Chris <sup>r</sup> : Grant ju <sup>r</sup> Esq <sup>r</sup>			

For Constables Mefs<sup>rs</sup> Henry Farrington & Daniel Mason —  
 Collector of taxis M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Stone  
 Voted that the premium for Collecting be 9<sup>d</sup>/1/2 on the pound for  
 the West list and 7/1/2 for the East list —  
 Sealers of Leather mefs<sup>r</sup> Elijah Mead & Josiah Leavett —  
 Fence-Viewer Mefs<sup>r</sup> Caleb Cook & Daniel Mason. —  
 Tythingmen M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Jenifon & Cap<sup>t</sup>: Ebenezer Kent. —  
 Howards mefs<sup>rs</sup> Caleb Cook & Jonas Bond junior. —  
 Hogrieves Mefs<sup>rs</sup> Caleb Cook. & Daniel Cornwall. —  
 Surveyors of Highways Mefs<sup>rs</sup>: Jonas White ju<sup>r</sup>, James Robbins,  
 Benjamin Hastings, & Thomas Clark. —  
 Surveyors of timber &c Mefs<sup>rs</sup>: David Sanger, & Daniel Jackson—  
 Measures of Wood mefs<sup>rs</sup> Daniel Jackson, & Jedidiah Leathe —  
 Cullars of hoops: Staves &c Mefs<sup>rs</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Holt & Abner Craft. —  
 Clerks of the Marketts mefs<sup>rs</sup> Daniel Jackson & John Williams  
 Chose for Saxton Phinehas Jenifon and to be paid as Ufual —  
 then the Votes were bro<sup>t</sup> in for a County Treafer, Ebenezer  
 Bridge Esq<sup>r</sup> had the whole which was 57 Votes. —  
 Then the Votes for a County Register were bro<sup>t</sup>: in and it  
 Appeared that William Winthorp Esq<sup>r</sup>: had the whole which was  
 18 Votes  
 Voted that Swine do not go at large the enfueing year. —  
 Voted to put off the grant for the poor to may Meeting. —  
 Voted and Granted £ 6 pounds to repair the Bridge —  
 Voted that a Single Poll be 1/2 a Days work at the Highway and  
 the Estates in proportion Six shillings to be allowed a Day for a  
 Man, and the like for a team —

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Voted that the fishery be let to the highest bider for the enfueing  
 year under Simeler Regulations as it was last year —  
 Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee for Said purpose  
 Voted and Chose for a Committee to  
 Examin v<sup>r</sup> Treafrs acc<sup>ts</sup> { m<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore  
 Amos Bond Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Cap<sup>t</sup>: Eben<sup>r</sup> Kent

Voted and Granted £ 100 pounds to Support the Schools the present year

Voted that the Money be layed out in the Same manner as last year ———

Voted to procure a fire engine at the expence of the town ———

Voted and Granted the Sum of £ 75 for Said purpose. ———

then the article relating to the fence on the ministerial place was read and after Debate thereon it was Voted to Dismiss the Same—

Voted and Chose for a Com<sup>tee</sup>- to procure an Engine. { Col<sup>o</sup>: Fitch Hall  
Mr: Tim<sup>o</sup>: Williams  
Cap<sup>t</sup> John Fowles

on the Article relating to the Goddard place they Voted to Chooße a Com<sup>tee</sup>- to examin into the Circumstances and report what is proper to be don thereon

Voted and Chose for Said Committee — { m<sup>r</sup>: Sam<sup>l</sup> White  
m<sup>r</sup>: Amos Livermore  
Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>

on the Article relateing to the lottery after long Debate thereon They Voted to Chooße a Committee to look into the affair of Watertown Bridge lottery and see what loßes the Manegers have sustained and Report ———

Voted and Chose for Said Committee - { Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniel Jackson  
m<sup>r</sup> Amos Livermore  
m<sup>r</sup> Edmund Fowle

the article relating to town Creditors put over ———

Then the Meeting Adjourned to monday Next. 4. O Clock afternoon at the Meeting Houße. ———

In the Evening the Selectmen let out the Fishery to William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup> for £ 18 " 15 " 0

### [440]

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are Quallified according to the Constitution upon Due Warning given Afsembled at the Meeting Houße on Monday the. 4<sup>th</sup>. Day of April AD. 1791. for the Purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor's Senators &c ———

The Selectmen presideing the Votes were bro<sup>t</sup>: in for a Governor and being Sorted and Counted it Appeared that his Excellency John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup>: had 55 Votes. the Hon<sup>l</sup> Francis Dana Esq<sup>r</sup>: 13 Votes.

For a Lieu<sup>t</sup>: Governor Hon<sup>l</sup>: Samuel Adams Esq<sup>r</sup>: had 50 Votes  
 Hon<sup>l</sup> Thomas Rufsel Esq<sup>r</sup>: 14 Votes Hon<sup>l</sup>: Fran<sup>s</sup>: Dana Esq<sup>r</sup> 1  
 Vote

Then the Votes were bro<sup>t</sup> in for Senators and it Appeared that the  
 following Gentlemen had the Number of Votes Set against their  
 Respective Names (Viz)

William Hull Esq <sup>r</sup> - - -	11	Eben <sup>r</sup> Bridge Esq <sup>r</sup> : -	54	Votes
Isaac Stearnes - - - - -	2	Joseph B. Varnum - -	55	
Eleazer Brooks - - - - -	1	Joseph Horfmer - -	50	
Amos Bond - - - - -	1	John Brooks - - - -	53	
		Joseph Curtis - - - -	41	
		Esquires	-----	

Then the Meeting was Desolved -----

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At a Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Water-  
 town Quallified to Vote in town affairs Asembled at the Meeting  
 Houfe on the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of April AD. 1791. by Adjournment. ———  
 William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: being the Moderator of the Meeting ———  
 the meeting being Opened they proceeded and Chofe Mef<sup>s</sup>:  
 Samuel Hager and Mofes Hager Wardens for the enfueing year.  
 Then the Committee Appointed to examin into the State of the  
 Lottery reported and after Debate thereon they Voted to raife  
 a Sufficent Sum of money to pay the Watertown managers part  
 of the Charge of the Printing the tickets &c.  
 Then the Committee Appointed to Consider the expediency of  
 the towns Selling their right in the Goddard place. Reported as  
 their opinion that the land might be Sold, except what is Necesary  
 to accomodate the Buildings which they think best to be kept  
 for the ufe of the town -----

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Watertown April the 4<sup>th</sup>. 1791.

The following town officers were Sworn into the Several offices  
 hereafter mentioned to which t[hey] were Chosen on the 28<sup>th</sup>-  
 Infant (Viz).

Jonathan Stone Collector of tax[es] Elijah Mead Sealer of  
 Leather, James Robbins & Tho<sup>s</sup>: Clark Survey<sup>ors</sup> of Highways,  
 A

Caleb Cook and Jonas Bond ju<sup>r</sup>: Howards. -----

Caleb Cook and Daniel Cornwall Hogrieves, John Williams and  
 Daniel Jackson Clerks of the Markets, David Sanger & Daniel

Jackson Surveyors of timber &c. Daniel Jackson and Jedidiah Leathe Meafurers of Wood Abner Craft Cullar of Hoops Staves &c

Sworn P Amos Bond Justice of y<sup>e</sup>

The Selectmen put out the following perfons for the year enfueing (Viz) Benjamin Whitney to Nathaniel Stone for 2/11½ p<sup>r</sup> week—

Diliverance Whitney to Daniel Barsed for 4/2 P week —

Ruth Maddox to Eunice Coollidge for 3/11<sup>d</sup> p<sup>r</sup> week —

April the 22<sup>d</sup>. 1791. Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> was Sworn into the offices of Town Clerk & town Treafurer & afesfor, also Josiah Leavitt as Sealer of Leat[her] by Amos Bond Just<sup>s</sup> Peace — and Amos Bond Esq<sup>r</sup> in to the office of of Afesfor Before Jon<sup>a</sup>: Brown Town Clerk —

Watertown March y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup>- 1791 —

Luke Bemis gave in a Notification that he received into this town one Eunice Adams from lincoln about the Middle of April Last past also Peter underwood last from Waltham in the Said month of April last —

M<sup>r</sup> David Stone gave in a Notification that he had received into the houfe that was formerly Simon Coollidges in Watertown one Daniel Oakes wife and Children who came last from Newton about the tenth Day of may last —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellingtons on the Eleventh Day of April AD. 1791. They Agreed to perambulate lines between towns on Monday the Day of the present month to begin with Cambridge Near the river at 7 o Clock in the Morning, and with Waltham to begin on the Rocks at 11 o Clock in the forenoon, & with Newton to begin below the Distell houfe Near the River at 4 oClock in the afternoon and Directed the Clerk to Notify the Selectmen of the adjacent towns thereof —

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At the Last mentioned Meeting the Selectmen received the following Accounts and allowed them and Signed an order on the Treafurer for the payment thereof. (Viz) —

To M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Whitney for Boarding Delice Whitney and for Clothing and Shoes the year past ending the 6<sup>th</sup>. of April 1791 - -  
9 " 7 " 4

To Nath <sup>l</sup> Stone ju <sup>r</sup> for Benj <sup>n</sup> - Whitney for board the year past	7 " 16 " 0
To Mofes Coollidge & others a Committee for pro- videing for the School in the east District - - - - -	33 " 6 " 8
To D <sup>r</sup> Marfhall Spring for Medecine & Attendance on the poor when Sick in full to this time - - - -	12 " 19 " 0

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellingtons on Mon the 19<sup>th</sup>- Day of April. 1791. They Agreed to have a Town Meeting on Monday the Second Day of May Next. at two O Clock in the afternoon at the Meeting Houfe to Choofe a Perfon to Represent them in the General Court the enfueing year —

they also agreed to have town Meeting on the Same Day at the Same place at three O Clock afternoon to Act on the following Articles. (Viz) —

First to Choofe a Moderator of the Meeting. (2) to grant money to Support y<sup>e</sup> poor. (3) To know if the town will their right in the Goddard place and Improve the money Arifeing by the Sale thereof in Building a Houfe for the poor, and act thereon as they Judge best. (4) To Choofe any town officers in the room of Such as refuse to Serve. (5) To hear the Accounts of thofe Perfons the town is Indebted to and grant money to pay the Same. — (6) To hear the reports of any Committees and Act thereon as they may Judge expedient.

And they ordered the Town Clerk to Issue out Warrants to the Constables Directing them to Warn all the Inhabitants of Said town to Afsemble at Said times and place for the purpofes mentioned who are Quallified to Vote in Said Meetings — Warrants were Issued Accordingly the Next Day and Signed by order of the Selectmen —

Jon<sup>a</sup>- Brown Town-Clerk

at this Meeting Amos Bond Esq<sup>r</sup> bro<sup>t</sup> in an account for Supplys to the Poor amounting to £ 3 " 8 " 5 which was allowed. —

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1791 April y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup>. m<sup>r</sup> Jonas White ju<sup>r</sup> was Sworn into the office of Su[rveyor] of Highways by Jon<sup>a</sup>; Brown Town-Clerk —  
April y<sup>e</sup> 25 m<sup>r</sup> Henry Farrington was Sworn into the office of Constable

By Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Town Clerk —

May y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Mafon was Sworn as Constable By the Town Clerk - and as fence-Viewer and Samuel Hager as Warden. & William Stearnes as Tythingman by Amos Bond Just<sup>s</sup> Peace —

At a Town Meeting Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified according to the Constitution to Vote in the Choice of a Reprerentative Regularly asembled at the Meeting House in Said town on Monday the Second Day of May AD 1791. — They Chofe Col<sup>o</sup>: Amos Bond to Represent the town in the General Court the enfueing year ———

At a Town Meeting of the Quallified Voters to vote in town affairs Met on the day aboveSaid at the place abovementioned they Voted and Chofe Col<sup>o</sup> Amos Bond Moderator of the Meeting — Then they Voted and Granted the Sum of £ 100 pounds to Support the poor the year enfueing year. ——— Then they took into Consideration the matter relating to the Sale of the towns right in the Goddard place Voted to Sell Such a part of the land as may be well Spared ——— Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee for Said purpose, and that they Sell it to the highest bider. ———

m<sup>r</sup>: W<sup>m</sup>- Stearns was Chofen Tythingman

Then a Number of Accounts of Such perfons as the town is indebted to were Read as follows (Viz).

To the Selectmen for expences the year past.	5 " 0 " 0
to Amos Bond Service as Aiseisor ———	1 " 16 " 0
to Jonathan Stone for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	1 " 16 " 0
to Jonathan Brown for D <sup>o</sup> — — — — —	1 " 16 " 0
and for Service as Treafurer — — — — —	6 " 0 " 0

Then they Voted and Granted the Sum of - - £ 16 " 8 " 0 to pay the Same ——— then the Constables laid their Accounts for Services before the town and they Voted and allowed to Henry Farrington as as follows (Viz) For Warning town Meetings /8 pence p<sup>r</sup> Meeting ——— for Warning six Jurymens meetings each /4½ each & a futher sum of 2/ for Serving the Sealer of weights & Meafurer Warrant /2¾ and to Daniel Mafon the like pay ———

Then the Meeting was Defolved ———

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May the 9<sup>th</sup>- 1791. William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: gave a Notification that

he had received into town two young Men both from Acton in the County of Middlesex. on the Day aforeSaid. (Viz) Cyrus Howard and Nathan Howard their 'circumstances to him unknown —

See the Notification on file —————

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown and Waltham at the Houfe of Maj<sup>r</sup> Thomas Mellens on the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of June AD: 1791. —————

They Settled the Charge of Abigail Ball which had Arifen Since the 20<sup>th</sup>- Day of June AD 1790. to the twentieth Day of this month which amounted to the Sum of £ 9 " 15 " 0. of Which Sum Watertowns part

amounted to       4 " 19 " 4

Walthams d<sup>o</sup> to   4 " 15 " 8

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£ 9 " 15 " 0

Waltham part was paid at the Same time

and the Selectmen of the two towns Agreed that Said Abigail Ball go to Waltham the year enfueing at the rate of 3/10<sup>d</sup> p<sup>r</sup> Week —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellington on the first day of August AD 1791. the agreed to have at town Meeting on monday the 8<sup>th</sup>- Instant at 4 o Clock afternoon at the Meeting Houfe to act on the following articles (Viz) to Choofe a moderator. —————

(2) To know the minde of the town whether they will pay the losfes Sufstained by the managers of the Watertown Bridge lottery. and if they agreed thereto then to raife money for that purpose and to act any thing thereon they Judge best, (3) to know if the town will raife money to Build a Houfe to Accomodate the poor or repair any old ones that belong to the town for the use of the poor and do any thing thereon they think Necessary (4) To grant money to repair the meeting Houfe, and do any thing thereon they think proper — (5) to abate any peticular persons tax's they may think best. ————— Warrants were Issued the Next day and Signed By Order of the Selectmen

Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Town-Clerk ———

At this meeting Amos Bond Esq<sup>r</sup> gave a Notification that he had taken in to his Family William Koho and Jonathan Bird the notice that he had taken Anna Elkins & her Child into his Family

See y<sup>e</sup> notifications on File —————

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At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown held at the Meeting Houfe on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup>. Day of Aug<sup>t</sup>: AD. 1791. to Act on Several things Mentioned in the Warrant for Calling the Meeting ——— William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup>: was Chofen Moderator ———

Then the 2<sup>d</sup>. Article relating to the lottery being read they Voted to grant money to pay the Managers their loifes &c ———

Voted and Granted £ 30 pounds for to redeem the tickets and pay the Charges &c ———

Then Voted that the money that remains due from M<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark and M<sup>r</sup>: Edmund Fowle for the use of the Fishery. be Improved for that Purpofe and So much of the Money that is due from the Estate of the late Maj<sup>r</sup> Josiah Capen be Improved for the use aforeSaid as to make up the thirty Pounds if Necesary — Then Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to Settle the account and pay the Money. ———

Then Voted and Adjourned the Meeting to the first monday in September Next at. 4. O Clock afternoon at the Same place ———

At a Publick Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown Quallified to Vote in town affairs afsembled at the Meeting Houfe on Monday the. 5.<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD: 1791. by Adjournment

William Hunt Esq<sup>r</sup> being Moderator being absent. They Voted and Chofe Col<sup>o</sup>. Amos Bond in his room — — — — —

Then they voted to repair the Houfe where John Tainter now lives

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to repair the Same as they Judge best. ——— Then they Voted to make Some repairs on the Meeting then Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to do what they think necesary thereon. — Then the Meeting was Defolved. —

The Same day the Selectmen Appointed m<sup>r</sup>. Samuel Holt to be a Packer of Beef Pork Fish &c ———

September y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>. 1791. the Said Samuel Holt was Sworn into the Said office. By Jon<sup>a</sup>; Brown Town-Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at L<sup>t</sup>: Samuel Wellington on the



12<sup>th</sup>. day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD: 1791. Cap<sup>t</sup>: Nathaniel Bemis presented an account for making a Coffin for Sarah Mellhorn of 14/ which the Selectmen allowed —

At this Meeting they Appointed Cap<sup>t</sup>: Abner Craft to be a Searcher and packer of Beef Pork & Fish for one year within the Town of Watertown. —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Houfe of Leiu<sup>t</sup>: Jonathan Harrington on Fryday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1791. —

They Approbated the following perfons to renew their licences (Viz)

Mefrs Edward Richardson	} Innholders	L <sup>t</sup> : Daniel Jackson	} Retailers
Maj <sup>r</sup> Thomas Mellens		Col <sup>o</sup> : Fitch Hall	
L <sup>t</sup> : Jon <sup>a</sup> Harrington		m <sup>r</sup> Tim <sup>o</sup> Williams	
L <sup>t</sup> : Sam <sup>l</sup> Wellington		Cap <sup>t</sup> : John George	
		Cap <sup>t</sup> John Fowles	

Watertown February 1<sup>st</sup>- 1792 —

Rec<sup>d</sup>- of Jonathan Brown Treasurer for the Town of Watertown the Sum of Ten Pounds in full for collecting Taxes and all other Demands of what Name or Nature soever against said Town of Watertown —

W. Warren —

Attest James Robbins ~

A true Copy of William Warren's Rec<sup>t</sup>. as you may see on file -  
Attest Nath<sup>l</sup> R. Whitney Town Clerk ~

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On the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of January AD 1792 Nath<sup>l</sup> Ruggles Whitney delivered the following Notification (Viz) —

This is to inform you that on the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December AD 1791. I took into my Family Eunice Dudley Daughter of Sarah Brown from Weston about Eight Years of Age supposed to be in low circumstances —

Nath<sup>l</sup> R. Whitney

To Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Esq<sup>r</sup>- Town Clerk - As you may see on file ~

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston and Waltham on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Day of December AD: 1791 at M<sup>r</sup>: Zachariah

Westons in Waltham they Adjusted the Charge that had Arifen for the repairs of the Great Bridge Since the last Adjustment which was on the Day of Sep<sup>r</sup>: AD 1790, — the whole account being — £ 25 " 6 " 0

of which Sum Watertowns part is 9 " 0 " 7

Westons D<sup>o</sup> is 7 " 13 : 8

Walthams d<sup>o</sup> is 8 " 11 " 9

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25 " 6 " 0

Cap<sup>t</sup>: John Fowle on the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of Dec<sup>r</sup>- 1791 ~ Delivered the following Notification (Viz). Watertown Dec<sup>r</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1791 — This is to inform you that on the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of Dec<sup>r</sup> Instant I took in a Molatto Girl by the Name of Sukey Smith, so called, from Boston in indigent circumstances —————

John Fowle —————

To Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk for Watertown ~ ~

See the Notification on file —————

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Middlesex fs. To Mr. Richard Clark Constable of the Town of Watertown in the same County Greeting —————

The Selectmen of said Town of Watertown being informed that the several Persons whose Names are borne on the Schedule hereunto annexed, who came last from the Town, set opposite each Name in said Schedule, and the circumstances of the said Persons with their respective Families being such, that the Selectmen refuse to admit them to become Inhabitants of said Town of Watertown, and the said Town of Watertown having never admitted them by a Vote of the same Town to become Inhabitants thereof —————

These are therefore in the Name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to require you the said Constable forthwith, to warn all the Persons with their Families named in said Schedule forthwith to depart out of the said Town of Watertown, and no longer abide therein.

Dated at Watertown aforesaid the twenty seventh Day of February in the Year of our Lord One thousand, seven hundred & eighty seven

by Order of the Selectmen —————

Jon<sup>a</sup> Brown Town Clerk ~

A List of Persons not Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown

who came to reside there, and warned out by Order of the Selectmen  
February AD 1787. \_\_\_\_\_

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In Congress July 4<sup>th</sup>: 1776: \_\_\_\_\_

A Declaration  
By The  
Representatives of The united States

of America in General Congress Assembled

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the Political Bands which have Connected them one with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the Separate and equal Station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a Decent Respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they Should declare the Causes which Impel them to the Separation.

We hold these truths to be Self-evident, that all men are Created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with Certain unalienable Rights, that among these are life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness: ——— That to Secure these Rights, Governments are Instituted among men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to Institute New Government, laying its Foundation on Such Principles and organizing its Powers in Such form, as to them Shall Seem most likely to effect their Safety & happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established Should not be Changed light and transient Causes. accordingly all Experience hath Shewn, that mankind are more disposed to Suffer, while evils are Sufferable, than to Right themselves by abolishing the Forms to which they are Accustomed, but when a long train of abuses and Usurpations. Pursuing invariably the Same Object, ——— a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right,

it is their duty, to throw of Such Government, and to Provide new Guards for their futer Security, Such has been the Patiente Sufferance of these Colonies; Such is now the Necefsity which Constrains them to alter their former Siftems of Government. The History of the present King of Great-Britain is a History of Repeated injuries and Ufurpations, all having a direct object the Eftablifhment of an abfolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this let Facts be Submitted to a Candid World.

He has refufed his afent to Laws, the most wholsome and Necefsary for the Publick good. He has forbidden his Governors to pafs Laws of immediate and Prefing Importance, unlefs Sufpended in their operations untill his Afent Should be obtained; and when So Sufpended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them ———

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He has Refused to Pafs other Laws for the accommodation of Large Diftricts of People, unlefs thofe People would relinquifh the Right of Representation in the Legislature, a Right inestimable to them, and Conformable to Tyrants only.

He has called together Legislative Bodies at Places unufual, uncomfortable, and Distant from the Depository of their Publick Records, for the Sole Purpofe of fatiguing them into his Meafures. He has Desolved Representative Houfes repeatedly, For oppofing with manly Firmnefs his Invations on the People. He has Refused for a long Time, after Such Difolutions, to others to be elected; whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of annihilation, have Returned to the People at Large for their Exercife; the State Remaining in the meantime expofed to all the Dangers of Invasion from without; and Convultions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the Population of these States; For that purpofe obftructing the laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; Refufing to Pafs others to encourage their Migrations hither, and raifing the Conditions of New Appropriations of Lands. ———

He has obftructed the Adminiftration of Justice, by Refufing his afent to Laws for eftablifhing Judiciary Powers.

He has made Judges Dependant on his will alone, for their Tenure of their offices, and the amount and Payment of their Salaries.

He has erected a Multitude of New offices, and Sent hither Swarms of officers to harras our People, and eat our Substance. —

He has kept amonge us Standing Armies in time of peace, without the Consent of our Legislatures. \_\_\_\_\_

He has affected to Render the Military Independant of, & Superior to the Civil power. \_\_\_\_\_

He has combined with others to Subject us to a Jurisdiction, Foreign to our Constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his assent to their laws of Pretended Legislation;

For Quartering Large Bodies of Armed troops among us;

For Protecting them by a mock trial, from punishment for murders which they Should Commit on the Inhabitants of these States;

For Cutting off our trade with all parts of the world;

For imposing Tax's on us without our Consent;

For Depriving us, in many Cases, of the Benefits of tryal by Jury;

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences;

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For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, Establishing therein an Arbitrary Government, & enlarging its boundaries, So as to Render it at once an Example and fit Instrument for introducing the Same absolute Rule into these Colonies;

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most Valuable Laws and altering Fundamentally the forms of our Governments;

For Suspending our own Legislatures, and Declaring themselves vested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever;

He has abeligated Government here by Declaring us out of his Protection, and waging War against us;

He has plundered our Seas, Ravaged our Co<sup>asts</sup>, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our People;

He is at this time transporting Large Armies of Foreign Mercenaries to Compleat the works of Death, Defolation, and Tyranny, already begun with Circumstances of Cruelty and Perfidity Scarcely in the most barbarous Ages and totally unworthy the head of a Civillized Nation.

He has Constrained our Fellow Citizens, taken Captive on the high Seas, to bear armes against their Country; to become the Executioners of their friends and Bretheren, or fall themselves by their hands.

He has excited Domistick Infurrections amongst us, and has En-

deavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our Frontiers, the Mercilefs Indian Savages, whose known Rule of Warfare, is an undistinguished Destruction of all ages Sexes and Conditions: In every Stage of these Oppreffions we have Petitioned for redrefs, in the most humble terms; our Repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury! A Prince whose Character is thus marked by every act which may Define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the Ruler of a Free People: nor have been wanting to our British Bretheren in attention, we have warned them from time to time of Attempts by their Legislature to Extend an unwarntable Jurisdiction over us — We have reminded them of the Circumftances of our Emigration and Settlement here. We have Appealed to their Native Justice and Magnanimity, and we have Conjured them by the ties of our Common Kindred to Disavow these ufurpations, which would I[ \* ]tably interrupt our Connexions and Corrofpondance.

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They too have been deaf to the Voice of Justice and of Confanguinity, We must therefore acquiece in the Necessity which Denounces our Seperation, and hold them, as we hold the Rest of mankind, Enemies in War; in Peace, Friends:

We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress Afsembled, appealing to the Supream Judge of the world for Rectitude of our Intentions do, in the name and by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies, Solemnly Publish & and Declare, these United Colonies are and of Right ought to be, Free and Independant States; and they are Abfolved from all alligiance to the British Crown; that all Political Connection between them and the State of Great-Britain is, and ought to be totally Difolved; and as free and Independant States may of Right do.

And for the Support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually Pledge to each other our lives, our Fortunes, and our Sacred Honor.

Signed by Order and in Behalf of Congress

John Hancock President

Attest Charles Thompson, Secretary

In Council July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1776.

Ordered, That the Declaration of Independance be printed and a Copy thereof Sent to the ministers of each Parish, of every Denomination within this State: and that they Severally be Required to Read the Same to their Respective Congregations, as Soon as Divine Service is ended in the afternoon on the first Lords day they Shall Receive the Same and after Such Publication thereof, to Diliver the said Declaration to the Clerks of their Several Towns, or Districts; who are hereby Required to Record the Same in their Respective Town Books, there to Remain as a Perpetual Memorial thereof

In Obediance to the foregoing Order the Same has been Recorded  
By me                      Jonathan Brown Town-Clerk

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